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#### Introduction



#### **Improved SPARTA model**

#### Panel model

Panel	Area (m²)	Area Normal Vector			Area		IR-	Solar-	ESA-EOPG-MOM-MO-15,	
		x	Y	z	(%)	Material	Emissivity	(BoL/EoL)	Stemes (2018)	
Nadir I		0.0	0.0	1.0	15%	Aluminum/Alodine Foil	0.100	0.368/0.52		
	1.540				70%	OSR Radiator	0.780	0.050/0.230		
	1.540				10%	Black Kapton	0.780	0.930	Pros	Cons
					5%	Beta Cloth	0.800	0.400		Cons
									Simple approach	Low fidelity geometry
										No Shadowing

Low computational cost

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#### SPARTA (Stochastic PArallel Rarefied-gas Time-accurate Analyzer) model



Pros	Cons		
High fidelity geometry	Complex approach		
Shadowing	Expensive computational cost		
Multiple reflections			

#### **Improved SPARTA model**

New densities turned out to be higher reaching a mean +11% for CHAMP, +5% for GRACE, +9% for GOCE and +32% for Swarm.









#### **Gas-Surface Interactions (GSI)**



$$C_D = (1 - \sigma) C_{D,spe} + \sigma C_{D,dif}(\alpha_E)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{T_{inc} - T_{re}}{T_{inc} - T_{re}}$$

$$\alpha_E = \frac{T_{inc} - T_{re}}{T_{inc} - T_W}$$



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- Adsorption of gases on satellite surfaces;
- (Solar activity);
- (Altitude);
- ...?!

#### **Influence on Aerodynamics**











GOCE winds between: 2010-01-01, 2013-01-01;  $\alpha_{\rm E} = 1.00$ 



GOCE winds between: 2010-01-01, 2013-01-01;  $\alpha_{\rm E} = 0.93$ 



GOCE winds between: 2010-01-01, 2013-01-01;  $\alpha_{\rm E} = 0.60$ 



CHAMP winds between: 2002-01-01, 2005-01-01;  $\alpha_{\rm E} = 1.00$ 



CHAMP winds between: 2002-01-01, 2005-01-01;  $\alpha_{\rm E} = 0.93$ 



CHAMP winds between: 2002-01-01, 2005-01-01;  $\alpha_{\rm E} = 0.60$ 









#### **Influence on Density: Swarm-A**





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#### **Influence on Density (ratios)**



HA: High solar Activity; LA: Low solar Activity;

#### **Influence on Density (ratios)**



#### **Influence on Density (ratios)**



## **Summary & Outlook**

- Optimize coefficients for *diffusive* & *specular* reflections ( $\alpha_E$ ,  $\sigma$ );
- Improve Solar Radiation Pressure (SRP) accelerations;



- TU Delft works on the improvement of Swarm & GOCE thermospheric products [ESA contract (Starting: Q1-2019)];
- We are interested in revisiting GRACE data and work with GRACE-FO.





### Thank you for your attention!

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