



Estimated Environmental Exposures for MISSE-3 and MISSE-4

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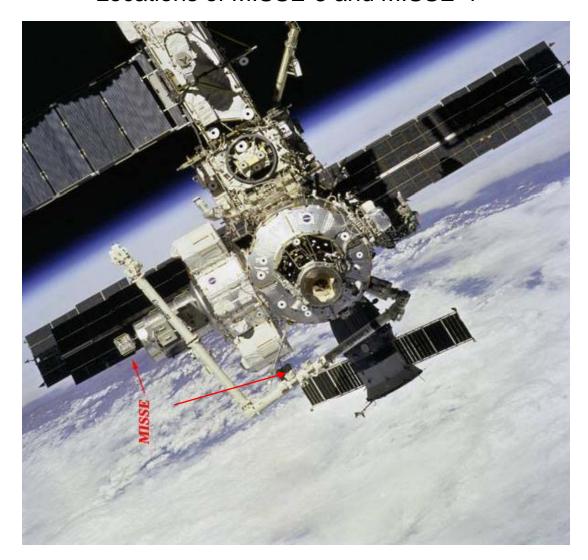


MISSE-3 and -4

- Originally planned for 3 year exposure
- ➤ Changed to 1 year exposure after MISSE-1 and -2 were in space for 4 years
- ➤ Located on Quest Airlock
 - Deployed August 3, 2006
 - Retrieved August 18, 2007
- ➤ ISS in mostly LVLH XVV attitude (Local vertical local horizontal, X-axis in velocity vector)



Locations of MISSE-3 and MISSE-4





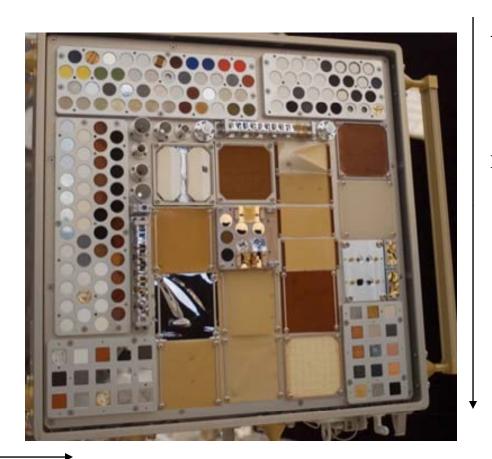
MISSE-3 and -4 Environmental Exposure Low Earth Orbit Space Environment

- Atomic Oxygen
- Ultraviolet Radiation
- Particulate Radiation
- Thermal Cycling
- Vacuum
- Plasma
- Meteoroid / Space Debris Impact

Also contamination associated with proximity to an active space station

MISSE-3 AO-UV SIDE





AO fluence

Decrease

Slight UV increases

Solar UV fairly uniform (~1,695 to 1,750 ESH)

MISSE-3 UV SIDE





Solar UV increase

Solar UV exposure on wake side much less than ram side 655 to 790 ESH

MISSE-4 AO-UV SIDE



AO fluence



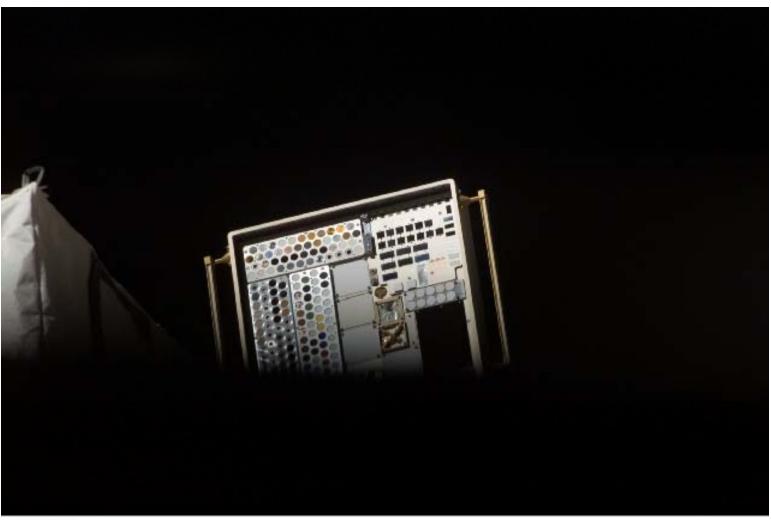
Decrease

Increase

Solar UV varied from 1,200 to 1,590 ESH

Shadowing of MISSE



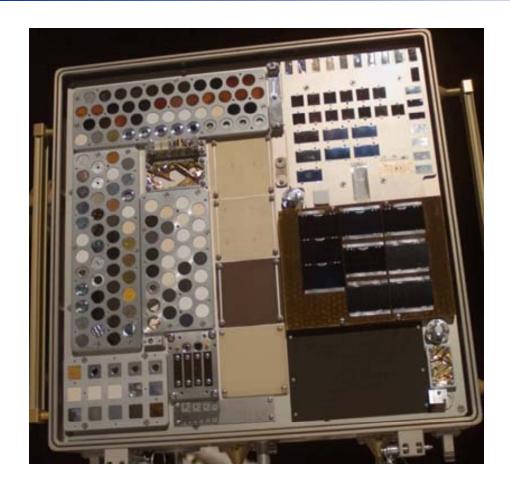


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MISSE-4 UV SIDE



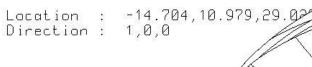




Solar UV varied from 825 to 995 ESH

ISS ram view from MISSE-1 (Similar for MISSE-3)

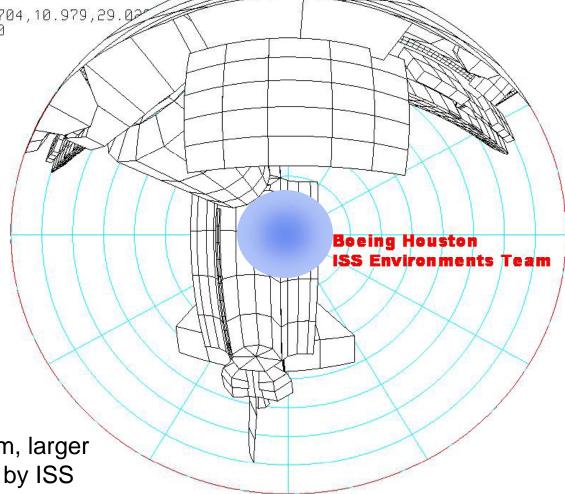






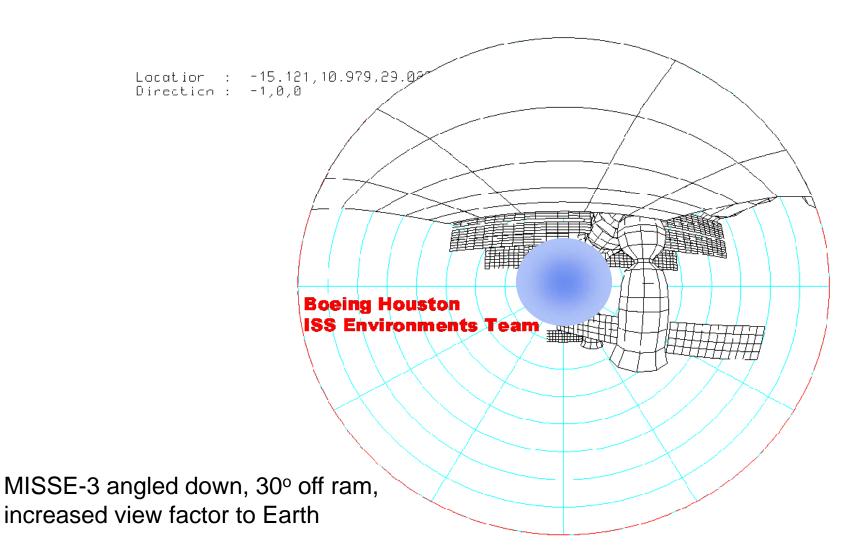
Representation of extent of AO beam, +/- 15° due to thermal velocity spread

MISSE-3 angled up, 30° off ram, larger fraction of unit sphere blocked by ISS



ISS wake view from MISSE-1 (Similar for MISSE-3)

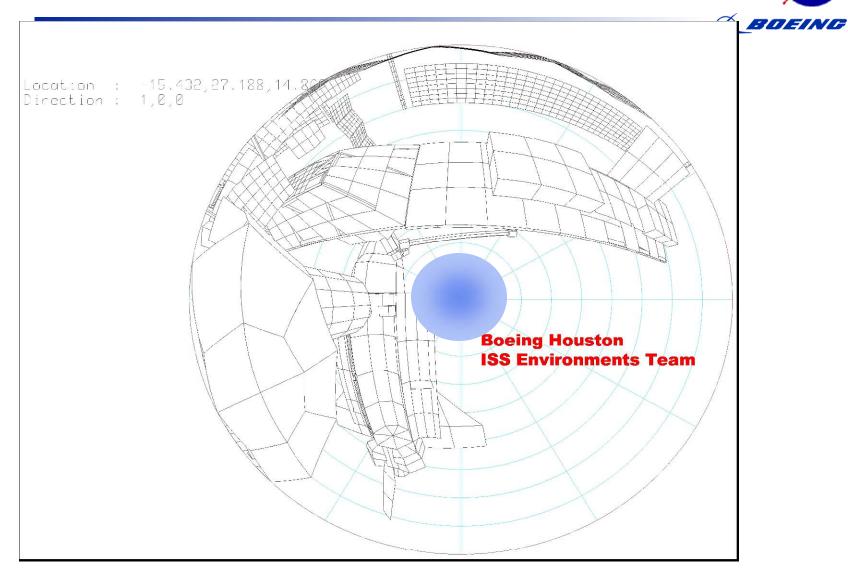




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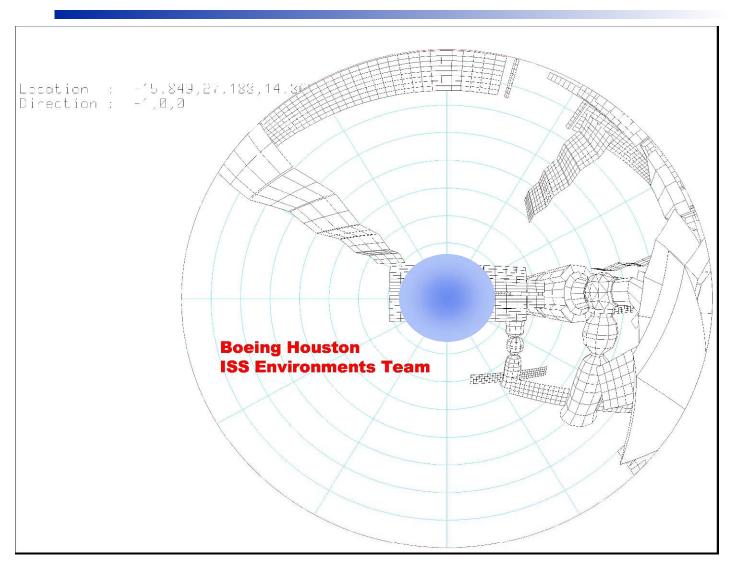
ISS ram view from MISSE-2 (Similar for MISSE-4)





ISS wake view from MISSE-2 (Similar for MISSE-4)







Atomic Oxygen Fluences for MISSE 3 & 4

	Calculated (x 10 ²¹ atoms/cm ²⁾	Measured (x 10 ²¹ atoms/cm ²⁾
MISSE-3 Ram	1.50	1.2 – 1.3
MISSE-3 Wake	0.294	0.19
MISSE-4 Ram	1.82	2.06 2.14*
MISSE-4 Wake	0.364	N/A

Both mass loss and thickness loss were measured.

Periodic orientation changes of ISS lowered exposure to specimens on MISSE-3 & MISSE-4

*Glenn Research Center data, courtesy of Kim de Groh and Sharon Miller





MISSE-3 & MISSE-4

"Monte Carlo" model used to estimate ESH on each surface Divided each surface into 2" x 2" areas Model accounts for range of solar beta angles Exposure period of ~1 year

Nominal Exposure		Range of ESH (total)	Earth-reflected ESH
MISSE-3	AO-UV	1700	120
MISSE-3	$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}$	700	250
MISSE-4	AO-UV	1200-1600	75
MISSE-4	$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}$	900	300

MISSE-3 & MISSE-4 solar exposure estimates do not account for shielding by the Space Shuttle

Radiation dosimetry



Boeing Dosimetry results from MISSE-1 through MISSE-4 are based on TLD measurements, with a variety of materials used for shielding.

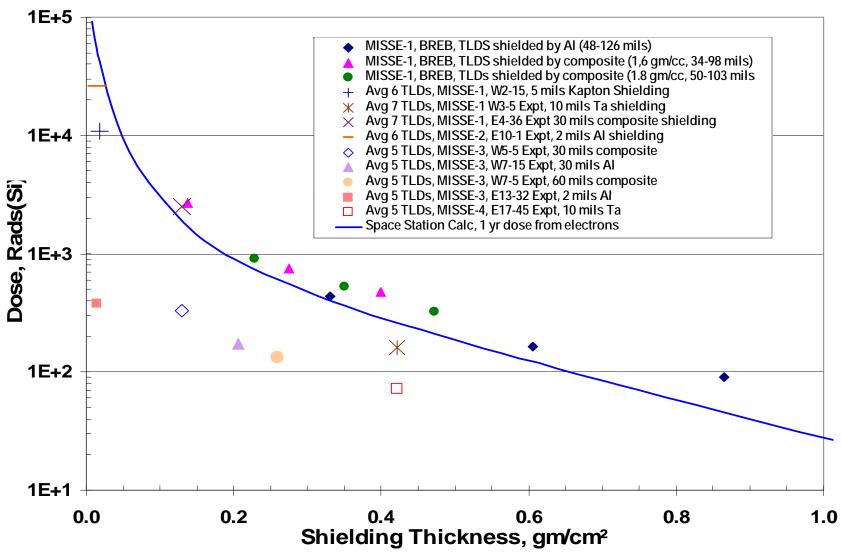
Data was compared to earlier Russian experiment.

Shielding by ISS structure and Earth has significant influence on results – as more hardware has been added, the measured dose has decreased.

Loral radiation dose experiment results were presented at 2007 SAMPE Conference.

MISSE-1 through MISSE-4 TLD Readings, up to 4 yrs at ISS, Dose vs Shield Thickness







Thermal conditions

MISSE-3 and MISSE-4 LaRC data logger measurements of temperature show thermal cycling ~-40°C to +40°C, with excursions up to +60°C.

Vacuum

10⁻⁶ torr or less

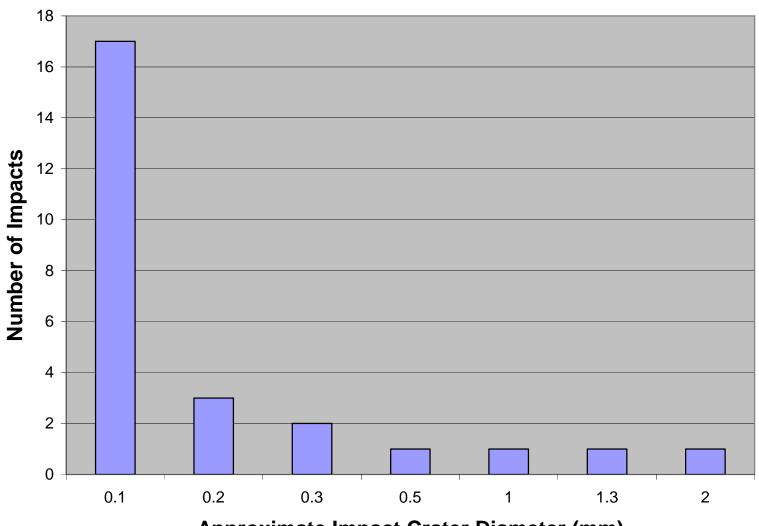
Plasma

ISS Plasma Contactor Units maintain floating potential between ±40 V.

Meteoroid & Space Debris Impact



Distribution of Impacts on MISSE 3 and 4



Approximate Impact Crater Diameter (mm)

Contamination



ISS assembly during MISSE-3 and MISSE-4 exposure

- STS-115 P3 / P4 Truss and Solar Array
- STS-116 P5 Truss
- STS-117 S3 / S4 Truss and Solar Array
- STS-118 S5 Truss and External Stowage Platform

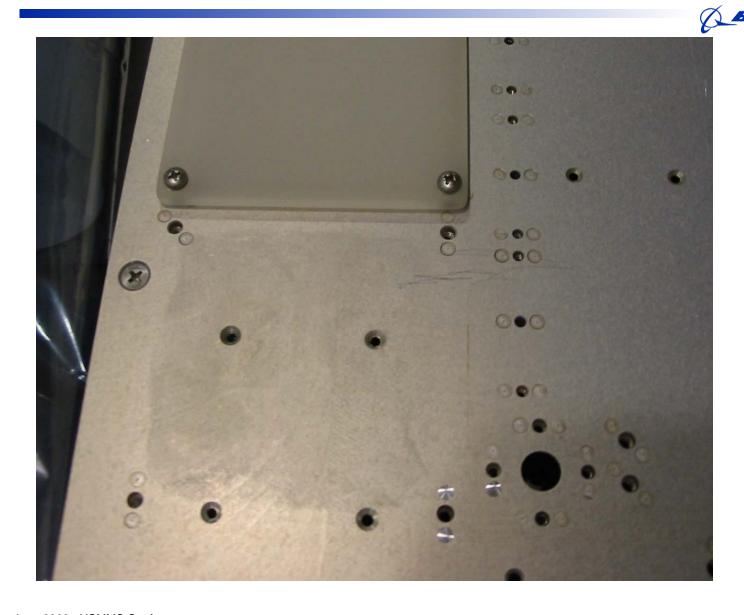
Contamination on samples appeared to be minimal.

Some localized contamination was seen on baseplate.

Ceramic white thermal control coatings have solar absorptances within 0.01 of pre-flight measurements.

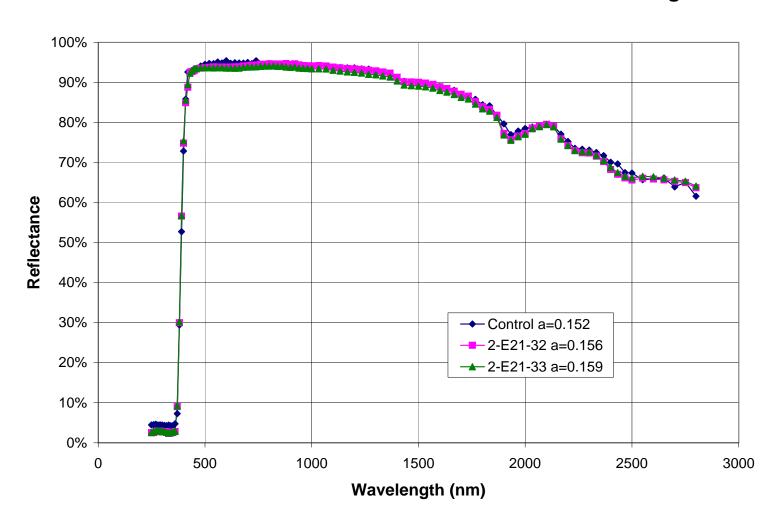
Contamination







MISSE-3 Wake Side - AZ93 Thermal Control Coating



MISSE-3 and MISSE-4 Exposure Summary



Nominal Ram-facing surfaces maximum fluence of atomic oxygen <2.2 E+21 atoms/cm².

Solar exposures ranges

- ~1200 to 1700 ESH on ram sides
- ~700 to 900 ESH on wake sides

Particulate radiation low, agrees with previous measurements at same altitude and inclination. Dose levels indicate significant increased shielding by ISS structure relative to MISSE-1 and MISSE-2.

Molecular contamination levels generally low, may be significant for certain materials.