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1:1 ABC

1:2 B

1:3 A

1:4 AB

1:5 A

1:6 ABC

1:7 AC

1:8 AB

1:9 BC

1:10 AC

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Assuming there are no other heat sources or sinks, the temperature T of the sensor is determined by a balance

$$P_a = P_e \quad (1)$$

between absorbed solar radiation power P_a and emitted heat radiation power P_e . Here

$$P_a = \alpha I A_a \quad (2)$$

where $\alpha = 0.47$ is given and I is the solar energy flux at distance R from the sun, given by

$$I = I_0 \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^2 \quad (3)$$

where $I_0 = 1370 \text{ W/m}^2$ is the value of I at $R = R_0 = 1 \text{ AU}$, and A_a is the effective absorbing area, i.e. the sensor area projected to the sun, which will be a circle of radius $a = 25 \text{ mm}$, i.e.

$$A_a = \pi a^2. \quad (4)$$

For the emitted power,

$$P_e = \varepsilon \sigma T^4 A_e \quad (5)$$

where $\varepsilon = 0.10$ is given, σ is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant, and A_e the effective emitting area, which will be the total area of the sensor:

$$A_e = 4\pi a^2. \quad (6)$$

Combining (1)-(6), we get

$$\alpha I_0 \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^2 \cdot \pi a^2 = \varepsilon \sigma T^4 \cdot 4\pi a^2 \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \sqrt[4]{\frac{\alpha I_0}{4\varepsilon \sigma} \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^2}$$

The extreme temperature values will clearly be found at the extreme distances to the sun, i.e.

$$T_{\max} = \left[\frac{0,47 \cdot 1370}{4 \cdot 0,1 \cdot 5,67 \cdot 10^{-8}} \left(\frac{1}{0,72} \right)^2 \right]^{1/4} \text{ K} \approx 484 \text{ K} \approx 211^\circ \text{C}$$

T_{\min} can be calculated the same way, or obtained by scaling T_{\max} :

$$T_{\min} = T_{\max} \sqrt{\frac{0,72}{9,54}} \approx 133 \text{ K} \approx -140^\circ \text{C}$$

Answer: -140°C and $+211^\circ \text{C}$

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(a) The force on the particle is

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}, \quad (1)$$

where q is the charge, \vec{v} the particle velocity and \vec{B} the magnetic field. By Newton's second law,

$$\vec{F} = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}, \quad (2)$$

so we get the evolution of the kinetic energy as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} m \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \right) = \vec{v} \cdot m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \\ &= \vec{v} \cdot \vec{F} = q \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Hence, the particle kinetic energy is conserved, QED.

(b) As the particle has 90° pitch angle in the equatorial plane, where the B field strength has its minimum, the particle will stay in this plane. The bounce frequency is thus undefined. The gyro frequency is given by

$$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{qB}{m} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{eB}{m} \quad (4)$$

as $q = e$ for O^+ . In our case,

$$B = B_0 \left(\frac{R_E}{r} \right)^3, \quad (5)$$

so we get

$$\begin{aligned} f_c &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{eB_0}{m} \left(\frac{R_E}{r} \right)^3 = \frac{1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot 30 \cdot 10^{-6}}{2\pi \cdot 1.67 \cdot 10^{-27}} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^3 \text{ Hz} \approx \\ &\approx 1.1 \text{ Hz}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where we used that $B_0 = 30 \text{ mT}$.

The third (or, in this case, the second) period of the motion is the drift period around the equatorial plane due to the gradient drift. The drift velocity is

$$\bar{v}_d = \frac{\bar{B} \times \mu \nabla B}{q B^2} \quad (7)$$

and the distance around the equator is $2\pi r$, so the drift frequency is

$$f_d = \frac{|\bar{v}_d|}{2\pi r} \quad (8)$$

In the equatorial plane,

$$\bar{B} = -B_0 \left(\frac{R_E}{r}\right)^3 \hat{\theta} \quad (9)$$

and

$$B = B_0 \left(\frac{R_E}{r}\right)^3 \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla B = -\frac{3}{r} B_0 \left(\frac{R_E}{r}\right)^3 \hat{r} = -\frac{3B}{r} \hat{r} \quad (11)$$

So that $\nabla B \perp \bar{B}$ and

$$v_d = |\bar{v}_d| = \frac{B \cdot \mu \frac{3B}{r}}{q B^2} = \frac{3\mu}{qr} \quad (12)$$

(where we used that $\frac{\partial B}{\partial \theta} = 0$ in the equatorial plane because of symmetry - this cannot be deduced from (10), which is a special case for $\theta = 90^\circ$). Now

$$\mu = \frac{E_\perp}{B} \quad (13)$$

where $E_\perp = 10 \text{ keV}$ is the particles energy due to its gyration motion (as the pitch angle was 90° , this is all the energy). Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_d &= \frac{V_d}{2\pi r} = \frac{3\mu}{2\pi q r^2} = \frac{3E_{\perp}}{2\pi q r^2 B} = \frac{3E_{\perp}}{2\pi q r^2 B_0} \left(\frac{r}{R_E}\right)^3 = \\
 &= \frac{3E_{\perp}}{2\pi q R_E^2 B_0} \cdot \frac{r}{R_E} \quad (14)
 \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_d &= \frac{3 \cdot 10 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 1,6 \cdot 10^{-19}}{2\pi \cdot 1,6 \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot (6,371 \cdot 10^6)^2 \cdot 30 \cdot 10^{-6}} \cdot 3 \text{ Hz} \approx \\
 &\approx 1,2 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ Hz}
 \end{aligned}$$

(meaning that the drift period is about a day, 24 h)

T080402/4)

(a) The maximum latitude is equal to the inclination. From the diagram, we get $i \approx 63^\circ$. (The sign of the inclination is given by the sense of rotation around the Earth: as Freja moves eastward, its inclination is positive).

(b) In a circular orbit, the centripetal acceleration is

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r}, \quad (1)$$

so gravity must provide a force

$$ma = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \quad (2)$$

for such an orbit to be possible. Now the period T and the speed v are related by

$$vT = 2\pi r \quad (3)$$

so we get

$$\frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{GM}{r^2} \quad (4)$$

$$r = \frac{GM}{v^2} = \frac{GMT^2}{4\pi^2 r^2} \quad (5)$$

$$r^3 = \frac{GM}{4\pi^2} T^2 \quad (6)$$

$$r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{GM}{4\pi^2} T^2} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{6.67 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot 6 \cdot 10^{24}}{4\pi^2} \cdot (3600 + 50 \cdot 60)^2} \text{ m}$$

$$\approx 7615 \text{ km}$$

$$h = r - R_E = (7615 - 6371) \text{ km} \approx 1244 \text{ km}$$

$$v = \frac{2\pi r}{T} = \frac{2\pi \cdot 7615 \cdot 10^3}{3600 + 50 \cdot 60} \text{ m/s} \approx 7.25 \text{ km/s}$$

Answer: $v = 7.2 \text{ km/s}$ and $h = 1244 \text{ km}$

(c) If the orbit is circular, the B-field strength in a dipole field only depends on the latitude, being stronger toward the poles, because

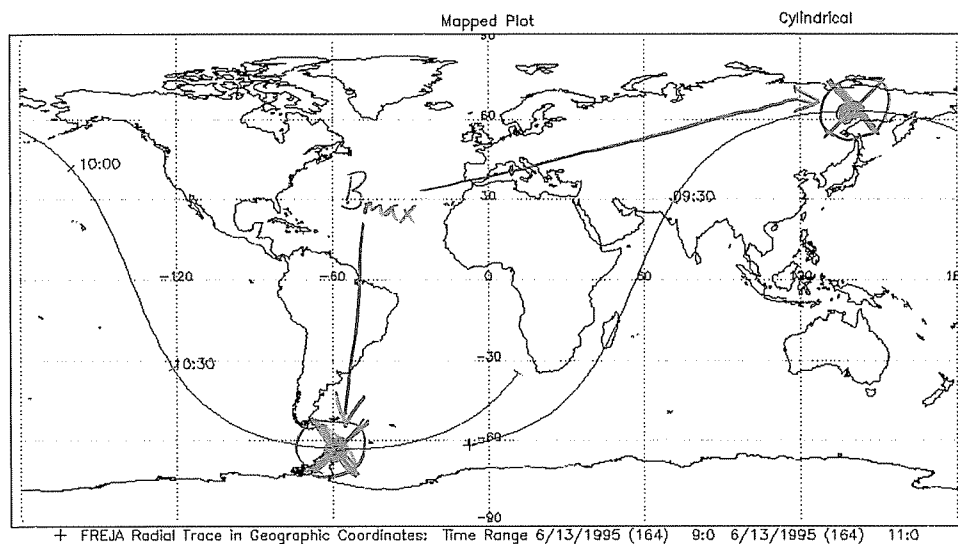
$$B = |\vec{B}| = B_0 \left(\frac{R_E}{r}\right)^3 \sqrt{4\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta} =$$

$$= B_0 \left(\frac{R_E}{r}\right)^3 \sqrt{1+3\cos^2\theta} = B_0 \left(\frac{R_E}{r}\right)^3 \sqrt{1+3\sin^2\lambda} \quad (7)$$

where $\lambda = 90^\circ - \theta$ is the latitude. We thus get B_{\max} at max latitude $\approx 63^\circ$,

$$B_{\max} = B_0 \left(\frac{R_E}{r}\right)^3 \sqrt{1+3\sin^2 63^\circ} =$$

$$= 30 \cdot \left(\frac{6371}{7615}\right)^3 \sqrt{1+3\sin^2 63^\circ} \mu\text{T} \approx 34 \mu\text{T}$$



(d) If the plasma is co-rotating with the Earth, its velocity at a distance ρ from the rotation axis is

$$\vec{v}_\rho = \rho \Omega \hat{\varphi} \quad (8)$$

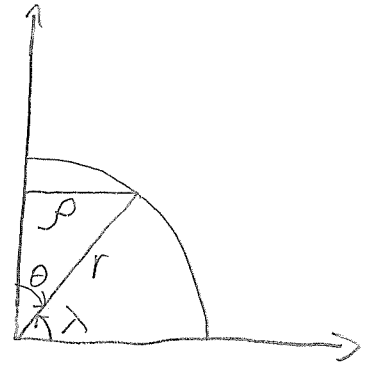
where Ω is the angular speed due to Earth's rotation,

$$\Omega = \frac{2\pi}{24 \cdot 3600} \text{ rad/s.}$$

We have

$$\rho = r \sin \theta, \quad (9)$$

so that at the points of maximum B we get



$$\bar{V}_\rho = r \sin \theta \cdot \Omega \hat{\varphi} =$$

$$= 7615 \cdot \sin(90^\circ - 63^\circ) \cdot \frac{2\pi}{24 \cdot 3600} \hat{\varphi} \text{ km/s} \approx 0.25 \hat{\varphi} \text{ km/s}. \quad (10)$$

At these points in the orbit, the s/c velocity \bar{V}_{sc} is purely in the $\hat{\varphi}$ (eastward) direction, so that

$$\bar{V}_{sc} = V \hat{\varphi} = 7.25 \hat{\varphi} \text{ km/s} \quad (11)$$

(using the result from (b)). In the reference frame of the s/c, the plasma thus moves at a velocity

$$\bar{V} = \bar{V}_\rho - \bar{V}_{sc} = -7 \hat{\varphi} \text{ km/s}. \quad (12)$$

The electric field in the plasma rest frame should be zero, i.e.

$$0 = \bar{E} + \bar{V} \times \bar{B} \quad (13)$$

where \bar{E} is the E-field in the Freja frame. Hence,

$$\bar{E} = -\bar{V} \times \bar{B} \quad (14)$$

where

$$\bar{B} = -B_0 \left(\frac{R_E}{r} \right)^3 (2 \hat{r} \cos \theta + \hat{\theta} \sin \theta). \quad (15)$$

Hence, in the northern hemisphere at $\lambda = 63^\circ$,

$$\bar{E} = -7 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 30 \cdot 10^{-6} \left(\frac{6371}{7615} \right)^3 (2 \hat{\varphi} \times \hat{r} \cos[90^\circ - 63^\circ] + \hat{\varphi} \times \hat{\theta} \sin[90^\circ - 63^\circ]) \frac{V}{m}$$

$$\approx (-219 \hat{\theta} + 56 \hat{r}) \text{ mV/m} = (+56 \hat{r} - 219 \hat{\theta}) \text{ mV/m}$$

The $\hat{\theta}$ term changes sign in the south to give $\bar{E} = (+56 \hat{r} + 219 \hat{\theta}) \text{ mV/m}$ there.

T080402/5)

(a) Until around 14:00 in day 297 ($t = 297.63$ days), solar wind conditions are normal. A southward turn of the IMF around $t = 294.32$ days may have started loading of B-field energy into the magnetotail, possibly released in a few substorms, but otherwise nothing remarkable happens in this time interval.

At $t = 297.63$ days, an uncommonly strong solar wind intensification occurs. Density goes up to 70 cm^{-3} in the peaks, combined with large B and high v. This is obviously a major geomagnetic storm, leading to highly disturbed space weather.

(b) We estimate the standoff distance by finding where the magnetic pressure from the geomagnetic field,

$$P_B = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} = \frac{B_0^2}{2\mu_0} \left(\frac{R_E}{r}\right)^6$$

balances the solar wind dynamic pressure

$$P_{\text{SW}} \approx m_p n v^2,$$

which gives

$$r = R_E \left[\frac{B_0^2}{2\mu_0 m_p n v^2} \right]^{1/6}.$$

With values from the figure, we get

$$r(t = 297.5) \approx R_E \left[\frac{(30 \cdot 10^{-6})^2}{2 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 1.67 \cdot 10^{-27} \cdot 5 \cdot 10^6 \cdot (440 \cdot 10^3)^2} \right]^{1/6} \approx 7.8 R_E$$

$$r(t = 297.74) \approx R_E \left[\frac{(30 \cdot 10^{-6})^2}{2 \cdot 4\pi \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot 1.67 \cdot 10^{-27} \cdot 70 \cdot 10^6 \cdot (580 \cdot 10^3)^2} \right]^{1/6} \approx 4.6 R_E$$

This last value is very low, meaning that the geostationary orbit reached outside the magnetopause!