

ECSS E-31

Thermal Control General

Requirements Training Course

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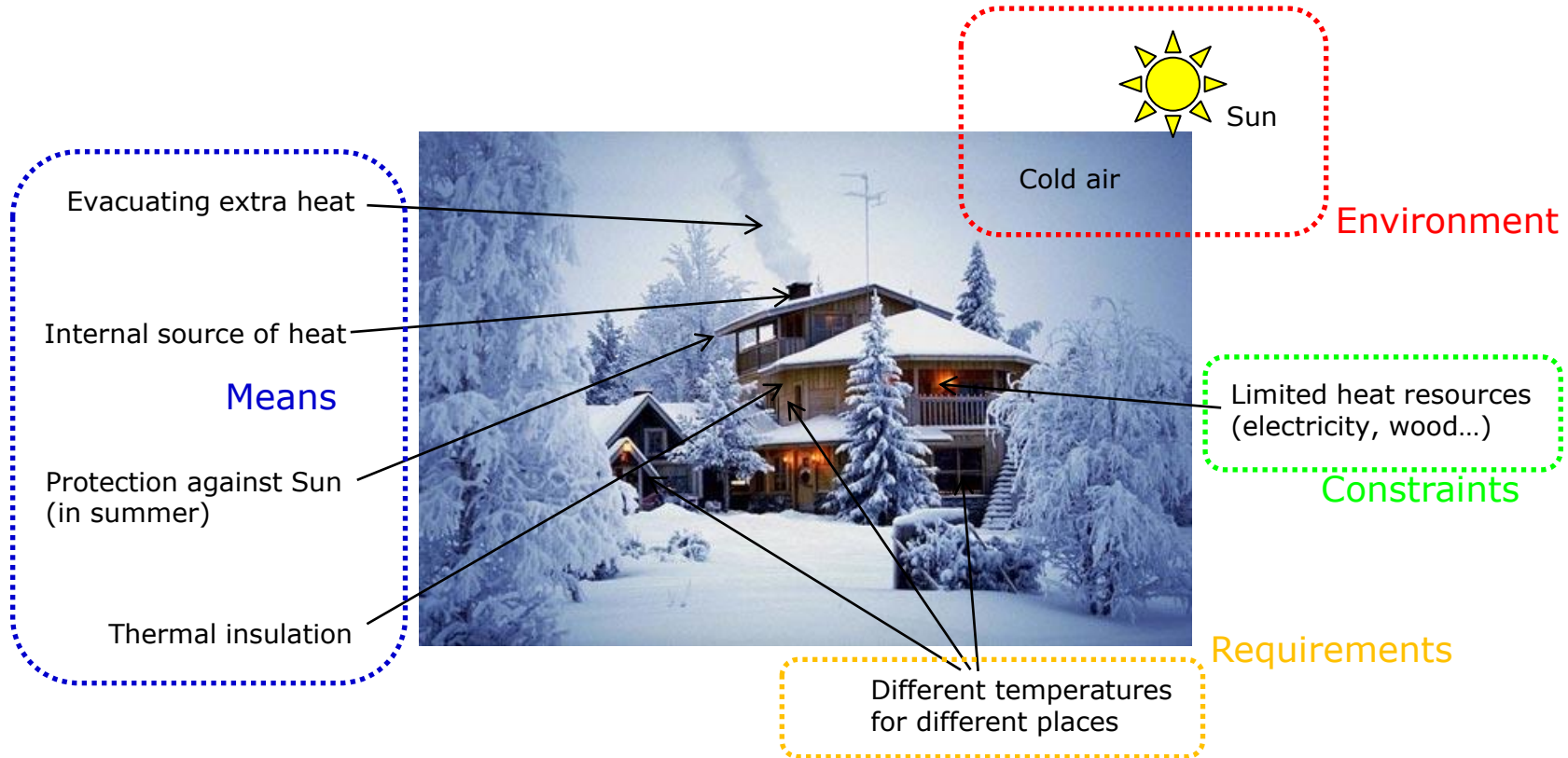
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Objectives of this lecture

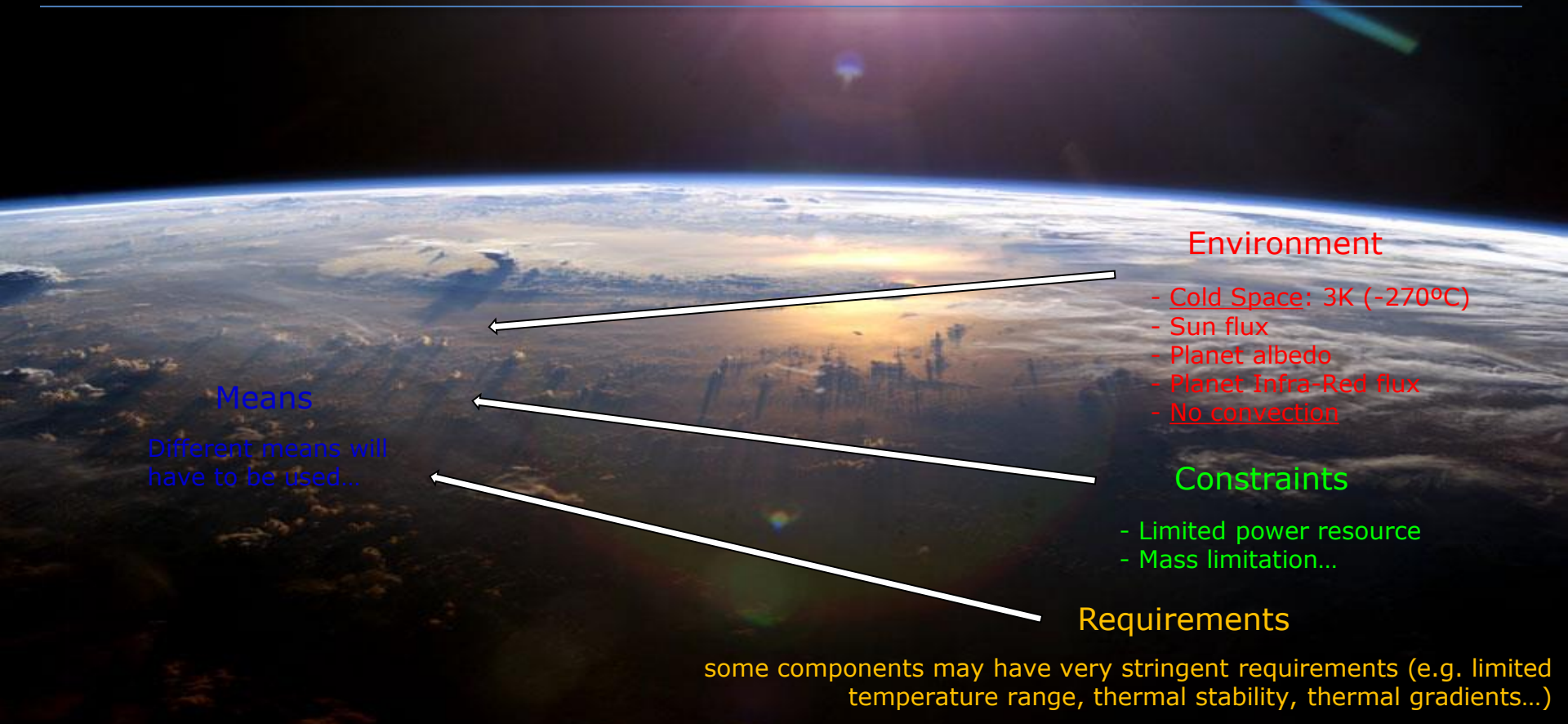
- Be able to answer the following questions:
 - What are the main thermal design drivers?
 - Which are the basic thermal control means?
 - What are the interactions between the thermal design and other sub-systems?
 - How to analyze the complex thermal interactions in a spacecraft?
 - What are the different test requiring thermal engineering support?
 - Why are thermal balance tests paramount for the thermal engineer?
 - What does the thermal ECSS provide and what not?
 - How to use the available standard(s) to support thermal control, design, analysis and test

1. Introduction to Thermal Engineering

1. Introduction to Thermal Engineering: Why do we need thermal control ? (1/2)



1. Introduction to Thermal Engineering: Why do we need thermal control ? (1/2)



Environment

- Cold Space: 3K (-270°C)
- Sun flux
- Planet albedo
- Planet Infra-Red flux
- No convection

Constraints

- Limited power resource
- Mass limitation...

Requirements

some components may have very stringent requirements (e.g. limited temperature range, thermal stability, thermal gradients...)

Means

Different means will have to be used...

1. Introduction to Thermal Engineering: What are the objectives and the tasks ?

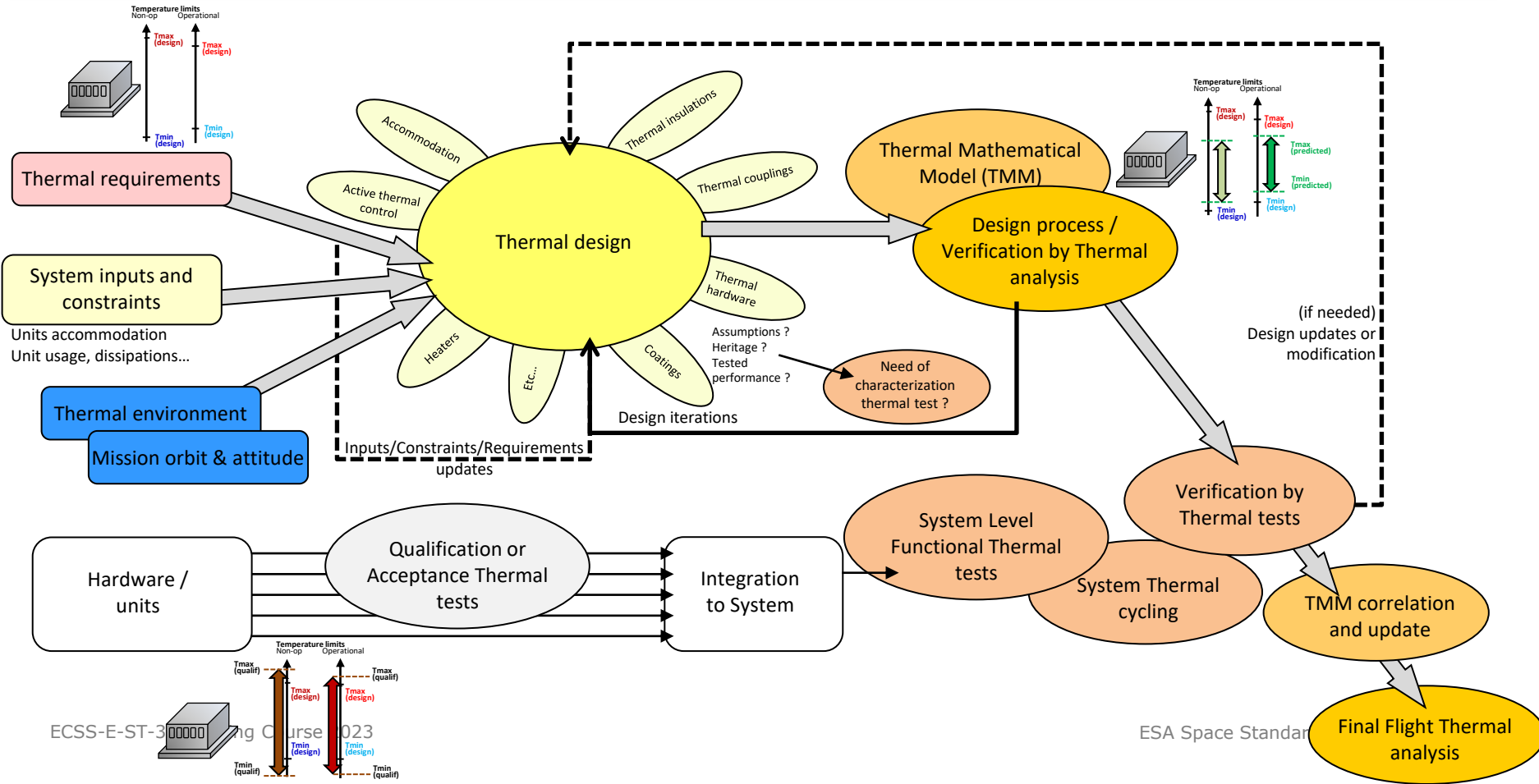
Objectives:

- Control temperatures
- Control temperature gradients
- Control temperature stability
- Manage heat fluxes

Tasks:

- Thermal Design
- Thermal Analysis
- Thermal Test

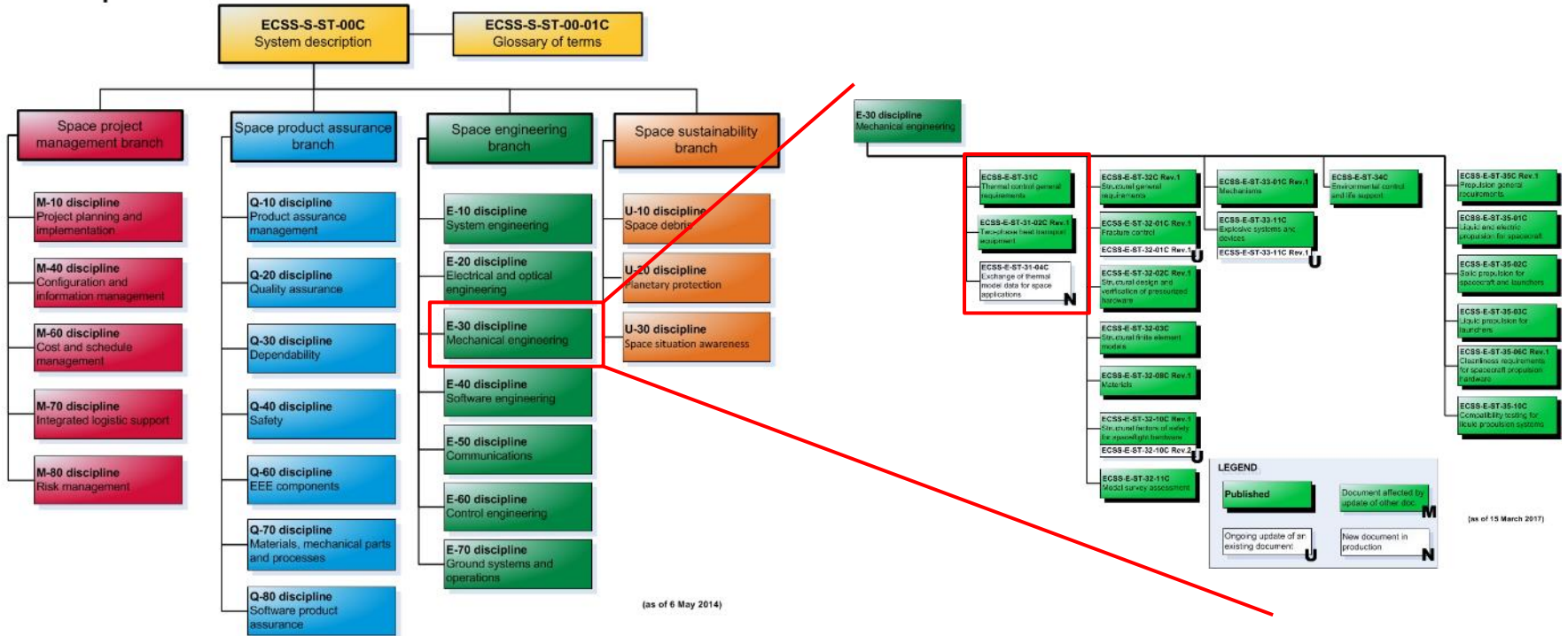
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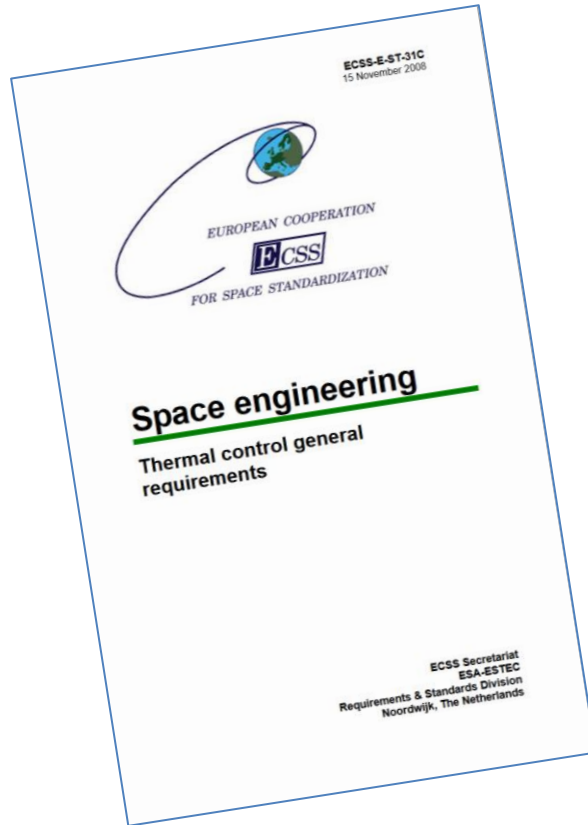
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ECSS Disciplines

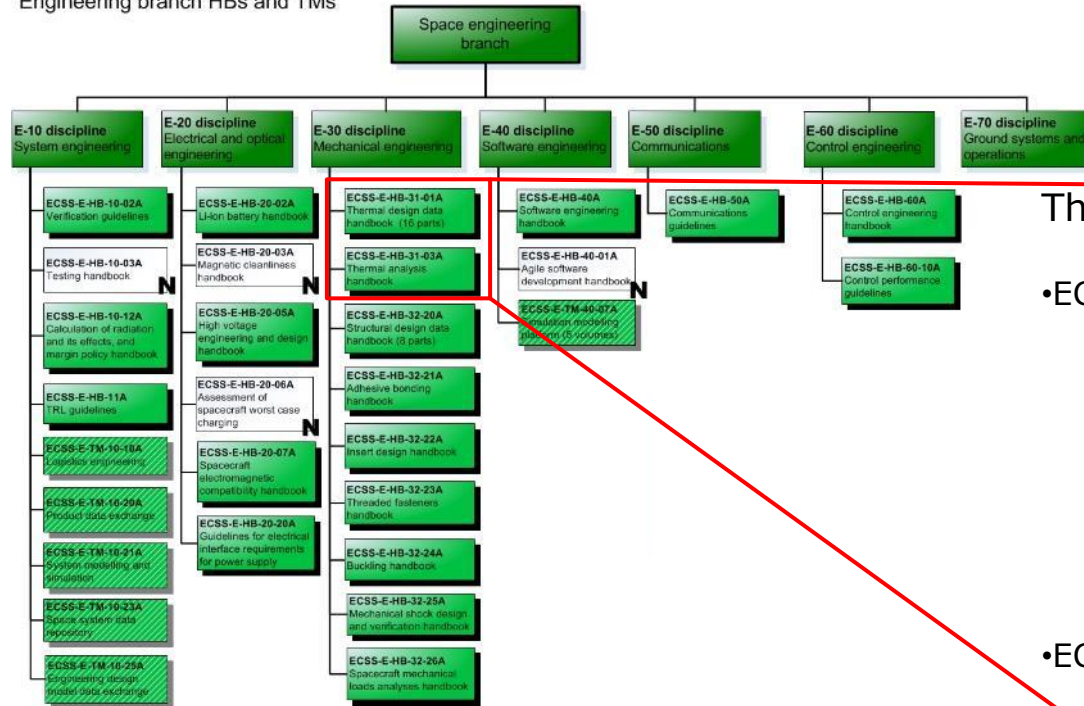


ECSS Documents for Thermal Engineering



2. Thermal standard overview: Thermal handbooks

ECSS Handbooks and Technical memoranda Engineering branch HBs and TMs



Thermal handbooks:

• ECSS-E-HB-31-01A - Thermal Design Handbook

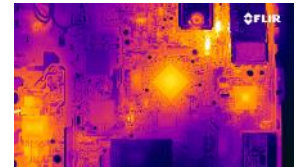
- Part 1 Thermal design handbook – Part 1: View factors
- Part 2 Thermal design handbook – Part 2: Holes, Grooves and Cavities
- Part 3 Thermal design handbook – Part 3: Spacecraft Surface Temperature
- Part 4 Thermal design handbook – Part 4: Conductive Heat Transfer
- Part 5 Thermal design handbook – Part 5: Structural Materials: Metallic and Composite
- Part 6 Thermal design handbook – Part 6: Thermal Control Surfaces
- Part 7 Thermal design handbook – Part 7: Insulations
- Part 8 Thermal design handbook – Part 8: Heat Pipes
- Part 9 Thermal design handbook – Part 9: Radiators
- Part 10 Thermal design handbook – Part 10: Phase – Change Capacitors
- Part 11 Thermal design handbook – Part 11: Electrical Heating
- Part 12 Thermal design handbook – Part 12: Louvers
- Part 13 Thermal design handbook – Part 13: Fluid Loops
- Part 14 Thermal design handbook – Part 14: Cryogenic Cooling
- Part 15 Thermal design handbook – Part 15: Existing Satellites
- Part 16 Thermal design handbook – Part 16: Thermal Protection System

• ECSS-E-HB-31-03A - Thermal Analysis Handbook

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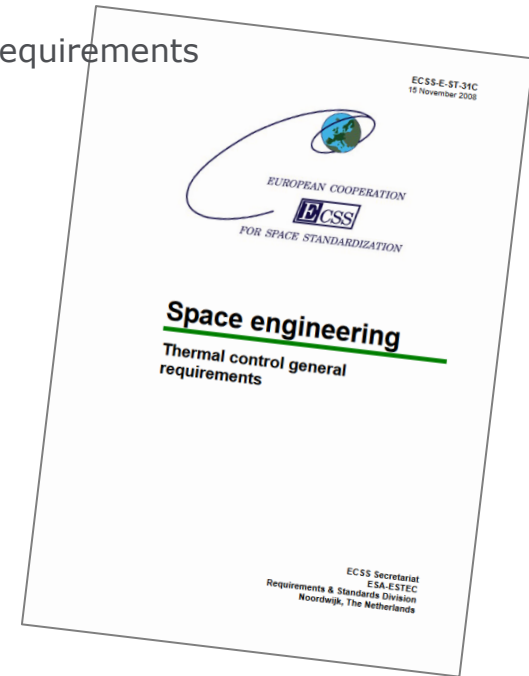
Thermal control general requirements (ECSS-E-ST-031C)

- The standard:
 - contains requirements for the definition, analysis, design, manufacture, verification and in-service operation of thermal control subsystems of spacecraft and other space products.
 - is applicable to the complete temperature scale, unless stated otherwise.
 - is applicable to all flight hardware of space projects, including spacecraft and launchers.
 - may be tailored (in conformance with ECSS-S-ST-00)
- Temperature scale is divided into:
 - Cryogenic temperature range (<200 K i.e. -73°C),
 - Conventional temperature range (200 to 470 K i.e. -73°C to $\approx 200^{\circ}\text{C}$),
 - High temperature range (>470 K i.e. $>200^{\circ}\text{C}$).



2. Thermal standard overview: Thermal ECSS disclaimer

- ECSS-E-ST-31C Space Engineering Thermal control general requirements
 - is not a design guide!
 - It is not telling you how things have to be done.
 - It is a reference to remind you what should be done.
- Thermal Engineering is
 - A system task -> interaction with almost all subsystems
 - Differs for every mission



2. Thermal standard overview: Thermal ECSS structure



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2. Thermal standard overview: Thermal ECSS structure

Introduction

The image displays a grid of 60 ECSS (European Cooperation in Space Standardization) standards related to thermal engineering. The standards are organized into a grid with 6 rows and 10 columns. The first 12 standards (the first two columns) are highlighted with a red border, indicating they are the focus of the 'Introduction' section. The standards cover various aspects of thermal engineering, including:

- 1.010 Space engineering: Introduction
- 1.011 Space engineering: General
- 1.012 Space engineering: Terminology
- 1.013 Space engineering: Symbols and abbreviations
- 1.014 Space engineering: Units
- 1.015 Space engineering: Symbols and abbreviations
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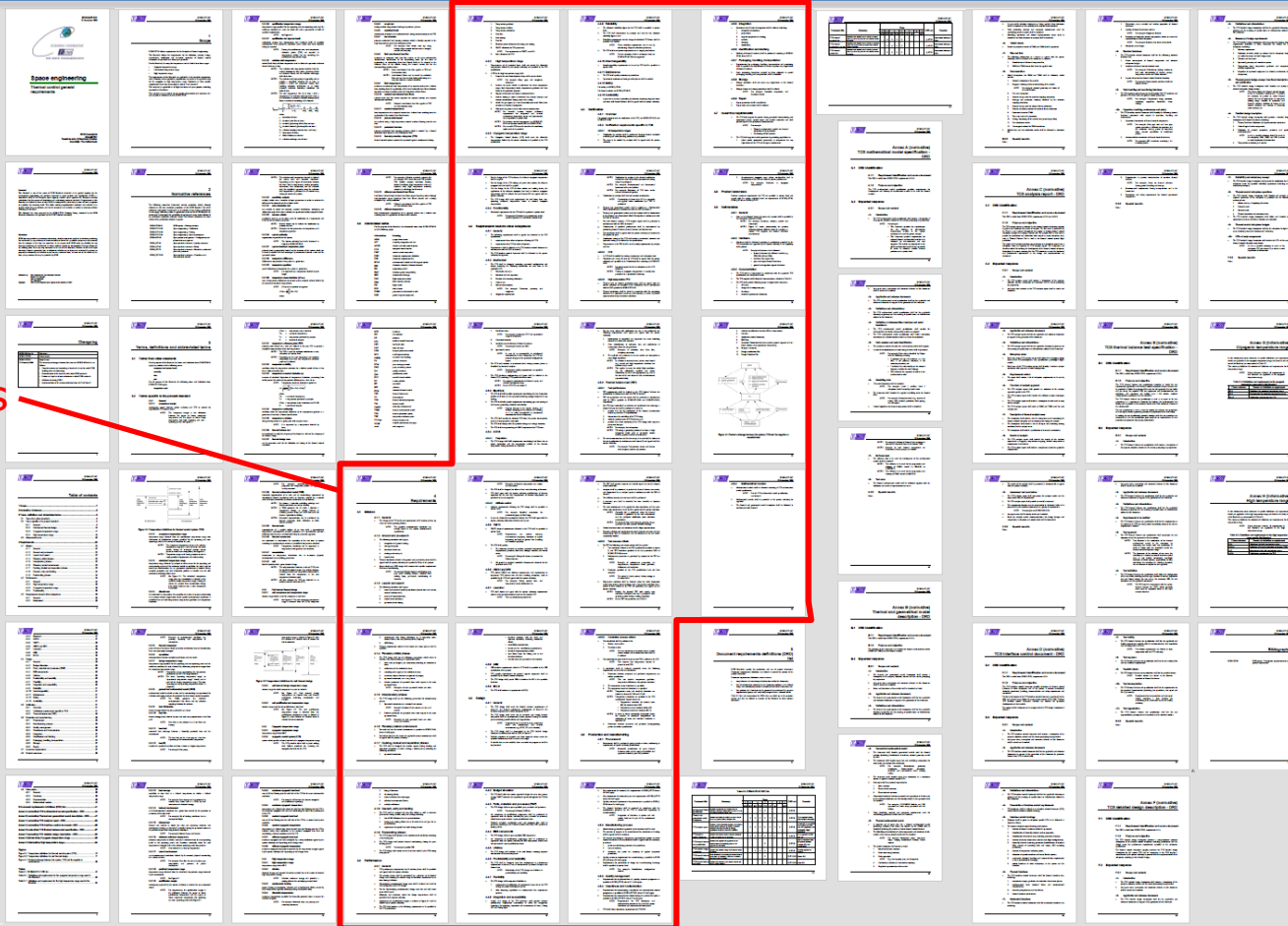
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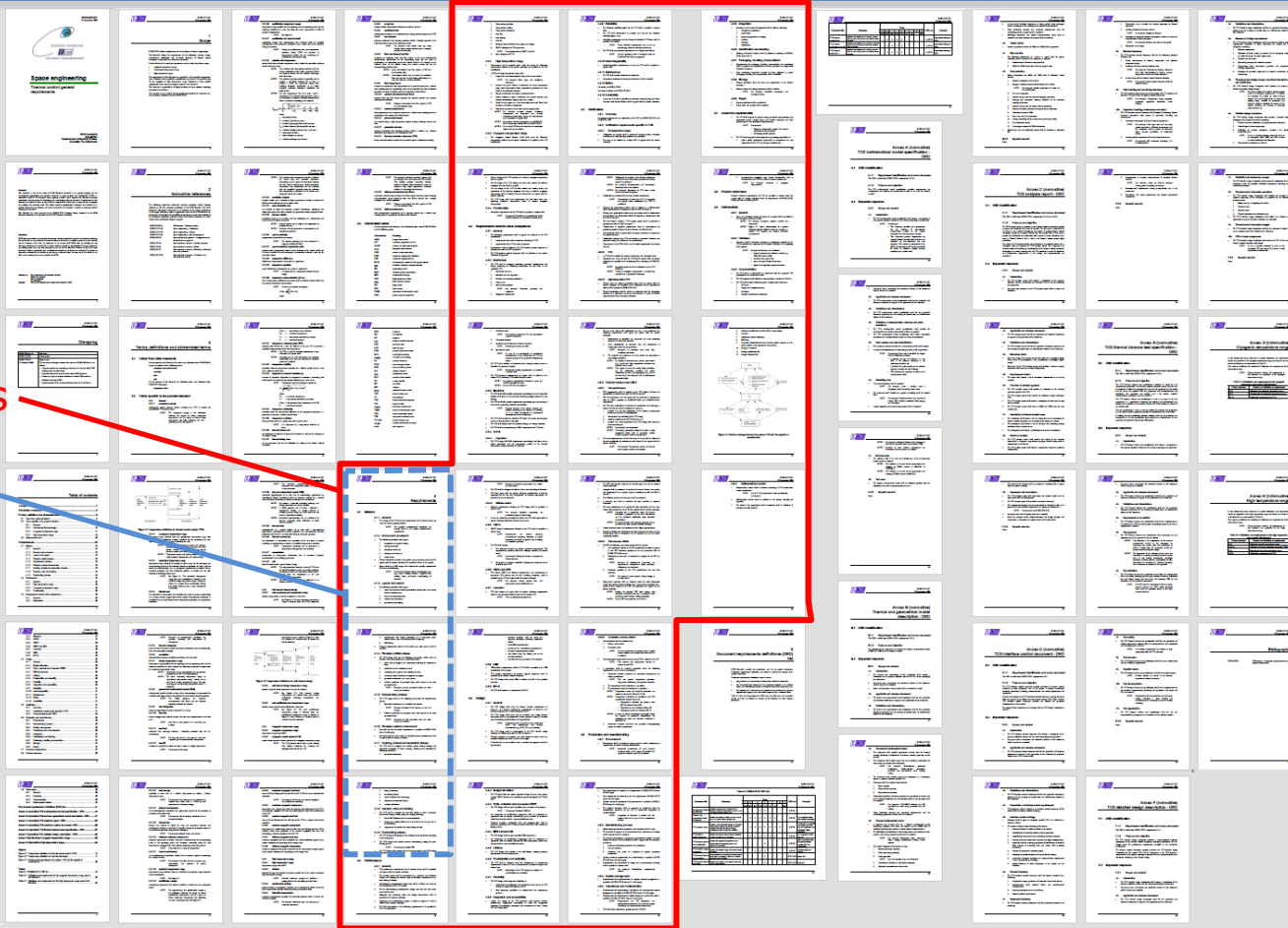
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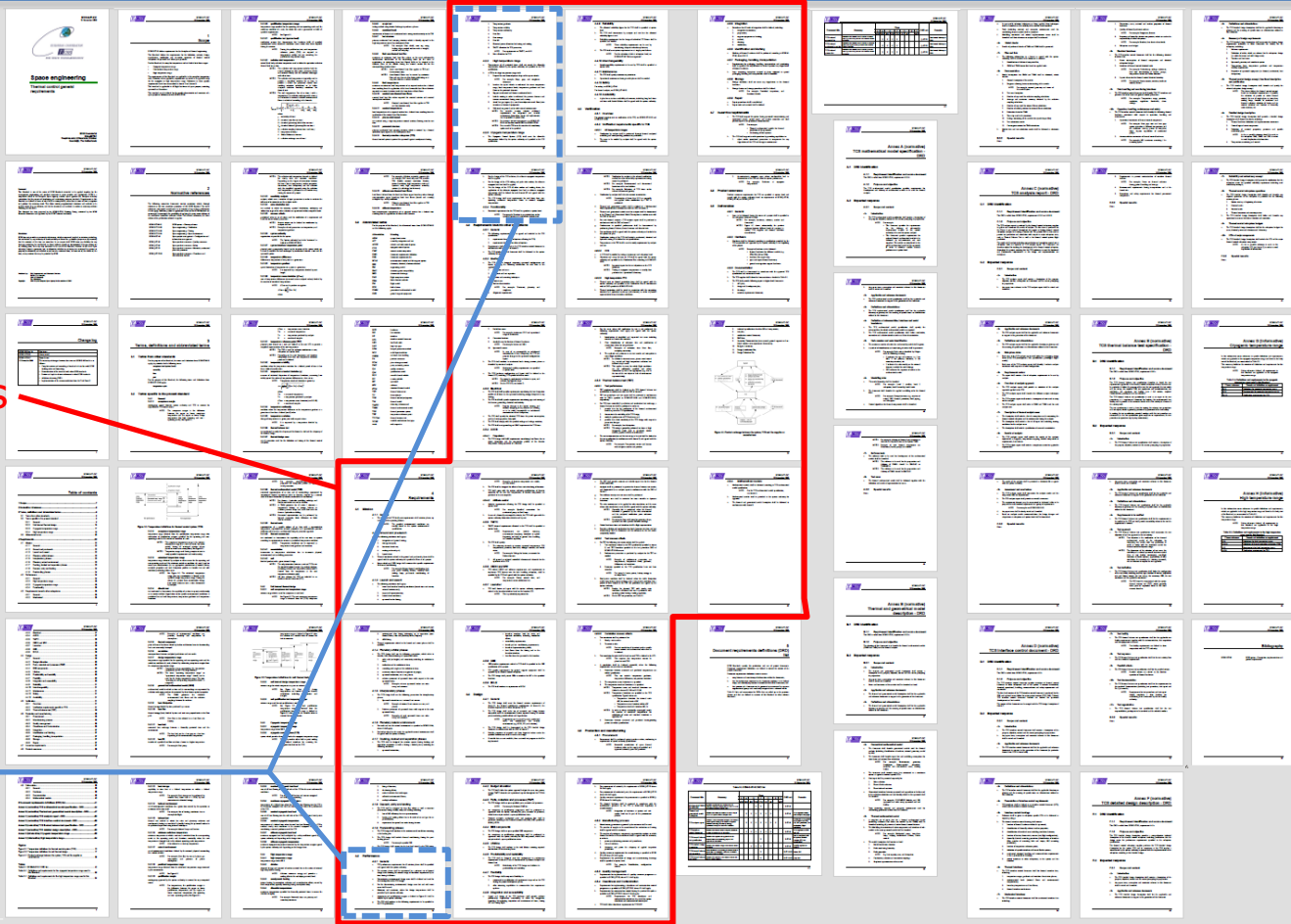
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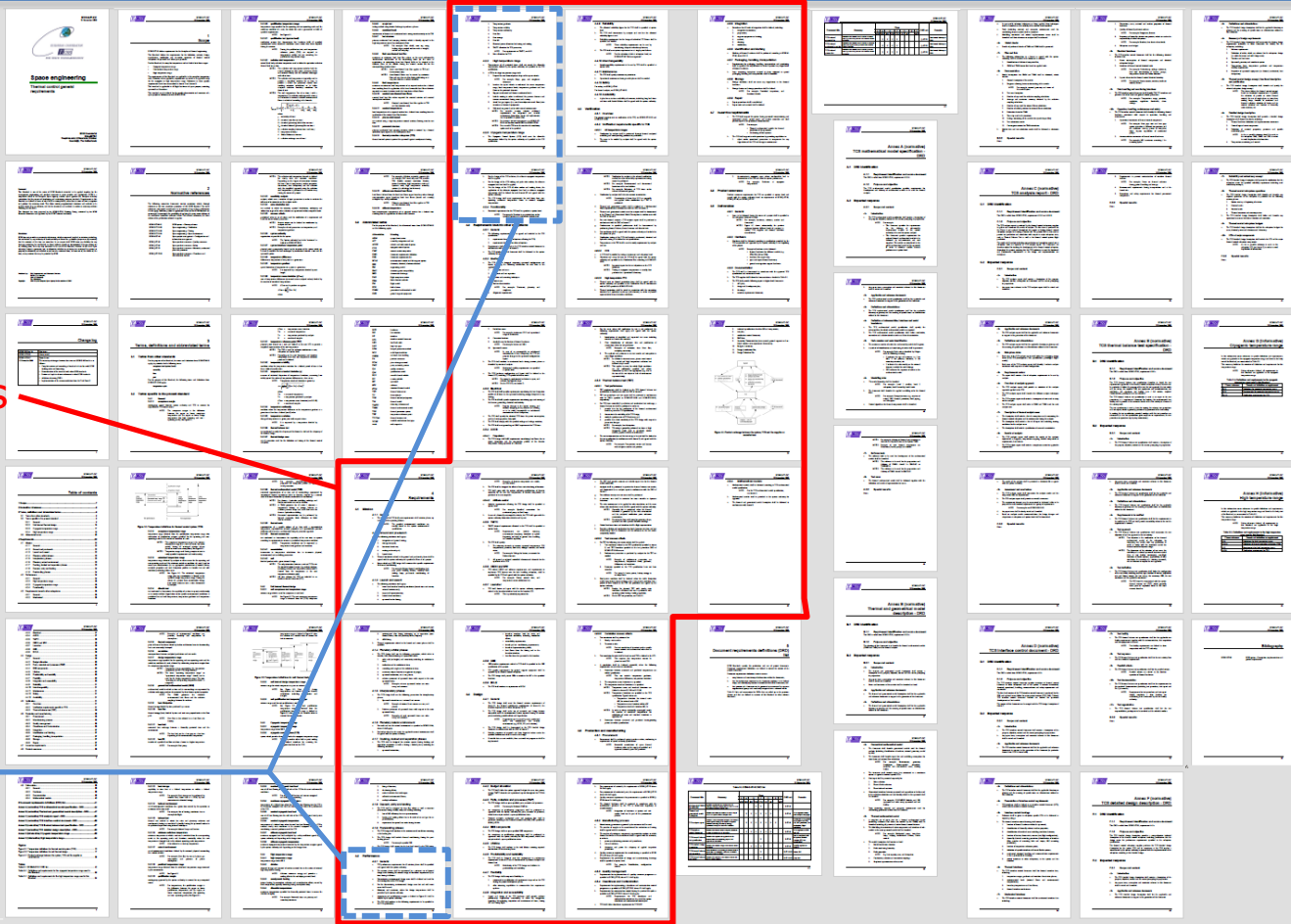
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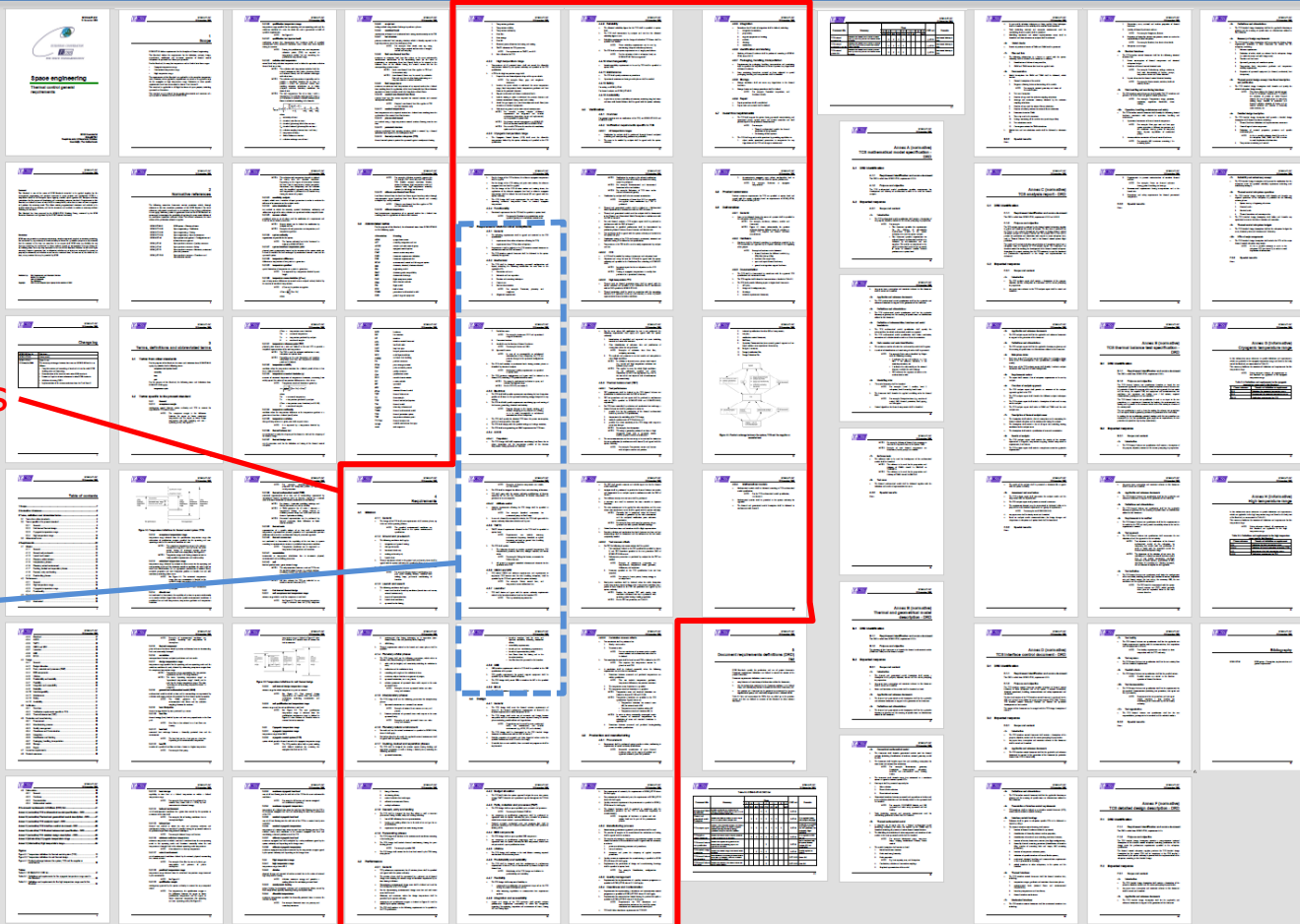
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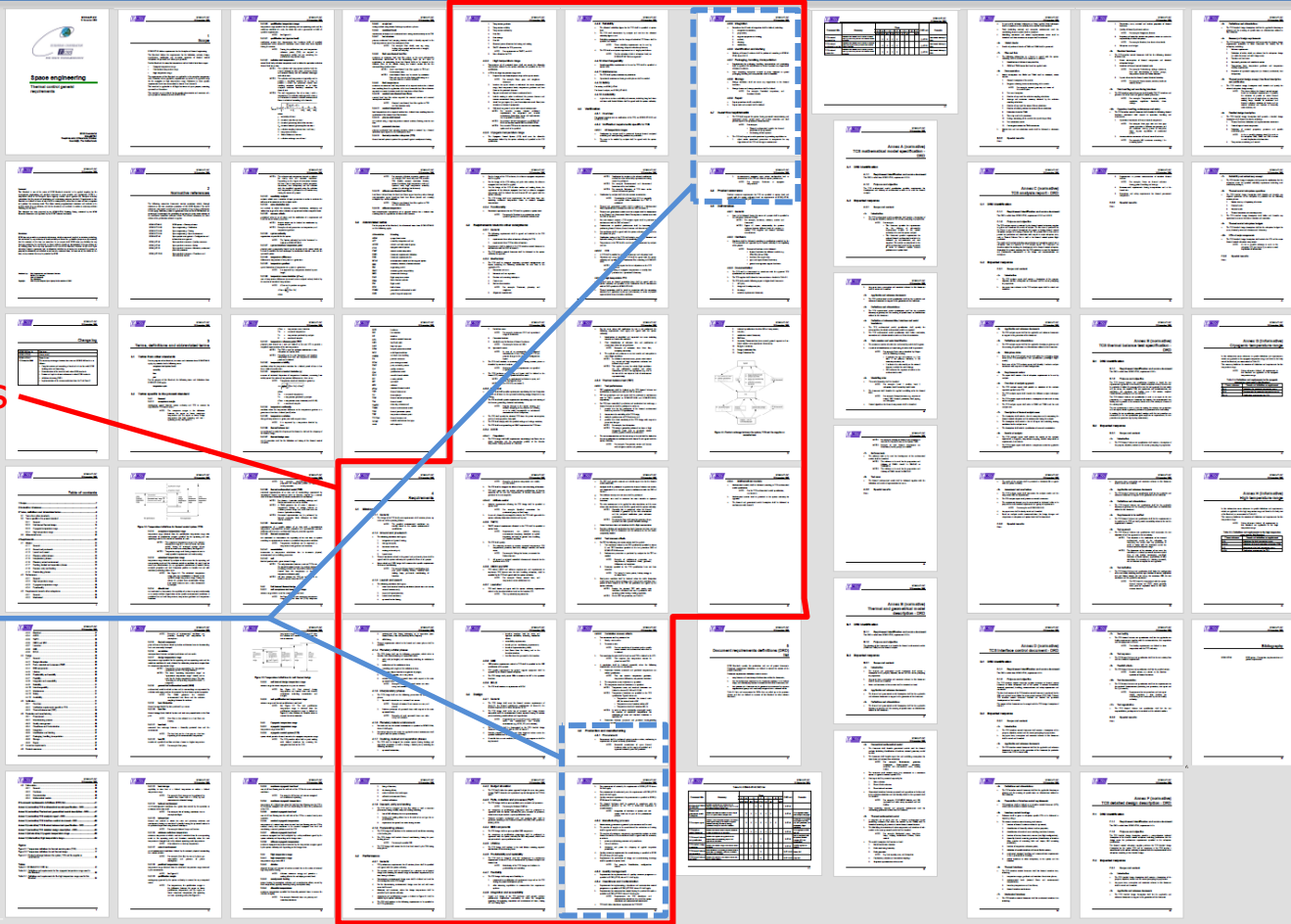
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Requirements

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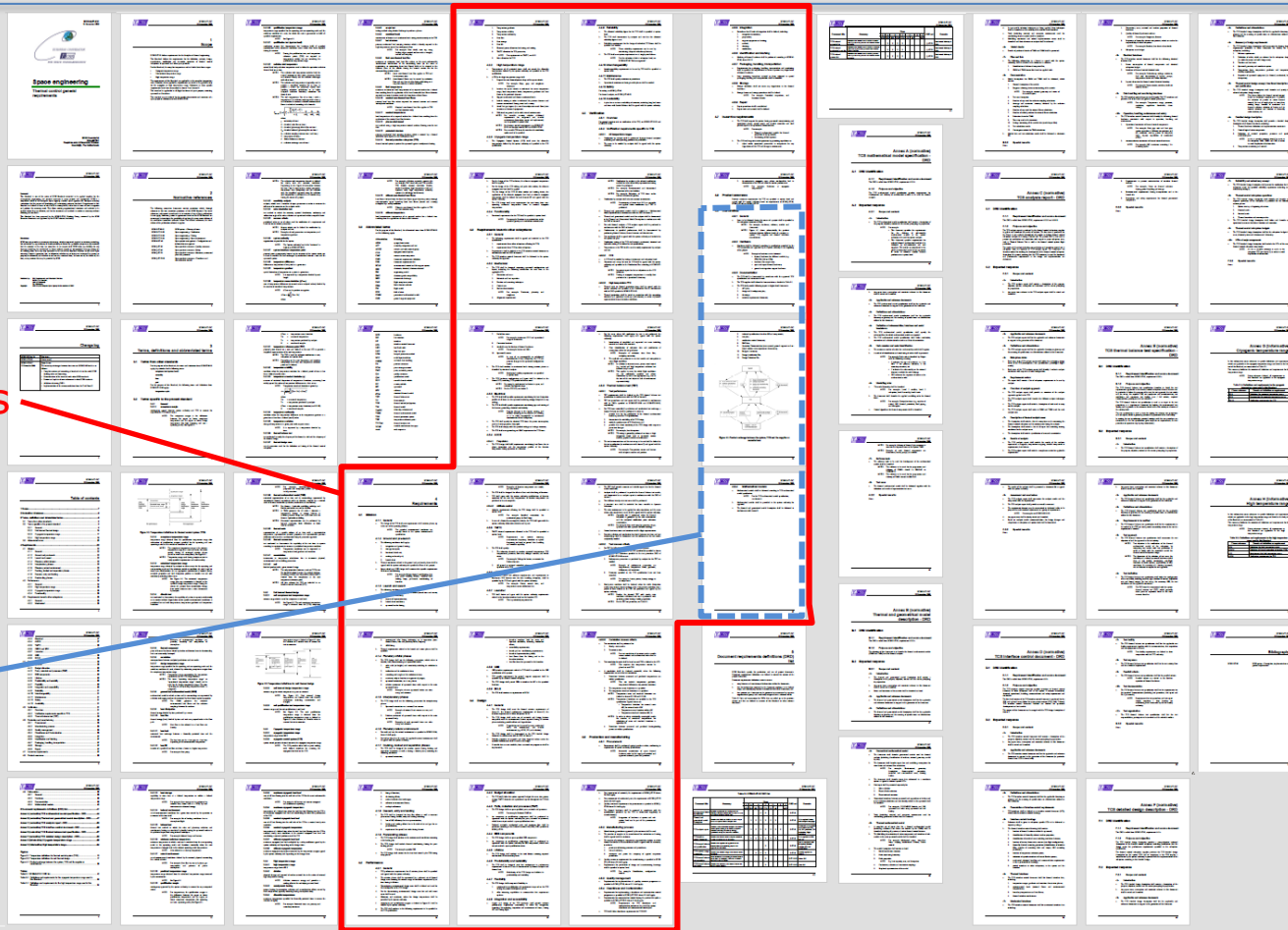
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Requirements

Production and manufacturing,
In-service requirements, PA

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Document requirements definitions

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- ECSS-E-10-1: Thermal Engineering - General
- ECSS-E-10-2: Thermal Engineering - Design
- ECSS-E-10-3: Thermal Engineering - Test
- ECSS-E-10-4: Thermal Engineering - Operation
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3. Mission requirements: Ground and pre-launch

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- integration and ground testing
 - storage, transport
 - functional check-out
 - waiting on launch pad
 - launch abort
- ⇒ implications for batteries, heat pipes, auxiliary fluid loop, RHUs, etc.



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3. Mission requirements: Launch and ascent

ECSS-E-ST-031C: Clause 4.1.3: Launch and ascent

- worst case launcher boundary conditions (launch time and season; external environment)
- depressurization
- launch abort
- spacecraft under fairing
- environment after fairing jettisoning up to separation (aero-thermal fluxes, solar and planetary fluxes, eclipses)
- ABM firing



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3. Mission requirements: Planetary orbital & interplanetary phases

ECSS-E-ST-031C: Clause 4.1.4: Planetary orbital phases

- orbit radii (or heights) and eccentricity including its evolution in time
- inclination and its evolution in time
- ascending node angle and its evolution in time
- maximum eclipse duration or argument of perigee
- spacecraft orientation, w.r.t. sun, planet
- relative movement of spacecraft items with respect to the main spacecraft body

ECSS-E-ST-031C: Clause 4.1.5: Interplanetary phases

- Spacecraft orientation w.r.t. external heat sources
- Relative movement of spacecraft items with respect to the main spacecraft body.

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Detour 1 - Thermal implications of the space environment

a. Space thermal environment

Cold Space

Ultra-high vacuum < 10^{-9} mbar

Cold Space can generally be considered as a Black Body at 3 K (-270°C)

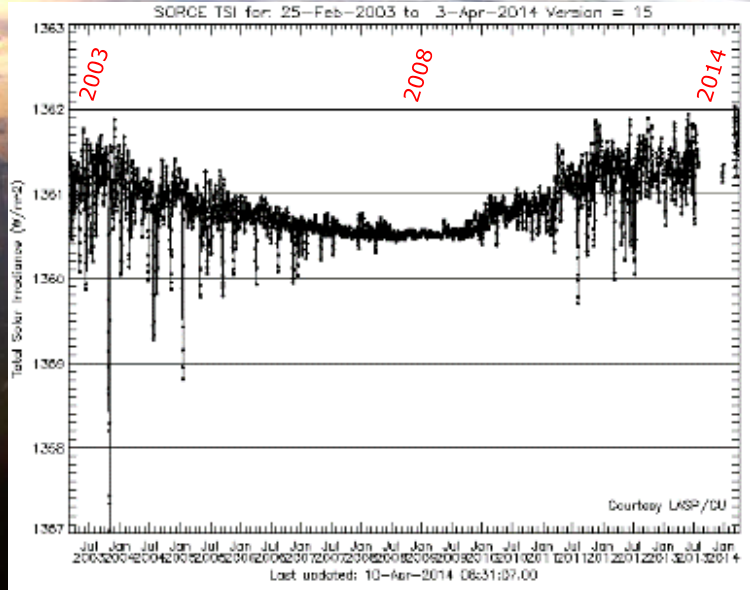


Step 5: Space thermal environment: Sun



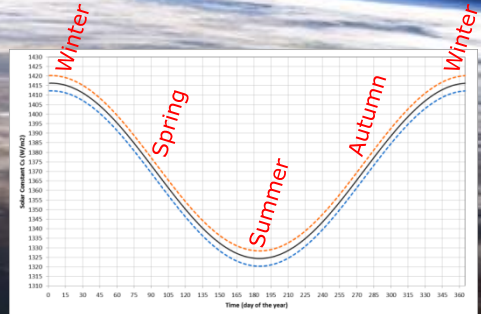
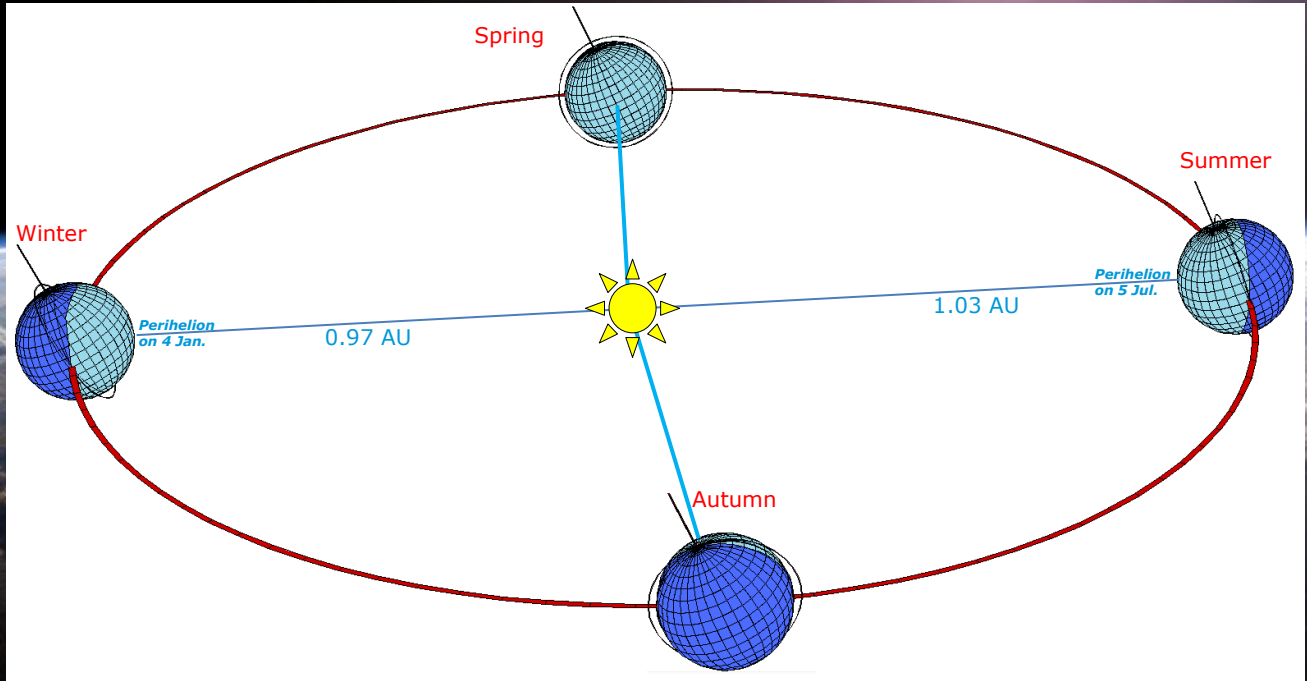
Sun flux

For Earth orbit spacecrafts, the received Sun flux is around 1361 W/m² (max 1419 W/m² in Winter, min 1321 W/m² in Summer)



Solar constant variation over years (at 1 AU)

Step 5: Space thermal environment: Sun

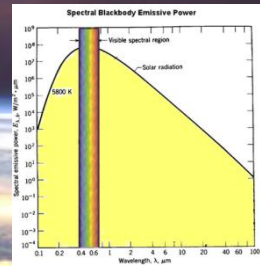


Solar flux variation over one year on Earth (due to Sun-Earth distance variation)

Step 5: Space thermal environment: Earth

Cold Space

The Earth can be considered as a Black Body at 254 K (with local variations)



The Earth average albedo coefficient is about 0.3 (with local variations)

Solar flux (and albedo flux) radiation spectrum

$$Q_E = (4 \pi R_E^2) \sigma T_E^4$$

Average Earth IR flux:
≈ 240W/m²

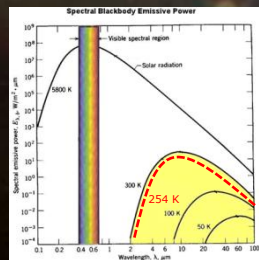
Average Earth black body temperature @ 254 K

ECSS-E-ST-031C: Clause 4.1.6: Planetary natural environment

- For earth and sun the natural environment as specified in ECSS-E-10-04, clause 6 shall apply.
- For bodies other than the earth, the applicable natural environment shall be agreed with the system authority.



Earth infrared flux



Black body @ 254 K radiation spectrum

Step 5: Space thermal environment: Earth

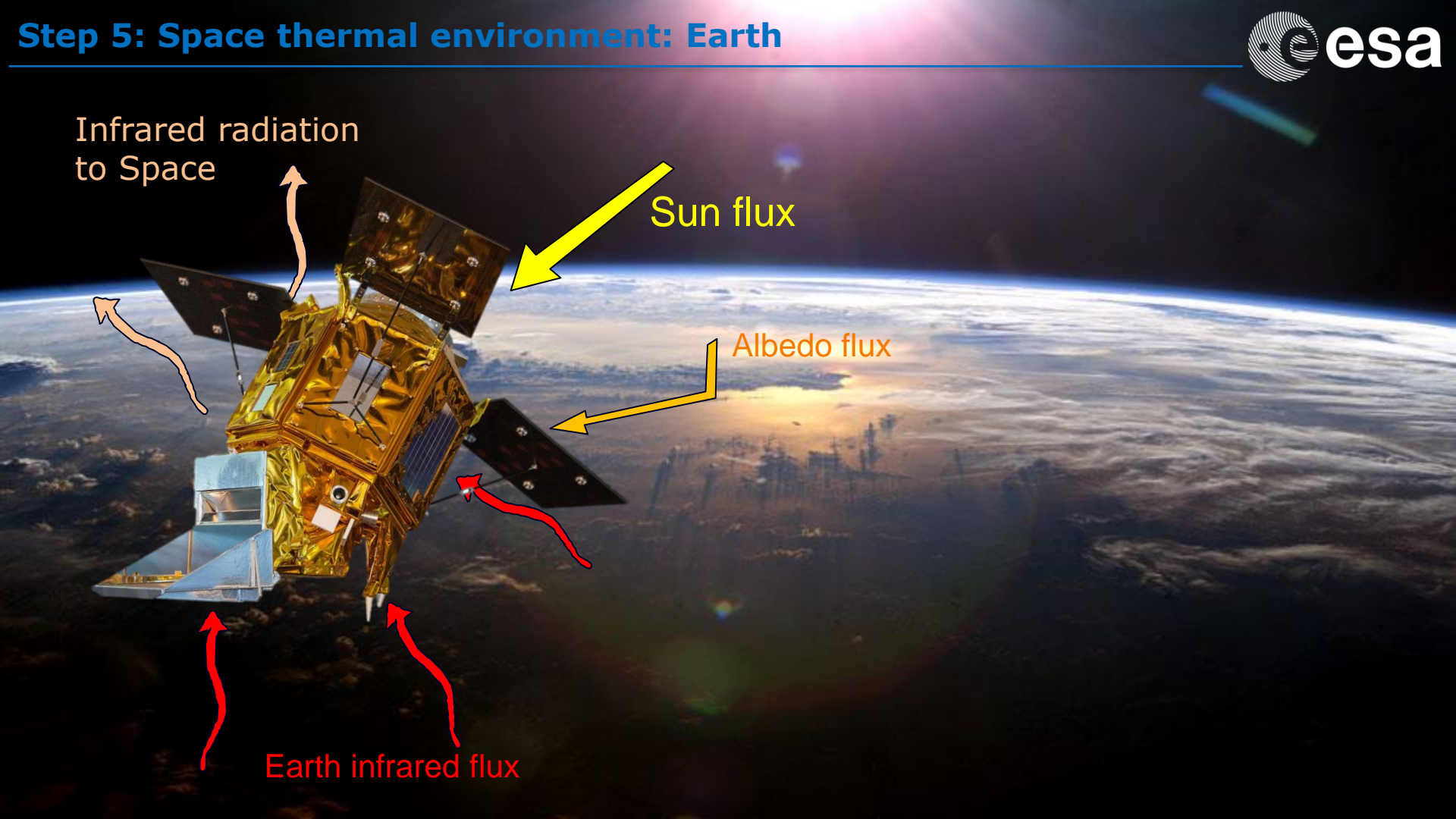


Infrared radiation
to Space

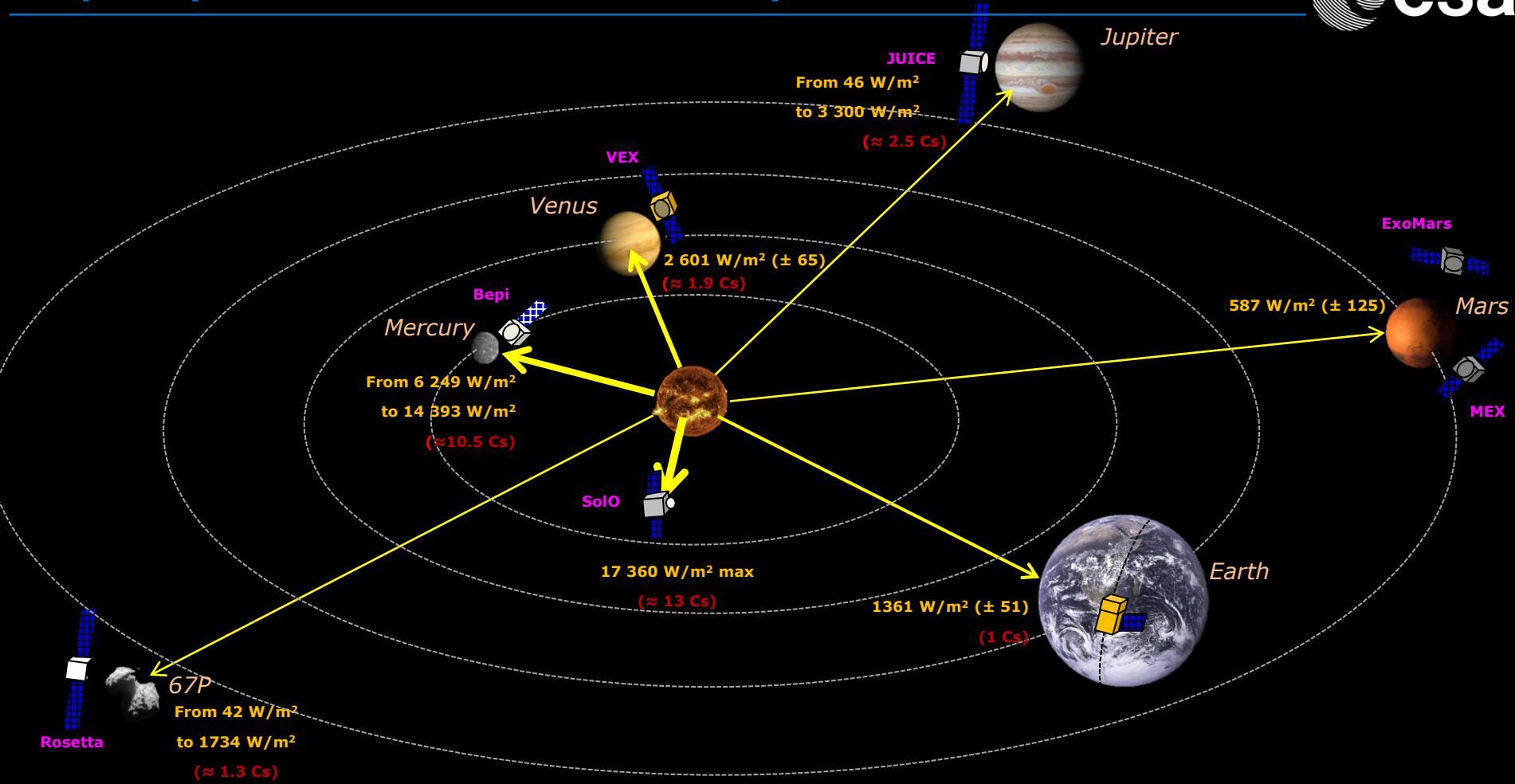
Sun flux

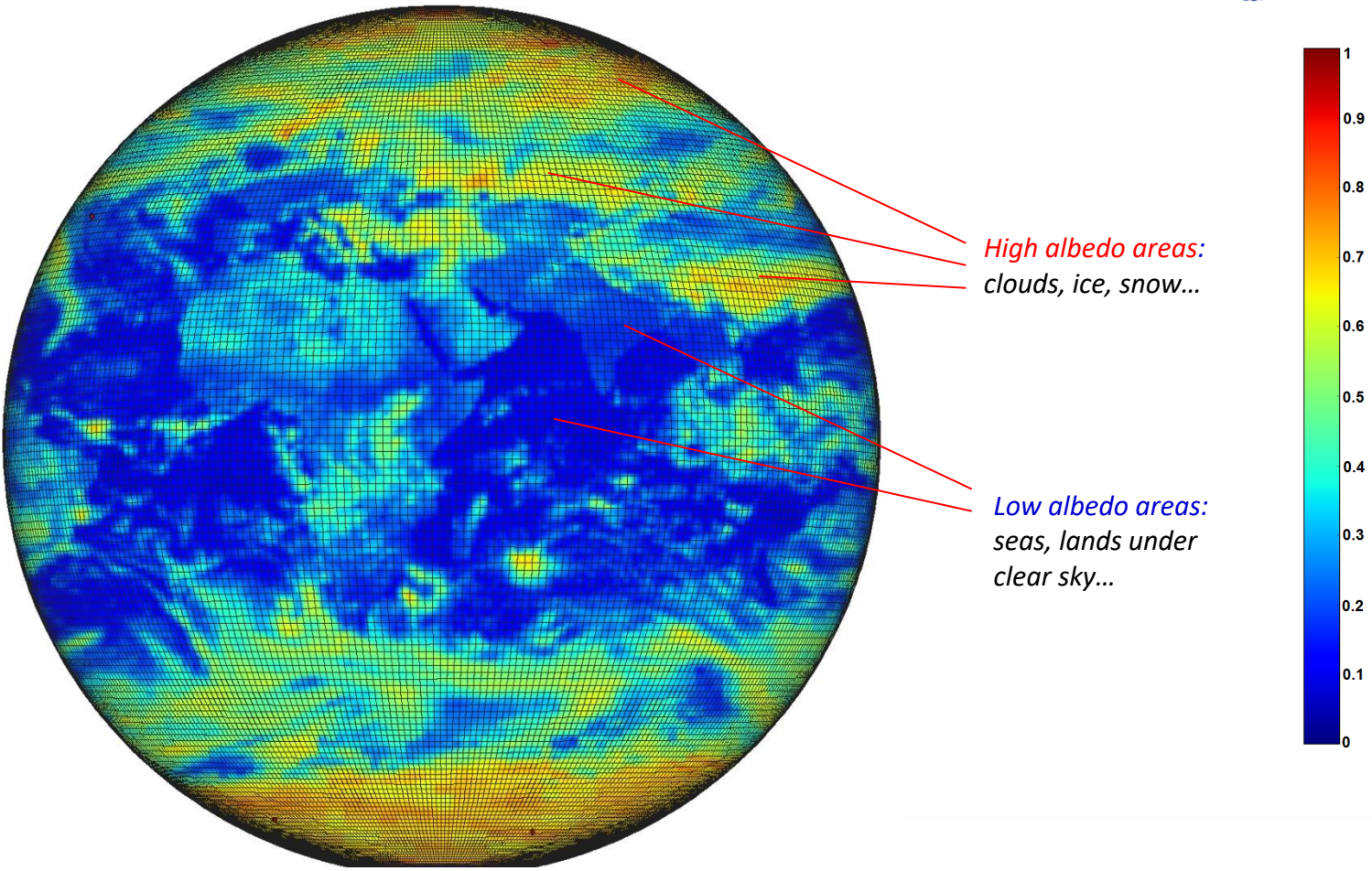
Albedo flux

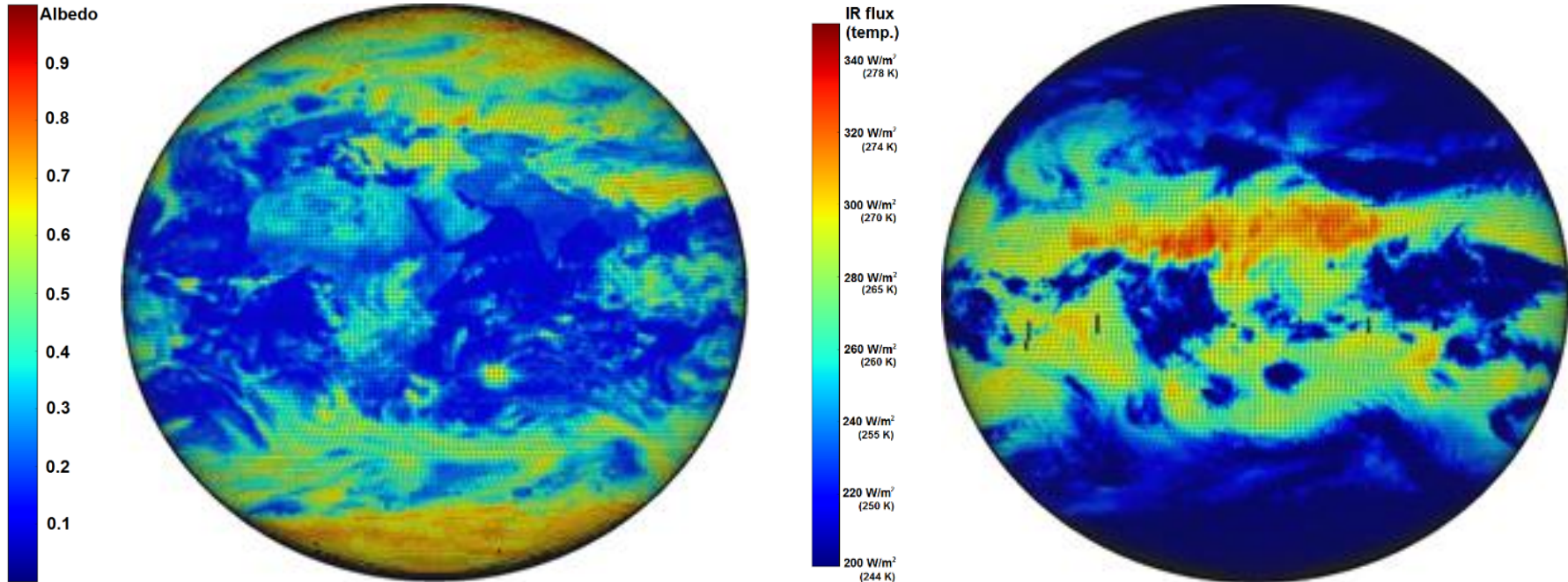
Earth infrared flux



Step 5: Space thermal environment: beyond Earth orbit...

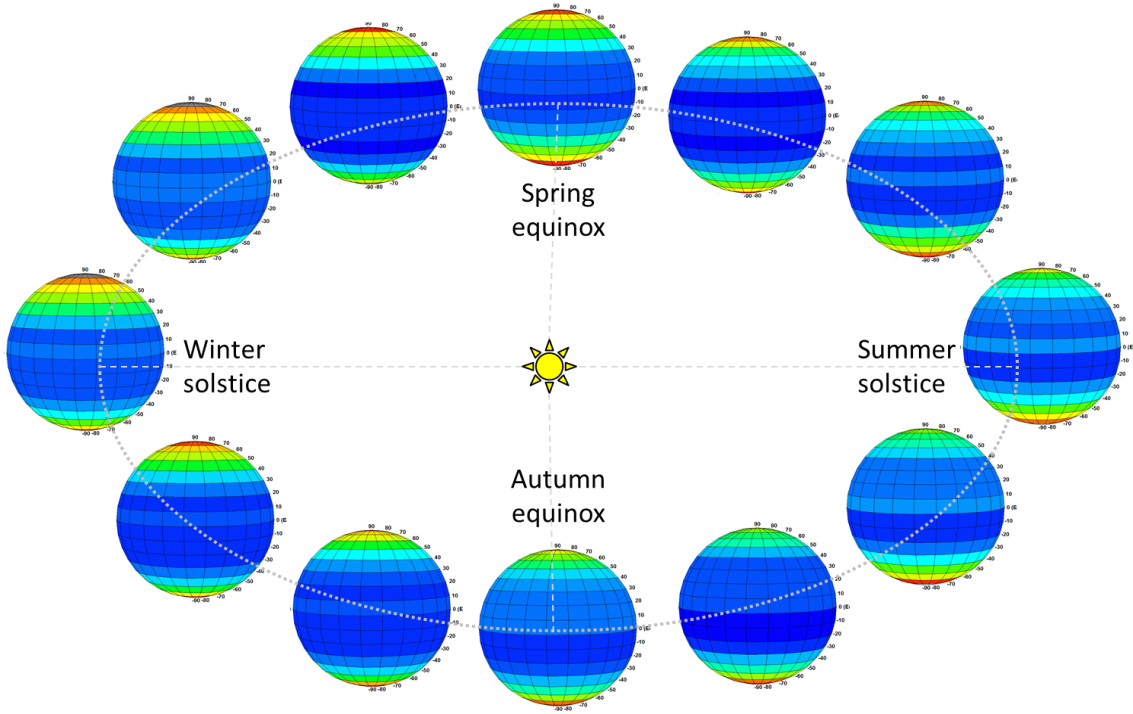
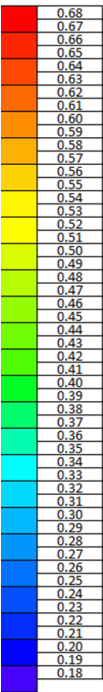




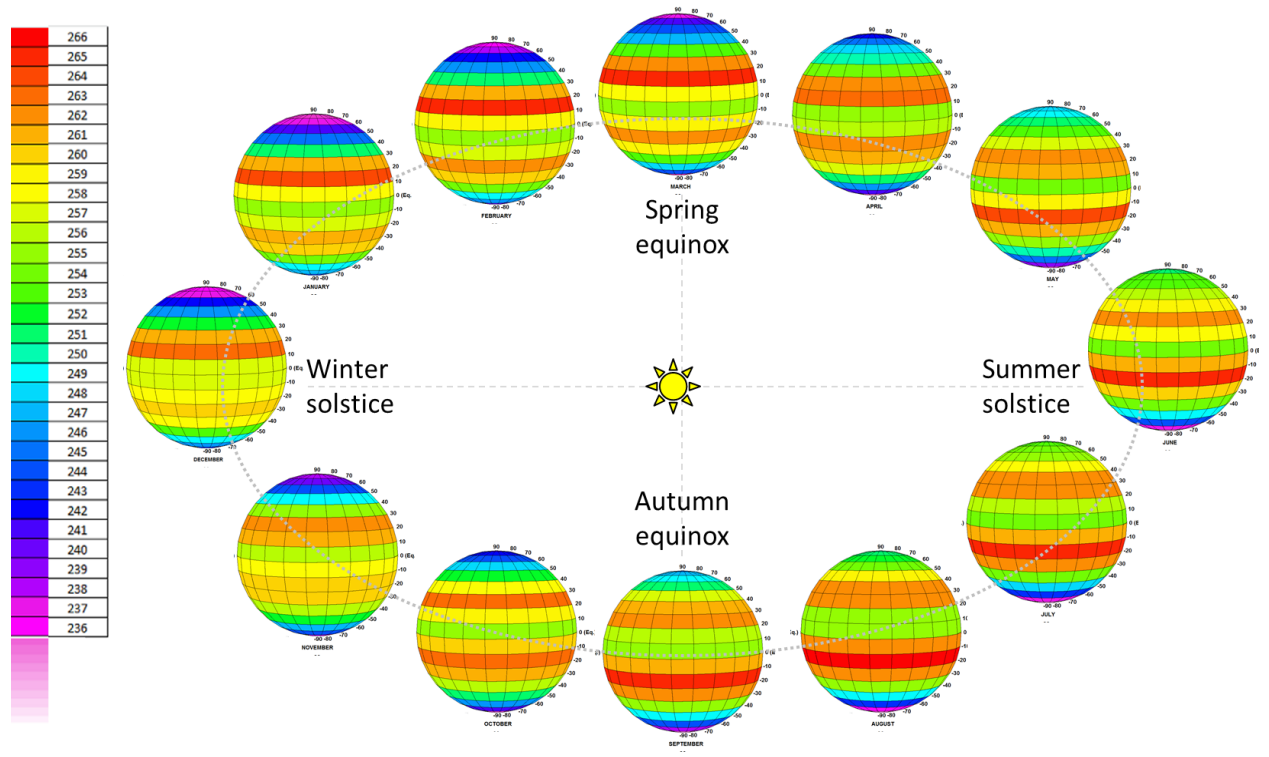


- <http://ceres.larc.nasa.gov/> “Cloud and the Earth’s Radiant Energy System (CERES)”
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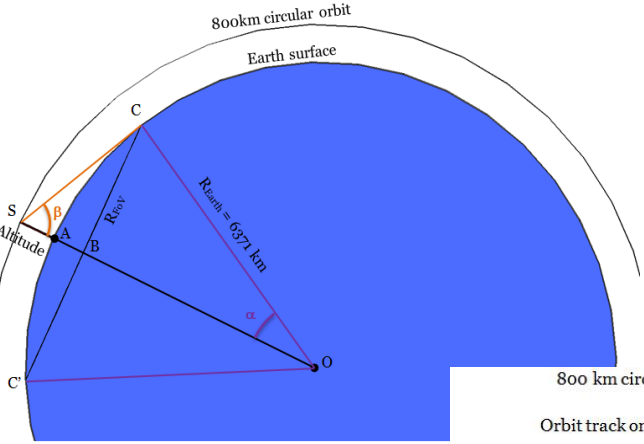
Seasonal variation of Earth albedo



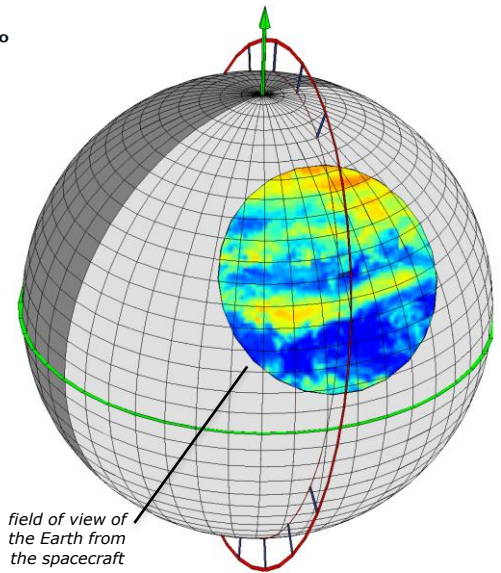
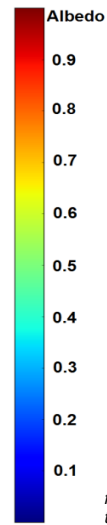
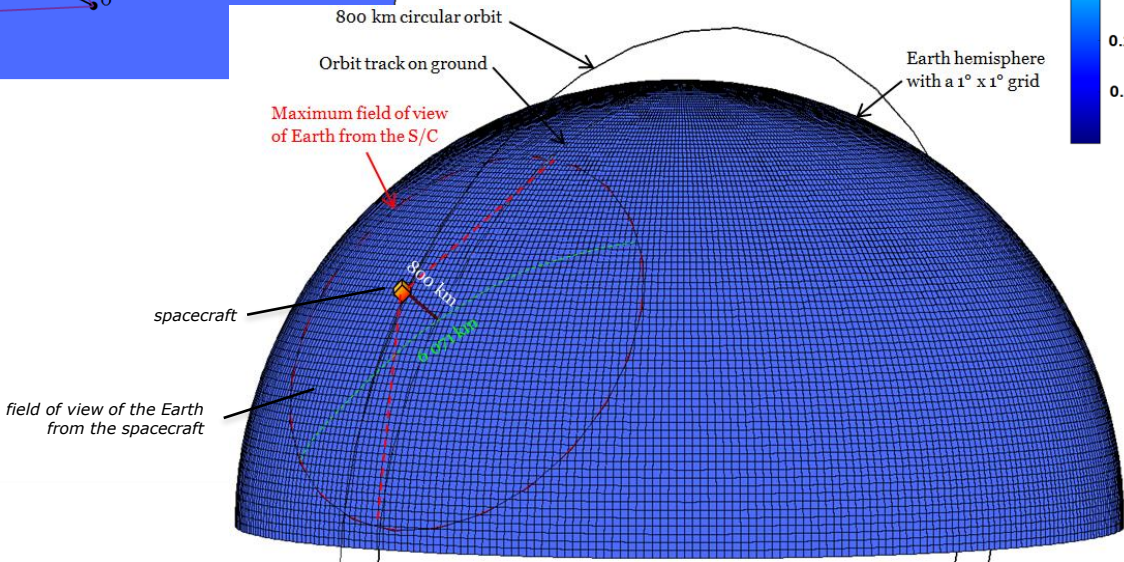
Seasonal variation of Earth temperature



What's the Earth field of view from orbit ?



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Example of real albedo as viewed from a spacecraft in low Earth

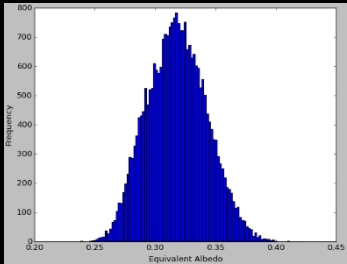
Space thermal environment: Earth environment typical values



Statistical distribution of average orbital albedo and Earth temperature over an orbit for several LEO orbits:

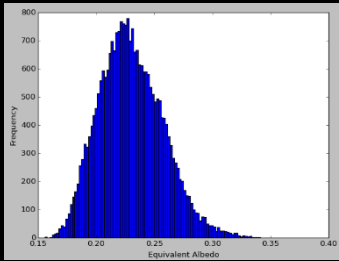
Albedo

Sun-synchronous orbit
Inclination 98.6°
800 km, LTAN 22:00



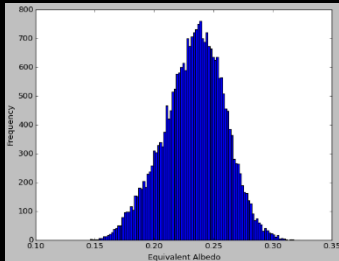
Range: **0.25 - 0.40**
Mean: **0.31**

ISS orbit
Inclination 51.6°
400 km



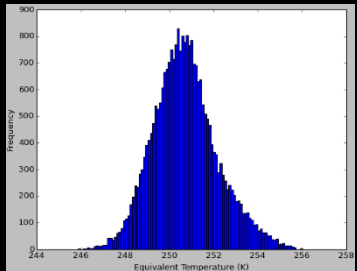
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Equatorial orbit
Inclination 6°
800 km

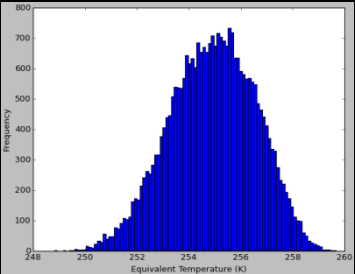


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Mean: **0.24**

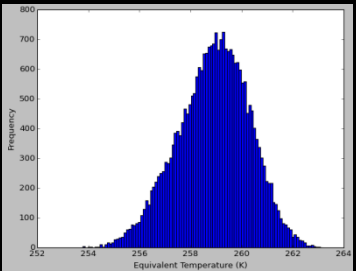
Earth temperature



Range: **246–256 K**
Mean: **250 K**



Range: **250–260 K**
Mean: **255 K**



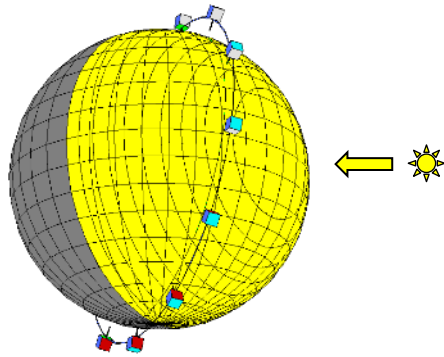
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Detour 1 - Thermal implications of the space environment

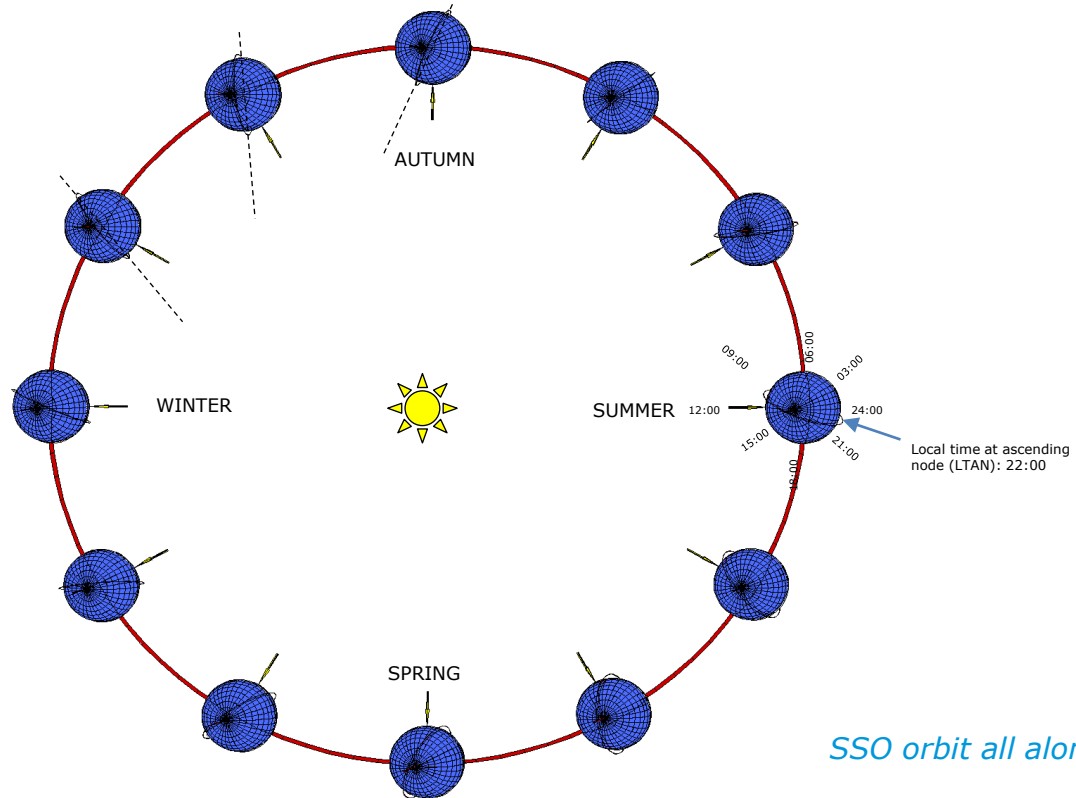
b. Thermal implications of typical orbits

Space Environment – Sun synchronous orbit (SSO)

- Nearly polar orbit.
- The satellite passes over any given point of the planet's surface at the same local mean solar time.



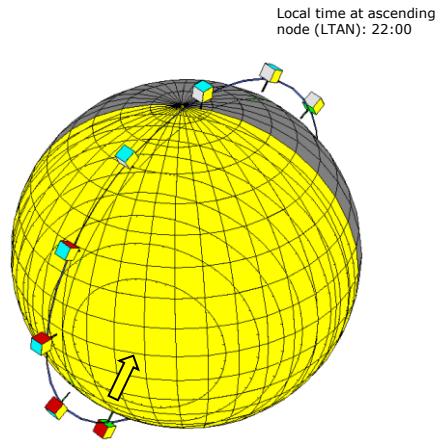
SSO orbit



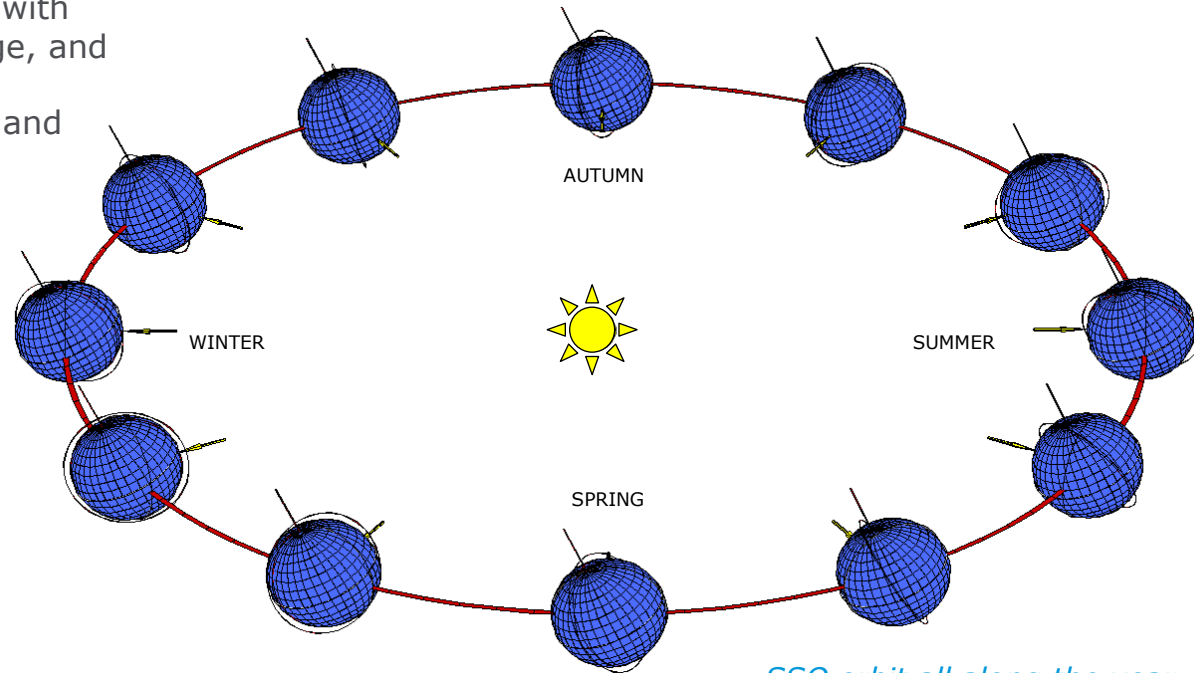
SSO orbit all along the year

Space Environment – SSO

- Typical sun-synchronous orbits are about 600–800 km in altitude, with periods in the 96-100-min range, and inclinations of around 98° (0° represents an equatorial orbit, and 90° represents a polar orbit).



SSO orbit



SSO orbit all along the year

Space Environment – SSO

Examples of satellite in SSO orbit



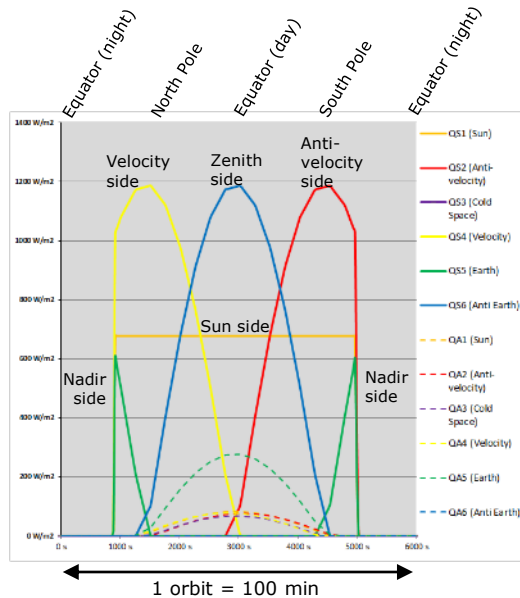
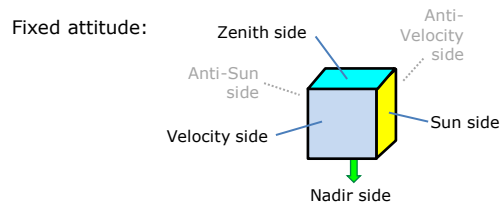
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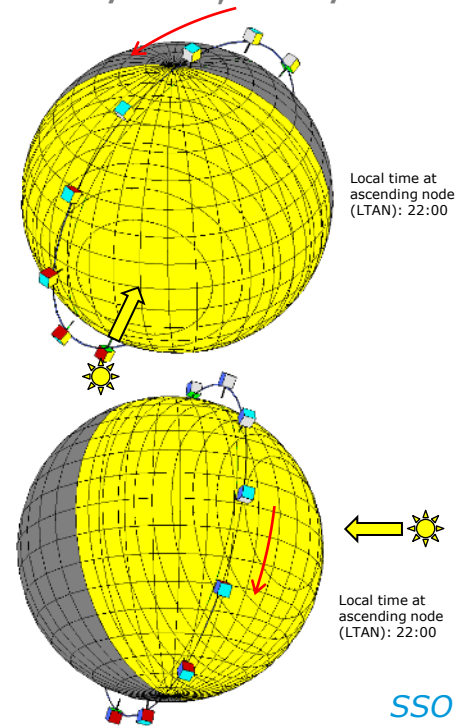
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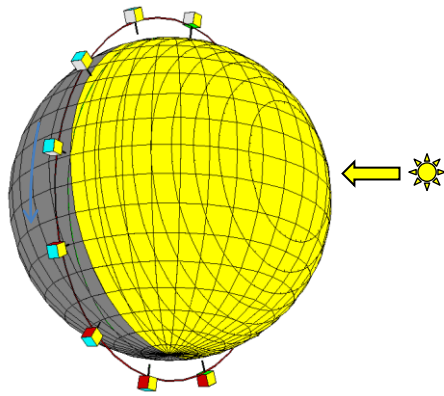
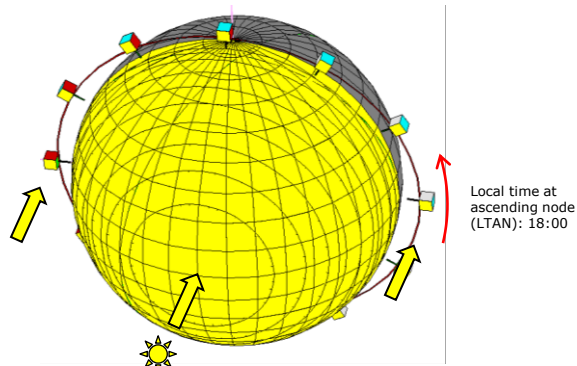
Received external flux on each side:

Typical LTAN around
22:00/10:00, 21:00/09:00



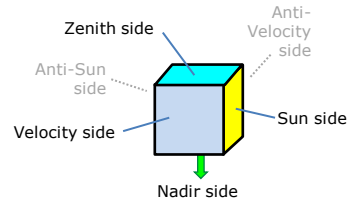
SSO orbit

Space Environment – SSO – Dawn/Dusk



Dusk/Dawn SSO orbit

Fixed attitude:



Dusk/dawn or Dawn/dusk orbits LTAN: 06:00 or 18:00

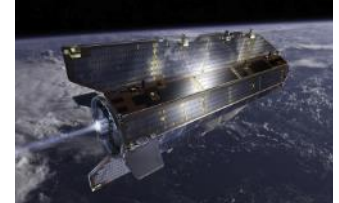
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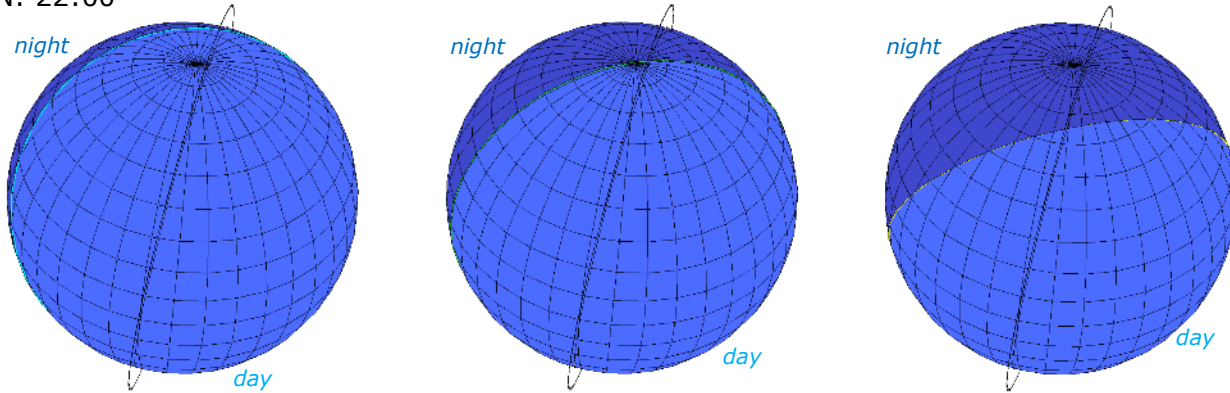
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Examples of satellite in Dusk/Dawn SSO orbit

Space Environment – SSO – Seasonal Variations

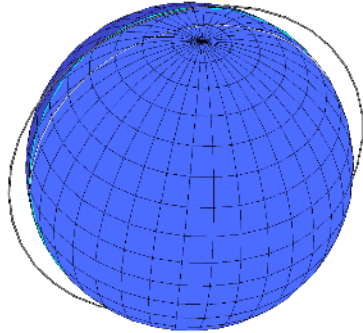
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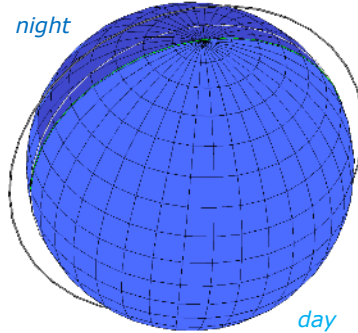
SSO orbit (LTAN : 22:00) at 3 moments in the year

Space Environment – SSO – Seasonal Variations

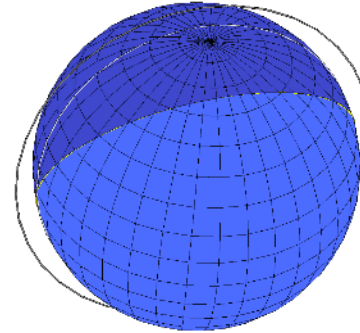
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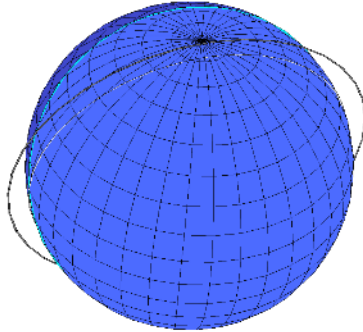
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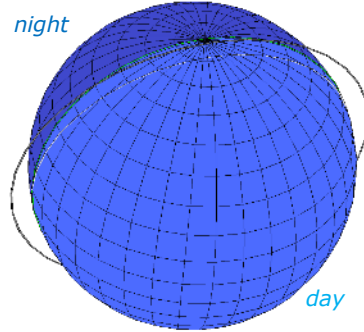
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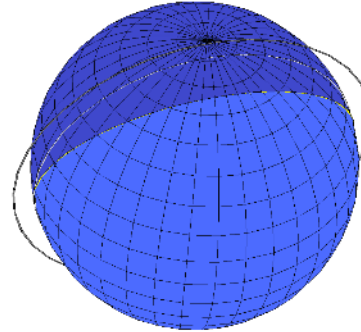
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night



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2 different SSO orbits at 3 moments in the year

End of detour 1

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ECSS-E-ST-031C: Clause 4.1.7: Docking, docked and separation phases

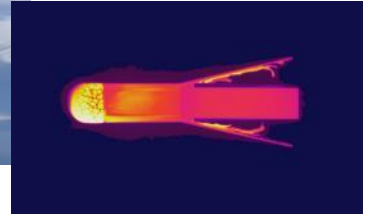
- spacecraft orientation
- firing of thrusters
- shadowing effects
- mutual radiative heat exchanges
- reflected environmental fluxes
- multiple reflections



3. Mission requirements: Descent, entry and landing

ECSS-E-ST-031C: Clause 4.1.8: Descent, entry and landing

- Loss of multi-layer insulation (MLI) efficiency due to re-pressurization
- Heating and cooling effects due to the inlet of air and gas for repressurization
- Requirement for special heat sinks during descent



3. Mission requirements: Post-landing phases

ECSS-E-ST-031C: Clause 4.1.9: Post-landing phases

- The TCS design shall conform to the environmental conditions occurring at the landing site.
- The TCS design shall include thermal conditioning during the postlanding phases.
- The TCS design shall account for the heat load stored by the TPS during entry phases.



4. Performance specific requirements

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4. Performance specific requirements

Thermal performance

ECSS-E-ST-031C: Clause 4.2.1 General:

- Thermal Control Specification necessary
 - System Authority to provide design temperatures
 - Acceptance and qualification margins
- Thermal design cases enveloping all conditions
 - Worst hot case
 - Worst cold case
 - Begin of life and End of life conditions
 - Lifetime

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4. Performance specific requirements

Thermal performance

ECSS-E-ST-031C: Clause 4.2.2: Thermal Control Subsystem (TCS) Performance:

- The TCS shall conform to the following requirements to be specified in the TCS specification:
 - Temperature gradients
 - Temperature stability
 - Temperature uniformity
 - Heat flux
 - Heat storage
 - Heat lift
 - Electrical power allocation for heating and cooling
 - TM/TC allocation for TCS parameter
 - Mass allocation for TCS
- Tailoring and translation into specific project requirements is necessary

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(Short) detour 2 - Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

2. Thermal standard overview: Thermal ECSS structure

The image displays a grid of 60 pages from the ECSS (European Cooperation for Space Standardization) thermal standards. The pages are organized into a grid of approximately 6 rows and 10 columns. A red box highlights a central section of the grid, specifically the pages numbered 2.100 through 2.109. A red arrow points from the text 'Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms' to this highlighted section. The highlighted pages contain various diagrams, tables, and text, including a diagram of a thermal control system and a table of abbreviations. The surrounding pages contain detailed technical specifications and definitions related to thermal engineering for space systems.

Terms,
definitions
and
abbreviated
terms

Detour 2 - Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

Heat flux, Temperature gradient, temperature stability

ECSS-E-ST-031C: Chapter 3: Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

Examples:

- Heat flux (clause 3.2.1.10)
 - thermal energy (heat) divided by time and unit area perpendicular to the flow path

NOTE Heat flux is also referred to as heat flow rate density.
- Temperature gradient (clause 3.2.1.29)
 - spatial derivation of temperature in a point at a given time
- Temperature stability (clause 3.2.1.32)
 - condition when the temperature variation for a defined period of time is less than a defined (small) value



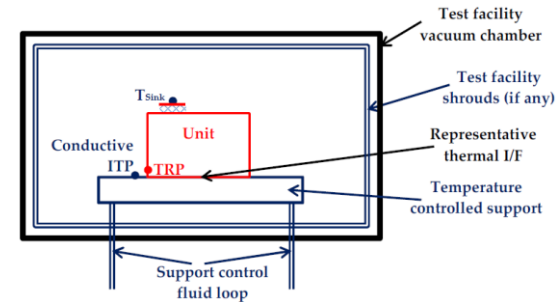
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Detour 2 - Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

TRP - Temperature Reference Point

TRP: Temperature Reference Point *(Clause 3.2.1.31)*

- physical point located on a unit and defined in the unit ICD to provide a simplified representation of the unit temperature
 - NOTE 1 The TRP is used for coherent verification at unit, subsystem and system level.
 - NOTE 2 Depending on the unit dimensions and interface complexity, more than one temperature reference point can be defined.
- **TRP location & usage**
 - easily accessible on the unit close to the S/C structure
 - equipped with a flight temperature sensor (e.g. on the baseplate)
 - 'thermal interface' point between two different entities
 - drives the temperature of the rest of the unit on all levels
 - 'representative' of the average temperature of the whole unit



Detour 2 - Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

Temperature ranges

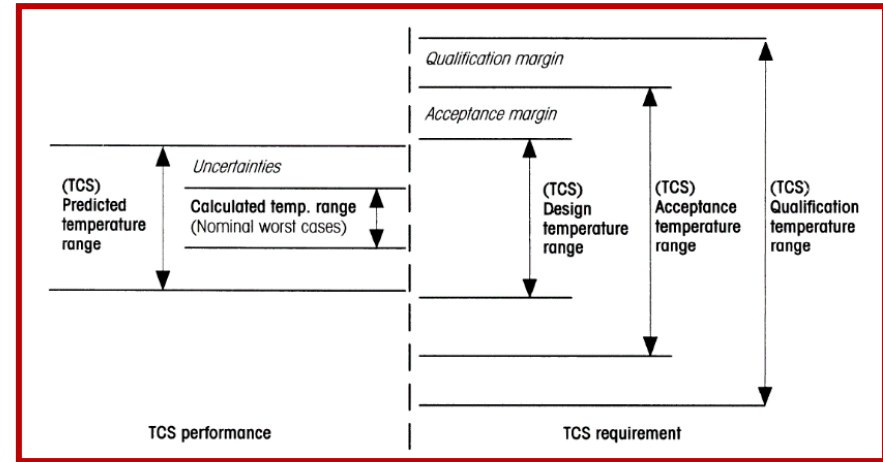
ECSS-E-ST-31C: Clause 3.2; Figure 3-1

Design temperature range (clause 3.2.1.7)

- temperature range specified for the operating and non-operating mode and the switch-on condition of a unit, obtained by subtracting acceptance margins from the acceptance temperature range

NOTE 1 Temperature range representing the temperature requirement for the TCS design activities.

NOTE 2 The terms “operating temperature range” or “operational temperature range” should not be used for the design temperature range. The term “operating or non-operating temperature limits” is acceptable.



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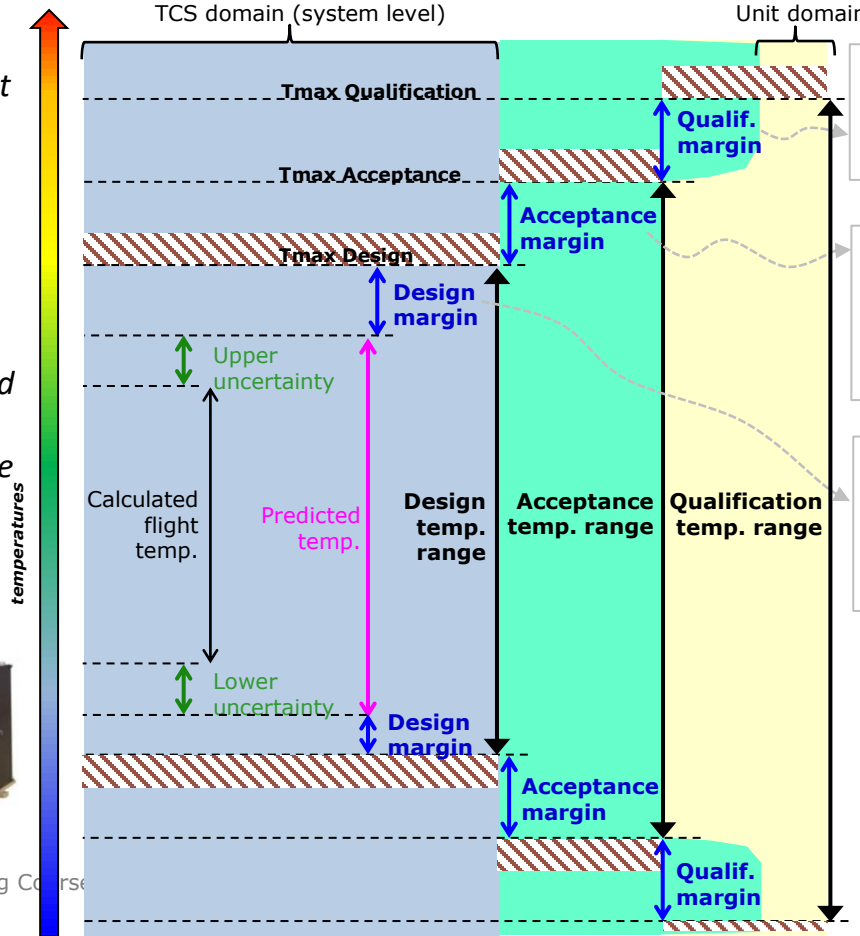
Temperature ranges

- We're talking about here Unit Temperature Reference Point (TRP)

- Temperature ranges are defined for both
 ☞ operational mode
 ☞ non-op. mode



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Qualification margin =
 contingency approved by the system authority to account for any unexpected events

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Acceptance margin =
 contingency agreed between system authority and TCS to account for unpredictable TCS-related events

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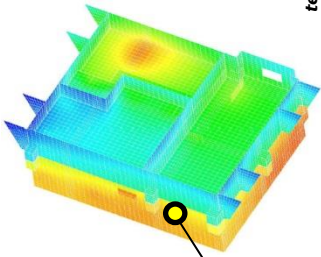
Design margin:
 Remaining delta T between design limit and prediction. Not formally defined in the ECSS. No value imposed ⇒ can be equal to 0

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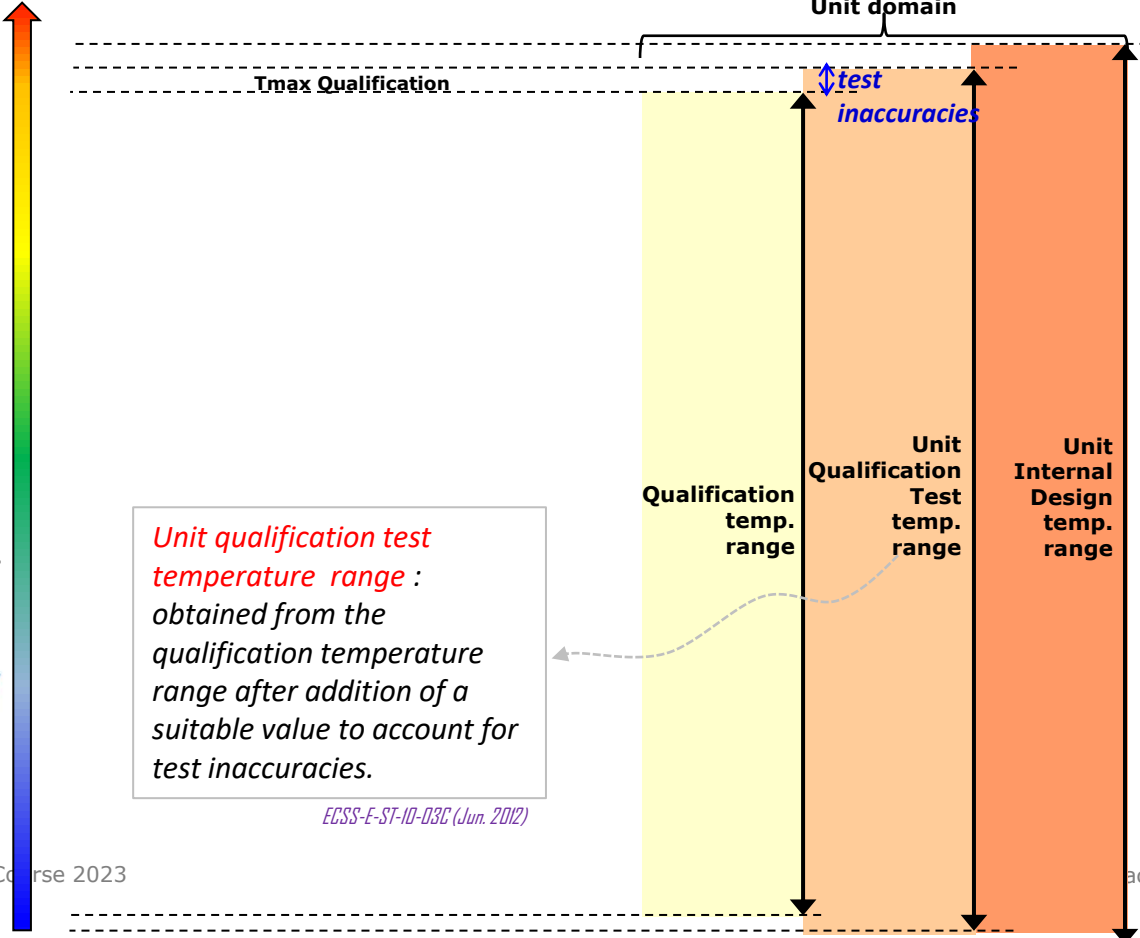
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Temperature ranges

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- Temperature ranges are defined for both
 - ☞ operational mode
 - ☞ non-op. mode



temperatures



*Unit qualification test temperature range :
obtained from the qualification temperature range after addition of a suitable value to account for test inaccuracies.*

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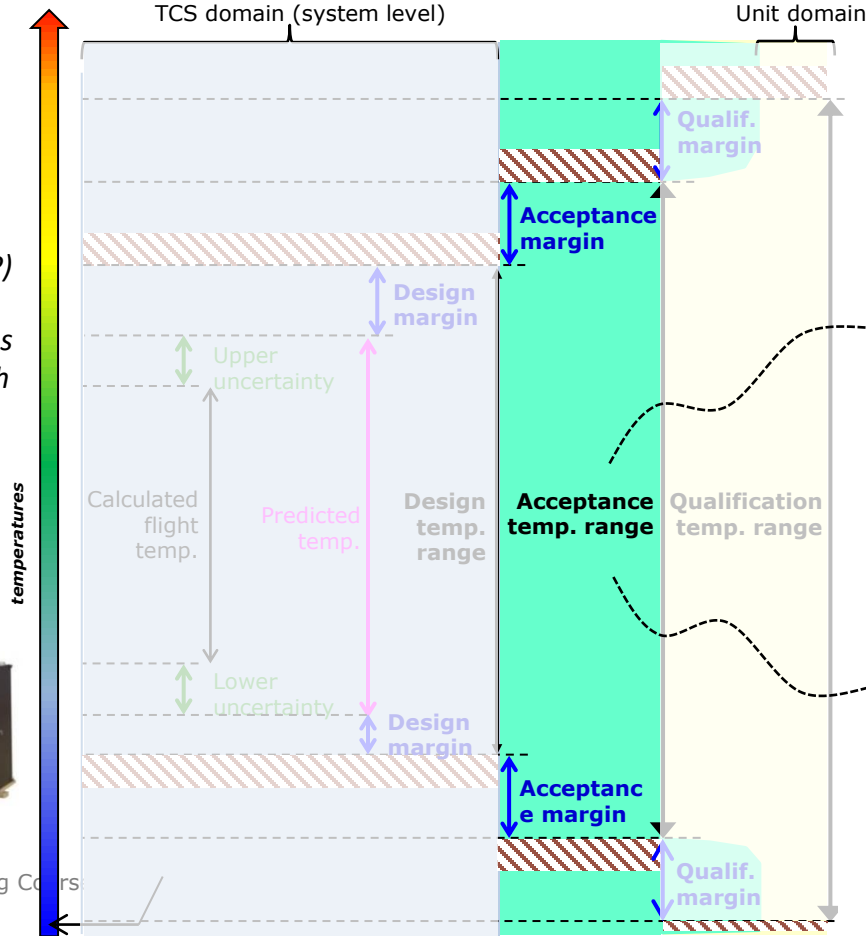
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The **acceptance temperature range** is the extreme temperature range that a unit can reach, but never exceed, during all envisaged mission phases.

ECSS-E-ST-10-03C (Jun. 2012)

Acceptance temperature range used during acceptance tests to verify specified requirements and workmanship.

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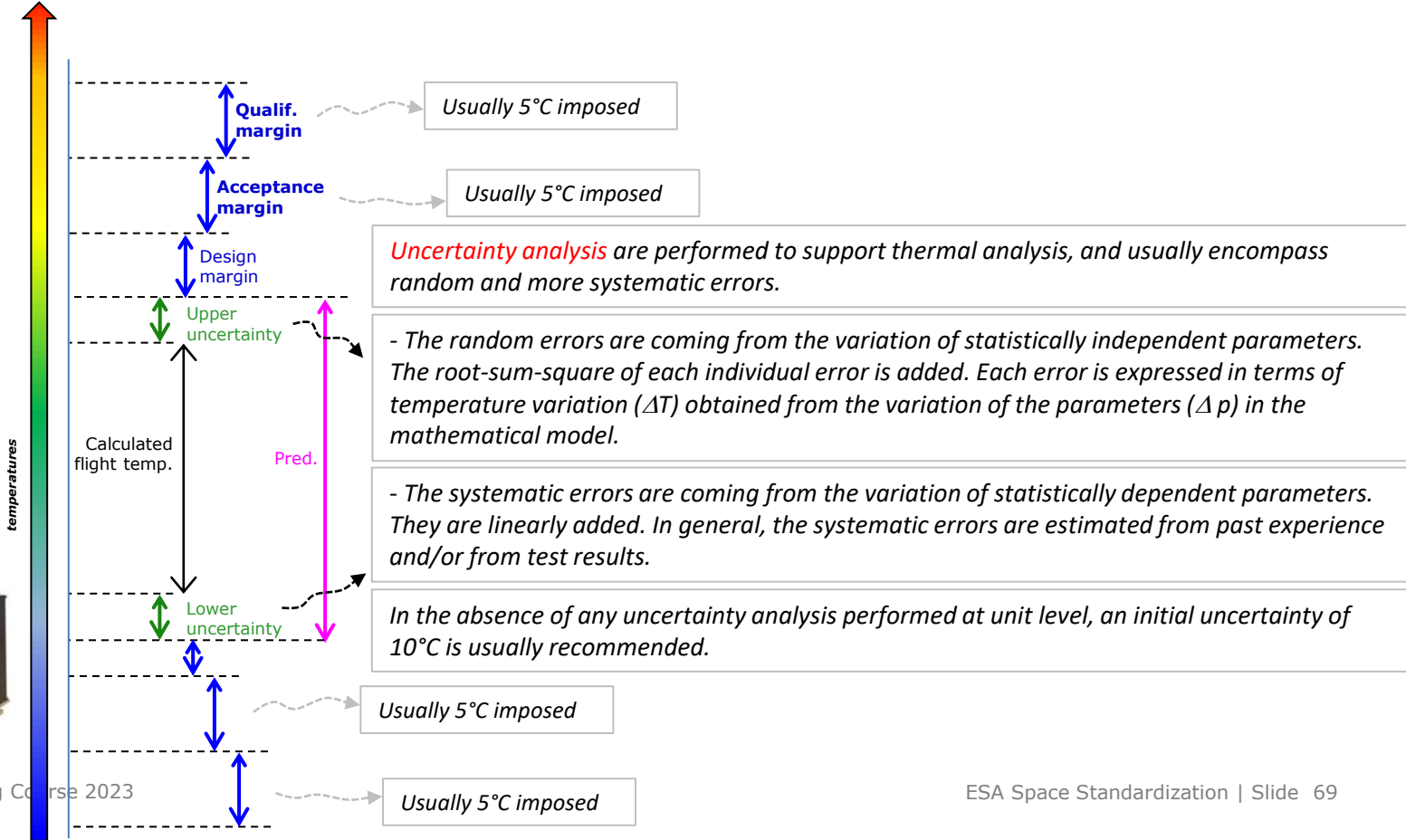
Temperature ranges

- Margins are usually imposed at project level

- During the course of a project these uncertainties change from initial estimates into a value determined by analysis.



Unit TRP



5. Requirement towards other subsystems & Design

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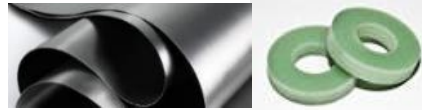
5. Performance specific requirements

Thermal Control Means - Passive

Surface coatings



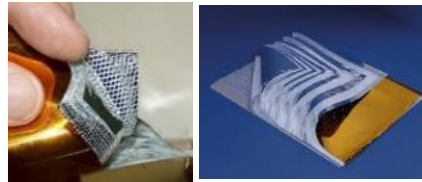
Thermal Fillers, Washers



Thermal Straps



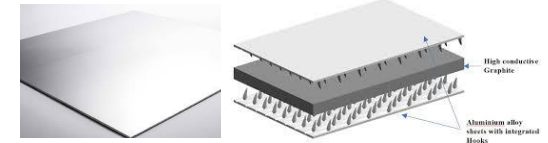
Multi-Layer Insulation (MLI)



Second Surface Mirror (SSM) & Optical Solar Reflector (OSR)



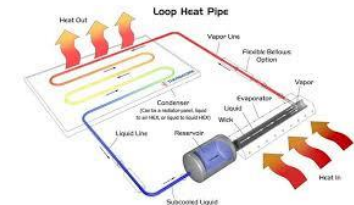
Doubler



Heat pipes



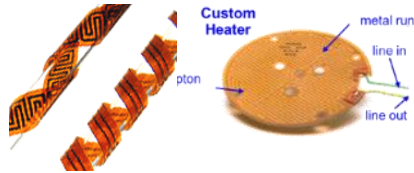
Loop heat pipes



5. Performance specific requirements

Thermal Control Means – Active

Heaters



Thermostats



Louvers



Thermo-electric coolers



Thermistors
(PT100, PT1000,
15kOhm)



Cryo coolers
(Stirling / Joule-
Thompson)



Fluid Loops
(mechanically /
electrically pumped)



5. Performance specific requirements

Thermal Control Means - Further

Electrochromics



Thermochromics



Phase Change Material



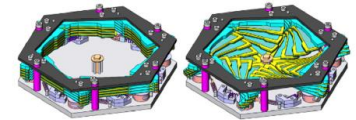
Radiotopic heater units (RHU)



Radiotopic thermal generator (RTG)



Microlouvers



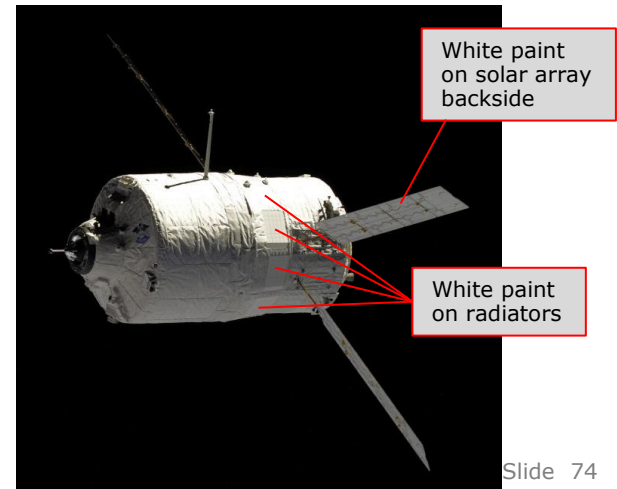
Self regulating heaters



5. Performance specific requirements

Passive Means - Surface Coatings

- Thermal control paints
 - Black & white
- Coatings (on metals)
 - Oxidation protection
 - Electrical discharge protection
 - Conformal coatings
- Untreated surface
 - Polymers
 - composites
 - Ceramics
- ...



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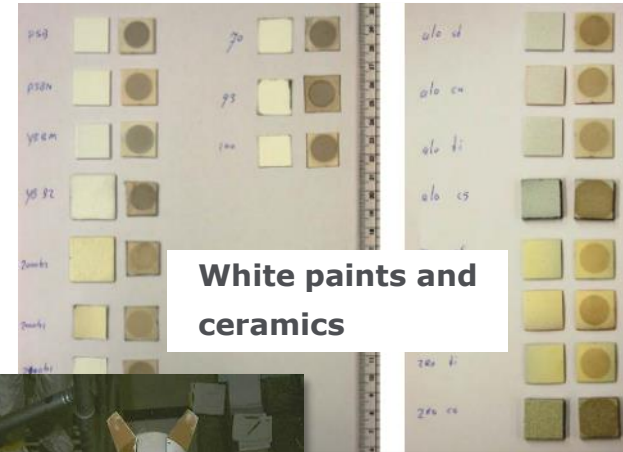
Material factors – degradation / ageing

Clause 4.4.1: Design - General

- b. The TCS design shall make use of materials and design features **compatible with the environmental** factors expected during all mission phases including possible effects and degradations.

NOTE Degradation can be caused by wear, mechanical loads, test environment, and in-orbit environment (e.g. ATOX, UV, and radiation).

- b. The TCS design shall be documented in the TCS detailed design document in conformance with the DRD of Annex F.
- c. Reliable properties of materials and their degraded values under the specified environment shall be used in the design.
- d. If suitable data are not available, then a material test programme shall be implemented.



White paints and ceramics



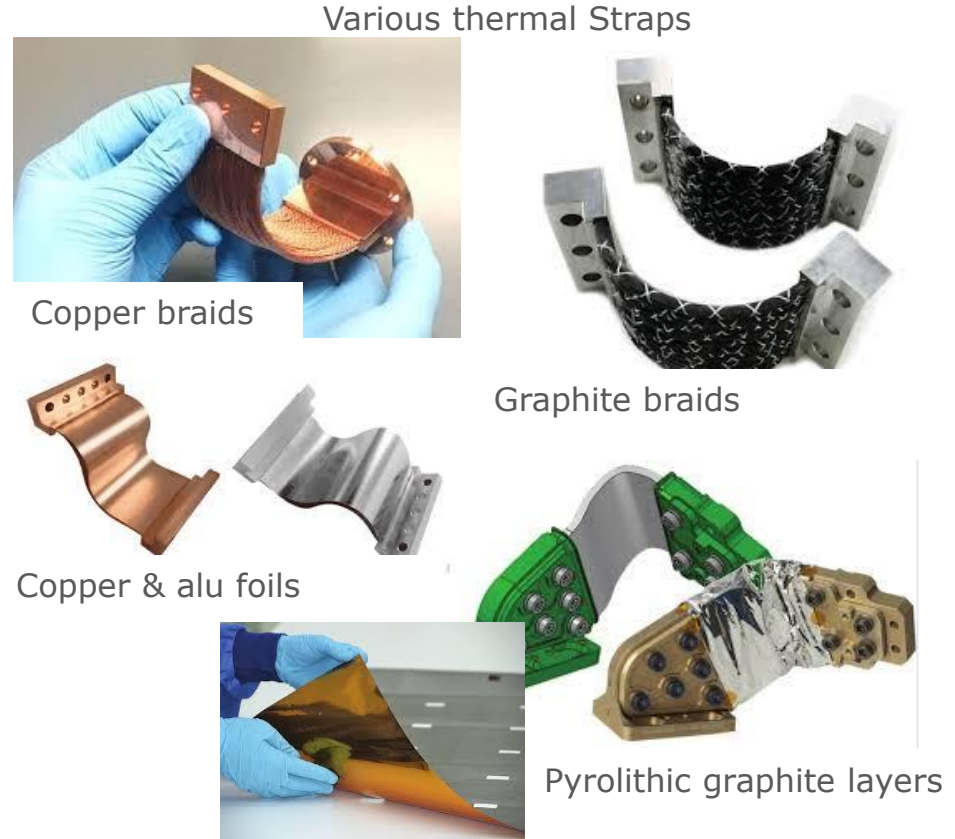
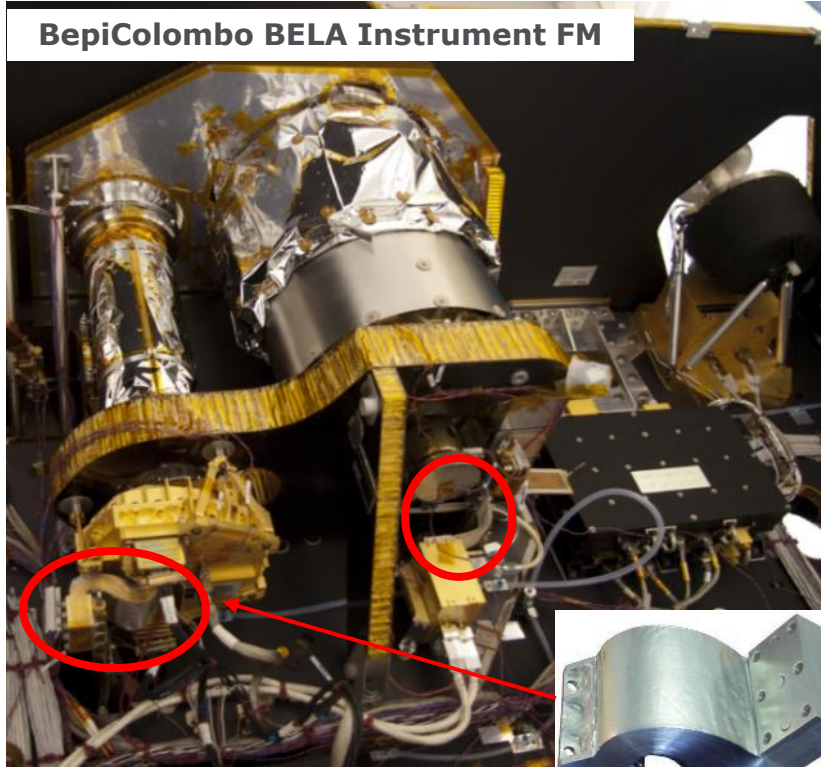
Beta cloth / MLI



Solar cells

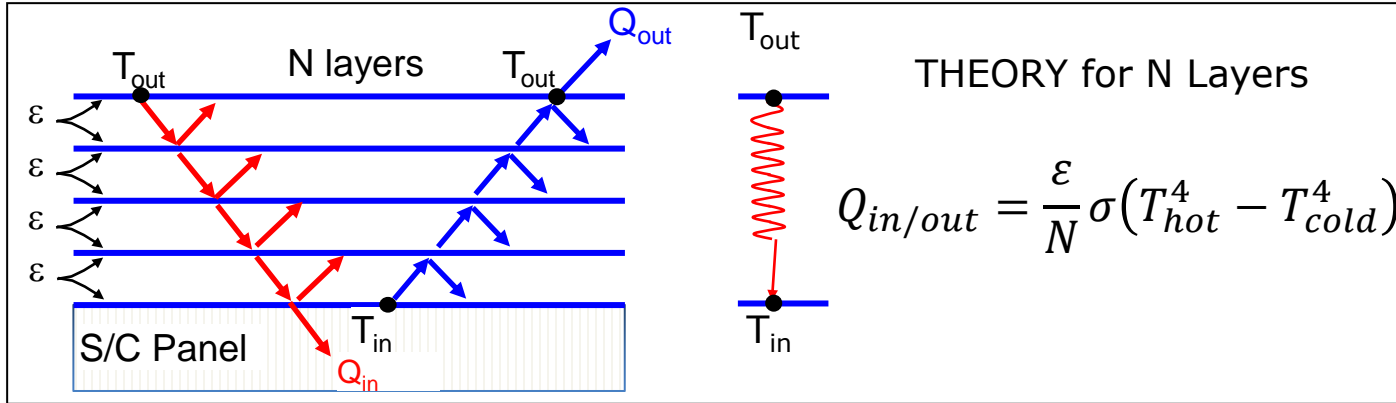
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Passive Means – Thermal Strap

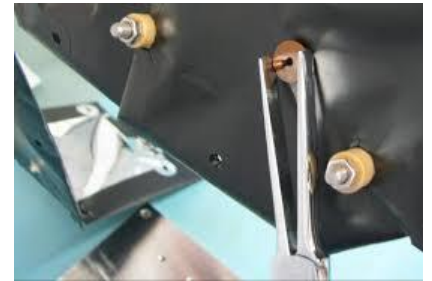


5. Performance specific requirements

Passive Means – MLI



- Theory $N = 12$ layers of Mylar ($\epsilon=0.05$) gives $\frac{\epsilon}{N} = 0.004$
- Lab. measurement gives similar results but correlated value $\frac{\epsilon}{N} = 0.01 \dots 0.03$
- Specific mass: $250 \dots 500 \text{ g/m}^2$ with grounding wires for $12 \dots 22$ layers
 - depends on the type of material Mylar, Kapton, Dacron net... and layup
 - Bepi-Colombo up to 2.2 kg/m^2 with up-to 4 blankets stacked

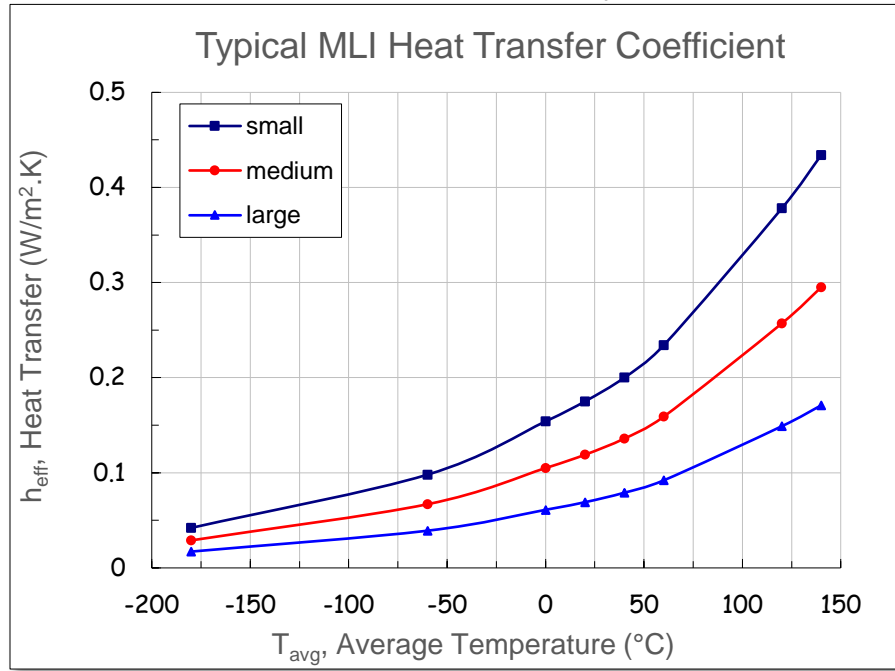
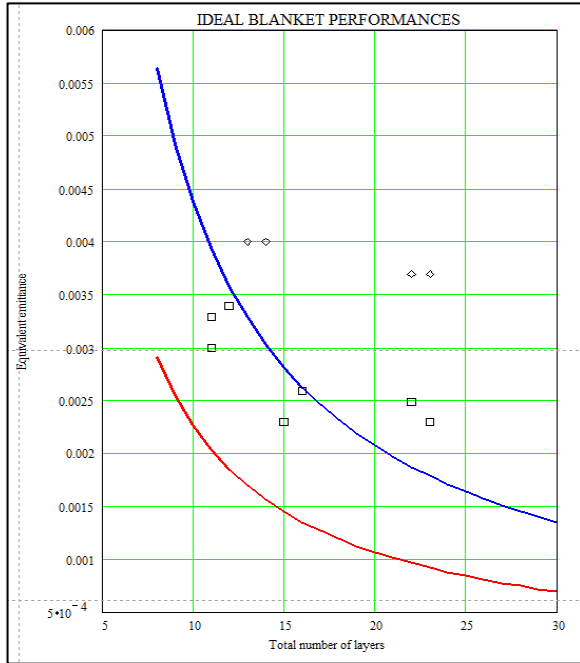


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Passive Means – MLI efficiency

Styrofoam@air $k@20^{\circ}\text{C} = 0.027 \text{ W/mK}$

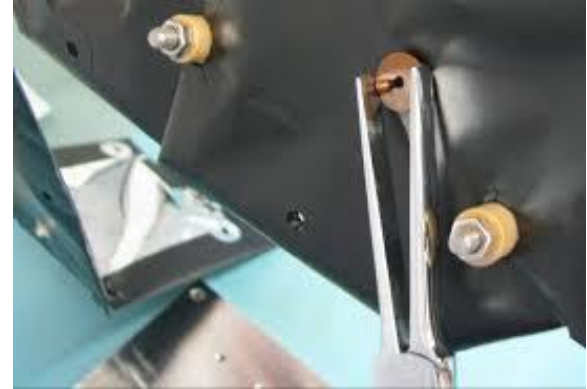
$$\text{MLI } k = h \cdot t = 0.12 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2\text{K}} \cdot 1 \text{ cm} = 0.0012 \text{ W/mK}$$



5. Performance specific requirements Parts, materials and processes (PMP)

Clause 4.4.3: Parts, materials and processes (PMP)

- a. The TCS design shall use space qualified parts, materials and processes.
- b. An acceptance or qualification programme shall be performed for PMP if not available.
- c. Declared materials, mechanical parts and processes lists (DMPM) shall be produced according to the Declared material list (DML).



5. Performance specific requirements

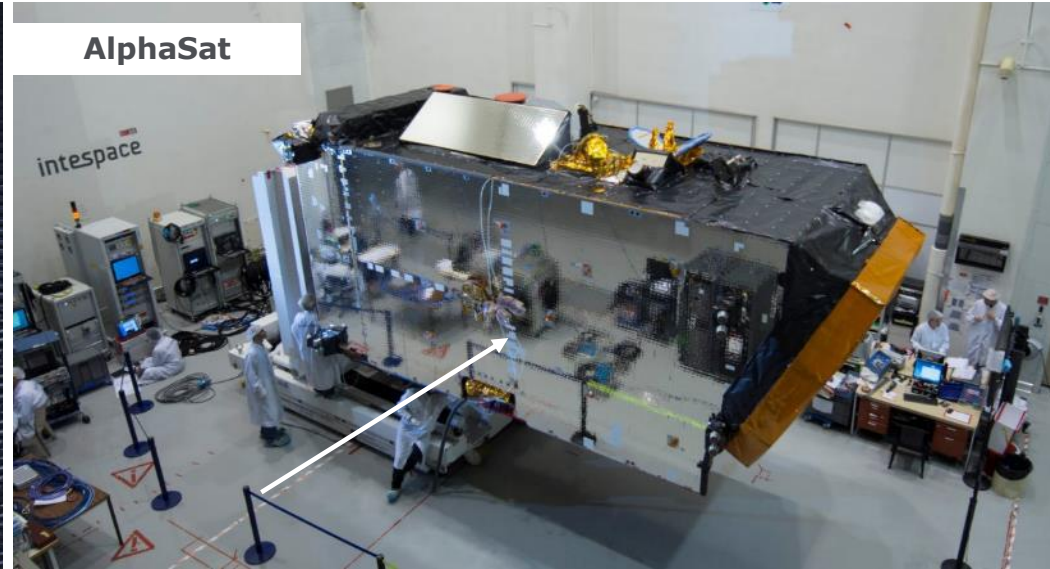
Passive Means – Radiators

Small GEO



Small GEO OSR radiators cover the maximum available surface on North and South sides.

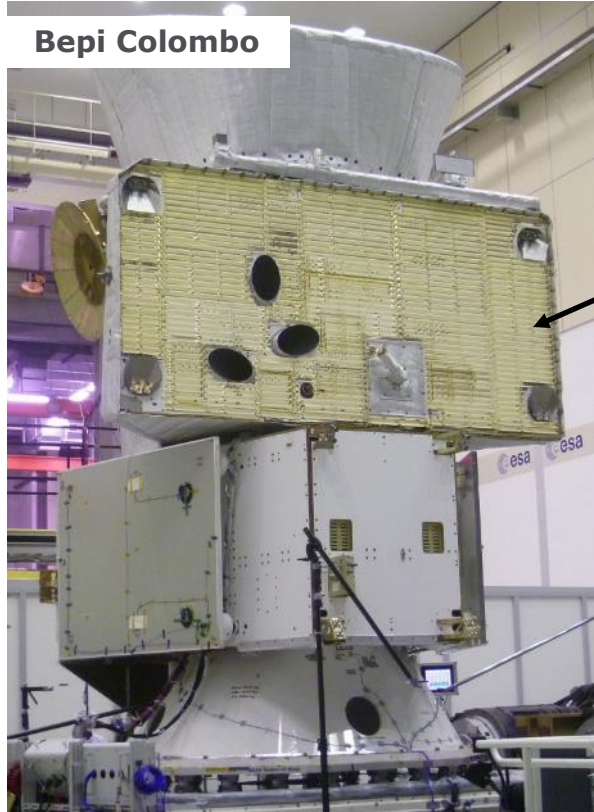
AlphaSat



AlphaSat OSR radiators cover the maximum available surface on North and South sides to radiate more than 10 kW of dissipation. The smaller radiator, on Nadir side cools down the Laser Communication Terminal.

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Passive Means – Radiators



Bepi Colombo OSR radiator are equipped with Planet Infrared flux deflective blades



5. Performance specific requirements

Flexibility

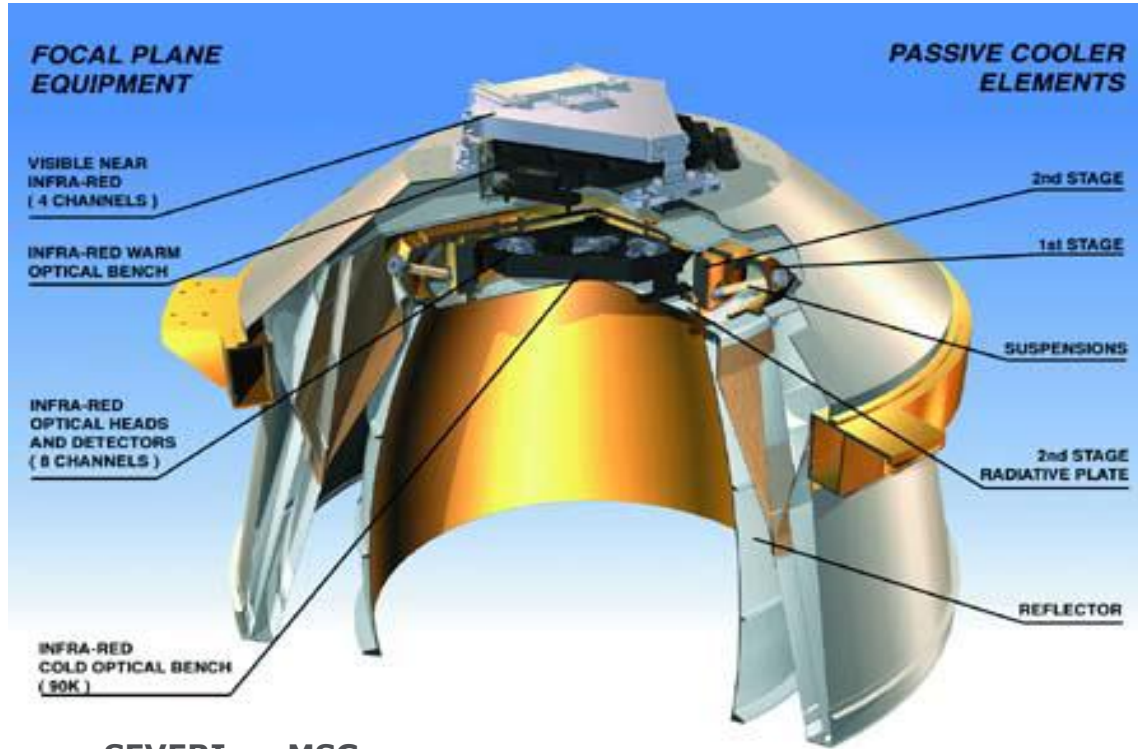
Clause 4.4.7 Flexibility

- a. The TCS design shall incorporate flexibility to
 1. accommodate modifications of requirements imposed on the TCS during the project development phase;
 2. offer trimming capabilities to accommodate late requirement updates.



5. Performance specific requirements

Passive Means – Multi-stage Radiators



SEVERI on MSG

5. Performance specific requirements

Passive Means – Dewar

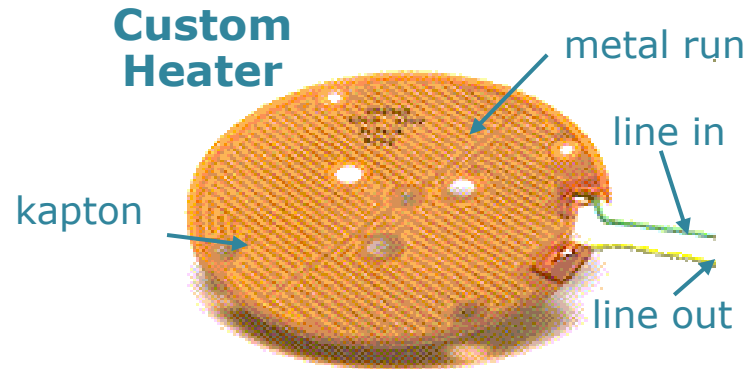
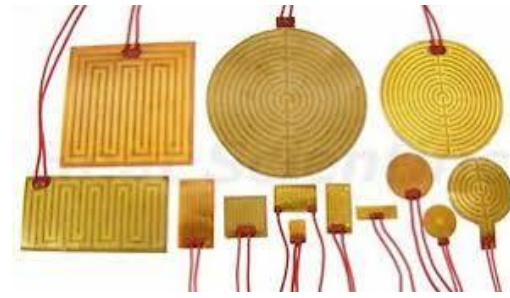
HERSCHEL FM w.o. MLI



- HERSCHEL Characteristics
 - 2367 l of superfluid Helium at 1.6 K
 - Heat budget of He Tank: 56 mW = 2.5 mg/s
 - Lifetime 3.5 years
 - Cryostat passively cooled to about 75 K
 - Telescope passively cooled to 90 K
 - Cryo-harness: 5000 links 300 K & 4 K, in 3 sections (steel & brass)
 - Further cooling to 0.3 K inside instruments

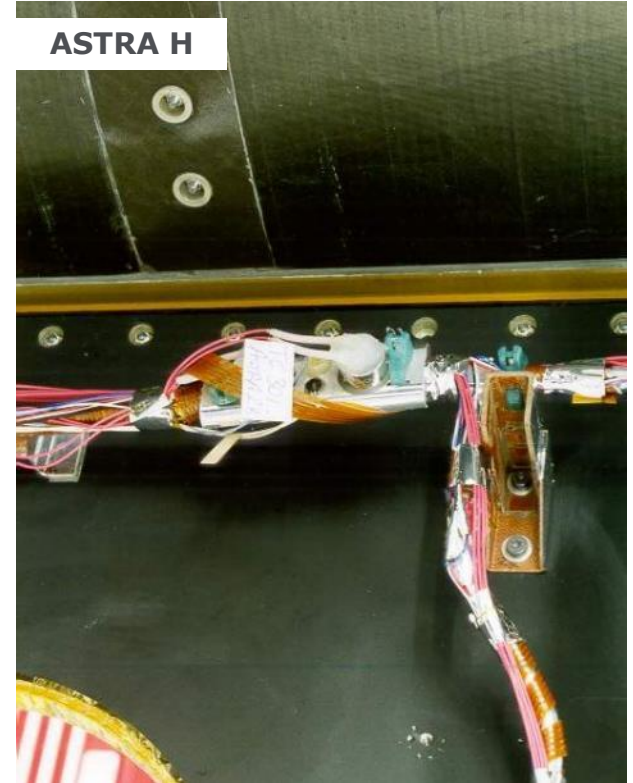
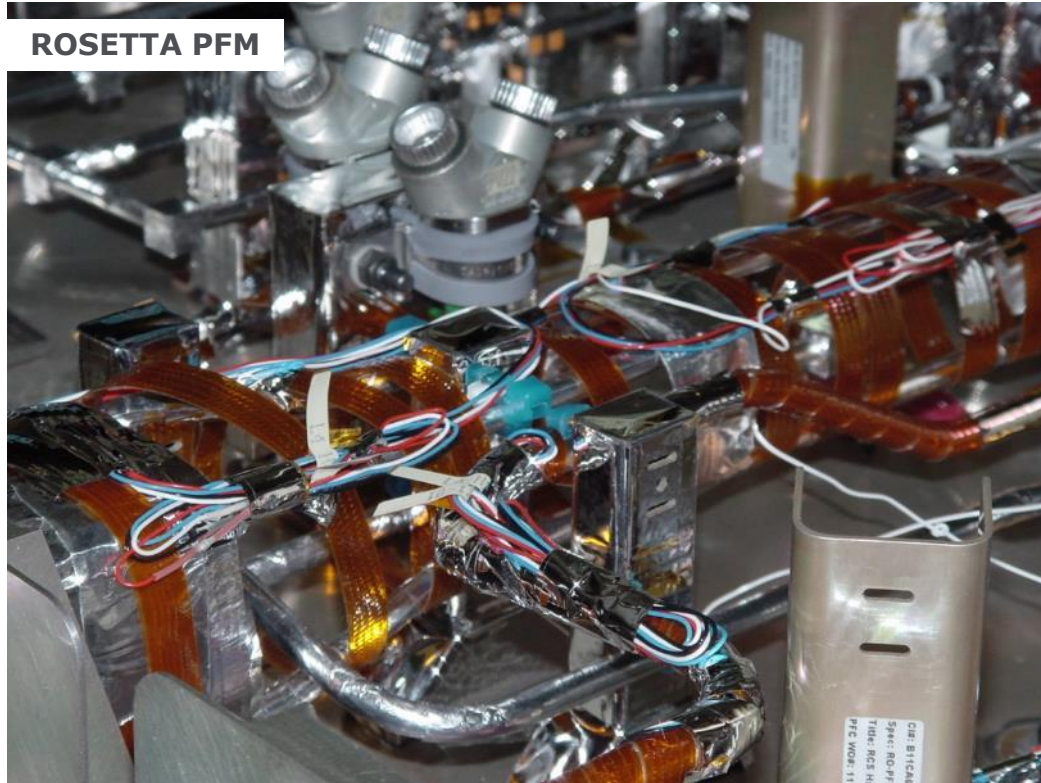
5. Performance specific requirements

Active Means – Heater + Thermostat



5. Performance specific requirements

Active Means – Heaters + Thermostat



5. Performance specific requirements EEE components & electrical

Clause 4.3.3 (Requirements towards other subsystems)

- a. Heat dissipation (including cabling)
- b. Routing of the harness, grounding, electrical conductivity.
- c. Power consumption, peak and average power, duty cycle
- d. Comply with the specified voltage and voltage variation.
- e. Grounding and EMC requirements for TCS items.

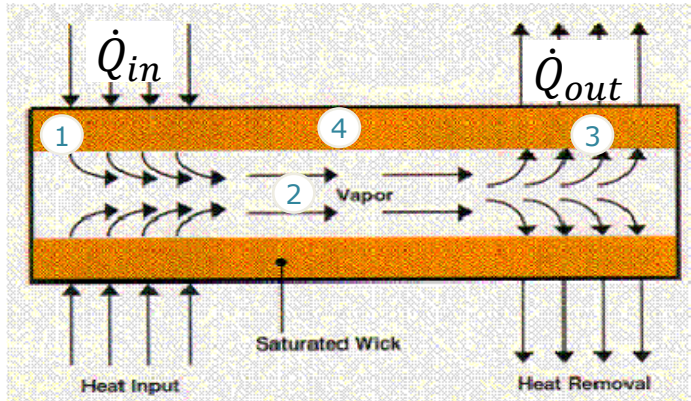
4.4.4 EEE components (Thermal Design)

- a. Use space qualified EEE components.
- b. An acceptance or qualification programme for new EEE components



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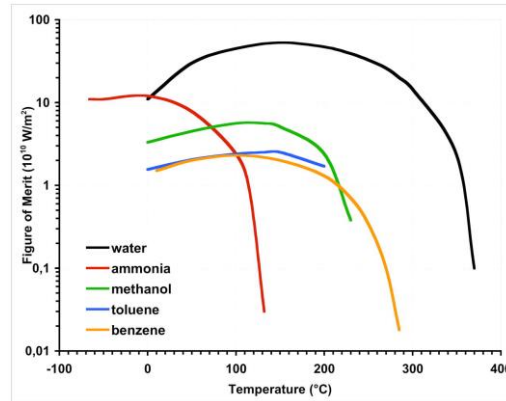
Active Means – Heat-Pipes



Working principle:

1. Vaporization in the evaporator;
2. Vapor flow in the core region of the container;
3. Condensation in the condenser, and
4. Liquid return to the evaporator by capillary action in the wick.

Figure of merit of heat pipes



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- capillary induced fluid flow, *instead* of gravitational or mechanical work



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Active Means – Heat-Pipe Examples

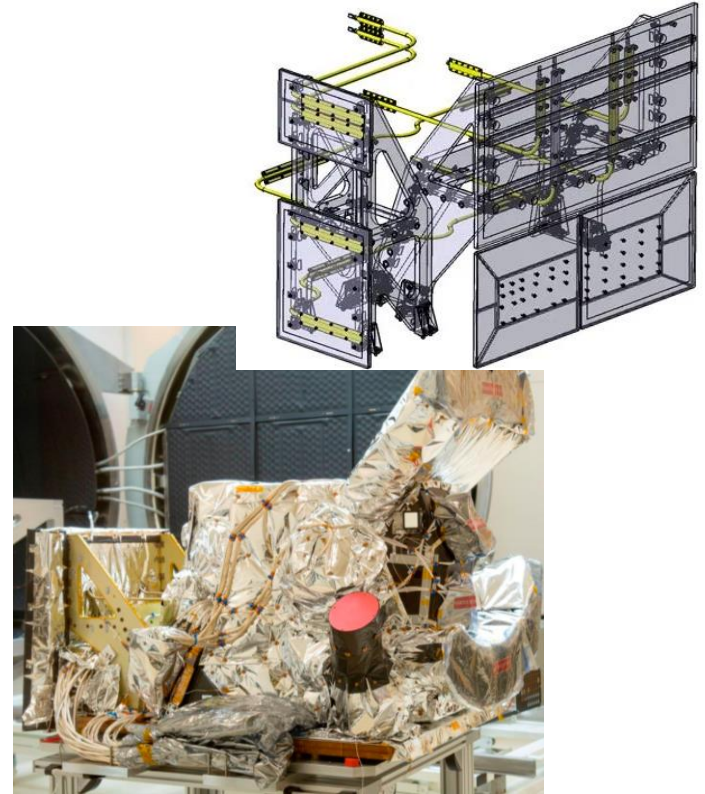
TAS HP



ALPHASAT HP PANEL



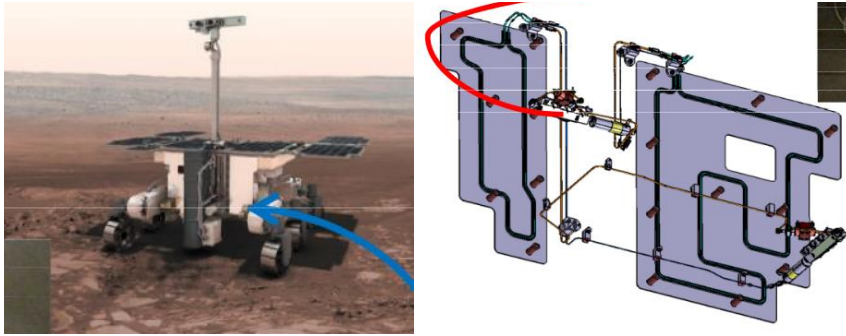
Sentinel 3 SLSTR Linking HP



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Active Means – Loop Heat-Pipe Examples

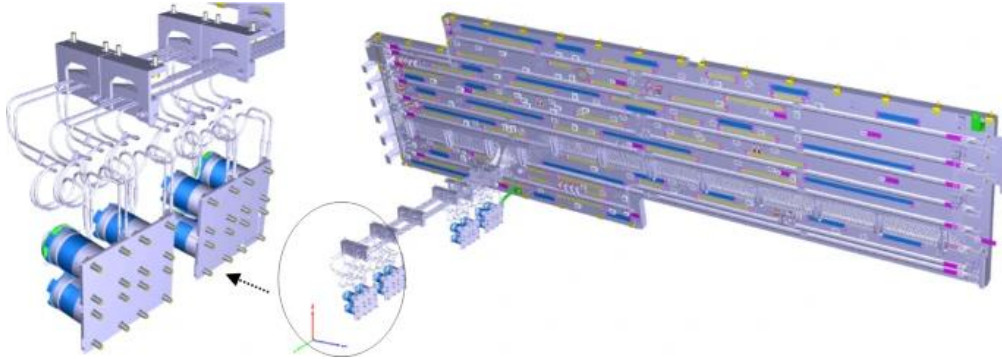
Exomars Rover Loop Heat Pipes Heat Switch



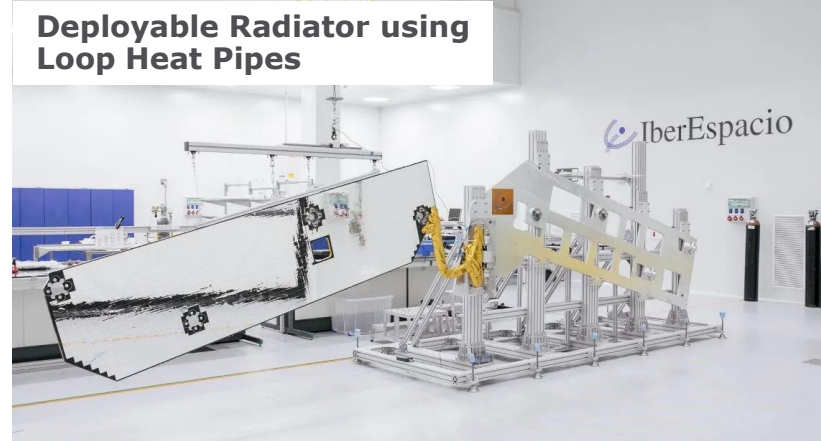
Sentinel 1 Laser Communication Terminal LHPs



EARTHCARE ATLLID Mini-LHPs



Deployable Radiator using Loop Heat Pipes



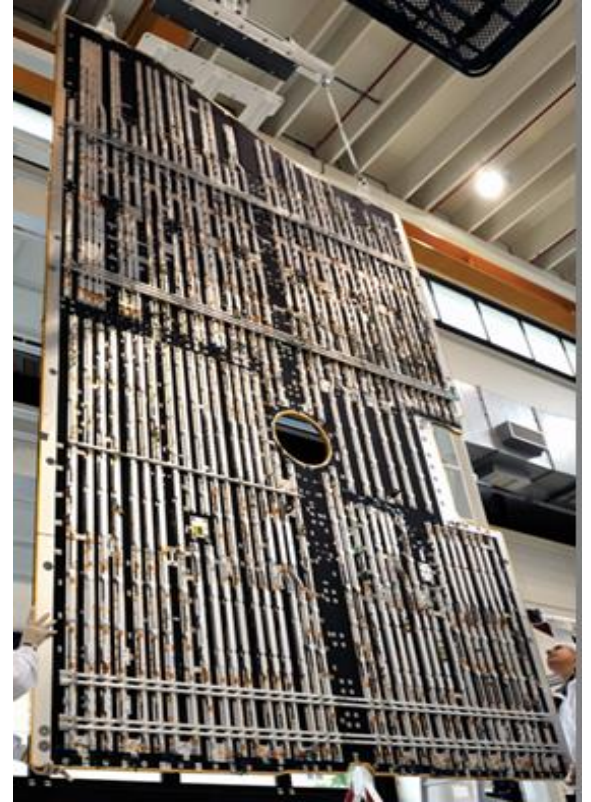
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Predictability and testability

Clause 4.4.6 Predictability and testability

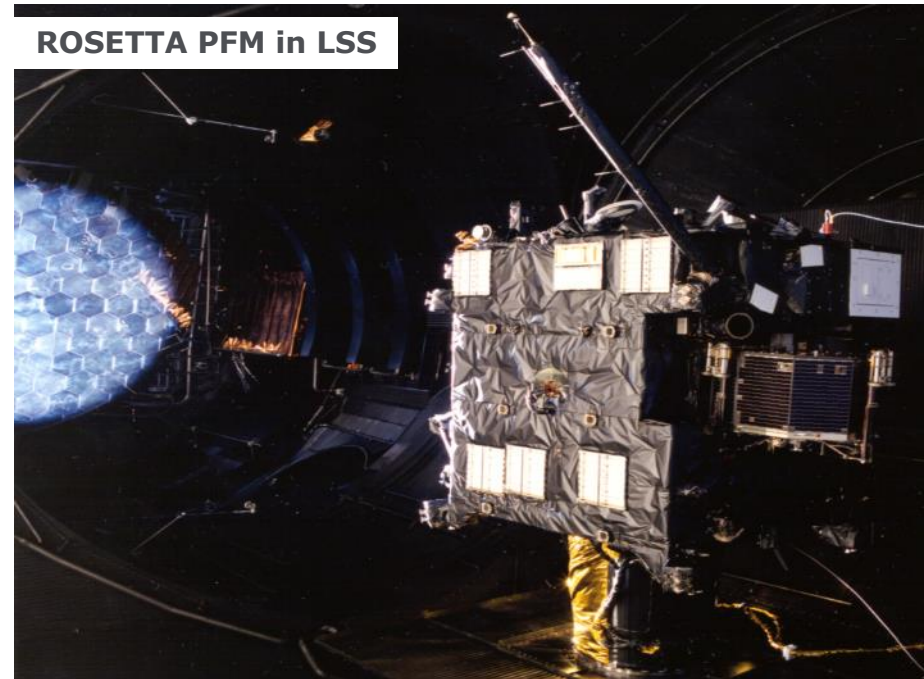
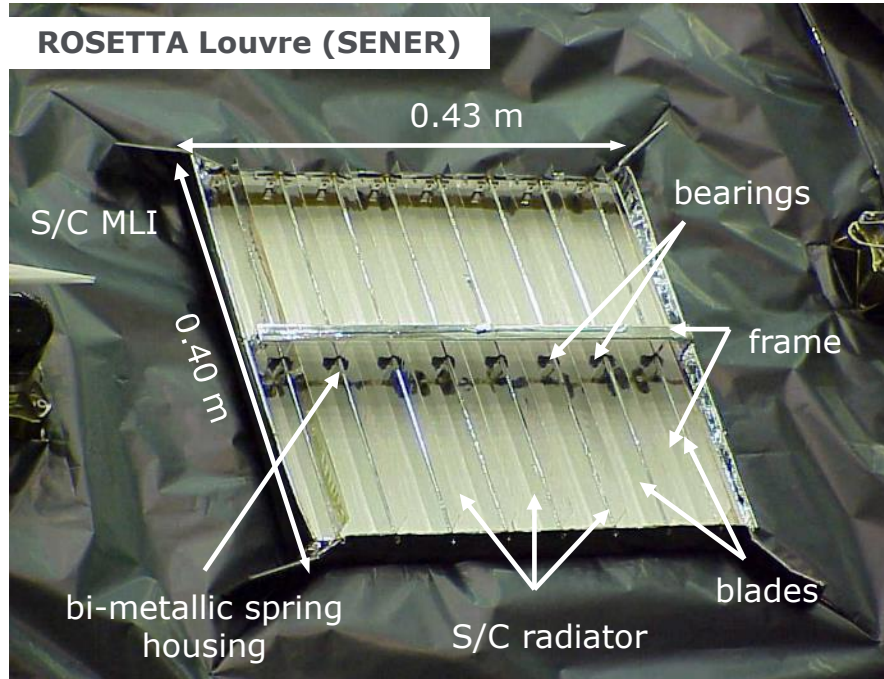
- a. The TCS shall be designed such that conformance to performance requirements of clause 4.2 can be demonstrated by thermal analyses and thermal test.

NOTE Modularity of the TCS design can facilitate its predictability and testability.



5. Performance specific requirements

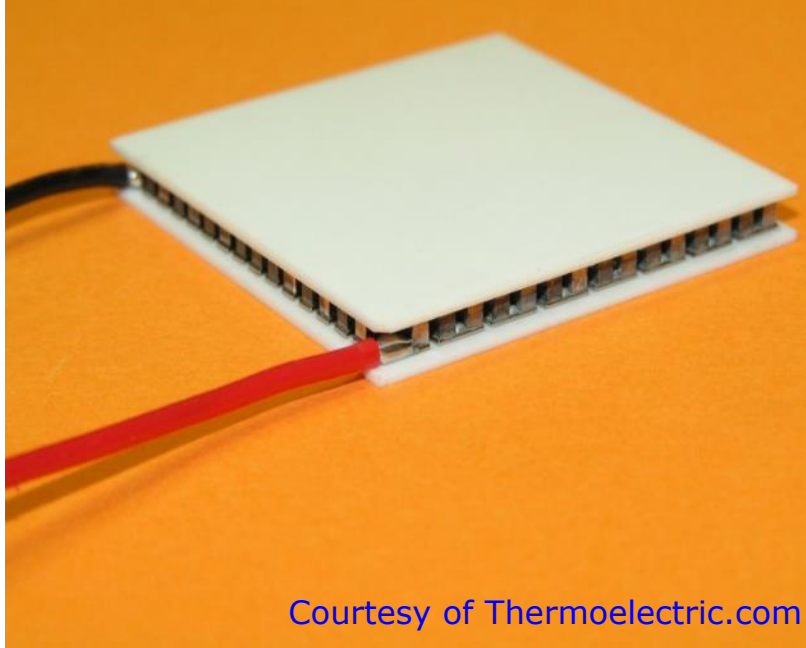
Active Means – Louvres



5. Performance specific requirements

Active Means – Coolers

Thermo-Electric Cooler



- Max ΔT @0 W $\sim 40^{\circ}\text{C}$ (1 stage)
- Max ΔT @0 W $\sim 70^{\circ}\text{C}$ (multi stage)
- typical COP 0.30-0.70

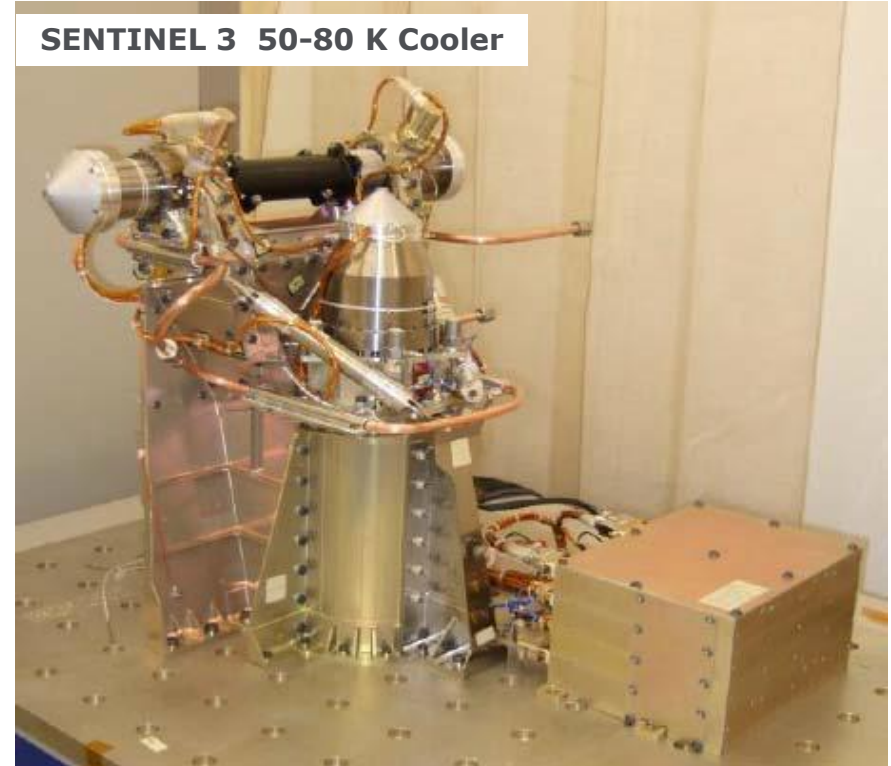
- COP = coefficient of performance $Q_c / I \cdot V$
- I = current
- V = voltage
- Q_c = cooling power

5. Performance specific requirements

Active Means – Stirling Coolers



- Heat lift 1.5 W @80K
- Input power 52 W



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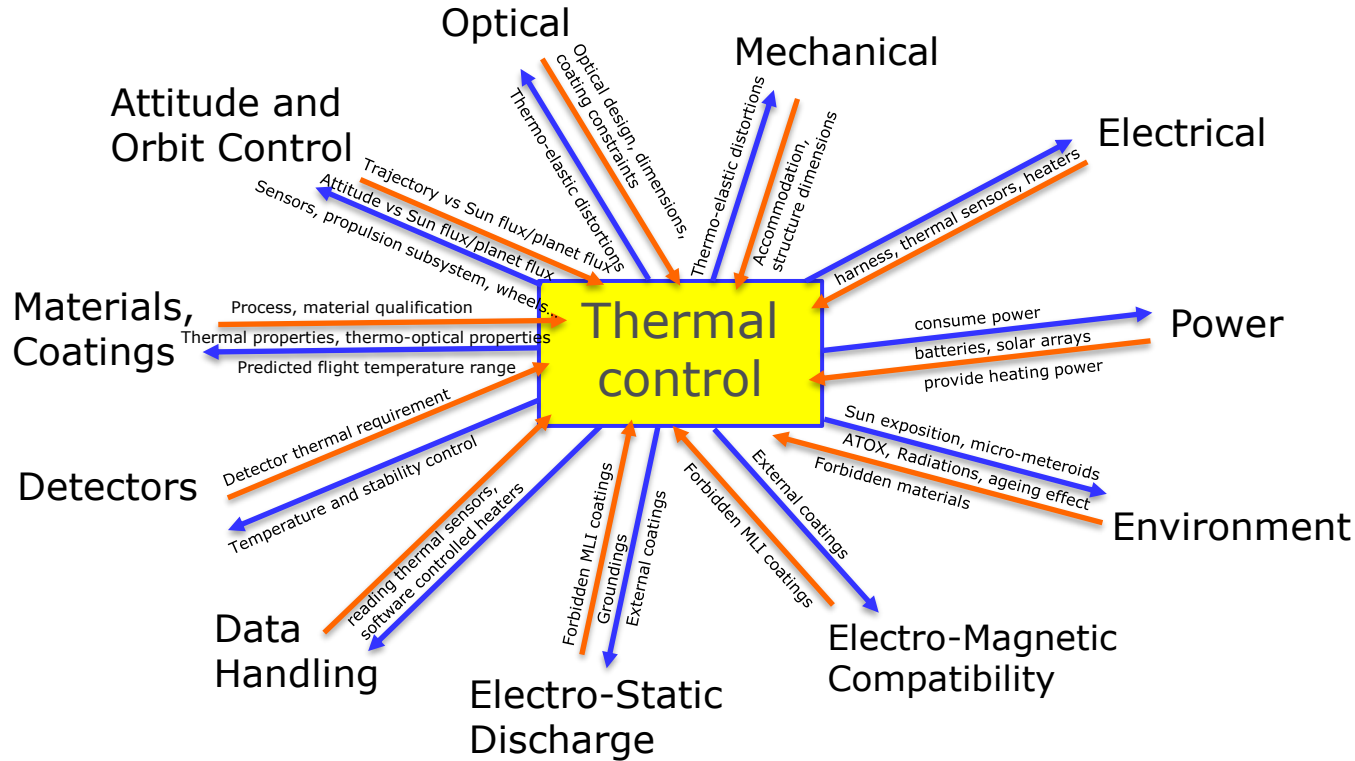
1. Thermal Model and Analysis

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Requirement towards other subsystems



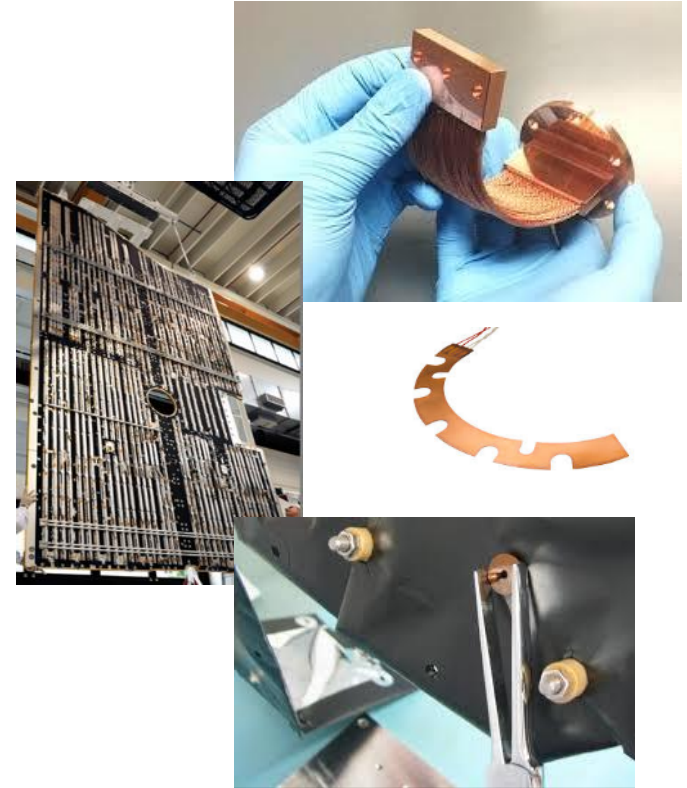
As a discipline, Thermal is close to System. Thermal has interface with almost all other domains, but without the need to know everything in great details.

5. Performance specific requirements

Requirements towards other subsystems - Mechanical

Clause 4.3.2:

- a. The TCS shall be designed respecting spacecraft configuration and layout, including the following information for each item in the applicable ICD
1. Dimension and mass
 2. Materials and heat capacities
 3. Fixation and mounting techniques
 4. Contact area
 5. Surface characteristics
 6. Alignment requirements
 7. Forbidden zones
 8. Connector locations
 9. Available area for fixation of thermal hardware
 10. Spacecraft harness.



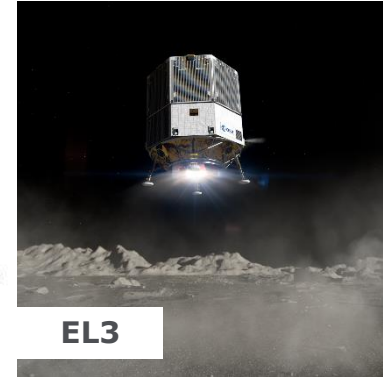
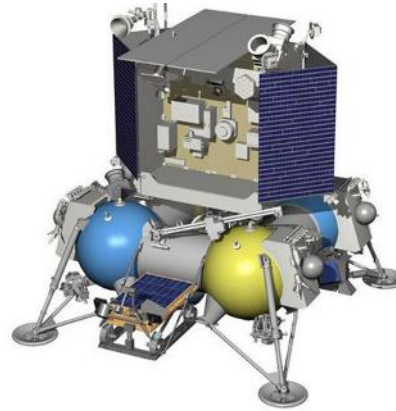
5. Performance specific requirements

Requirements towards other subsystems - AOCS

4.3.4.1 Propulsion

- a. The TCS design shall fulfil requirements considering heat fluxes due to plume interaction and the temperature profiles of the thruster components during operation of a thrusters
- b. The TCS shall be designed for effects of heat soak after firing of thrusters.
- c. TCS shall agree with the system authority modifications of thruster operation for the case that temperatures of thruster components are predicted to be not acceptable.

Luna-27 lander



5. Performance specific requirements

Requirements towards other subsystems - AOCS

4.3.4.2 Attitude control

- a. Attitude requirements affecting the TCS design shall be specified at system level.

NOTE For example: Specified momentum for mechanical pumps in fluid loops.

- b. In case of a thermally unacceptable attitude, the TCS shall agree with the system authority alternative attitudes and lay out.



5. Performance specific requirements

Requirements towards other subsystems - GSE

4.3.8 GSE

- a. GSE interface requirements related to TCS shall be specified in the GSE specification of the project.
- b. TCS specific requirements for ground support equipment shall be specified by the thermal control subsystem.
- c. The TCS design shall permit GSEs to interface the S/C at the specified locations.



CryoSat in IABG thermal chamber

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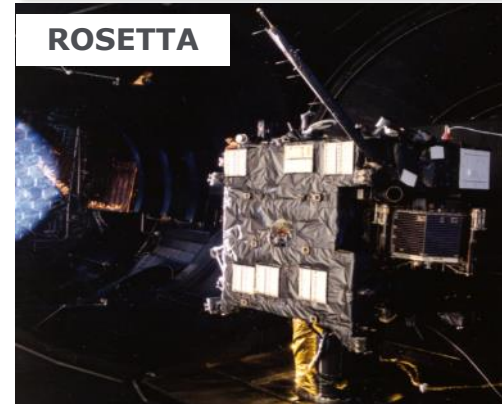
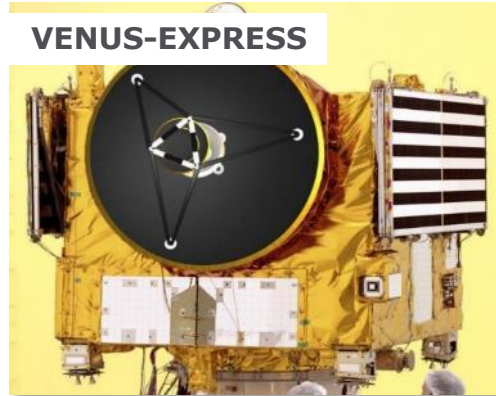
2. Thermal Tests



5. Performance specific requirements

Thermal Design – Activities

- **Define optical surface properties**
 - Paints,
 - Coatings
- **Define insulation means**
 - MLI, or other insulation (foams)
 - washers, stand-offs, etc.
- **Design heat transport/spreading systems**
 - doubler
 - fluid loop
 - heat-pipes, etc.
- **Define temperature regulation principle and control algorithm**
 - number and position + power/profile of heaters
 - number and position of flight sensors (thermostats, thermistors, etc.)
- **Establish the budgets**
 - temperature, heater and power



5. Performance specific requirements

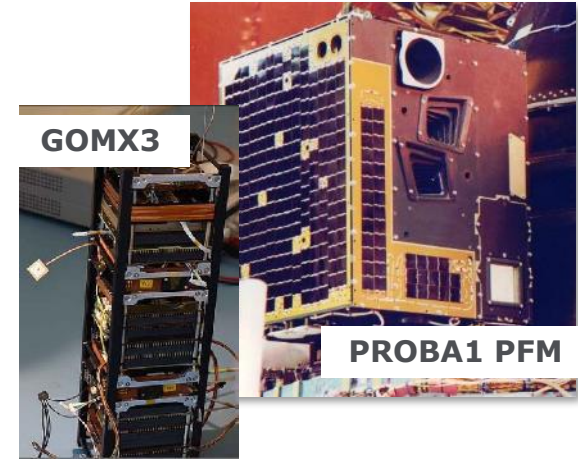
Thermal Design – Activities

- **Distribution of dissipative units**
 - preferably directly behind a radiator
 - group unit with similar temperature requirements
 - but distribute units to avoid hot spots
 - maximize radiative exchange inside cavities to minimize temperature gradient
- **Position and dimension of radiators**
 - on faces not exposed to the Sun or high intensity heat sources
 - with maximum view factor to deep space
 - far from contamination sources (thruster, venting holes, apertures)
 - radiator must have a trimming capability in area to cope with power increase and adjustment after satellite TBTV test

5. Performance specific requirements

Typical Thermal Designs – Non-Insulated Design

- **Non-insulated design is possible**
 - when internal dissipation is small compared to the environmental heat loads
- **Characteristics**
 - no/little insulation with MLI, units in the middle of the body
 - external faces receive environmental fluxes
 - design relies on internal mass ($m \cdot c_p$) of units and decoupling from external faces
 - more temperature variation than insulated design
- Examples **PROBA1, P2, Cubesat**



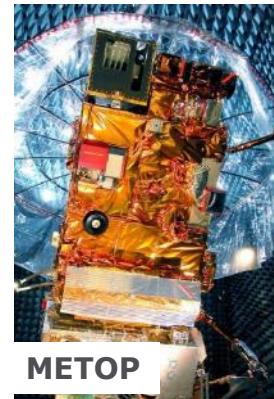
5. Performance specific requirements

Typical Thermal Designs – Radiative Design

- **Radiative design is possible**
 - when internal dissipation is higher w.r.t. environmental heat loads
- **Characteristics**
 - S/C body protected by MLI from undesirable environmental fluxes
 - design relies on radiative surfaces placed everywhere at preferred locations that radiate to deep space => RADIATORS
 - control of attitude to avoid as much as possible heat loads on radiators
 - less temperature variation than “bulk” design
- **Examples: *most* of the existing satellites:**
 - Scientific XMM, HUYGENS, BepiColombo MPO, ROSETTA
 - Telecoms ALPHASAT, ASTRA 1K



XMM

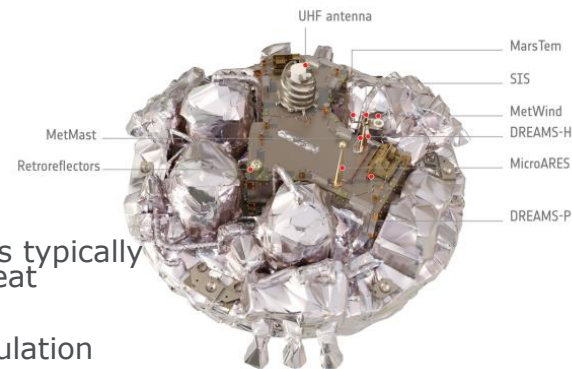


METOP

5. Performance specific requirements

Typical Thermal Designs – Convective Environment Design

- **Convective design is possible**
 - Fluid loops and Forced Air convective heat transfer is possible
 - Surface Missions with atmosphere allowing natural convection and wind
- **Characteristics**
 - Fins to increase the surface area with gas and fluid flow using pumps or fans typically used on Crew missions for internal pressurized compartment or fluid loop heat exchangers
 - Surface missions, as Mars, insulated design with heat switch using thick insulation with a minimum of 3cm
 - Mars and Moon Mission using Warm Compartment to use waste heat to survive and to increase thermal capacity to extend further in the night
 - Highly insulated design may cause issue during the Cruise phase when incapsulated
 - RHU can be used to help surviving the night and Dust storm season
- **Examples: *most*** of the existing satellites:
 - Crewed Shuttle, ISS payloads, and Gateway
 - Surface Exomars



**Exomars
Schiaparelli**



Exomars Rover

6. Verification

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6. Verification

Verification requirements specific to TCS

4.5.2.1 All temperature ranges

- a. Verification by analysis shall be performed through thermal analytical modelling and corresponding performance predictions.
- b. The cases to be verified by analysis shall be agreed with the system authority.

NOTE 1 Verification by analysis is the selected verification method for cases where fully representative testing cannot be performed.

NOTE 2 For example: Environmental and dimensional limitations of the test facilities.

NOTE 3 For example: Behaviour of TCS items under reduced or increased gravity.



LSS = Large Space Simulator @ ESTEC

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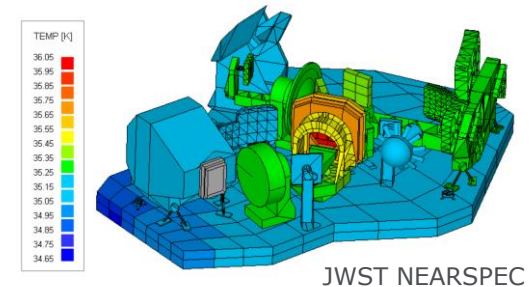
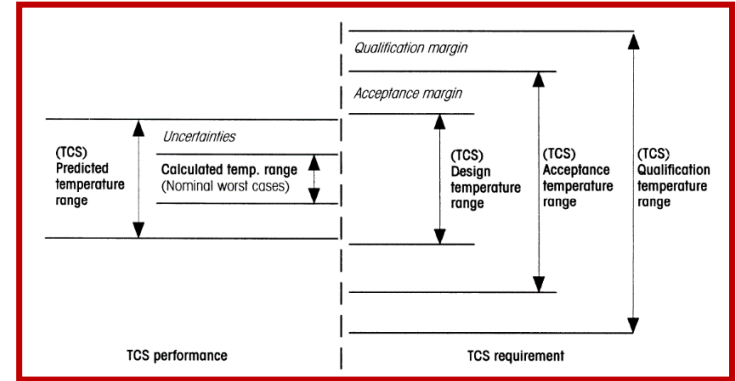
Verification requirements specific to TCS

4.5.2.1 All temperature ranges (cont'd)

- c. Verification by analysis shall take into account uncertainties.

NOTE Uncertainties of lower than 10 K are generally not applied before verification by a TBT is performed.

- d. Thermal and geometrical models shall be defined in a Mathematical Model Specification in conformance with the DRD of Annex A.
- e. Thermal and geometrical models used for analysis shall be documented in the Thermal and Geometrical Model Description in conformance with the DRD of Annex B.
- f. For each thermal analysis a TCS analysis report shall be produced in conformance with the DRD of Annex C.



Detour 3 – Thermal Modelling & Analysis

Detour 3

Thermal Models – Overview

- Mathematical representation of the satellite and its environment by:

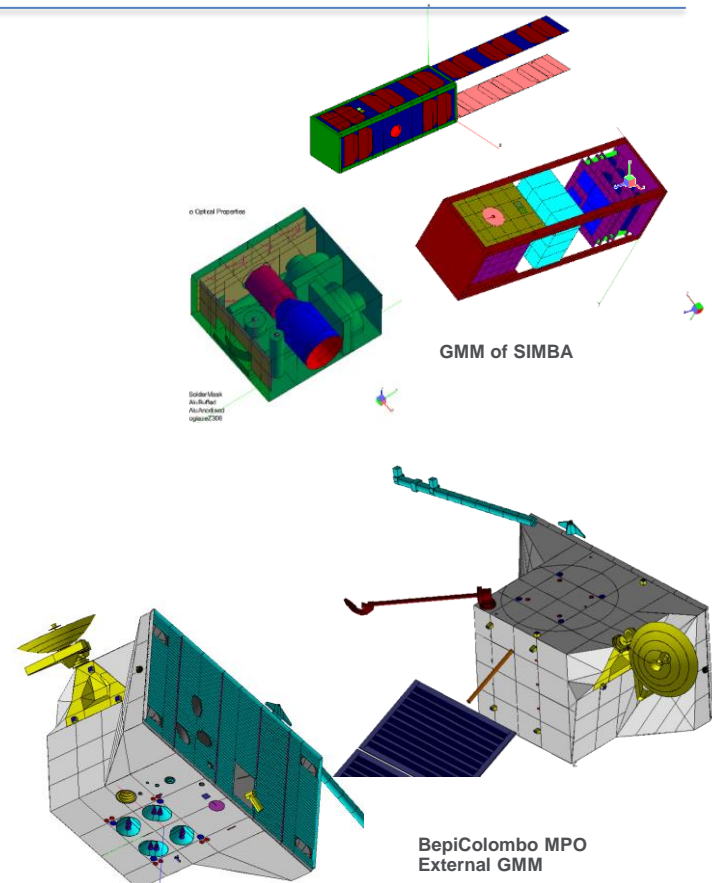
- a geometry of the problem with S/C, planet...

Geometrical mathematical model (GMM)

- a network of nodes, couplings, heat sources

Thermal mathematical model (TMM)

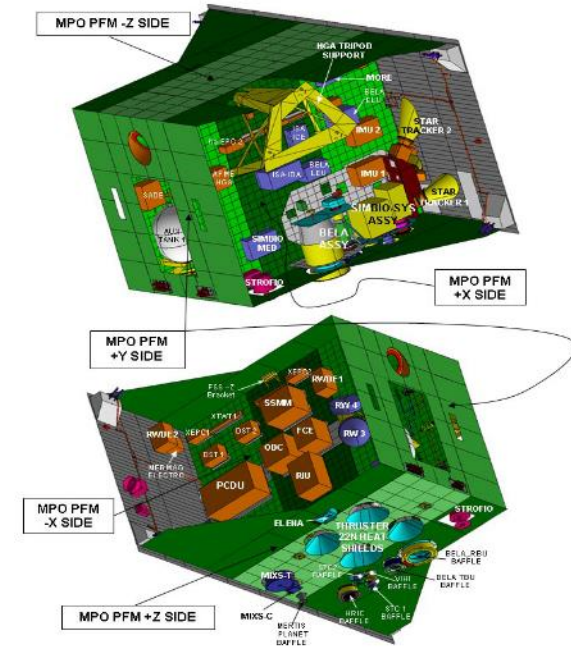
- Thermal models are used during the thermal analyses:
 - by iteration of different design solutions or configurations
 - it avoids unnecessary and expensive hardware test



Detour 3

Geometrical Mathematical Model (GMM)

- **Geometric representation of S/C**
 - by basic surfaces (rectangle, triangle, disk, cylinder...)
 - with relevant thermo-optical properties solar absorptivity α , infrared emissivity ε ; ageing properties: Begin-of-life (BOL) and end-of-life (EOL)
 - in relevant orbits (transfer, operational; single or chained)
 - for various attitudes w.r.t. Sun, planet, etc.
- **Model granularity**
 - “As detailed as necessary, as simple as possible”
 - local model detailed enough to assess critical elements (sensitive components, high power density)
- **GMM is used to calculate**
 - radiative couplings, view factors $F_{1 \rightarrow 2}$
 - environmental heat loads Q_S, Q_A, Q_E



Detour 3

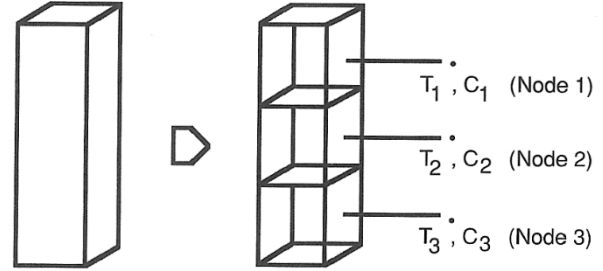
Thermal Mathematical Model (TMM)

- **Mathematical representation of the S/C**

- Discretization of structural parts (lumped nodes)
- Accounting for mechanisms & structural parts
- Electronic components and heat dissipation
- Use relevant material properties
 - heat capacity, density, thermal conductivity,
 - heat transfer coefficient, contact conductance,
 - Ablation, phase change, ...
- Use of control laws of heater/unit dissipation, mechanism positions if any
- Represent operational modes

-> in a set of differential equations

- All GMM nodes are represented in the TMM – vice versa not all TMM nodes are represented in the GMM
- **All G/TMM must be correlated to some extent against test data**



$$C_i \frac{dT}{dt} = \sum_{i \neq j} G_{ij} (T_j - T_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} R_{ij} (T_j^4 - T_i^4) + Q_i$$

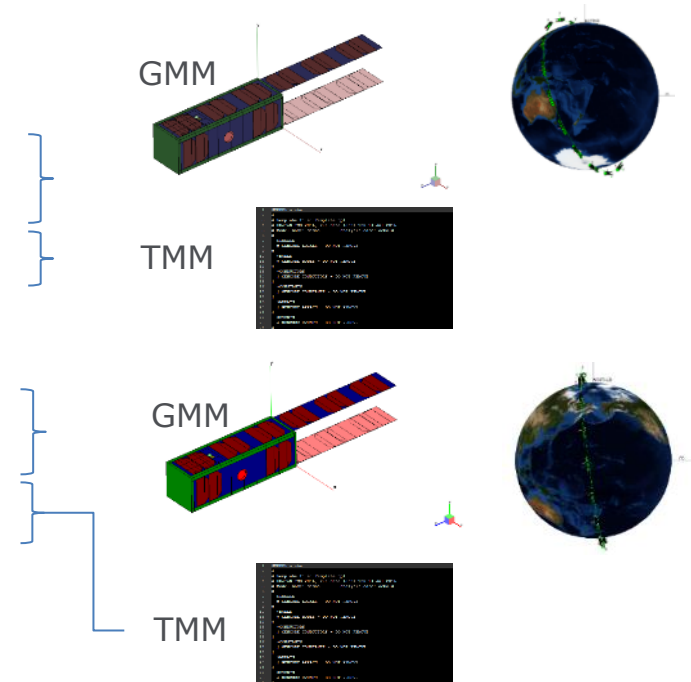
$$G_{ij} = \frac{\lambda \cdot A_{ij}}{l_{ij}}$$

$$R_{ij} = A_i \cdot F_{ij} \cdot \varepsilon_i \cdot \alpha_j$$

Detour 3

Thermal Analyses – Worst Cases

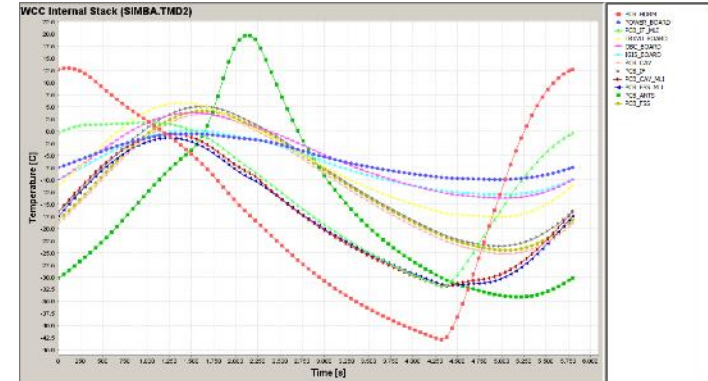
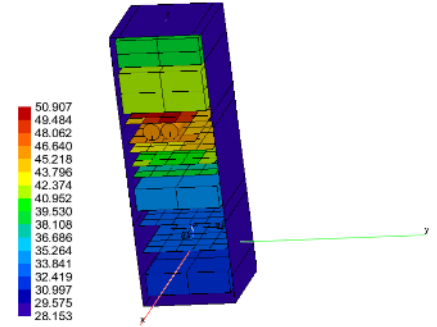
- **Definition of extreme cases**
 - **Hot case**
 - End-of-Life (degraded) thermo-optical properties
 - winter solstice when solar intensity is maximum
 - maximum internal heat dissipation
 - **Cold case**
 - Beginning-of-Life thermo-optical properties
 - Summer solstice
 - Minimum internal heat dissipation
- Orbit / Mission dependent
 - Worst case may occur at another time
 - During a long eclipse



Detour 3

Thermal Analyses – Results

- **Calculation of temperature field and heat flows**
 - for each mission phase
 - in steady-state: operational orbit for extreme cases
 - in transient
 - for launch and transfer orbit
 - cyclic temperature evolution along orbit
 - failure cases (loss of attitude, loss of heat-pipe ...)
- **Evaluation of the TCS performances**
 - temperatures, gradient
 - radiator dimension, absorptivity emissivity
 - heater power & duty cycle
 - heat flow (Q) distribution and balance
 - transient fluctuation, evolution of T and Q



Detour 3

Conductive heat transfer - basics

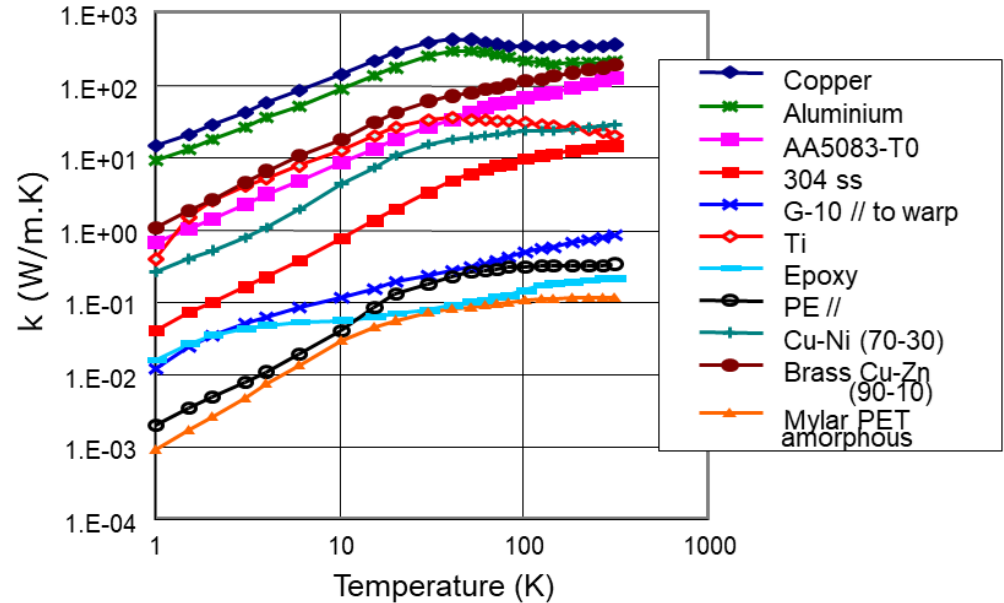
Conductive heat transfer

- a. propagation of energy from particle to particle
- b. in solid, liquid or gaseous matter, homogeneous or not

Fouriers law

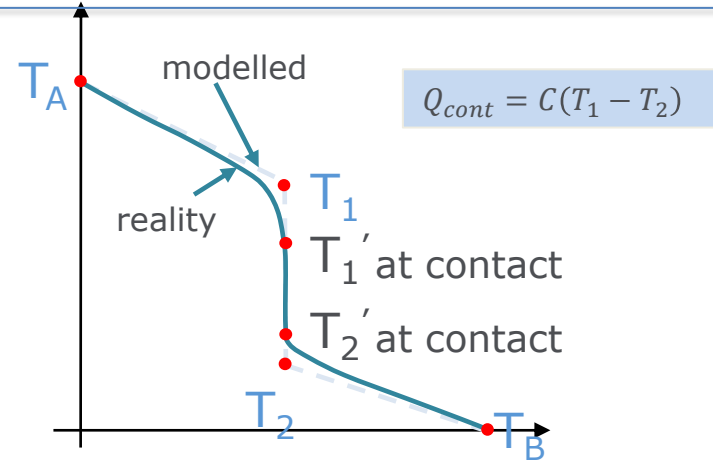
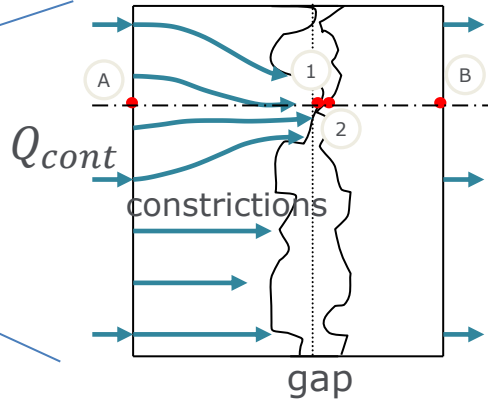
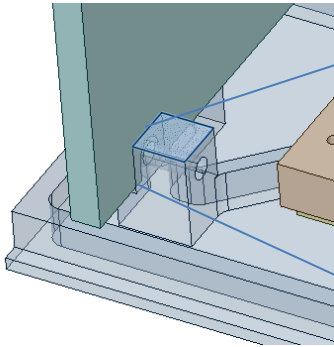
$$\dot{q}_{cond} = -\frac{\lambda_x}{x}(T_2 - T_1)$$

Thermal conductivity vs. temperature



Detour 3

Contact Conductance



Interface between two bodies:

- all mechanical fastening: screws, bolts, potted inserts
- difficult to evaluate even through test
 - gap
 - micro-constrictions

Interstitial space:

- gas filled: air (on ground), N_2 , CO_2 (on Mars)...
- vacuum: environmental thermal test / space
- Glue or interface filler: e.g. graphite or boron nitride

Difficult to characterise:

- not always reproducible
- Its value depends on:
 - materials in contact, mechanical forces (area, rigidity...)
 - interstitial gas
 - contact surface quality: roughness and planarity
 - temperature

Detour 3

Radiative Heat Transfer – Basics

$$E_{\lambda,T} = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5 \left(e^{\frac{hc}{k_B \lambda T}} - 1 \right)}$$

Planck's law

hemispherical **spectral**
emissive power [W/m²/μm]

$$E_{bb,T} = \int_0^{\infty} E_{\lambda,T} d\lambda = \sigma T^4$$

Stefan - Boltzmanns law

hemispherical **total**
emissive power [W/m²]

$$\lambda_{\max} = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{T} \approx \frac{2898}{T}$$

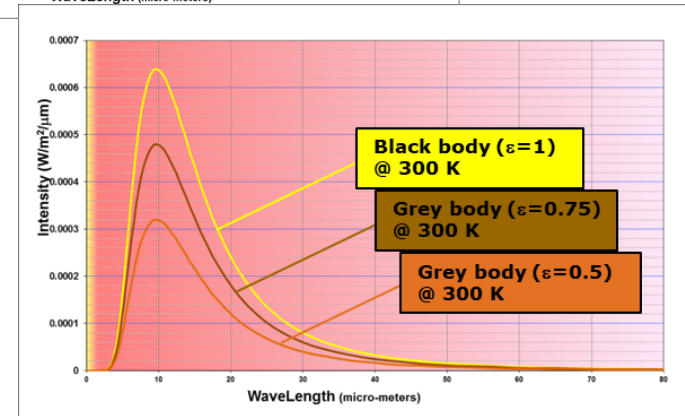
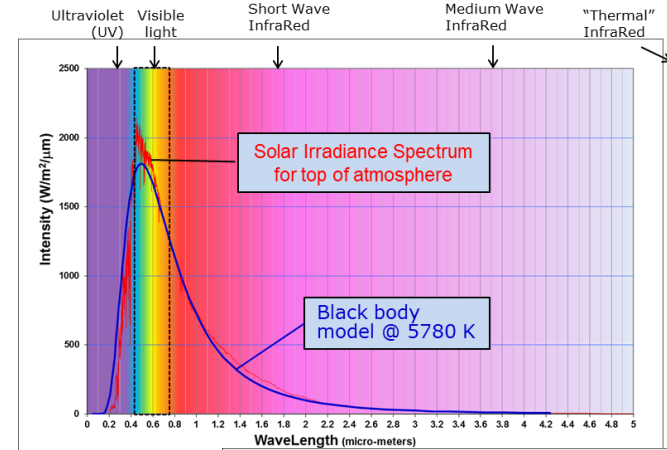
Wien's Displacement law

Wavelength of maximum
emission [μm]

Black Body

$$\alpha(\theta, \lambda) = \alpha = 1$$

$$\varepsilon(\theta, \lambda) = \varepsilon = 1$$

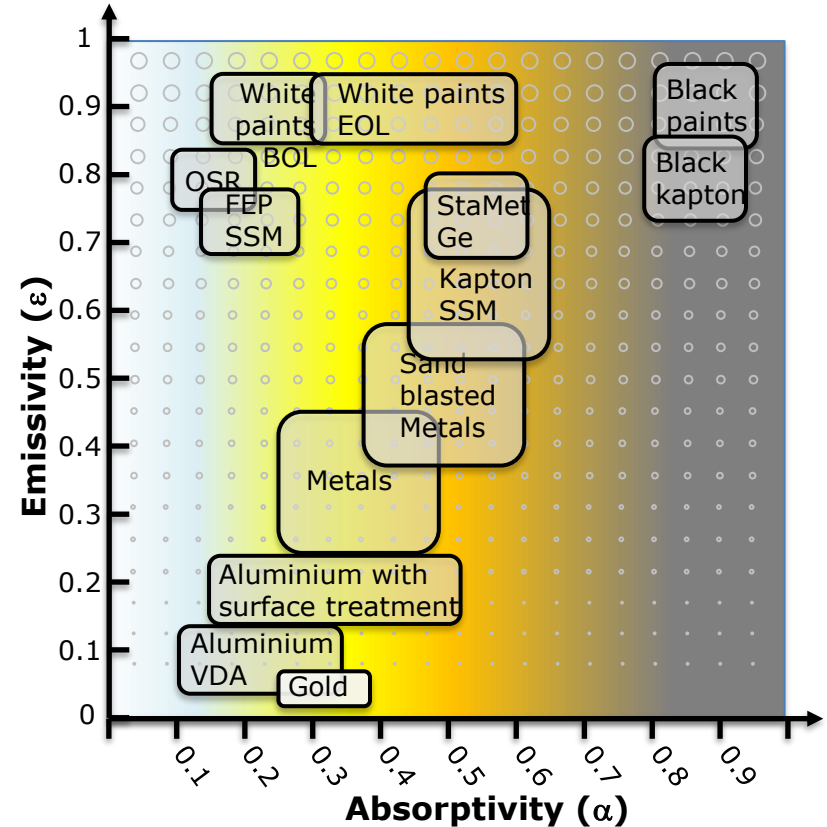


Detour 3 Optical Surface Properties

Finish	α_s	ϵ_{IR}	α_s/ϵ_{IR}
Vapour deposited (VD) Au	0.23	0.03	9.20
VD Al (VDA)	0.15	0.05	3.00
Black paint	0.94	0.81	1.16
White paint	0.2	0.88	0.23
Second surface mirror (SSM) (Ag 2 mils)	0.10	0.60	0.17
Optical surface mirror (OSR)	0.09	0.82	0.11
Typical for CubeSats (examples)			
Black Anodization	0.86	0.86	1.00
Alodine (bare)	0.37	0.06	6.17
Alodine (sandblasted)	0.46	0.25	1.84

- **Values to be treated with care!!!**
 - dependence on substrate, application process, post-processing, thickness, temperature range ...
 - angle of incident ...

In doubt? -> Measure!



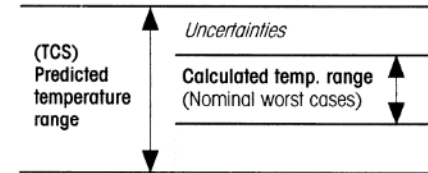
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Thermal Analysis – Uncertainties vs. Margins



- **Uncertainties in thermal modeling:**

- Numerical uncertainties
- ‘Physical’ uncertainties
 - material properties (anisotropy, batch differences)
 - optical surface properties (literature vs. real values; wavelength dependency)
 - contact uncertainties (surface roughness, pressure, interstitial media)
 - geometrical uncertainties (simplified geometry, no harness, etc.)
 - control uncertainties (thermostat switching, PID settings, etc.)
- Model uncertainties are the responsibility of the thermal analyst
- Model uncertainties can be reduced through test and sensitivity values: +/- 15 K @ Phase 0/A, +/- 10 K @ Phase B/C.



TCS performance

• **All results (calculated temperature) produced with computer models have uncertainties (predicated temperatures) – as each measurement has a measurement uncertainty.**

Detour 3 Thermal Analysis – Uncertainties vs. Margins

- **Uncertainties:**

- Modeling Uncertainties
- Numerical Uncertainties

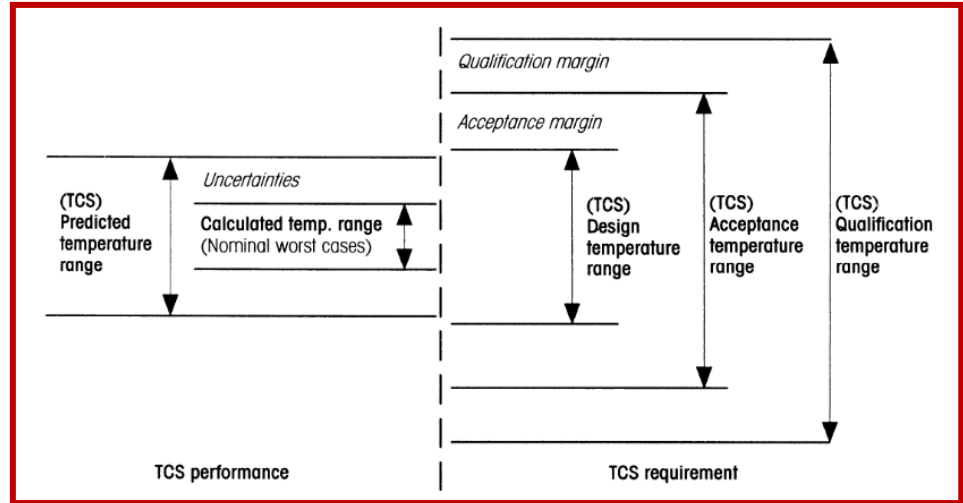
- Geometry -> simplifications (holes, bolts, harness), ...
- Material properties -> bulk, anisotropy, ...
- Optical surface properties -> substrate, literature data, wavelength, opacity, specularity, ...
- Conductive interfaces -> geometry, contact conductance, ...

- **Margins:**

- Design Margin : project specific
- Acceptance Margin : typical $\pm 5K$
- Qualification Margin : typical $\pm 5K$

Uncertainty \neq Margin

- **Uncertainty is inherent to model**
- **Margin is systematic “safety”**

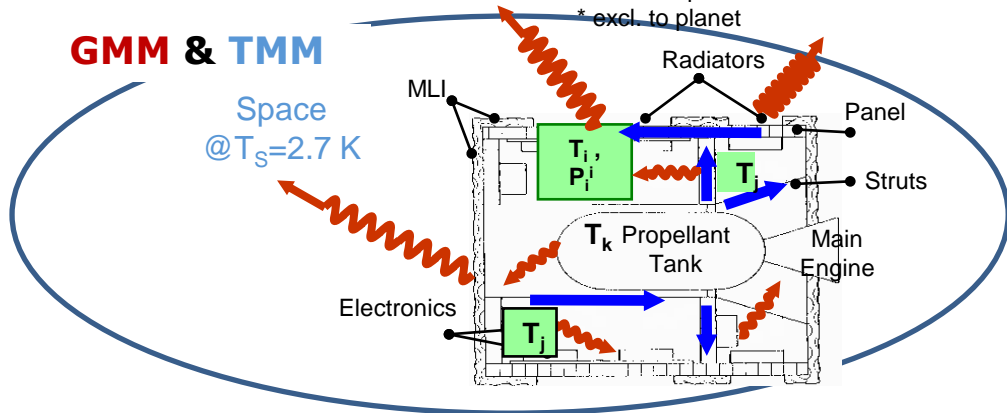


Thermal Models – Energy Balance Equation

ENERGY CONSERVATION written at EACH thermal node i

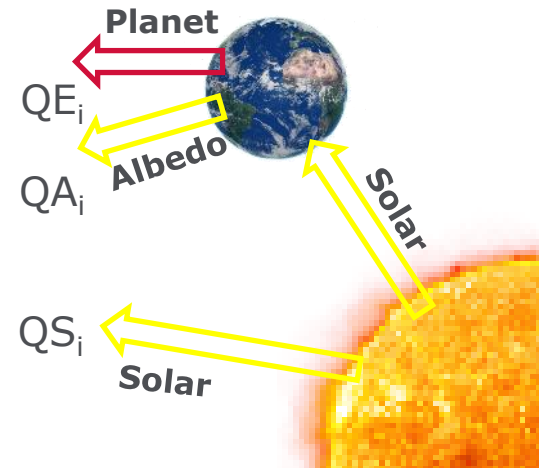
<p>stored energy</p> $m_i C_i \frac{dT_i}{dt}$	<p>conducted* flux</p> $\sum_j G_{ij} (T_j - T_i)$ <p><small>*Or convective</small></p>	<p>radiated* flux</p> $\sum_j R_{ji} (T_j^4 - T_i^4)$ <p><small>* incl. to space * excl. to planet</small></p>	<p>fluid flow (not visualised)</p> $\sum_j F_{ji} (T_j - T_i)$	<p>external loads</p> $QE_i + QA_i + QS_i$	<p>internal loads</p> P_i^i
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GMM & TMM



→ conduction part of TMM
→ radiation part of GMM

GMM



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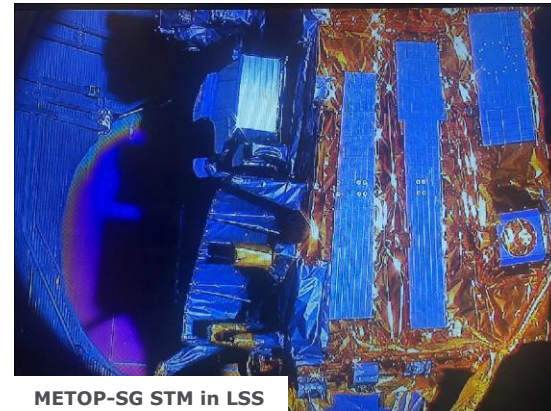
Verification requirements specific to TCS

4.5.2.1 All temperature ranges (cont'd)

- g. Conformance to specified performance shall be demonstrated by performing **thermal balance**, thermal vacuum and climatic tests.
- h. Test conditions shall be agreed with the system authority and included in the system test plan.
- i. Verification testing of the TCS shall include, mechanical, electrical and hydraulic testing to be defined in test specifications.
- j. Temperatures at the TRP shall be used to verify requirements by analysis and test.

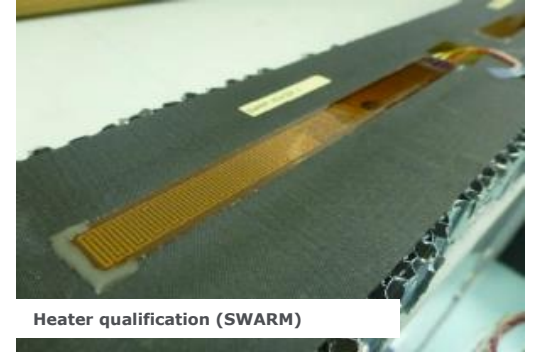
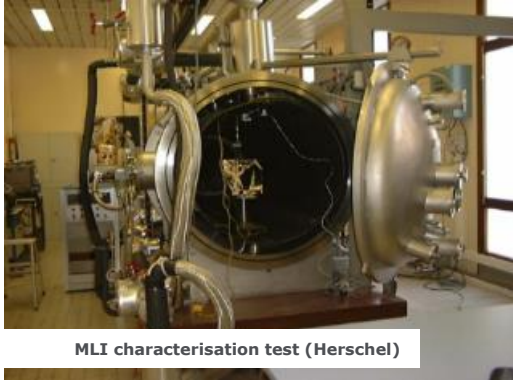


Bepi Colombo STM in LSS



METOP-SG STM in LSS

Thermal tests on different levels / items



(System) Thermal tests overview

- **Thermal Vacuum Test**

System level test under vacuum conditions at minimum and maximum - to be expected - temperatures.

- **Thermal Cycle Test**

Product assurance (PA) test under ambient pressure or vacuum to acceptance (FM) or qualification (QM/PFM) temperature range.

- **Thermal Balance Test**

Thermal model correlation and thermal design verification

-> the thermal test

-> Often these tests are combined



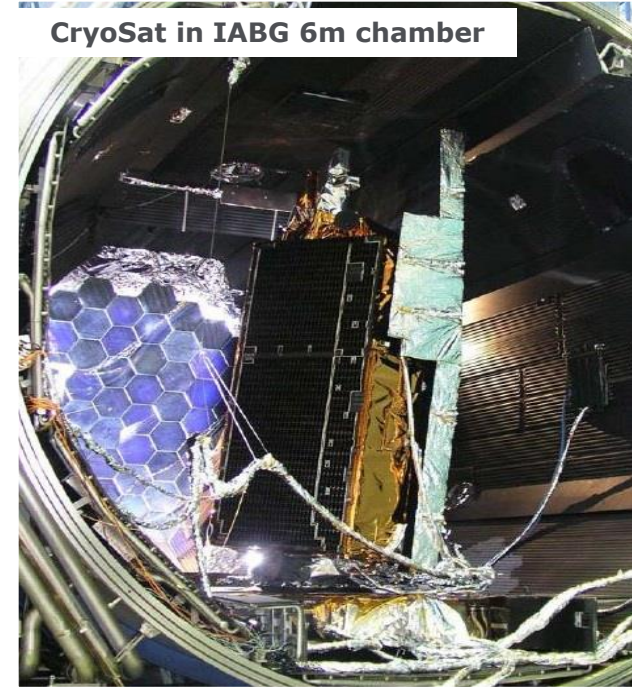
Thermal Vacuum (TVac) Test

Thermal Vacuum Test, also called System Functional Tests (SFT)

Its objective is to demonstrate the **system** ability to fulfil all functional requirements in flight like conditions, i.e. extreme temperatures (over the flight predicted temperature but within the allowed temperature limit) and vacuum.

- All the units must be tested in (individually defined) extreme temperature ranges
- To achieve these objectives, different test means can be used: Flight heaters, test heaters, infrared lamps, Sun simulator, thermal panels / shrouds

-> Temperature limits are more important than flight representativeness

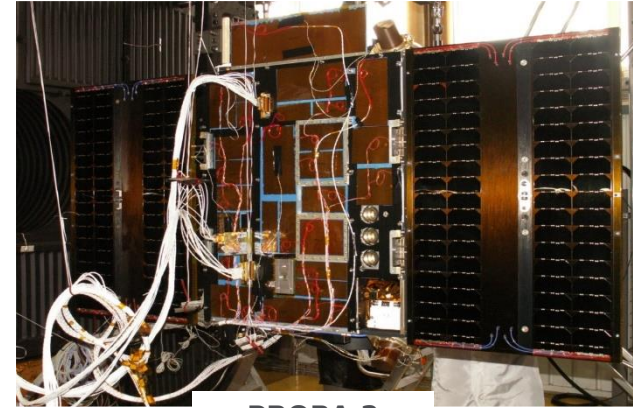


Thermal Cycle (TC) Test

The thermal cycle test

is part of the thermal vacuum test, i.e. has the same main objectives plus: Verify the test item design w.r.t. mechanical stress and workmanship errors.

- for most satellite PFM and CubeSats
 - 1 cycle in non-operational temperature range
 - 3 cycles in operational temperature range
 - Dwell phase at plateaus (2 hours)
 - Stabilization criterion $<1\text{K/h}$
 - Temperature rate of change $<20\text{ K/min}$
- For QMs and subsystem or unit level testing 8 cycles
- Temperatures depend on approach and model (acceptance vs. qualification); result from thermal analysis



PROBA 2



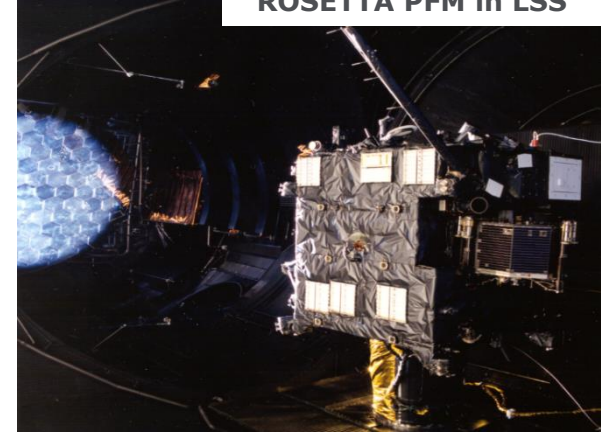
Thermal Balance (TBal) Test

Thermal Balance Test

Provides a set of temperature data to correlate the thermal mathematical model and to verify the thermal control subsystem (TCS) design.

- Representativeness of flight thermal conditions
 - environmental worst case conditions (2 to 3 TBal phases)
 - unit dissipations
- Stabilization of temperatures; typical criteria $<0.5\text{K}/5\text{h}$ for model correlation
- Verifies functionality and performance TCS

ROSETTA PFM in LSS



Bepi Colombo STM in LSS



TBT - ECSS-E-ST-031C

4.5.3.1: TBT test performance

- Need of test specification, procedures, test report and test predictions
- Purpose of TBT to verify
 - Thermal mathematical model
 - Suitability of TCS design
 - Performance of TCS hardware
 - Sensitivity of TCS with respect to parameter changes
- Two different steady-state test cases + transient case
- Solar simulation, when behaviour is governed by solar environment
- Critical hardware flight representative
- Reduction and determination of parasitic heat loads (for correlation)



TBT - Thermal Control Verification

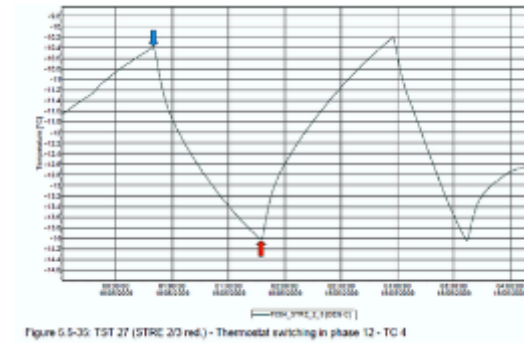
Thermal balance tests are the unique opportunity to **Validate the Thermal Control Subsystem (TCS)**:

- Heating lines verification (switch on/ switch off); appropriate sizing
- Thermostats, thermistors, etc. verification
- Optical surface behavior verification (mainly IR but including solar simulator if necessary)
- Radiator sizing
- heat pipe operation

Requires:

- Representative environmental conditions
- Representative internal dissipation
- Stabilized (or 'balanced') thermal conditions (stable dissipation, heat fluxes and temperatures)
- Accurate knowledge of conditions (calibration of temperature sensors, dissipations, etc.)

Example : **CRYOSAT 2** thermostat switch on/ switch off thresholds validation



A thermostat

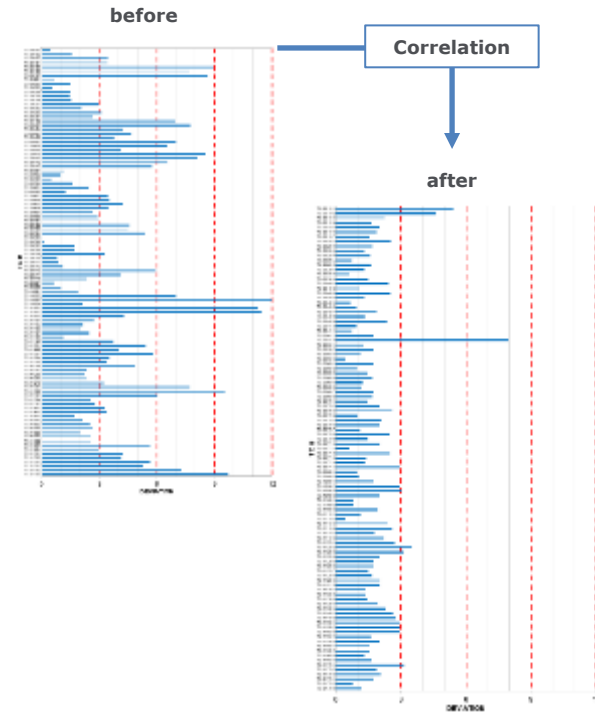
TBT - ECSS-E-ST-031C

TBT test success criteria (clause 4.5.3.2)

- Steady-state conditions, when temperature sensor readings meet predefined temperature variation over a predefined time period (stabilization criteria e.g. $<0.5^{\circ}\text{C}/5\text{h}$)

TBT correlation success criteria (clause 4.5.3.3)

- Test correlation for steady-state and transient modes based for units on unit temperature reference points (TRP)
- Test correlation successful
 - Deviations between measured and predicted temperatures are as specified (typical for internal units $<5\text{K}$, for external units $<10\text{K}$)
 - Temperature mean deviation as specified (typical within $\pm 2\text{K}$)
 - Temperature standard deviation as specified (typical $<3\text{K}$, 1σ)
 - Deviations between measured and predicted heating / cooling power within specification



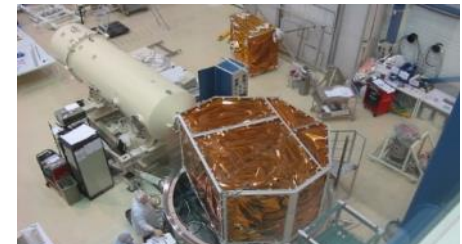
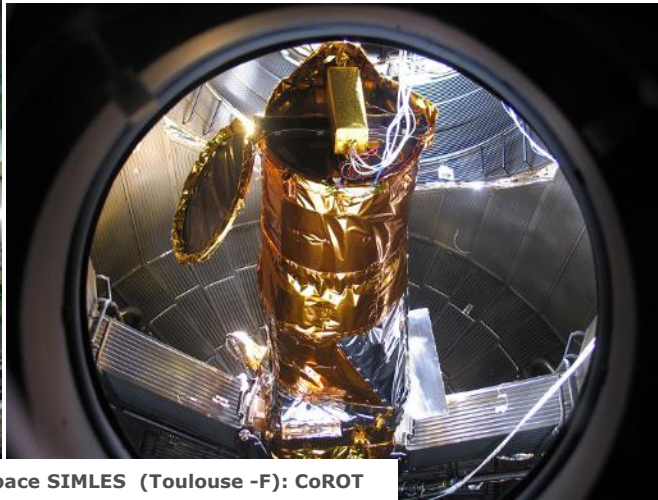
Space Thermal Environment – Thermal Shrouds

Thermal vacuum testing implies the use of **radiative thermal shrouds**

- They can be already existing in the vacuum chamber or,
- be manufactured especially for the test.

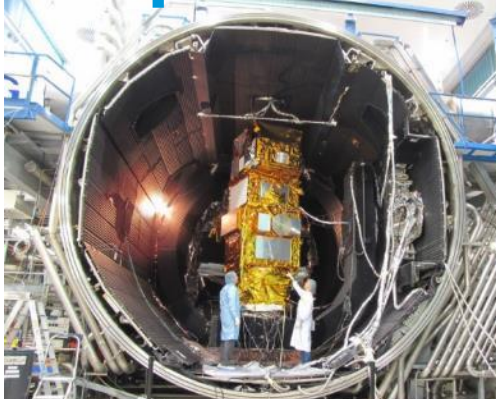


Intespace SIMLES (Toulouse -F): CoROT



CSL (Liège-B): Thermal shrouds for CoROT Instrument Thermal Test

Space Thermal Environment–Thermal Shrouds



IABG (Ottobrunn - D): Sentinel 2A



TAS-I (Roma - I): Sentinel 1A



Intespace SIMMER chamber (Toulouse - F): AlphaSat

Thermal shroud temperature and emissivity:
It depends of the test item temperature...

$$Q = \sigma V_f A \epsilon_{eq} (T_{rad}^4 - T_{env}^4)$$

- Black painted ($\epsilon=0.8$) Liquid N_2 ($\Rightarrow -196^\circ\text{C} / 77 \text{ K}$) cooled thermal shrouds are suitable for most Spacecraft / Instruments test.
- Helium ($\Rightarrow \sim 10$ to 50 K) is adequate for passive cryogenics Spacecraft / Instruments.
- Specific highly emissive shrouds ($\epsilon=0.8$) may be required for extreme low temperature Spacecraft / Instruments.

Space Thermal Environment – Solar Flux

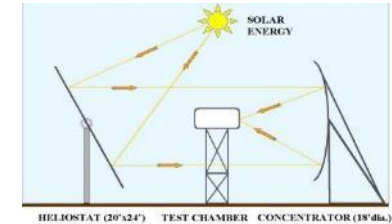
- Real Sun flux may be used for small test item which require high density solar flux for short durations



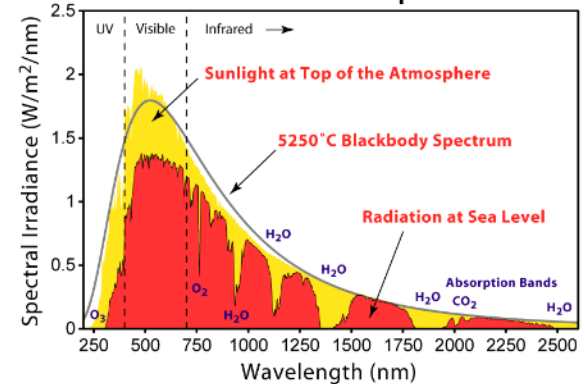
DLR Solar furnace facility (Köln – D)



NASA Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) Solar Furnace Facility



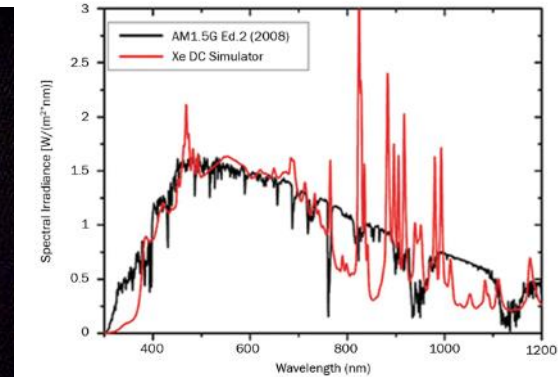
Solar radiation spectrum



Space Thermal Environment – Sun Simulator

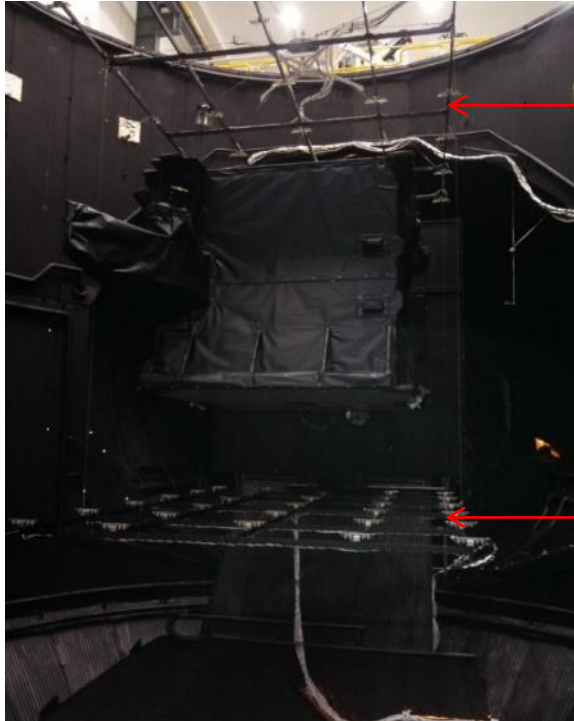


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Solar radiation spectrum
+ Xenon Sun simulator
radiation spectrum

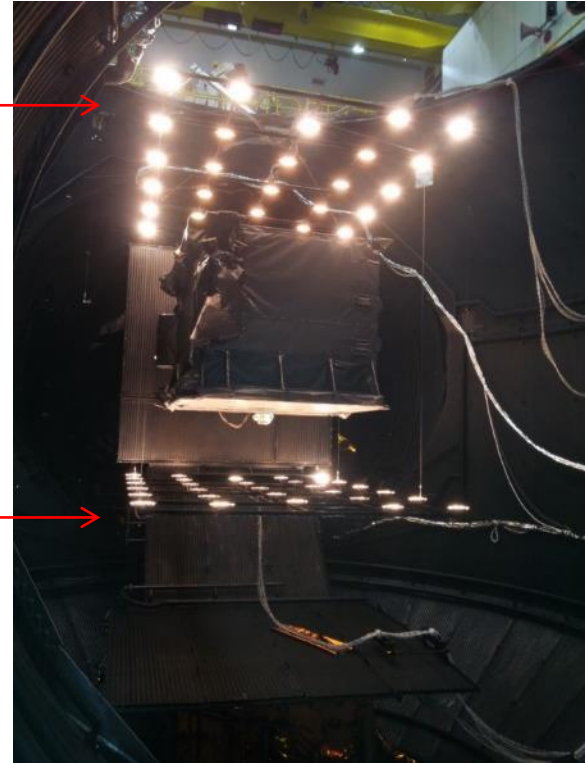
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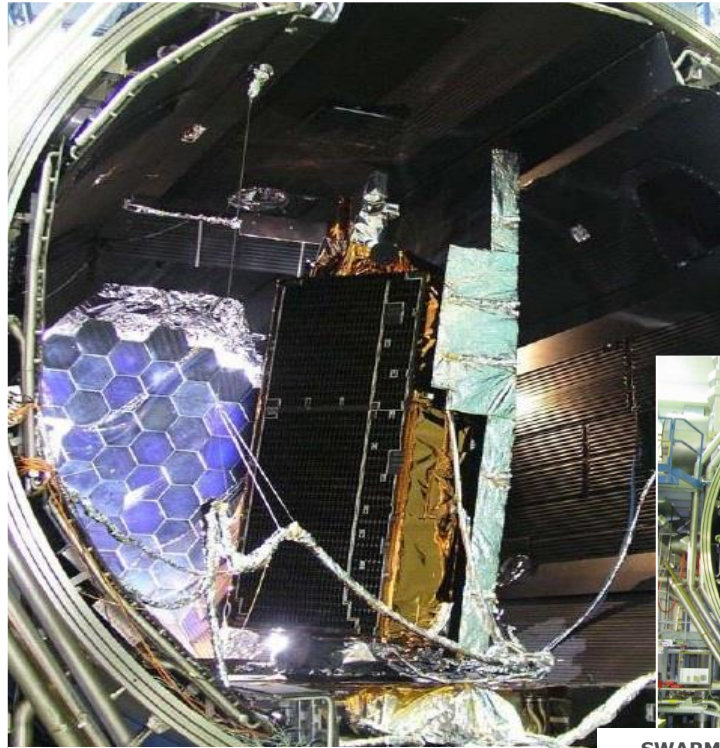
SmallGEO structural thermal model (STM) in LSS (2012)

Infrared lamps

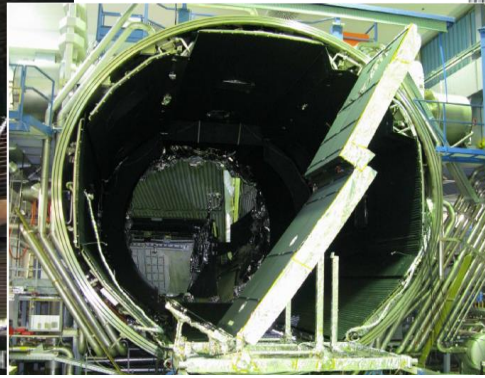
Infrared lamps



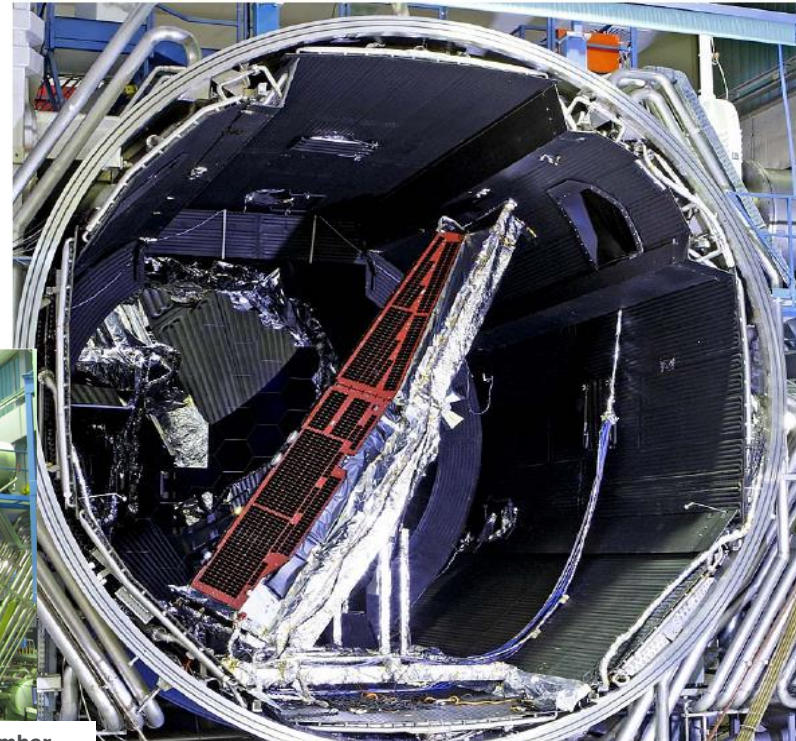
Space Thermal Environment – Thermal Panels



CryoSat in IABG thermal chamber

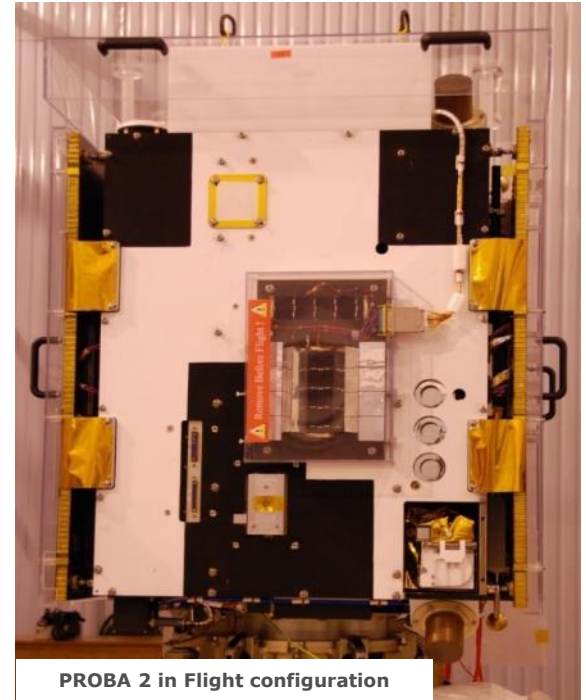
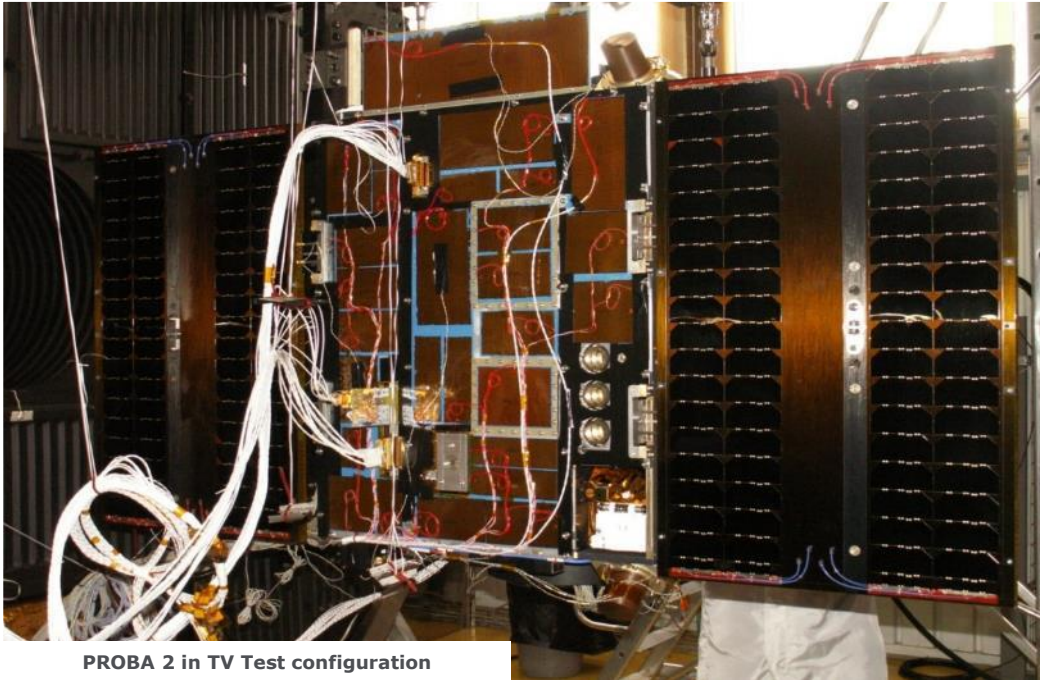


SWARM thermal panels in IABG thermal chamber



SWARM in IABG thermal chamber

Space Thermal Environment – Test Heaters



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Remaining Aspects

Production and manufacturing (clause 4.6)

- Procurement
- Manufacturing
- Quality management
- Cleanliness & Contamination
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- Identification and Marking
- Packaging, handling, transportation
- Storage
- Repair

In-service requirements (clause 4.7)

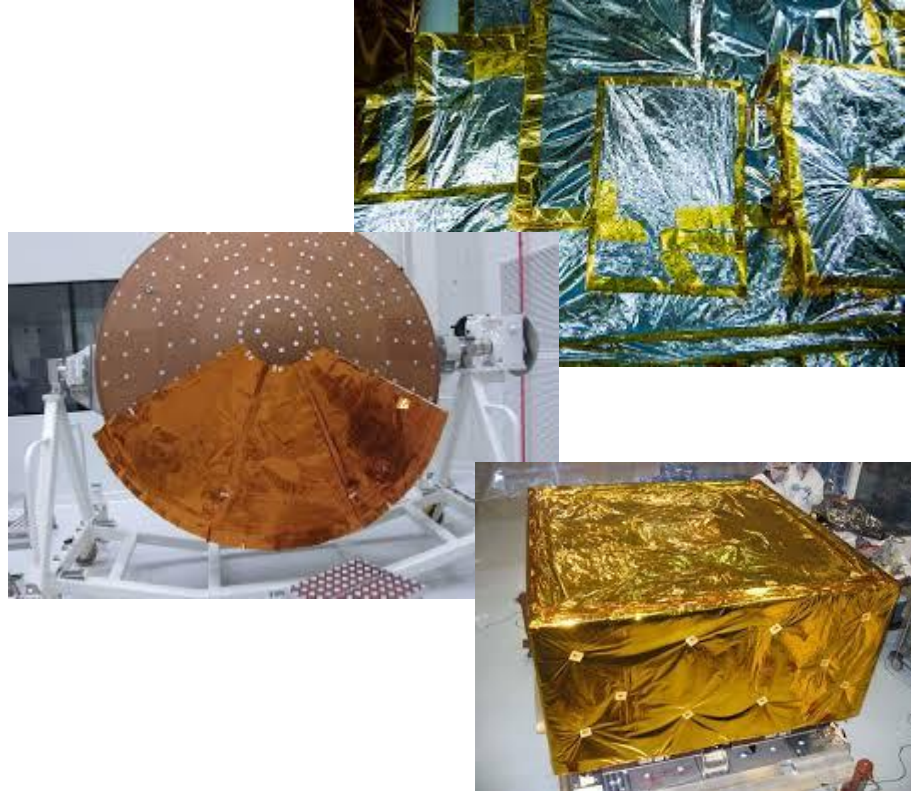
- Spacecraft commissioning, in-orbit anomalies

Product assurance (clause 4.8)

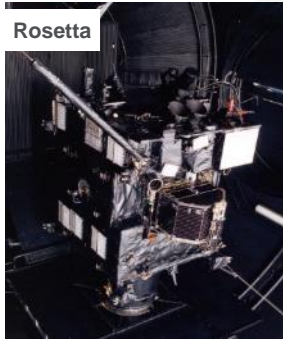
- Reference to dedicated PA ECSS

Deliverables (clause 4.9)

- Hardware, Documentation and mathematical models



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List of acronyms

- ATOX Atomic Oxygen
- BOL Begin-of-Life
- COP Coefficient of performance
- DML Declared material list
- DMPM Declared materials, mechanical parts, and processes list
- EEE Electronic, Electrical and Electro-mechanical parts
- EMC Electromagnetic Compatibility
- EOL End-of-Life
- GEO Geostationary Orbit
- GMM Geometrical Mathematical Model
- GSE Ground Support Equipment
- ICD Interface Control Document
- LEO Low Earth Orbit
- LTAN Local Time of the Ascending Node
- MLI Multi-Layer Insulation
- OSR Optical Solar Reflector
- RHU Radioisotopic heater unit
- RTG Radioisotopic thermal generator
- PMP Parts, materials and processes
- S/C Spacecraft
- SFT System Functional Test
- SSM Second Surface Mirror
- SSO Sun synchronous orbit
- TBal test Thermal Balance Test
- TVac test Thermal Vacuum Test
- TMM Thermal Mathematical Model
- TCS Thermal Control Subsystem
- TRP Temperature Reference Point

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