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Experiment 1

- Goal
 - Perform a thermodynamic analysis of an electronic device to examine how heat flows through a circuit in space-like conditions.
 - Seek to find components that may become too hot or too cold in a vacuum environment.
- Motivation
 - A LunaH-map camera will be used so a thermodynamic analysis is extremely helpful in their testing phase







What does this require?

- Much stronger and safer payload since we are flying Lunah-map components that need to be recovered.
 - Safer payload design
 - Heating element to prevent camera freezeout
- Electronic components to measure heat flow v. altitude which is accomplished through
 - Temperature probes
 - IR camera
 - barometer





Payload Design



- Al top and bottom plates
- Carbon fiber cylinder self-wrapped central frame
- Al rods wrapped between carbon fiber layers
 - Rods puncture Al plates to prevent rotation
 - Plates secured down with pins on Al rods



Results: Temperature Probes







- Temp probe locations
 - 0: Bottom Al plate
 - 1: Camera board metal mount
 - 2: Ambient air
- No Significant temperature differences
 - Shows that heat wasn't dissipating from the hot board effectively



Conclusions



- Lunah Cam picture showing overheating regions(red) and possible freeze-out regions (blue)
- Camera boards were found to pose overheating problems in space-like conditions due to the inability to convectively dissipate heat.
 - To prevent electronic failure the use of thermally conductive tape is advised



Experiment 2

- Motivation
 - To assist the Eclipse team by completing the science payload to allow them to spend additional time on other tasks.
- Research Goal
 - To test fluctuations in atmospheric conditions during a solar eclipse due to sudden surface cooling.
 - We Seek to measure
 - Wind speed/direction
 - Humidity
 - Earth's surface temperature
 - Atmospheric temperature





Methods

• Use a number of atmospheric monitoring sensors operated through arduino micro-controllers



Results





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Wind Speed v. Altitude

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Thank You For Your Time

Are there any questions?

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