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ORBITER CARGO BAY THERMAL ENVIRONMENT DATA

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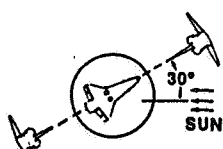

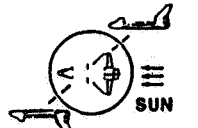
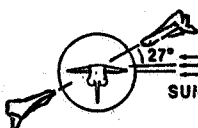
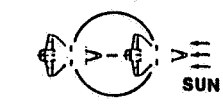
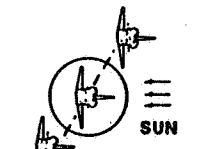
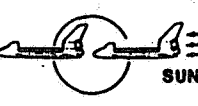
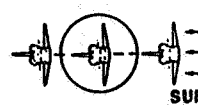
## **ORBITAL FLIGHT TEST THERMAL APPROACH**

- **CONSERVATIVE FLIGHT TEST TIMELINE**
- **FIRST FLIGHT THERMALLY BENIGN AS POSSIBLE**
- **EACH ADDITIONAL FLIGHT INCREASING IN  
THERMAL DIFFICULTY**
- **MEASUREMENT LOCATIONS DEFINED FOR ORBITER  
PERFORMANCE**
- **ORBITER MODEL PREDICTION COMPARISON FOR  
STS-1**
- **ORBITER MODEL CORRELATION BASED ON STS-2,  
STS-3 AND STS-4**

ORBITAL FLIGHT TEST PROGRAM

	STS-1	STS-2	STS-3	STS-4
DATE	APRIL 12, 1981	NOVEMBER 12, 1981	MARCH 22, 1982	JUNE 27, 1982
BETA ANGLE	-26° TO -19°	-45° TO -51°	-23° TO -36°	-1 TO +20°
MAJOR ATTITUDES FLOWN	SERIES OF SHORT HOLD ATTITUDES EXCEPT FOR TWO 9-9.5 HRS OF +ZLV	BASICALLY +ZLV	24 HRS TAIL SUN TOP TO SPACE ORB RATE 11 HRS PTC 80 HRS XSI (NOSE TO SUN 2 REV PER ORBIT ABOUT X-AXIS) 27 HRS +ZSI (TOP 3-AXIS SI) 12 HRS PTC	10 HRS -ZSI (BOTTOM 3-AXIS SI) 7 HRS GRAVITY 12 HRS +ZLV (TOP 3-AXIS SI) 4½ HRS +ZSI 22 HRS -ZSI (BOTTOM 3-AXIS SI) 10 HRS PTC 61 HRS +XSI (TAIL 3-AXIS SI) 12 HRS PTC
END OF MISSION ATTITUDES	2 ORBITS TAIL TO SUN OPENED DOOR 2 ORBITS TOP TO SUN CLOSED DOOR	2 ORBITS TAIL TO SUN OPENED DOOR 2 ORBITS TOP TO SUN CLOSED DOOR	2 ORBITS TAIL TO SUN OPENED DOOR 2 ORBITS TOP TO SUN CLOSED DOOR	2 ORBITS TAIL TO SUN OPENED DOOR 2 ORBITS TOP TO SUN CLOSED DOOR

ORBITER ATTITUDES

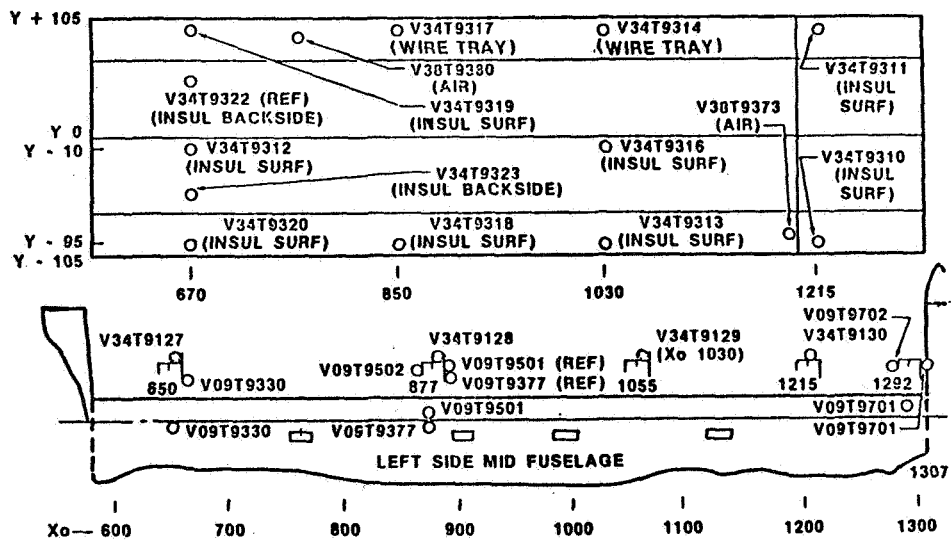
 <p>TOP LV, <math>\beta = 30^\circ</math> (+ZLV, -XV)</p>	 <p>PTC, <math>\beta = 0^\circ</math> (X ROLL, X INERTIAL)</p>	 <p>TAIL SUN, 1 REV/ORB <math>\beta = 45^\circ</math> (+X SOLAR, +Z SPACE)</p>	 <p>NOSE LV, GRAVITY GRADIENT, <math>\beta = 30^\circ</math> WING ROLL OUT ORBIT PLANE 27° CW (-XLV, -YV ROLL CW 27°)</p>
 <p>NOSE SUN, <math>\beta = 0^\circ</math> (-X SI, Y POP)</p>	 <p>TOP SI, <math>\beta = 60^\circ</math> (+Z SI)</p>	 <p>TAIL SI, <math>\beta = 0^\circ</math> (+X SI, Z POP)</p>	 <p>BOTTOM SI, <math>\beta = 0^\circ</math> (-Z SI, Y POP)</p>

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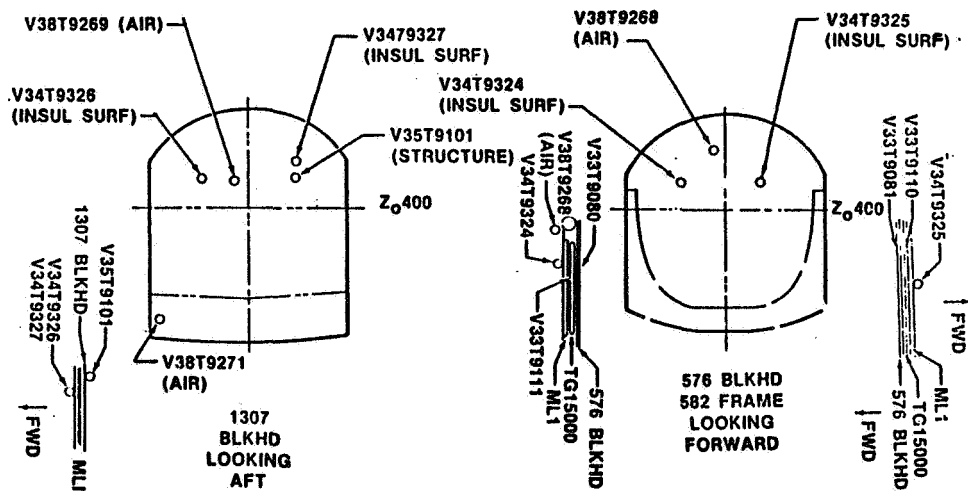
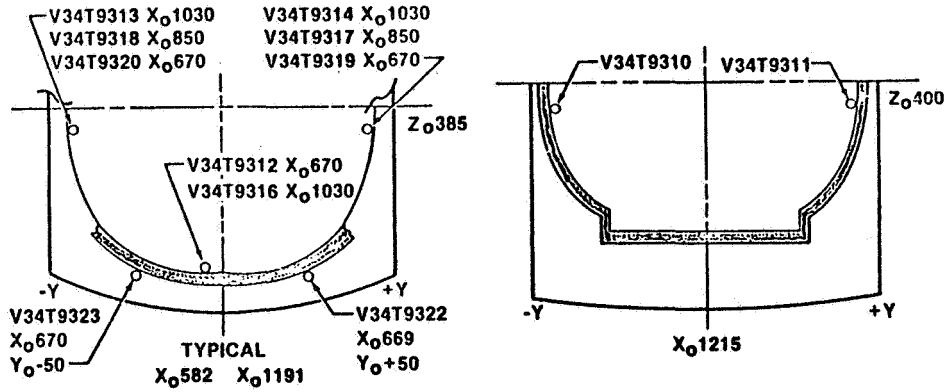
## CARGO BAY MEASUREMENTS

- 14 CARGO BAY INSULATION SURFACE TEMPERATURES
- 2 WIRE TRAY SURFACE TEMPERATURES
- 12 SILL LONGERON TEMPERATURES
- 4 GAS TEMPERATURES
- 1 RADIATOR TEMPERATURE
- 1 GAS PRESSURE

## CARGO BAY MEASUREMENT LOCATIONS



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ORBITER PAYLOAD BAY  
PRELAUNCH TEMPERATURES

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	STS-1		STS-2		STS-3		STS-4	
	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F
PURGE	80	80	70	70	70	70	70	70
AIR	80	80	70	70	70	70	70	70
LINER	80	80	70	70	70	70	70	70
LONGERON	75	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
FITTING	-	-	-	-	70	70	70	70
RADIATOR	75	75	70	70	70	70	70	70
BULKHEAD	80	80	70	70	70	70	70	70

ORBITER PAYLOAD BY  
ASCENT TEMPERATURES  
LIFTOFF/MIH/MAX

	STS-1		STS-2		STS-3		STS-4	
	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F
LINER	80/62/84	80/36/97	70/50/65	70/24/80	70/50/65	70/24/80	70/50/65	70/24/80
LONGERON	75	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
FITTING	--	--	--	--	70	70	70	70
RADIATOR	75/65/70	75/65/75	70/57/60	70/60/70	70/57/60	70/60/70	70/57/60	70/60/70
BULKHEAD	80/50/70	80/30/80	70/50/70	70/30/80	70/50/70	70/30/80	70/50/70	70/30/80

ORBITER PAYLOAD BAY  
ON-ORBIT TEMPERATURES  
MIN/MAX

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	STS-1 +ZLV $\beta \approx -30^\circ$		STS-2 +ZLV $\beta \approx -60^\circ$			
	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F	PORT		STBD	
			DATA °F	PREDICTION °F	DATA °F	PREDICTION °F
LINER	5/80	0/75	25/65	15/75	10/35	5/40
LONGERON	15/20	18/30	40/45	35/50	15/20	15/30
FITTING	-	-	-	-		
BULKHEAD	-10/+120	-25/+120	0/100	-10/115		

ORBITER PAYLOAD BAY  
ON-ORBIT TEMPERATURES  
MIN/MAX

	STS-3						STS-4		
	TAIL SUN ORB RATE		NOSE SUN 2 ORB RATE		TOP SUN		BOTTOM SUN	TAIL SUN	TOP SUN
	DATA °F	PRED °F	DATA °F	PRED °F	DATA °F	PRED °F	DATA °F	DATA °F	DATA °F
LINER	-153	-190	50/-100	50/-150	30/260*	0/200	30/-80	20/-100	210
LONGERON	-95/-50 <sup>+</sup>	-90/-60	-40/-20 <sup>+</sup>	-54/-30	100	115	-20	-40	-30
FITTING	-50	-60	-20	-35	125	140	-10	-35	110
BULKHEAD	-120	-55	20/-100	30/-130	0/100	-10/120	0/-80	30/-100	0/100

+ FWD/AFT LONGERON TEMPERATURE  
\* MEASUREMENT SUSPECT



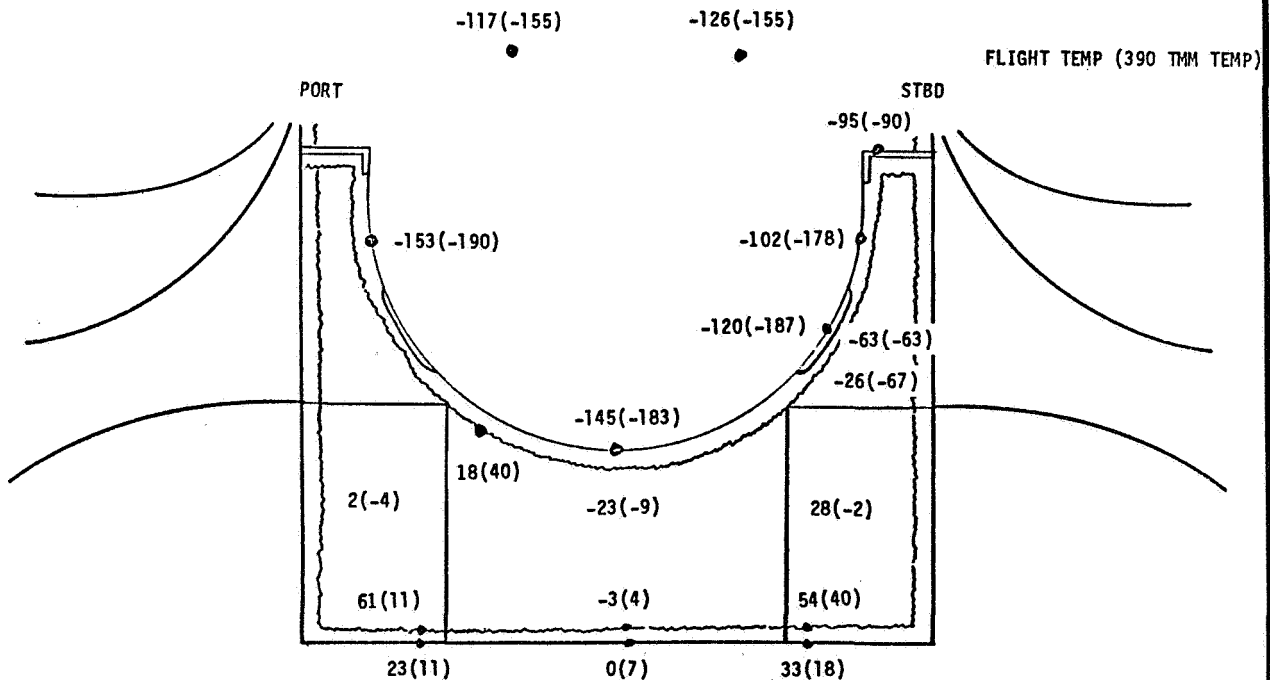
ORBITER PAYLOAD BAY  
ENTRY AND POSTLANDING TEMPERATURES  
E1/TD/MAX\*

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	STS-1		STS-2		STS-3		STS-4	
	DATA °F	PRED °F	DATA °F	PRED °F	DATA °F	PRED °F	DATA °F	PRED °F
PURGE**	55/65		55/65		55/65		55/65	
AIR <sup>A</sup>	- /45/80	- /50/80	- /70/80	- /105/105	- /60/85	- /105/105	- /70/80	
LINER	20/60/70	20/48/86	20/65/70	20/68/90	15/68/75	15/75/90	0/70/75	
LONGERON	3/30/75	3/25/70	10/40/70	10/30/60	5/60/70	5/45/65	0/50/75	
FITTING	-	-	-	-	15/65/70	-	10/60/75	
RADIATOR	10/32/80 <sup>B</sup>	10/35/100	15/80/85 <sup>C</sup>	15/85/95	20/80/85 <sup>C</sup>	20/85/90	-5/75/80 <sup>C</sup>	
BULKHEAD	20/50/65	20/42/87	20/60/65	20/42/87	15/60/70	15/65/80	0/65/75	

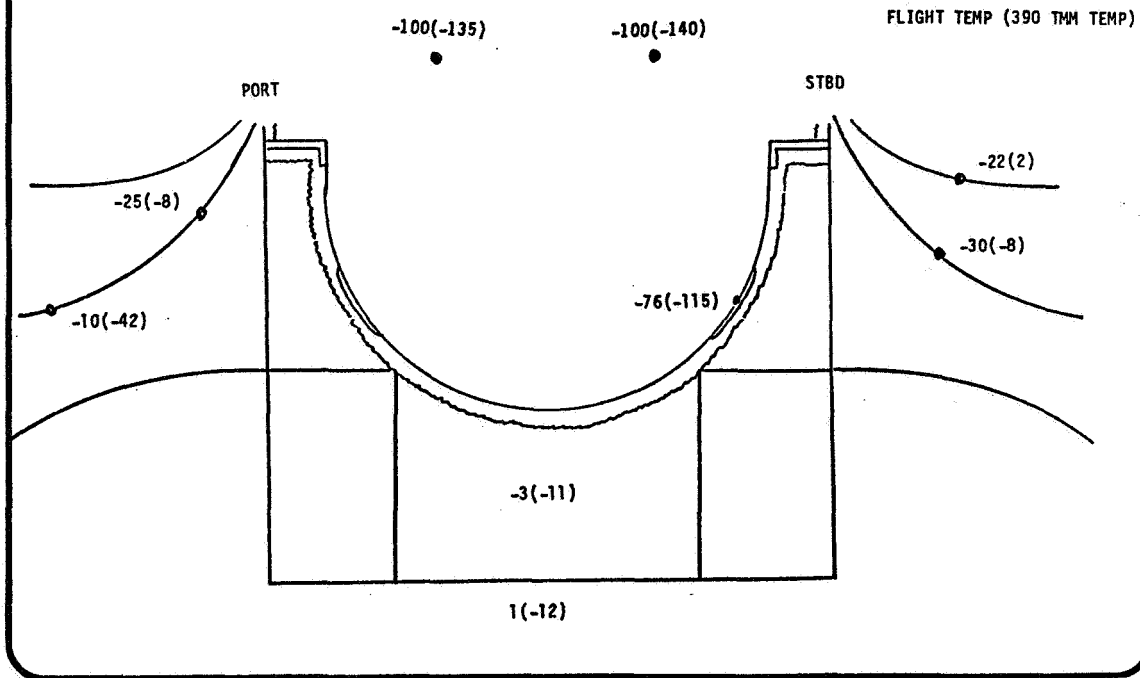
- \* MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES OCCUR AFTER TOUCHDOWN
- \*\* PURGE WAS 55°F INITIALLY, THEN INCREASED TO 65°F AFTER A FEW HOURS
- A AIR MEASUREMENT APPEARS TO BE ENVIRONMENT TEMPERATURE
- B RADIATOR FLOW FROM TD TO TD +15 MIN.
- C RADIATOR FLOW FROM TD -6 MIN. TO TD +15 MIN.

TMM/FLIGHT DATA COMPARISON  
ORBIT AVERAGE TEMPERATURES  
STS-3 TAIL SUN (22 HOURS)  
FWD (X<sub>0</sub> = 584 - 919)



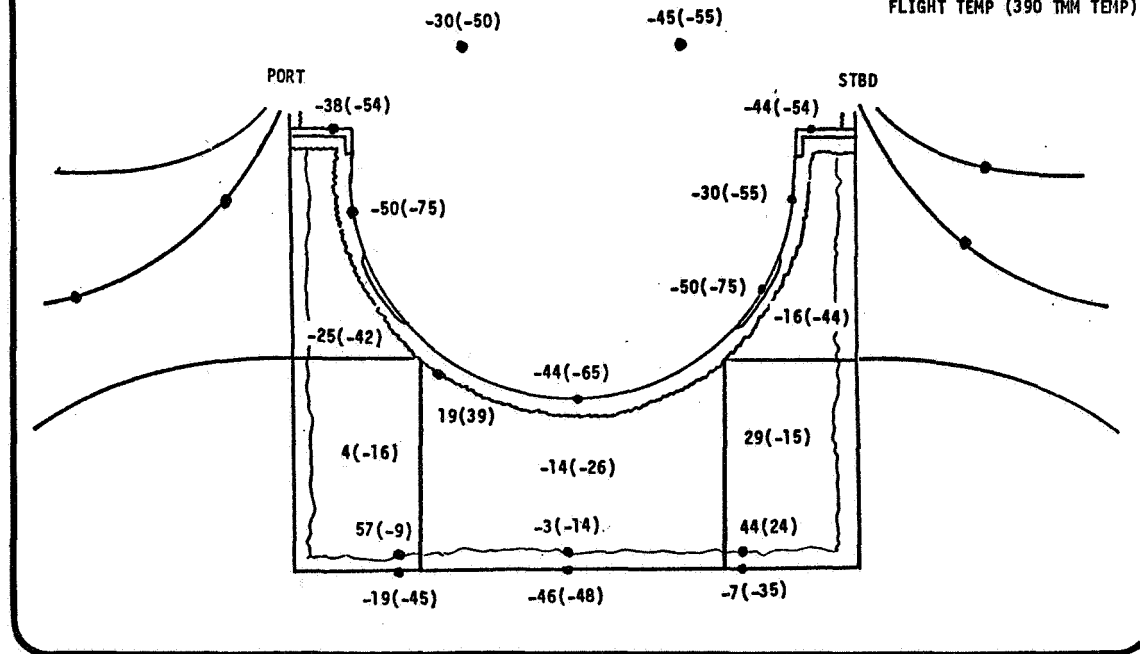
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 STS-3 TAIL SUN (22 HOURS)  
 AFT ( $X_0 = 919 - 1307$ )

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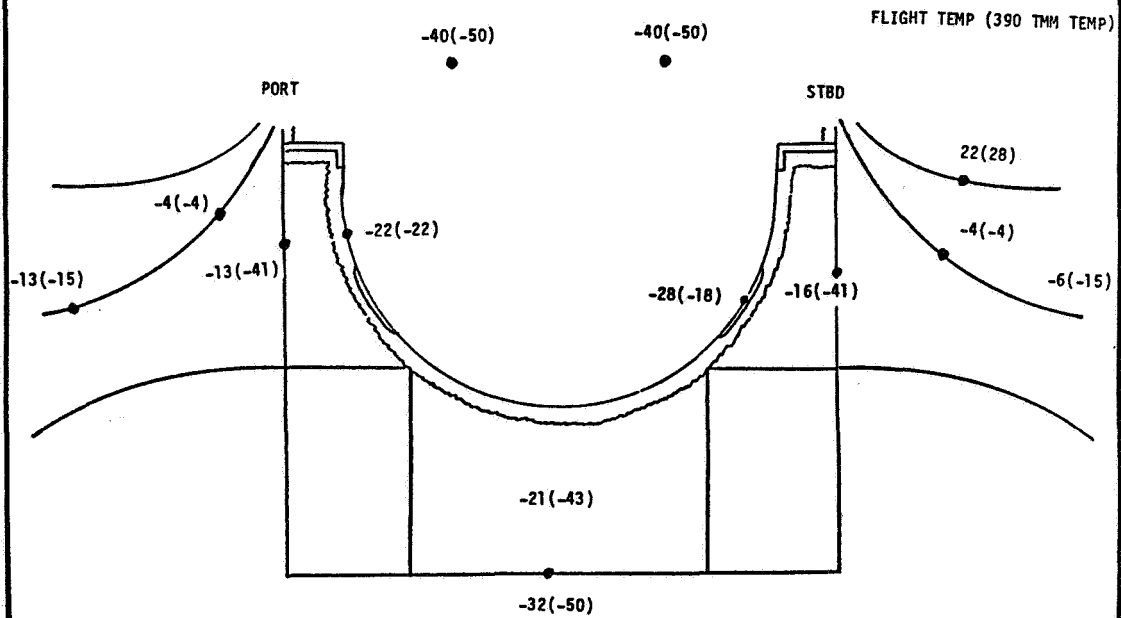
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 (STS-3 NOSE-SUN (78 HOURS)  
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FLIGHT TEMP (390 TMM TEMP)

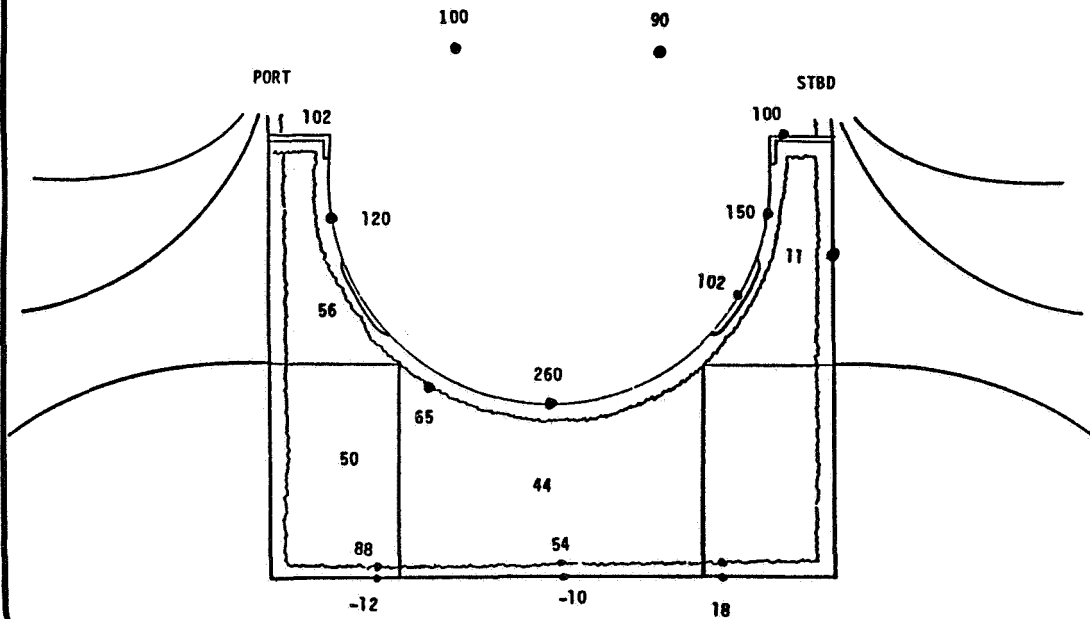


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ORBIT AVERAGE TEMPERATURES  
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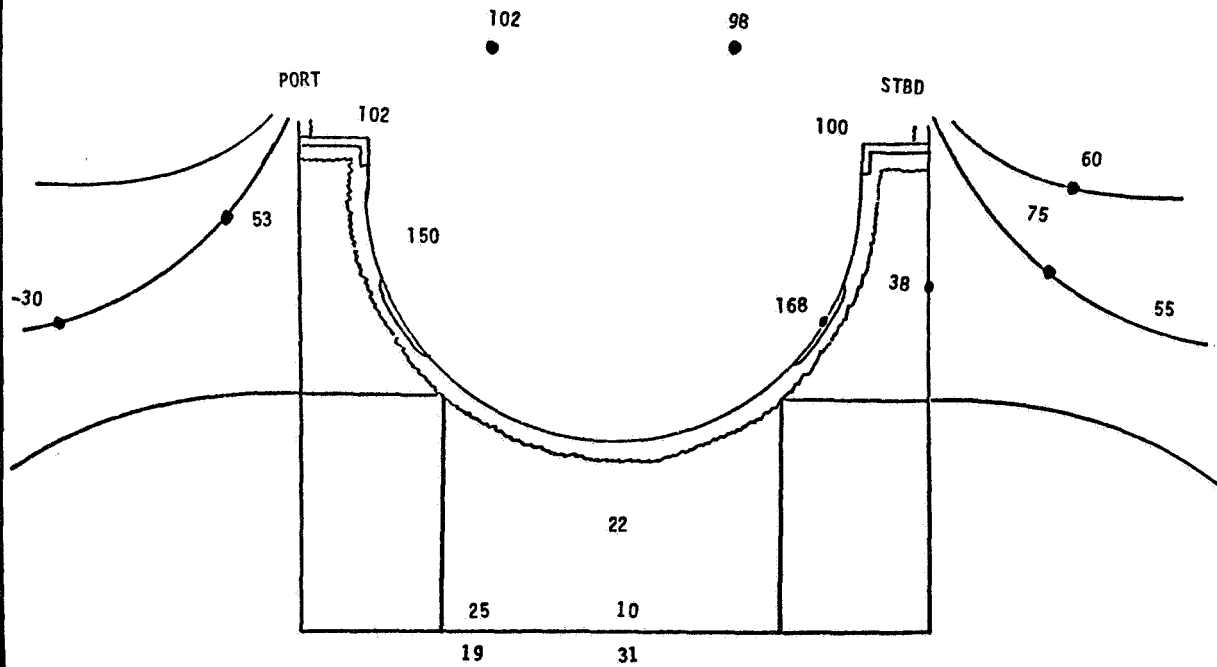


FLIGHT DATA  
ORBIT MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES  
STS-3 TOP SUN (24 HOURS)  
FWD ( $X_0 = 584 - 919$ )

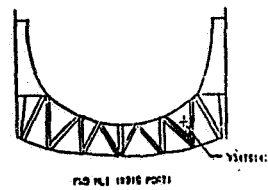
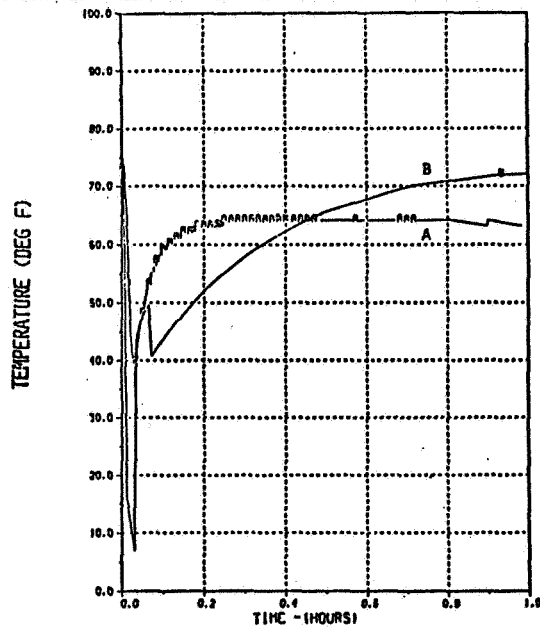


FLIGHT DATA  
 ORBIT MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES  
 STS-3 TOP SUN (24 HOURS)  
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TMM/FLIGHT DATA COMPARISON  
 STS-2 ASCENT



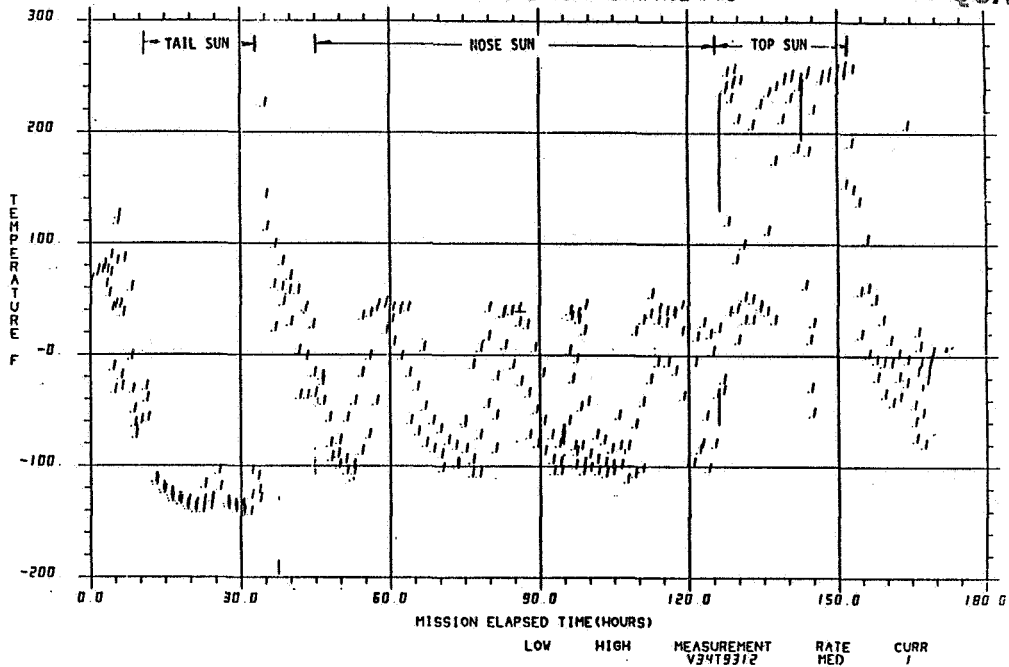
A - STS-2 FLIGHT DATA (V34T9142)  
 B - NODE 1268 PREDICTIONS

X<sub>0</sub> 919 MLI CLOSEOUT (FWD)

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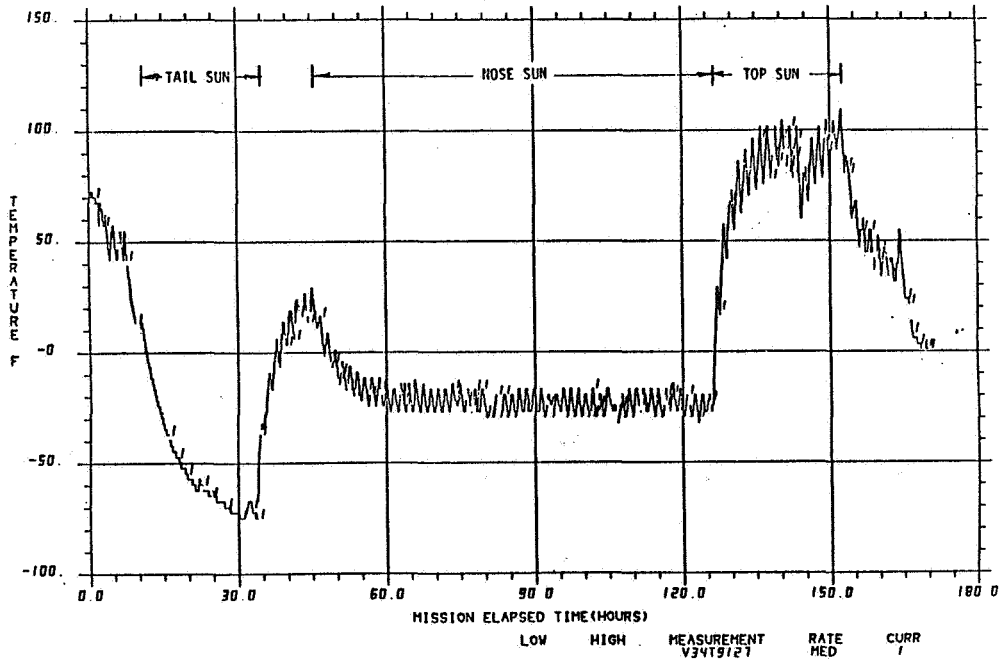
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PAYLOAD BAY INSULATION SURFACE FWD



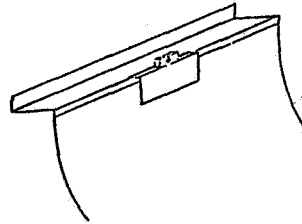
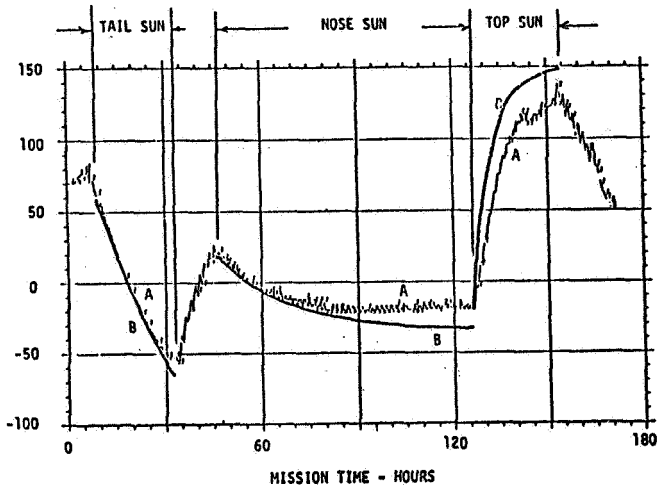
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PORT LONGERONS



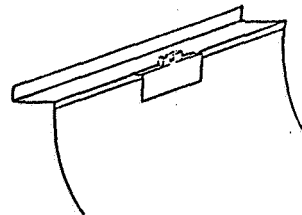
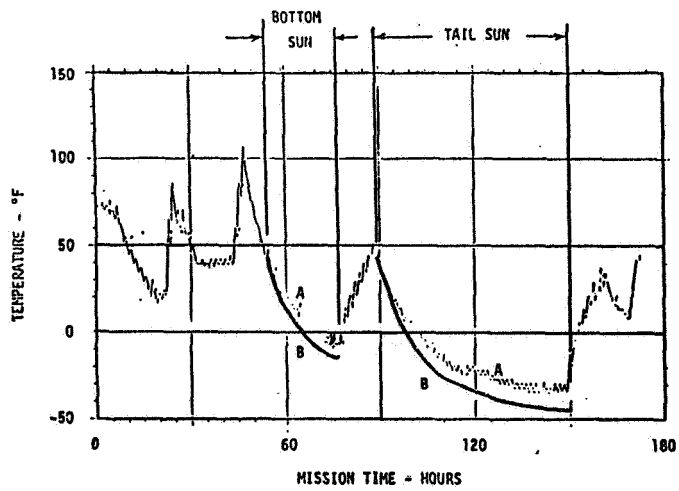
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DFI LONGERON RETENTION FITTING  
- LATCH TEMPERATURE -



TEMP/FLIGHT DATA COMPARISON

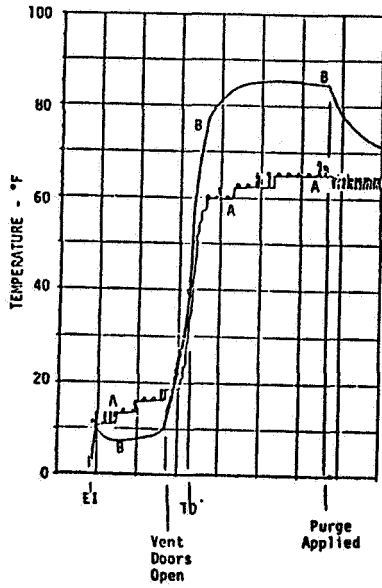
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- LATCH TEMPERATURE -



TIME/FLIGHT DATA COMPARISON

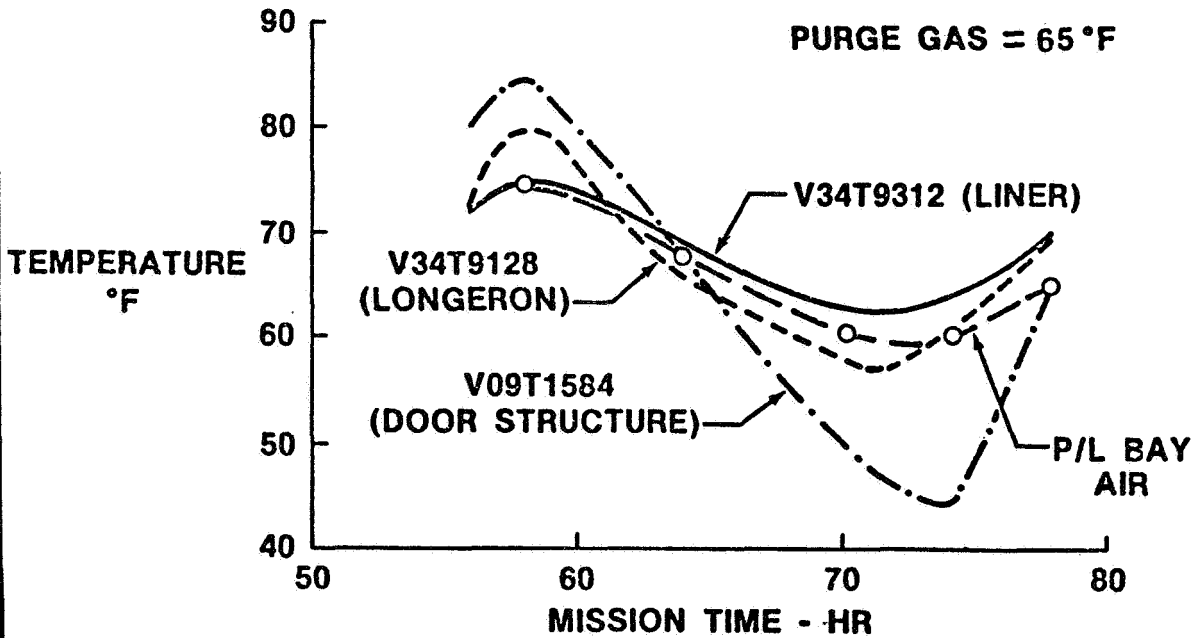
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STS-3 ENTRY  
FWD LINER (X<sub>0</sub>=670)



A - STS-3 FLIGHT DATA  
B - 390 TMI

STS-1 POSTLANDING TEMPERATURES



CONCLUSION

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- IN GENERAL THE FLIGHT THERMAL ENVIRONMENT IS LESS SEVERE THAN PREDICTIONS EXCEPT FOR POSSIBLY TOP SUN.
- NO ADVERSE THERMAL EFFECT ON THE ORBITER OR PAYLOAD AS A RESULT OF INTERACTION FOR PAYLOADS FLOWN ON THE FIRST FOUR FLIGHTS.