Appendix D

Thermal mapping on Bepicolombo's Mercury Planetary Orbiter (MPO) using SINASIV

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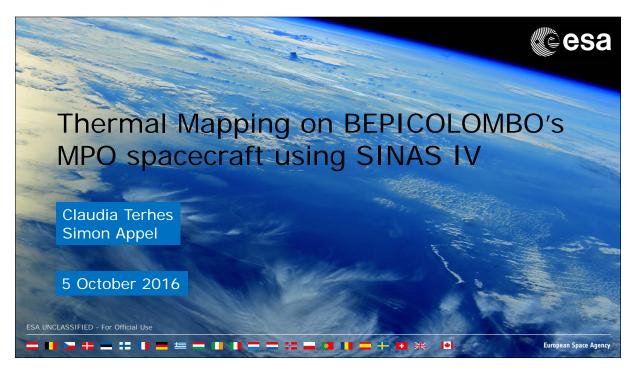
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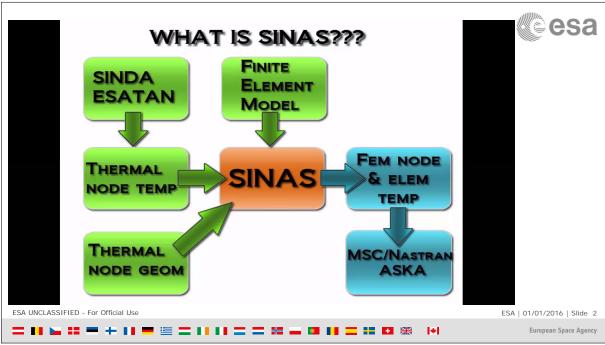
Bepicolombo mission to Mercury poses complex problems in terms of environment aspects, and its effect on the structural behaviour of the spacecraft.

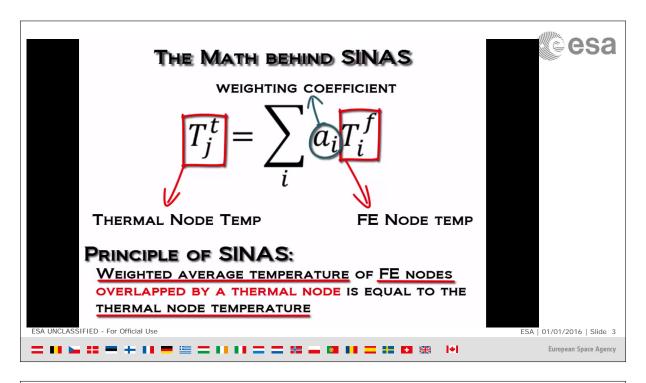
In order to analyse the spacecraft thermal elastic distortions cause by Mercury's harsh environment, the thermal node temperatures were mapped and interpolated on the structural finite element model using SINAS software.

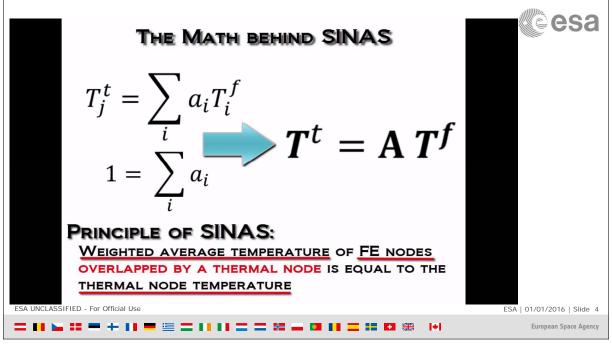
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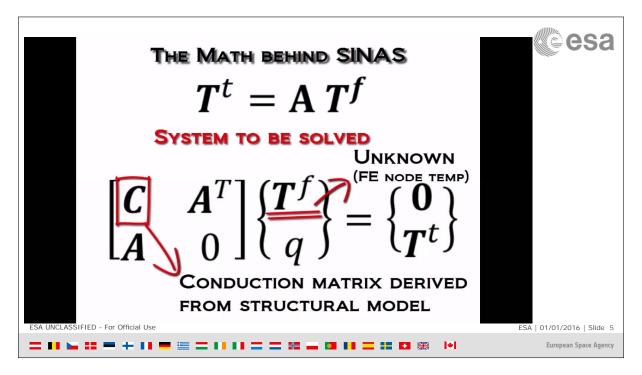
- Temperatures mapping onto the MPO finite element model;
- Challenges regarding the gradients areas and embedded heat pipes;
- Discrepancies between thermal and structural model and how they can be reduced.

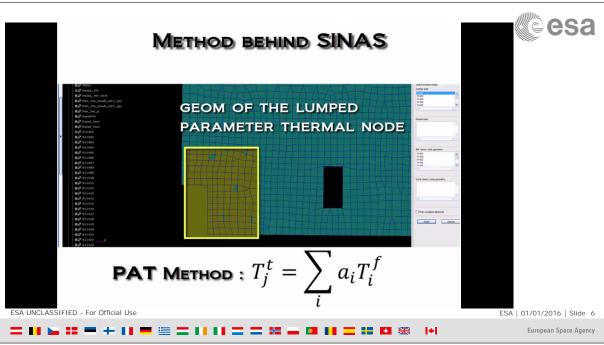


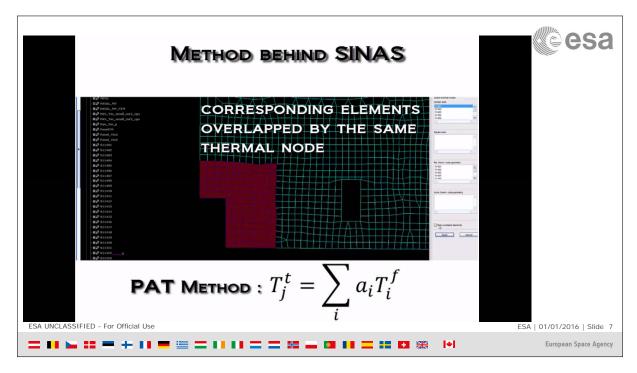


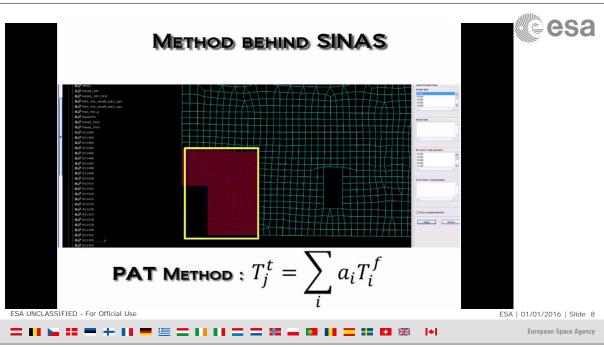


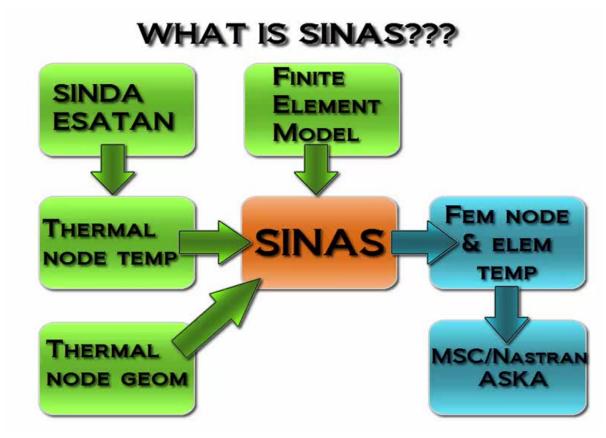












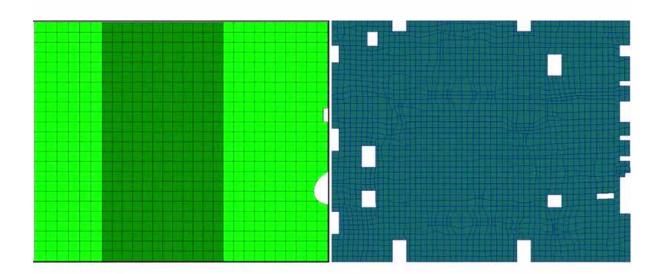
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BEPI-COLOMBO



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GRADIENT AREA CASE



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BEST PRACTICES

- 1. INCORRECT TH. NODE DEFINITION LEADS TO INCORRECT TEMP INTERPOLATION
- 2. HIGH TEMP GRADIENTS REQUIRE HIGH RESOLUTION THERMAL MESH
- 3) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DISTORTIONS @ UNIT | PAYLOAD I/F, THEN MODEL (IN FEM) AT LEAST ITS BASE PLATE
- 4 PROPER DOCUMENTATION OF MATERIALS & GLs (FROM BOTH SIDES)
- 5. CONSIDER ADDING A TH NODE (TMM) FOR MAIN BRACKETS & ATTACHEMENTS

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