



# Lunar Surface Innovation

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## Extreme Environments Focus Group August Meeting

**August 10, 2021**

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# Today's Agenda

- LSIC Updates & New FG Facilitator (15 min – Greenhagen & Porter)
- LuSTR Opportunity (10 min – Somervill)
- Featured Presentations (25 min – Brian Hamill)
  - “Overview of the Lunar Thermal Analysis Guidebook - LTAG - HLS-UG-001”
- Open floor (time permitting)

# LSIC Updates

*LSIC Fall Meeting is confirmed for November 3-4, 2021*

- Hosted at Bowie State University (Bowie, MD)
- Hybrid format with most content available virtually
- Theme: Autonomy and Robotics (EA and EE focus)
- Registration opens late August; Abstracts submissions open through 8/31/21
- <http://lsic.jhuapl.edu/News-and-Events/Agenda/index.php?id=148>

*Upcoming LSIC Workshops ( <http://lsic.jhuapl.edu/News-and-Events/> )*

- LSIC Excavation & Construction Workshop (8/20/21)
  - 2-hour workshop focused on high-technology readiness level (TRL) excavation and construction tools and methods to support initial development of the lunar surface
  - Registration is open!
  - <http://lsic.jhuapl.edu/News-and-Events/Agenda/index.php?id=139>

## *Lunar Community Meetings*

- LEAG Fall Meeting 2021 (8/31-9/2/21)
  - Theme: Lunar Science and Exploration in the Next Five Years
  - <https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/leag2021/>
- LSSW Fundamental and Applied Lunar Surface Research in Physical Sciences (8/18-8/19/21)
  - Discussing investigations on reduced gravity and lunar environmental effects in physical sciences research
  - <https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/lunarsurface2020/>
- LSSW: Lunar Science Accomplished with a Robotic Arm 1 (9/9/21 & 9/30/21)
  - Goal: generate a document that identifies and prioritizes science that may be done with robotic arms and can aid in the drafting of requirements, prioritizing robotic arm capabilities/instruments, and in outlining conops
  - Part 1 will be a two-hour webinar with invited overview talks covering overviews
  - Part 2 will feature contributed talks from the community followed by open discussion periods
  - <https://www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/lunarsurface2020/>

# Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative (LSII)



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Space Technology Mission Directorate  
Lead, Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative  
Niki Werkheiser  
Carol Galica

**APL Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative Team**  
  
Lead – Ben Bussey  
Program Manager – Brenda Clyde  
Chief Technologist – Mason Peck  
Chief Scientist – Dana Hurley  
Admin – Lisa Turner

**Systems Integration Team**  
  
Systems Engineering Lead – Sanae Kubota  
Lunar Science Lead – Brett Denevi  
Senior Technical Advisor – Michael Paul

**Lunar Surface Innovation Consortium (LSIC)**  
  
LSIC Director – Rachel Klima  
LSIC Deputy Director – Josh Cahill  
Executive Committee – Institutional Representatives  
Admin – Andrea Harman

## Capability Focus Areas

**Dust Mitigation**  
Jorge Nunez

- Focus Group Coordination
- System Integration Tasks

**Excavation & Construction**  
Athonu Chatterjee

- Focus Group Coordination
- System Integration Tasks

**In-Situ Resource Utilization**  
Karl Hibbitts

- Focus Group Coordination
- System Integration Tasks

**Extreme Access**  
Angela Stickle

- Focus Group Coordination
- System Integration Tasks

**Extreme Environments**  
Ben Greenhagen

- Focus Group Coordination
- System Integration Tasks

**Surface Power**  
Wes Fuhrman

- Focus Group Coordination
- System Integration Tasks



# System Integrator Task

**JHU/APL has identified System Integration Leads for each LSI Capability Area** in order to integrate and communicate the key technology development themes, gaps, etc. relevant to the TRL advancement required for necessary lunar surface technologies. The products delivered will synthesize NASA's architectural needs, as well as input gathered from industry and academia.

- Review expected needs and opportunities for science, exploration and commercial operations on the lunar surface.
- Identify novel concepts for systems, design features and operations techniques for surviving the lunar environment.
- Provide a path from high-level goals to the deployment roadmap and near-term technology development. Match technical requirements and interfaces with capability needs timelines.
- Evaluate internal and external technology options at sufficient TRL for near-term surface activities.
- Review available technology testing and demonstration facilities for their applicability.
  - Identify needs and promote usage of existing facilities or identify new facilities needed.
- Maintain awareness and amplify NASA investments and solicitations
- Support the government with preparation for and/or attendance at NASA meetings and reviews, conferences, industry meetings, and site visits.



# Industry and Academia related System Integration Tasks

JHU/APL will assist NASA in identifying best solutions in the balance of technical performance and programmatic needs that satisfy the requirements of NASA's lunar campaign, regardless of their origin.

- Evaluate Industry developed technology options at sufficient TRL for near-term lunar surface activities.
- Incorporate industry technologies into LSII capability roadmaps.
- Explore and help formulate public/private partnerships to develop sustainable capabilities and the potential for commercial lunar infrastructure services.
- Assess university capabilities which directly support the six LSII capability areas.
  - Assessment will be incorporated into capability area assessments and mapped to the NASA exploration objectives and timeline.
- Facilitate site visits with industry and academia

## Dr. Jamie Porter, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory

- *What is my day job?*
  - *Radiation Effects engineer specializing in radiation transport and charging effects for planetary missions*
  - *Assistant Group Supervisor of Space Environmental Effects Engineering (SEN) which covers radiation analysis and test, charging analysis and test, materials and processes, planetary protection, and contamination control*
- *What is my backstory?*
  - *PhD in Nuclear Engineering (Radiation Concentration)*
  - *Graduate research focused on the transport modeling for the CRaTER instrument on LRO*
  - *Current missions include Europa Clipper and Dragonfly*
- *What are my interests?*
  - *Comparing radiation in situ data to our environment predictions models using multiple transport codes*
  - *Sharpening the pencil on these tool packages to allow for more confidence in radiation effects analysis for the crew and on board electronics*





## Dr. Jamie Porter, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory

- *Why am I here?*
  - *To ensure fruitful communication between the LSIC-EE community and NASA STMD in bridging the technology gaps for successful operation in the lunar environment*
- *Where will I start?*
  - *Conduct interviews with willing members of the LSIC-EE community*
    - *How are we doing?*
    - *Are there things we are missing?*
    - *Are there specific things you would like to see?*
    - *Etc.*
  - *If you would like to me to reach out to you for an interview in the next month please contact me at [Facilitator\\_ExtremeEnvironments@jhuapl.edu](mailto:Facilitator_ExtremeEnvironments@jhuapl.edu)*



# Lunar Surface Technology Research (LuSTR) Opportunities



*University-led efforts to develop and mature technologies that address high-priority lunar surface challenges*

## Technical Characteristics:

- Entry TRL: 2 – 4 (meaningful TRL advancement required)
- Unique, disruptive or transformational lunar surface technology development efforts that directly respond to one of 4 topics:
  1. Autonomous Systems for Excavation and Site Preparation
    - The goal of this topic is to develop and demonstrate autonomous surface construction technologies, specifically those for lunar launch and landing pads, required to enable a sustained presence on the lunar surface.
  2. Lunar Regolith Mineral Beneficiation
    - The goal of this topic is to enable greater efficiency and ultimately reduce waste during the physical separation and concentration of lunar surface minerals of importance to ISRU and manufacturing/construction processes.
  3. Cold-Temperature Analog Integrated Circuits
    - The goal of this topic is to develop analog integrated circuits and analog-to-digital electronics, fabricated using standard foundry processes, that will function under the extreme low temperature of the lunar night and shadowed regions.
  4. Novel Heat Transfer Fluids
    - The goal of this topic is to develop and/or characterize novel heat transfer fluids that may provide significant mass and performance improvements in thermal control systems for lunar surface applications.

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## Eligibility

- Organization submitting proposal must be an accredited U.S. university
- Faculty and research staff may serve as PIs (see Appendix for full details)
- $\geq 60\%$  of budget must go to accredited U.S. universities
- Up to 40% paid teaming with other universities, industry and non-profits encouraged
- OGAs and non-NASA FFRDCs may collaborate on an unfunded basis

## Key Information

- Expected duration: **2 years**
- Anticipated awards: **4**
- Awards from **\$1-2M** each
- Oversight: Annual reviews and semi-annual briefings at LSC meetings
- Award instrument: Grants
- Release Date: **July 22, 2022**
- NOIs Due: **08/ 20/ 2021**
- Proposals Due: **09/ 17/ 2021**

# Featured Presentation

- Overview of the Lunar Thermal Analysis Guidebook - LTAG - HLS-UG-001
  - Brian Hamill, NASA MSFC

National Aeronautics and Space Administration



# HLS-UG-001, Lunar Thermal Analysis Guidebook

Brian Hamill  
8/4/2020





# Agenda

- L-TETT Charter
- Lunar Thermal Analysis Guidebook Intro
- LTAG Overview
- Detailed example (Orbital)



# Lunar Thermal Environments Task Team

- The Lunar Thermal Environments Task Team (L-TETT) chartered by HLS to support MSFC/EV44 in formulating Sections 3.3.9.1 and 3.4.6 of the Cross-Program Design Specification of Natural Environments (DSNE) as stated. It will also develop and document thermal analysis methodologies for orbital and surface missions.
- Responsibility for defining Lunar Thermal Environments for DSNE belongs to MSFC/EV44.
- The L-TETT will generate a **companion document** to DSNE to aid thermal analysts in appropriate application of Lunar Thermal Environments.
- L-TETT will be led by MSFC/EV34 (including assigning a “L-TETT Coordinator”) with support from the Core Membership list to develop the guidebook document.
- The Support Membership will provide review to the product and feedback to the Core Membership.
  - Core Members represent their organization/project in the L-TETT.
  - Supporting Members are stakeholders in the products and will be provided draft versions of the documentation products to be reviewed.





# Lunar Thermal Analysis Guidebook

- The guidebook describes methodologies for performing lunar thermal analyses in support of the Human Landing System (HLS) Program.
- Developed by the HLS Lunar Thermal Environments Task Team (L-TETT) composed of members from Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) Natural Environments team and members of the thermal discipline from across NASA,
  - Including Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), Johnson Space Center (JSC), Glenn Research Center (GRC), and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).
- Core Team Membership:
  - MSFC Nat Env: Robert Suggs, Leo Paez, Anthony DeStefano, Caleb Fasset, Michael Zanetti
  - MSFC Thermal: Callie Mckelvey, Greg Schunk, Brian Hamill, Brian O'Conner
  - JSC: Lisa Erickson, Angel Alvarez-Hernandez, Clark Craig
  - GRC: Ryan Edwards
  - JPL: Eric Sunada



# Lunar Thermal Analysis Guidebook

- Earth's Moon

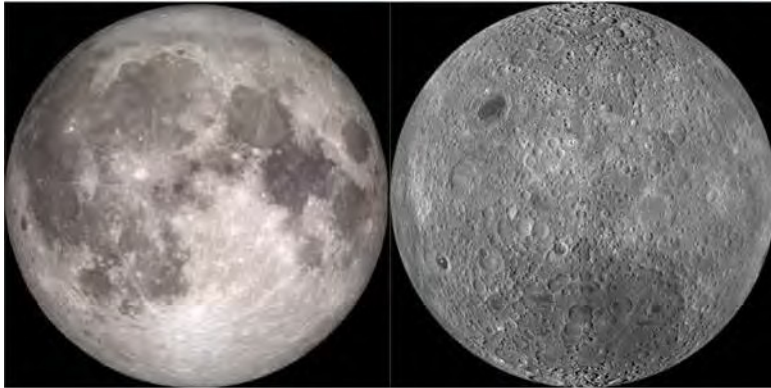


FIGURE 3.1-1: NEAR AND FAR SIDES OF THE MOON

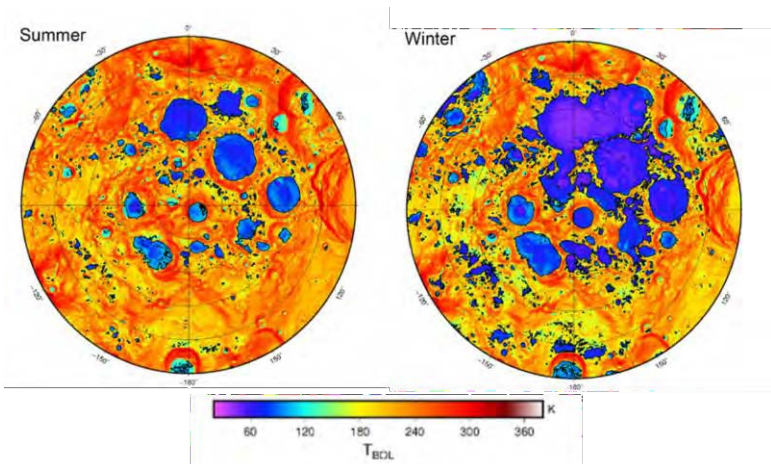


FIGURE 3.2-4: DIVINER MAXIMUM BOLOMETRIC TEMPERATURES OF THE SOUTH POLE (85°-90°S) SPLIT INTO SEASONS

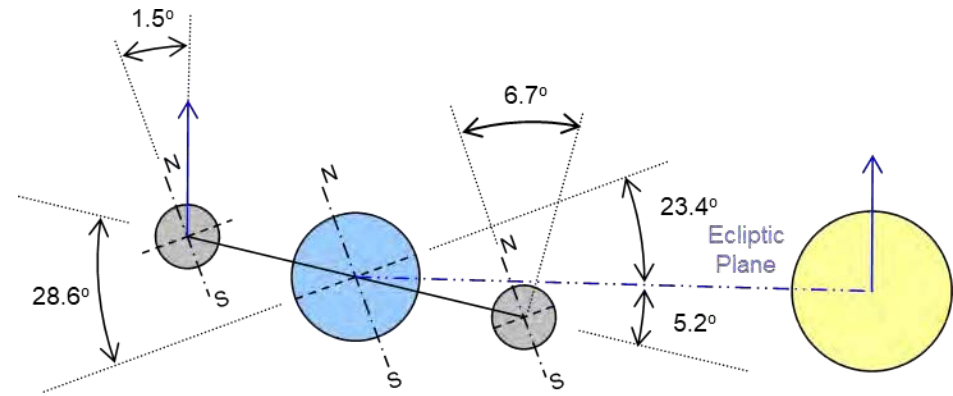


FIGURE 3.2-1: LUNAR ORBIT

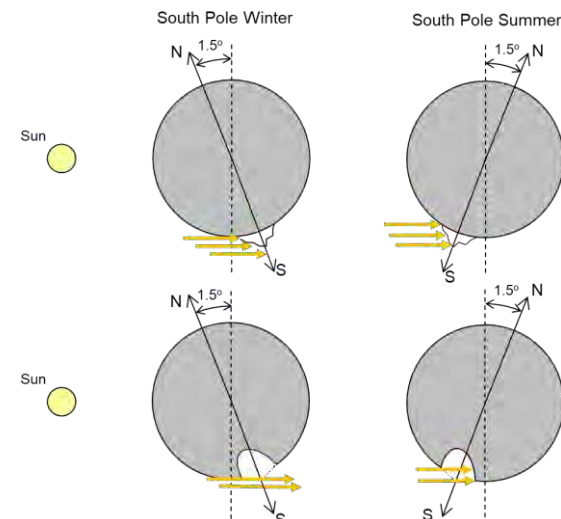
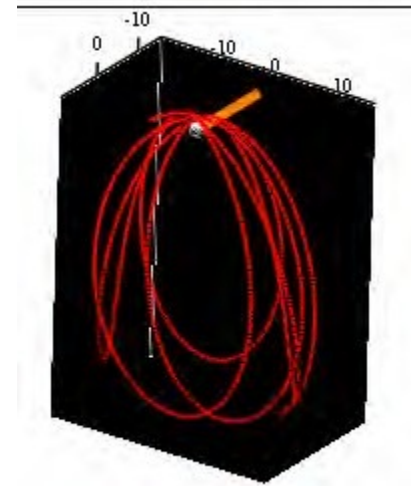
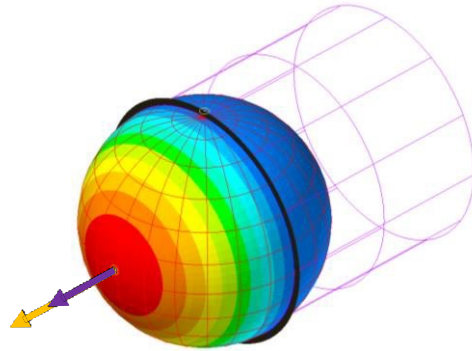


FIGURE 3.2-3: SEASONAL VARIATION ON THE MOON

# Lunar Thermal Analysis Guidebook

- Orbital Environments
  - NRHO
  - LLO
  - Decent/Ascent



- Orbital Modeling Techniques

TABLE 8.1.2.2-1: KEPLERIAN APPROXIMATION ORBITAL PARAMETERS

Orbital Parameter	Hot (Beta 0°)	Cold (Beta 0°)	Cold (Beta 90°)
Orbit Inclination	90	90	90
Right Ascension of Ascending Node (RAAN)	270	270	90
Argument of Periapsis	88	88	90
Right Ascension of the Sun (RAS)	90	270	0
Right Ascension of the Prime Meridian	0	0	0

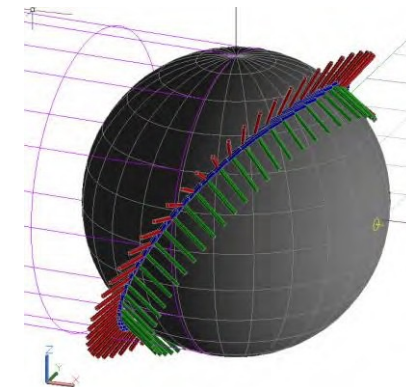


FIGURE 8.3.2-2: IMAGES OF LANDER ORIENTATION DURING DESCENT.

# Lunar Thermal Environments

- Given the properties of Lunar regolith:
  - A vehicle may receive almost as much energy from the Lunar surface (Albedo and Planetshine) as Direct Solar.
    - $1250\text{W/m}^2$  OLR +  $170\text{W/m}^2$  Albedo vs  $1426\text{W/m}^2$  Solar
- Unlike Earth, Surface cannot be set to a fixed boundary and interacts with vehicle.

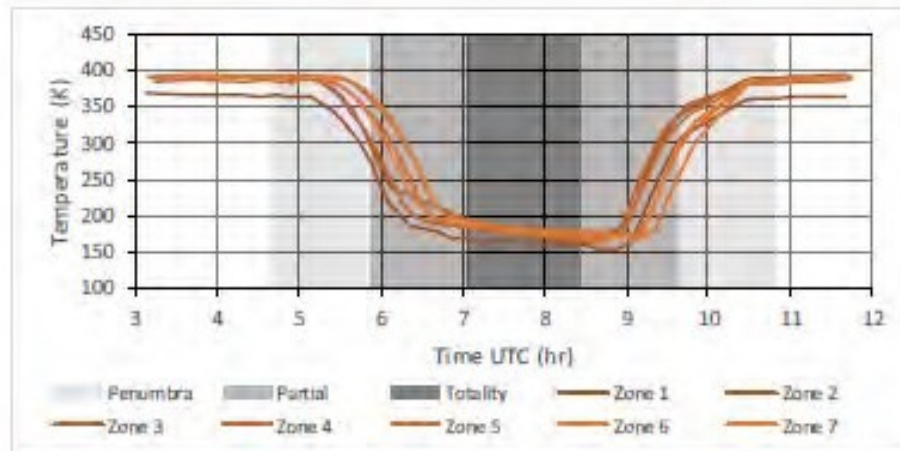


FIGURE 4.4.1.1-1: LUNAR ECLIPSE SURFACE TEMPERATURES, FEBRUARY 1971

Lunar Surface Temperature (K)

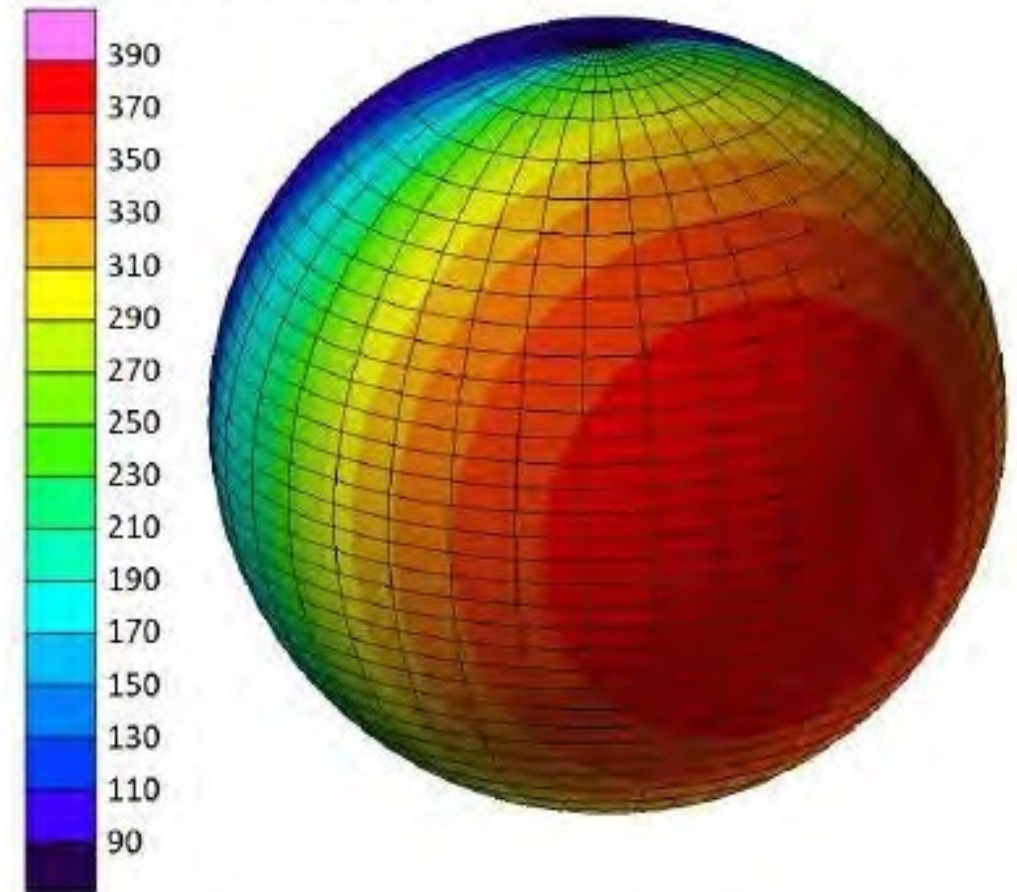


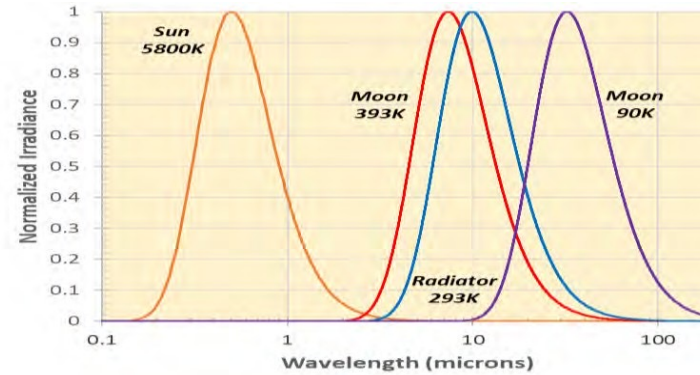
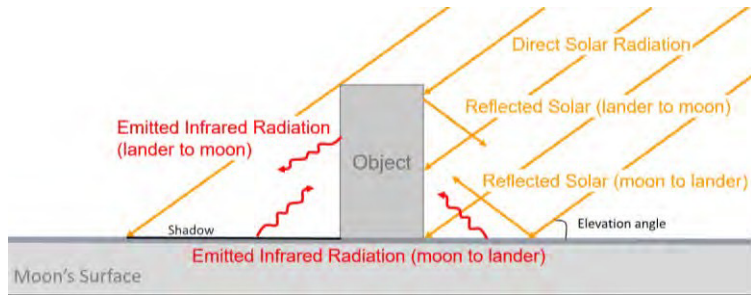
FIGURE 3-1: LUNAR SURFACE TEMPERATURES



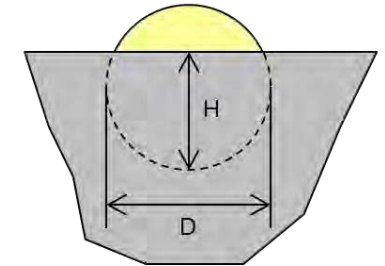


# Lunar Thermal Analysis Guidebook

- Surface Environments



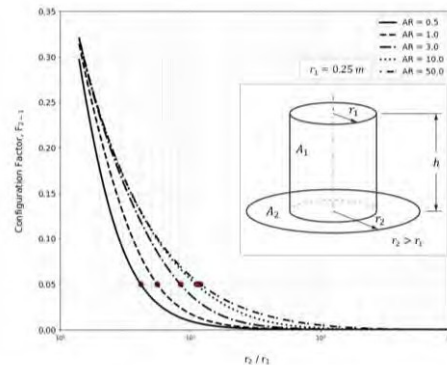
$$\%Visible = \frac{\arccos\left(\frac{2H}{D}-1\right) - \left(\frac{2H}{D}-1\right) \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2H}{D}-1\right)^2}}{\pi}$$



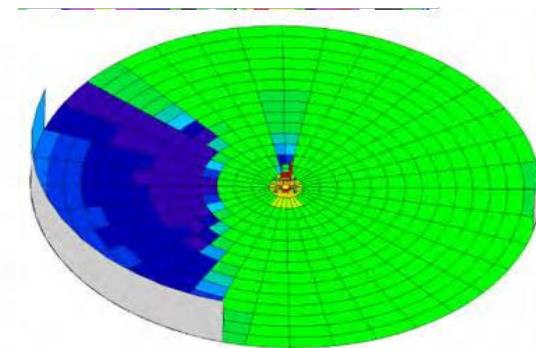
**SOLAR OCCULTATION BASED ON HEIGHT AND DIAMETER**

- Surface Modeling Techniques

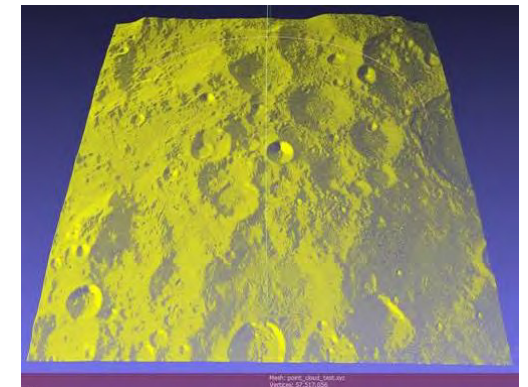
- Ground Plane
- Subsurface
- Terrain
- Dust
- Special Considerations for Permanently Shadowed Regions (PSRs)



**GROUND PLANE SIZING**



**LUNA 27 FAR-FIELD BOUNDARY**



**TERRAIN MODELING**



# LTAG Environments Definition example

- Creating inputs for planetshine – orbital cases
  - Can use planetary coordinate system, requiring care to calculate the subsolar point with respect to the lunar coordinate system including lunar declination.

$$Q_{IR} = \left( \cos \left( Long_{planetary} - Long_{subsolar} \right) \cdot \left( Lat_{planetary} - Lat_{subsolar} \right) \right) \cdot \left( (1-a) \cdot S_0 - \sigma \cdot \varepsilon \cdot T_{Dark}^4 \right) + \sigma \cdot \varepsilon \cdot T_{Dark}^4$$

- Or use option in Thermal Desktop (or other software) to utilize a subsolar coordinate system

$$Q_{IR} = \sin(Lat_{SS}) \cdot \left( (1-a) \cdot S_0 - \sigma \cdot \varepsilon \cdot T_{Dark}^4 \right) + \sigma \cdot \varepsilon \cdot T_{Dark}^4$$



# LTAG Environments Definition example

- Subsolar definition results in a simpler input table
  - Could have been defined as 2 columns, but 0 Longitude included for clarity.

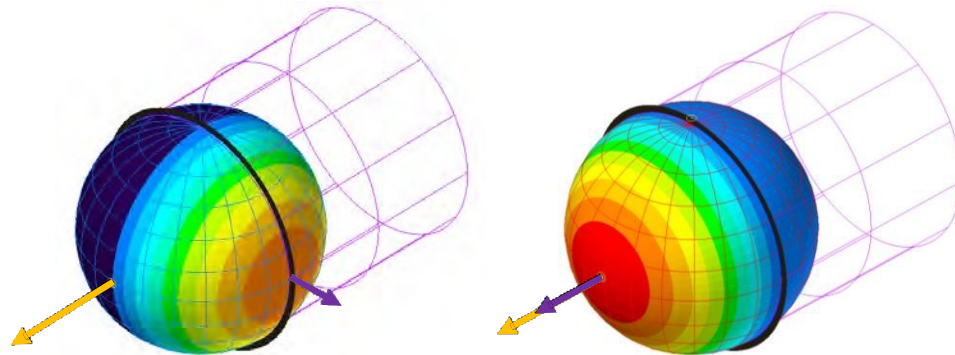
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Planetary Latitude	-90	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
	-80	12	12	49	85	119	150	177	199	214	224	227	224	214	199	177	150	119	85	49	12	12
	-70	12	12	85	157	224	285	337	380	411	430	437	430	411	380	337	285	224	157	85	12	12
	-60	12	12	119	224	322	411	488	550	596	624	633	624	596	550	488	411	322	224	119	12	12
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		Subsolar Longitude		
		-180	0	180
Subsolar Latitude	-90	12	12	12
	0	12	12	12
	5	120	120	120
	10	227	227	227
	15	333	333	333
	20	437	437	437
	25	537	537	537
	30	633	633	633
	35	725	725	725
	40	811	811	811
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	50	964	964	964
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	65	1138	1138	1138
	70	1180	1180	1180
	75	1213	1213	1213
	80	1236	1236	1236
	85	1250	1250	1250
90	<b>1255</b>	<b>1255</b>	<b>1255</b>	

- Using the subsolar coordinate system also avoids another issue...

# LTAG Environments Definition example

- Aligning Subsolar and Planetshine maximums
  - Solar and Planetshine environments are input separately in many analysis softwares. (Thermal Desktop used here for example)



- If care is not taken when using planetary coordinate system for planetshine, the solar and OLR environments may not be aligned.
  - At time of publication, there was no way to align coordinate systems when using Sun/Planet Vector orbit definition, so subsolar coordinate system MUST be used.



# LTAG Modeling example – NRHO Orbits

- For NRHO orbits, Sun/Planet Vector lists describing an as flown NRHO can be used. L-TAG users are directed to the Gateway Program Documentation.
  - Difficult to visualize in post processing, or when using complex orientations.
  - Hard to create bounding orbital thermal environments from “as flown” trajectories.
  - Does not utilize Thermal Desktop features like inserting orbit positions at terminator.
  - If inputs aren’t curated carefully model may incur unnecessary calculation durations.
- Keplerian Orbits can offer a close approximation.
  - Keplerian orbit may be “tuned” to provide close approximation of NRHO trajectory while providing for worst case thermal analysis.

Orbit Parameter	NRHO Trajectory	Keplerian Approx.	Keplerian Approx.
Apolune	71283 km (avg)	71283 km	<b>65122</b> km (adj)
Perilune	3354 km (avg)	3354 km	3354
Period	6.58 days (avg)	<b>7.47</b> days	6.58 days





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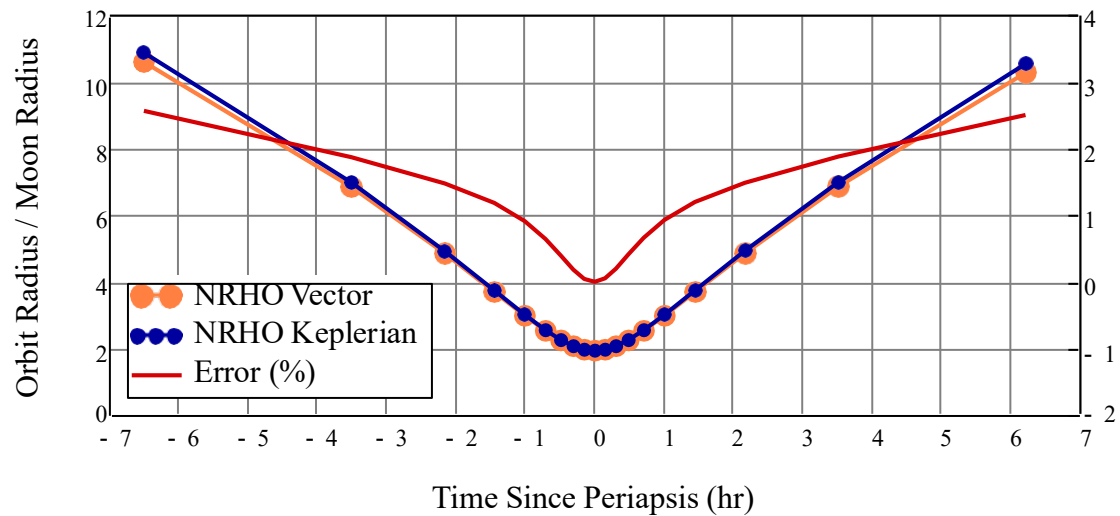


FIGURE 8.1.2.2-2: COMPARISON OF NRHO AND KEPLERIAN ORBITAL RADII NEAR MOON

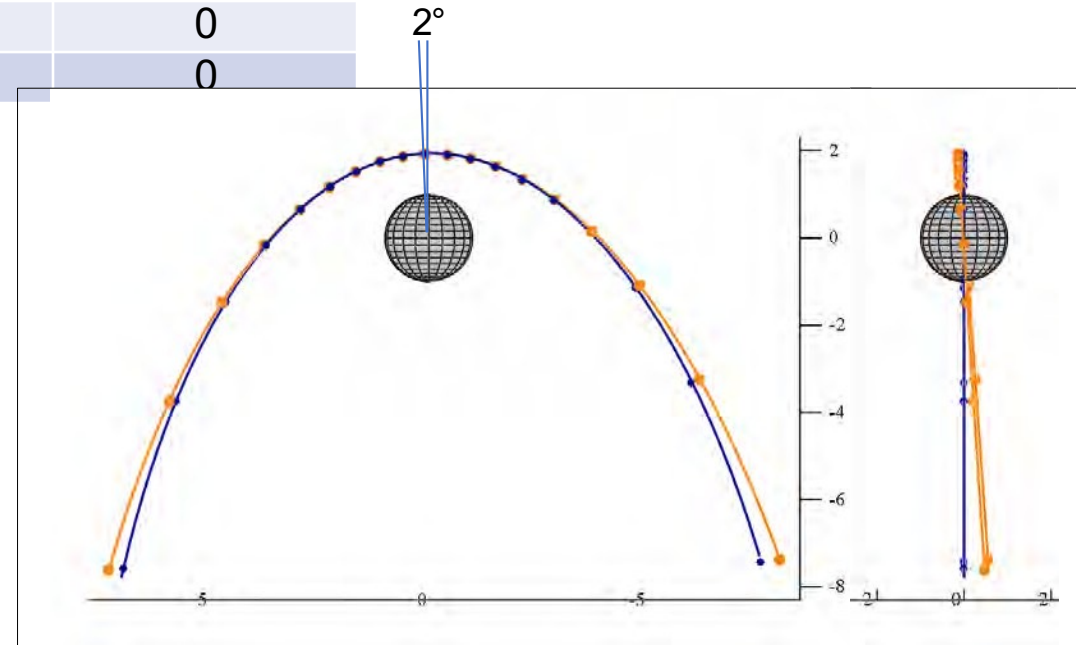


FIGURE 8.1.2.2-1: COMPARISON OF NRHO AND KEPLERIAN PERILUNE TRUE ANOMALY

-Thanks to Jonah Smith for collaborating on these sections

# Questions?



- [LTAG: Human Landing System Lunar Thermal Analysis Guidebook - NASA Technical Reports Server \(NTRS\)](#)
- [DSNE: Cross-Program Design Specification for Natural Environments \(DSNE\) Revision H - NASA Technical Reports Server \(NTRS\)](#)
- Lunar Thermal Environments Task Team (LTETT): [msfc-ltett@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:msfc-ltett@mail.nasa.gov)



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