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# ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION EXPERIMENT FOR THE EXPLORER PLATFORM (EVEEP)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION EXPERIMENT FOR THE EXPLORER PLATFORM (EVEEP) BACKGROUND

- SATELLITES AND LONG-LIFE SPACECRAFT REQUIRE EFFECTIVE CONTAMINATION CONTROL MEASURES TO:
  - ENSURE DATA ACCURACY
  - MAINTAIN OVERALL SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MARGINS
- CONTAMINATION CAN OCCUR FROM EITHER MOLECULAR OR PARTICULATE MATTER
  - SOURCES OF MOLECULAR SPECIES:
  - \* MASS LOSS FROM NONMETALLIC MATERIALS
  - \* VENTING OF CONFINED SPACECRAFT OR EXPERIMENT VOLUMES
  - \* EXHAUST EFFLUENTS FROM ATTITUDE CONTROL SYSTEMS
  - \* INTEGRATION AND TEST ACTIVITIES
  - \* IMPROPER CLEANING OF SURFACES
  - SOURCES OF PARTICULATES:
  - \* LEAKS OR PURGES WHICH CONDENSE UPON VACUUM EXPOSURE
  - \* ABRASION OF MOVABLE SURFACES
  - \* MICROMETERIOD IMPACTS



## FOR THE EXPLORER PLATFORM (EVEEP) BACKGROUND (CONTINUED)

- SPACECRAFT CONTAMINATION CONTROL
  - MATERIALS SELECTION
  - CONTAMINATION MODELING OF EXISTING DESIGN
  - THERMAL VACUUM TEST OF SPACECRAFT WITH CONTAMINATION MONITORS



## ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION EXPERIMENT FOR THE EXPLORER PLATFORM (EVEEP)

- Launched 7 June 1992 aboard a Delta Rocket
- EVEEP uses Temperature Controlled Quartz Crystal Microbalances (TQCM's) to measure the in-flight molecular contamination present in several locations on the Explorer Platform/Extreme Ultraviolet Explorer (EUVE) spacecraft
- Flight contamination data will be used to validate or update existing contamination modeling programs
- Contamination data was also used to evaluate whether the spacecraft outgassing rates were low enough to open the EUVE telescope doors
- EVEEP includes two Teflon-coated TQCM's which will be used to improve our understanding of the synergistic effects of Ultraviolet radiation and Atomic Oxygen on Teflon.
- Three year mission. During the first six months EVEEP does not have any significant sun time on any component.



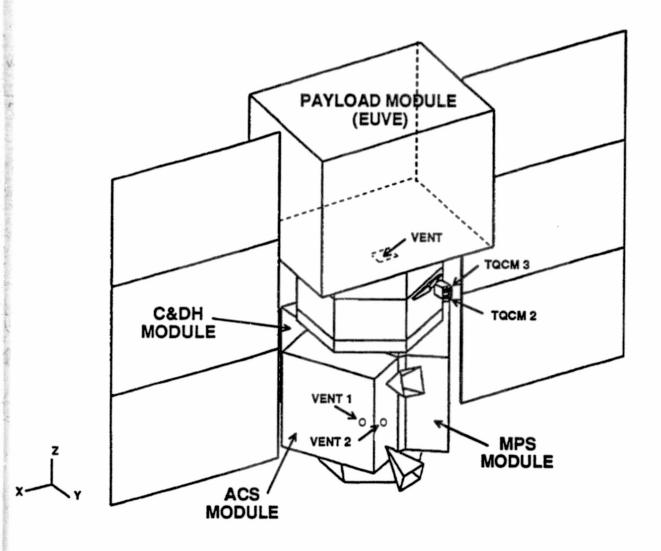
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EVEEP CONSISTS OF ...

- A housing containing three TQCM's mounted on the shade side of the spacecraft
  - Two TQCM's face in the same direction as the EUVE telescopes;
     one of these TQCM's is Teflon coated
  - The third TQCM faces down toward the Explorer Platform
- A housing containing two TQCM's mounted on the sun side of the spacecraft
  - Both TQCM's face outward; one is Teflon coated
- An electronics box mounted inside the Explorer Platform
  - The electronics box provides frequency and temperature data to the spacecraft for downlinking
  - The electronics box also allows for ground control of the TQCM temperature setpoints



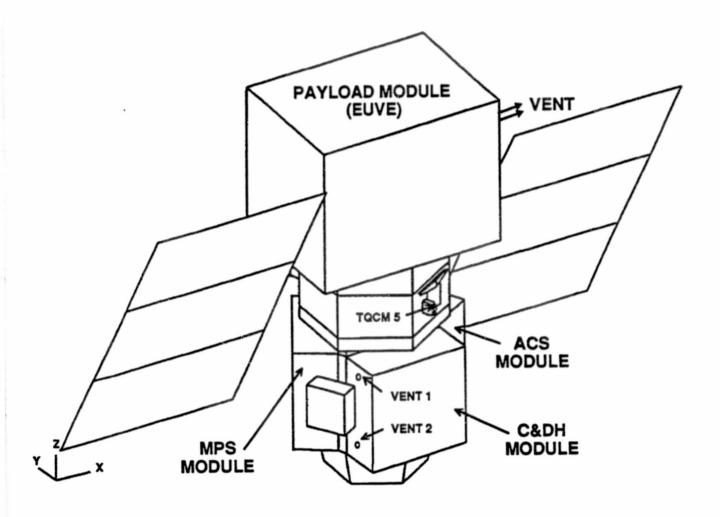
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### LOCATIONS OF EVEEP TQCM'S AND SPACECRAFT VENTS



### EXPLORER PLATFORM WITH EUVE INSTALLED

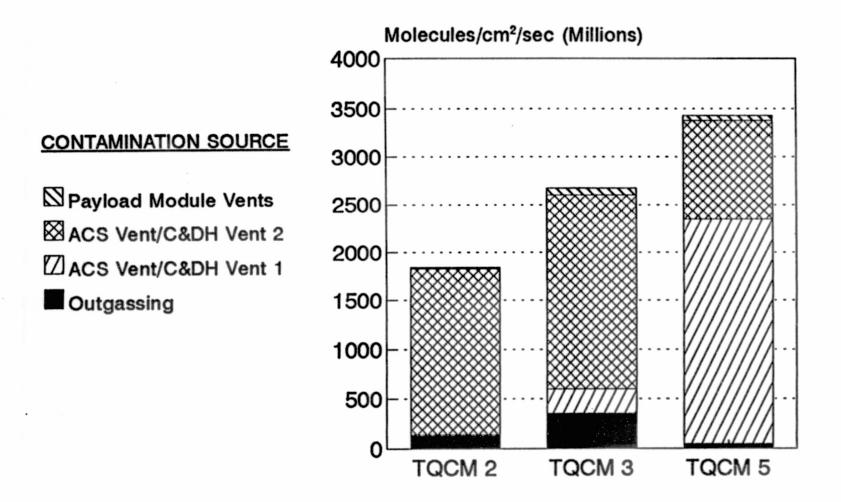


## LOCATIONS OF EVEEP TQCM'S AND SPACECRAFT VENTS



#### **EVEEP PREDICTED OUTGASSING RATES**

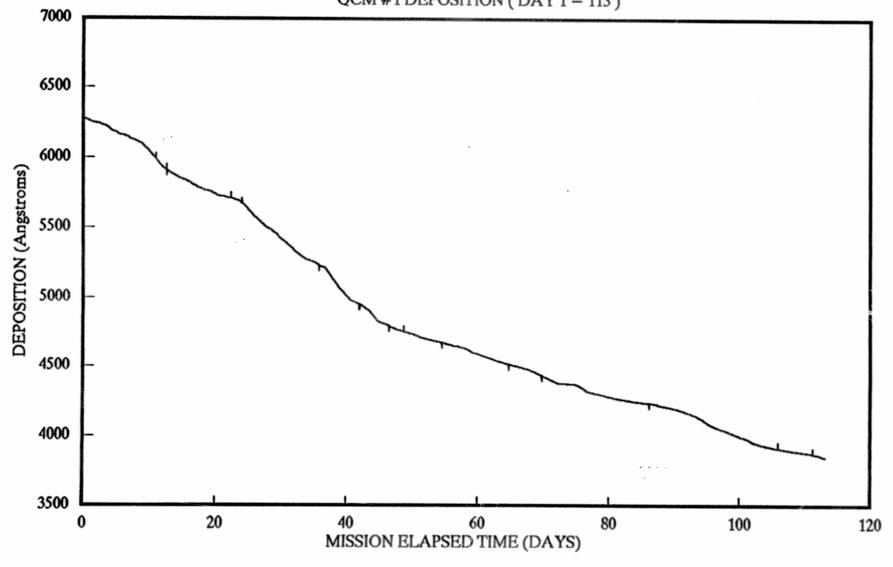
Normalized Flux of Organic Species



TQCM = Temperature Controlled Quartz Crystal Microbalance



QCM #1 DEPOSITION ( DAY 1-113 )

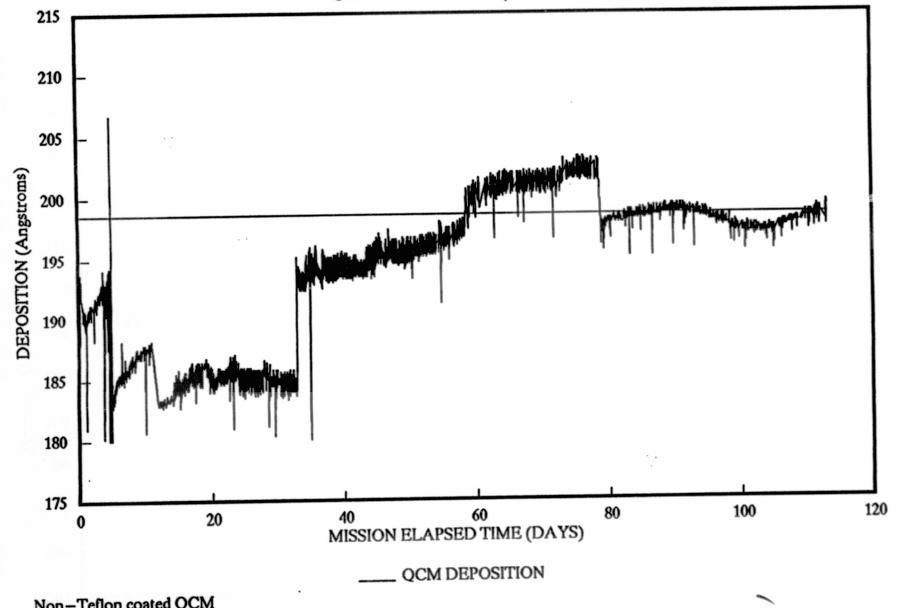


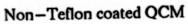
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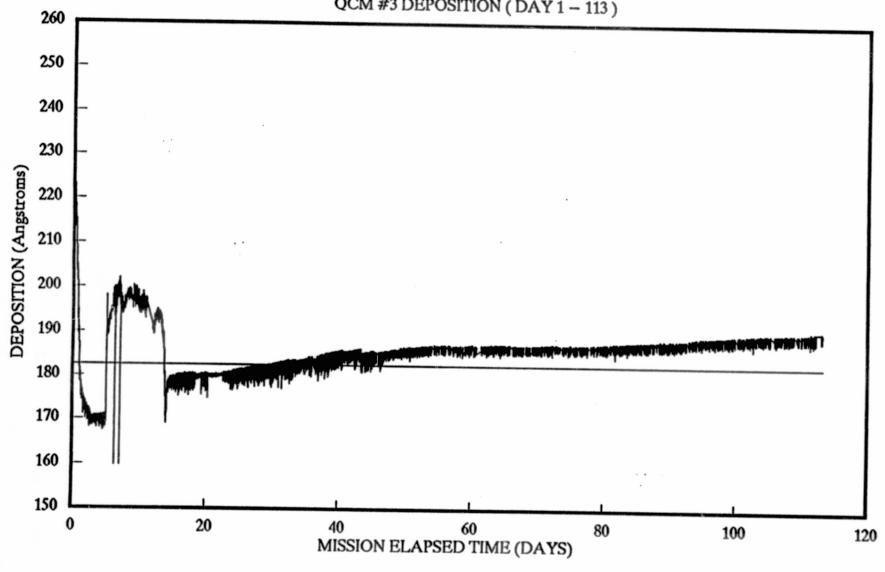
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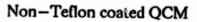






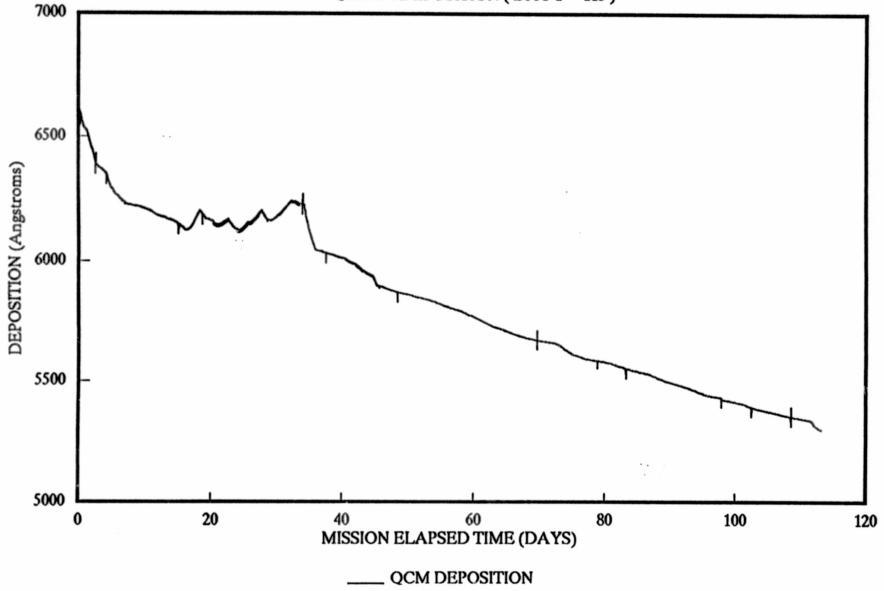


**QCM DEPOSITION** 





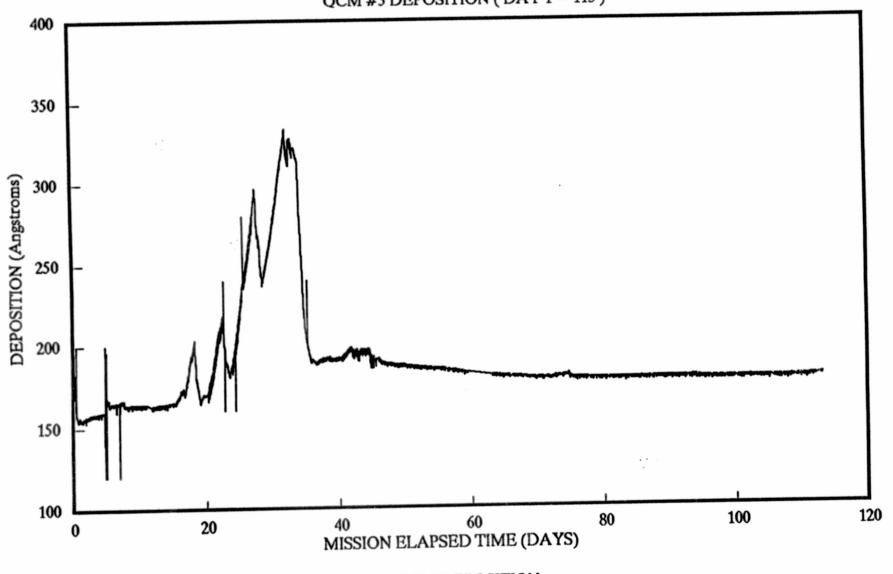
QCM #4 DEPOSITION (DAY 1 - 113)



Teflon coated QCM



QCM #5 DEPOSITION ( DAY 1-113 )



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