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2 II. MY29 DATA ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION

43 1 Introduction

44 The terrestrial planet Mars is the focus of extensive and continuing scientific study. This paper deals with the
45 topic of climatic modelling and is informed by the atmospheric observations of various authors who have made
46 studies in this field (Table 1).

47 Author: Mulholland Geoscience, Edinburgh, UK. e-mail: philip.mulholland@uclmail.net T The daytime lit
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50 climate operates as a black-body system and provides an explanation for the apparent negative greenhouse effect
51 in the Martian atmosphere, whereby the lit surface is observed to be colder than the overlying air in the near
52 surface boundary layer.

53 Mars is classed by astronomers as a superior planet because it is located further from the Sun than the Earth.
54 Mars orbits the Sun at a mean distance of 227.925 million Km and receives an average solar irradiance of 586.2
55 W/m², which is 43.97% of the Earth's insolation. Unlike the terrestrial bodies of Venus, Earth, and Saturn's
56 moon Titan which all have a surface atmospheric pressure greater than 0.1 Bar (10,000 pascals) and therefore
57 have tropospheric thermal radiant opacity [13], the surface atmospheric pressure of Mars is 636 pascals at the
58 planet's mean radius. The tenuous gaseous envelope of the Martian atmosphere is highly transparent to thermal
59 radiation and consequently the planet experiences major surface atmospheric window thermal energy loss to
60 space.

61 The main constituent gas of the Martian atmosphere is Carbon Dioxide 95.1% by volume. The atmospheric
62 pressure varies seasonally between 400 and 870 pascals due to the sequestration of solid carbon dioxide on
63 the polar icecaps during each hemisphere's polar winter (Table 2). The Martian Global Average Temperature
64 (GAT) has been variously estimated to range between 200 Kelvin and 240 Kelvin (Table 3). The surface diurnal
65 temperature range measured at the Viking 1 lander site is between a nighttime low of 184 Kelvin and a daytime
66 high of 242 Kelvin [14]. The climate modelling study presented here is informed by the Martian Year 29 (MY29)
67 atmospheric temperature profile data first published in 2010 by McCleese et al. [6] and kindly supplied for use
68 in this work ??26,27].

69 2 II. MY29 Data Analysis and Presentation

70 The Dynamic-Atmosphere Energy-Transport (DAET) climate model is predicated on a design protocol that
71 ensures the computational existence of the dual planetary surface environments of a lit daytime hemisphere of
72 net energy gain and a dark nighttime hemisphere of net energy loss [28].

73 In order to appropriately constrain the temperature data and to ensure that polar circle zones of continuous
74 lit surface (summer) and continuous dark surface (winter) are appropriately binned, the MY29 source data was
75 regrouped into two separate lit and dark data sets ??26,27]. These two datasets incorporate the illumination
76 effect of the seasonal axial tilt of Mars in the binning process (Table 4).

77 To achieve this re-binning the latitude of each zonal cell was converted into a 360-degree equivalent meridional
78 angle with the North Pole 90-degree latitude as the zero-angle datum. For this meridional great circle, the
79 far side surface latitudes are calibrated between 0 and 180 degrees and the near side (sun facing) latitudes are
80 calibrated between 180 and 360 degrees. This data re-organisation ensures that the planet's zonal latitudes
81 track the seasonal axial tilt illumination, consequently only lit surface latitudes were used to compute average
82 daytime temperatures and correspondingly only dark surface latitudes were used to compute average nighttime
83 temperatures (Table 5).

84 The MY29 temperature data are organised by 5degree wide latitudinal zones across the full surface area of the
85 Martian globe. Because of the standard geometric effect on surface area of zonal latitude bands, whereby zonal
86 latitude area has a maximum value at the equator and decreases towards the poles, it is necessary to compute
87 the temperature data using an areal weighted algorithm. This process ensures that high-latitude polar zones of
88 small surface area are not overrepresented in the calculation of global temperature averages.

89 In addition to the areal weighted averages of global temperature, similar calculations were made of the average
90 tropopause height for the two polar and one tropical convection cell. Using these tropopause heights as the upper
91 boundary, a surface to tropopause lapse rate was calculated for each zonal latitude component of the planetary
92 meridional atmospheric transect. (Table 5). An additional benefit of the re-binning of the latitudinal transects to
93 a great circle meridian calibration is that it facilitates the presentation of the seasonal global atmosphere transects
94 into an Octon set of polar plots organised from the perspective of the solar zenith (Figures 1 and ??). 4. The
95 tropopause height in metres for each of the 3 regional circulation cells (North Pole, Tropical and South Pole).
96 5. The tropopause temperature in Kelvin for each of the 3 regional circulation cells (North Pole, Tropical and
97 South Pole). 6. Near-surface temperature inversions associated with anomalous energy capture in the boundary
98 layer were recorded when observed in the data. The results of this analysis are presented in data supplemental
99 files located online at Research Gate [29].

100 3 c) A Comparison between the Tropospheres of Venus and 101 Mars

102 The two terrestrial planets Venus [30] and Mars have a significant number of environmental differences and some
103 very interesting atmospheric similarities (Table 6). The MY29 atmospheric data used here [6] is organised into
104 a set of two Excel Workbooks that each contain a group of 8 Excel worksheets. These worksheets collate the
105 daytime and nighttime polar meridional transect data across each hemisphere for the 8 seasonal octants for the
106 Martian year MY29 ??26,27]. Each of the 16 worksheets contains 36 columns that record the atmospheric profile
107 data in 5-degree wide latitude swathes that cover the full extent of the specific hemisphere (either lit day or dark
108 night). For each 5degree wide latitude band the vertical profile data is recorded at a set of 96 levels that range in
109 height above the datum surface from 1,263 m (610 pascals) to a maximum height of 93,523 m (0.0042 pascals).
110 Due to technical issues associated with the satellite data acquisition process [6] the physical extent of the collated
111 temperature data varies for each of the 8 worksheets within the respective workbook ??26,27].

112 i. The Planetary Differences ? Venus is closer to the Sun than Mars and therefore receives a greater solar
113 radiation flux. ? Venus is a slowly rotating world; Mars is a fast daily rotator. ? Venus is more massive than
114 Mars and therefore has a higher surface gravity. ? At its base the atmosphere of Venus is a highpressure, high
115 temperature environment. ? At its base the atmosphere of Mars is a lowpressure, low temperature environment.
116 ? Venus has a high planetary Bond Albedo (A V) and is therefore visibly bright and reflective. ? Mars has a
117 low planetary Bond Albedo (A M)and is therefore visibly dull and poorly reflective. ? The exit-to-space thermal
118 radiation emission height of Venus is in the planet's stratosphere at an elevation of 71 Km. ? The exit-to-space
119 thermal radiation emission height of Mars is in the planet's surface boundary layer at an elevation of 1.6 Km.

120 ii. The Atmospheric Similarities Both Venus and Mars contain an abundance of carbon dioxide gas in their
121 respective atmospheres (Venus 96.5%; Mars 95.1%).

122 Both Venus and Mars have an equivalent tropopause elevation (Venus 63.4 Km; Mars 62.0 Km) this is despite
123 the massive differences in the pressure and temperature profiles of the two planet's tropospheres (Figure 3) and
124 requires an explanation. Climate Science is built on a conceptual model that removes from its fundamental
125 analysis the dual complementary energy environments of a lit daytime hemisphere and a dark nighttime
126 hemisphere. By preserving these two energy environments the Dynamic-Atmosphere Energy Transport (DAET)
127 climate model more appropriately mimics the meteorological reality of a solar lit globe [30] and the DAET model
128 is therefore applied herein.

129 4 a) The Vacuum Planet Equation (VPE)

130 Studies of the atmospheric dynamics of terrestrial solar system planets has a long and detailed history. The
131 fundamental equation for the basis of this work is exemplified by the radiation balance equation (corrected from
132 the published errorpers comm) used by Sagan and Chyba [15]: -"The equilibrium temperature T_e of an airless,
133 rapidly rotating planet (or moon) is: -Equation ???: $T_e = [S? R^2 (1-A)/4? R^2 ? ?]^{1/4}$

134 b) The Issues of Absorptance ?, Reflectance ? and Emittance ?

135 The Absorptance ? of the surface of a material is its effectiveness in absorbing radiant energy. Absorptance is
136 the ratio of the absorbed to the incident radiant power.

137 The Reflectance ? of the surface of a material is a measure of its capability to reflect radiant energy. Reflectance
138 is defined as the fraction of incident radiation reflected by a surface or discontinuity.

139 For an incident beam of unit power striking a material surface the Absorptance ? plus Reflectance ? is unity
140 because energy is conserved. Equation 2: ? + ? =1.

141 Emittance ? is the ratio of radiant exitance of a thermal radiator to that of a full radiator (black-body) at the
142 same temperature. As such Emittance ? is the lowfrequency radiant converse of Absorptance ? and is less than
143 unity because of the missing component of energy lost to the absorbing surface by Reflectance ?. For a surface at
144 thermal radiant equilibrium the amount of insolation energy absorbed is equal to the amount of thermal radiant
145 energy emitted, therefore ? = ? and consequently Kirchhoff's Law applies [31]:Equation 3: ? + ? =1.

146 As a material body with zero reflectance would be a black-body(Kirchhoff's Law of Thermal Radiation) and
147 the surface is in fact a grey-body it follows therefore where ? is the Stefan-Boltzmann Constant (S-B), ? the
148 effective surface emissivity, A the wavelength-integrated Bond albedo, R the planet's (or moon's) radius (in
149 metres), and S the solar constant (in Watts/m²) at the planet's (or moon's) average orbital distance from the
150 sun." [15]. Equation 1 is hereafter called the Vacuum Planet Equation (VPE).

151 that reflectance must be included in the computation of the total energy budget.

152 5 c) The role of Bond Albedo (A) in the Atmospheric Energy 153 Budget

154 In equation 1 the wavelength-integrated Bond Albedo A reduces the power of the solar irradiance that acts
155 within the planetary climate system. The Bond Albedo is a bypass filter that records the planetary brightness
156 and removes from the climate budget the solar energy flux that exits the planetary atmosphere and returns to
157 space as unaltered high frequency radiation. Therefore, it is axiomatic that all the high frequency energy flux
158 post-albedo (1-A) is degraded to low frequency thermal radiant flux by the processes of light interception, both

8 F) MARS GLOBAL AVERAGE EMISSIVITY (MGAE) SENSITIVITY TEST

159 in the planet's atmosphere and at the physical surface. For the planet Mars there are three main processes that
160 capture insolation energy. These are: 1. Atmospheric dust which generates the visibility obscuring haze, warms
161 the atmosphere and so reduces the power of the insolation that reaches the surface [32]. 2. The physical surface
162 which absorbs insolation energy by absorptance ?. 3. The action of surface reflectance ? that creates a process of
163 near surface backlighting of the dust in the boundary layer of the lower atmosphere. N.B. Although the Martian
164 surface is obviously visible, this lit surface reflectance of insolation is of necessity already incorporated into the
165 Bond Albedo (A M). Consequently, the insolation energy rejected by the surface $\{(1-A M)^*\}$ must be absorbed
166 by the atmosphere, otherwise the black body status for the thermal emission temperature of the planetary globe
167 that is demonstrated by setting the emissivity to value 1 in the Vacuum Planet Equation could never be achieved
168 (Table ??).

169 6 d) Global Average Temperature Calculations

170 The Black-body temperature T_e for Mars is 209.8 Kelvin, this value is achieved by setting the emissivity ? to
171 unity in the VPE (Equation ??), however the observed mean surface temperature for this planet is $T_s = 211.8$
172 K (this study) therefore the difference \hat{T} between T_e and $T_s = 2.0$ Kelvin which is the atmospheric thermal
173 enhancement effect for Mars. (Table ??).

174 Emissivity is an intrinsic property of the material composition of the planetary surface of Mars, and as
175 such surface emissivity is independent of the nature and presence of an overlying atmosphere. When the surface
176 emissivity is set to unity this parameter adjustment includes in the VPE the missing component of high frequency
177 reflectance energy that must have been absorbed by the atmosphere.

178 Clearly for Mars the 0.25 Bond Albedo, which is applied for the process of insolation energy filtering, must
179 already incorporate into its value any planetary surface reflectance of insolation that is lost to space. Consequently,
180 the post-albedo insolation energy flux (1-A M) that illuminates the surface must all be captured by atmospheric
181 opacity and converted into thermal energy for use within the dynamics of the Martian climate system.

182 The issue of reflectance is fundamental to climate science because the quantity of energy is always conserved.
183 Therefore, a surface with an emissivity of <1 (a grey-body) will always report a S-B temperature that is lower than
184 the planetary emission temperature, because the planetary radiant emission temperature that is seen externally
185 incorporates all the surface solar reflectance energy flux that has been converted to thermal energy by the presence
186 of the atmosphere.

187 7 e) Estimation of Mars Global Surface Emissivity

188 For the purposes of the modelling analysis presented here it has been assumed that the Global Octon Night time
189 temperature of 202.5 Kelvin for MY29 [6] is a function of the average surface emittance of Mars (Table 5). The
190 proposition being applied is that the unlit nighttime surface acts as a radiator that exits thermal radiant energy
191 directly to space via an unimpeded atmospheric window. Further that the diurnal temperature range for Mars is
192 generated solely by the process of adiabatic thermal enhancement, because the diabatic thermal radiant opacity
193 of the semi-transparent Martian atmosphere is effectively energy neutral. Based on this proposition applying
194 the Vacuum Planet Equation with a global average solar irradiance of 109.9 W/m² reports an emissivity of
195 0.87 (Table 8) as the surface flux parameter that generates an average nighttime surface temperature of 202.5
196 Kelvin (Table 5). This value is estimated to be an average dust haze dimming of 3.11% for the MY29 planetary
197 atmospheric temperature data (Table 9).

198 8 f) Mars Global Average Emissivity (MGAE) Sensitivity Test

199 The Mars Global Average Emissivity (MGAE) used herein is derived from matching the VPE for Mars to the
200 average annual night time surface air temperature. Assuming a diabatic transfer of thermal flux energy from the
201 air to the surface and an open atmospheric window then the surface emissivity is calculated to be ?=0.876. Using
202 this value, a dust haze solar flux dimming of 3.11% is calculated by DAET inverse modelling for a GAT constraint
203 of 211.8 Kelvin.

204 Conversely Savijärvi, et. al. (2005) [3] report that the Martian air absorbs 1% of Solar Radiation and that the
205 Solar attenuation by dust is 26% at the solar zenith. Using their value of a global dust haze solar flux dimming
206 of 1% then the MGAE value can also be determined by DAET inverse modelling for a GAT constraint of 211.8
207 Kelvin. The DAET climate model reports that ?=0.880 in this case. This simple sensitivity test demonstrates
208 that as the dust opacity weakens and the air captures less solar energy, then the surface must become darker and
209 absorb more insolation to allow the DAET model to report the GAT constraint of 211.8 Kelvin.

210 In a dynamic environment such as the dust laden troposphere of Mars both dust opacity and clear sky
211 surface albedo are observed to vary [34], for example by dark dust storm deposits occurring on the bright polar
212 icecaps during summer solstice when the Tropical convection cell expands to become hemisphere encompassing
213 (Figures 1.c, 2.c). The relative stability of the calculated MGAE under different dust loadings supports the
214 modelling hypotheses of using the VPE with an assumption of a fully open atmospheric window and suggests
215 that global surface temperature values are a key component of dust circulation vigour [7].

216 9 g) DAET Model Design Features

217 There are three key facts about planetary atmosphere on terrestrial globes that determine the climatic response
218 of the atmospheric system: -1. That the presence of even a fully thermally radiant transparent mobile-fluid
219 atmosphere raises the global average surface temperature above that of a rotating vacuum world. 2. That this
220 thermally radiant transparent atmosphere both retains and recycles solar energy, and achieves a stable energy
221 flow across the planet's surface. 3. The stable limit of the energy flow within the system is set by the partition
222 ratio of energy between the radiant loss to space of the emitting surface of both hemispheres, and the quantity of
223 energy retained and recycled by the air. The action of atmospheric heating by insolation involves the collection of
224 energy by the following four physical processes: 1. The interception of down welling solar energy by atmospheric
225 particles (dust and aerosols) and absorptive polyatomic gases thereby heating the atmosphere. 2. The action
226 of conduction whereby the lit hemisphere solar heated solid surface warms the basal air layer above the ground
227 by physical contact. 3. The action of convection whereby the warmed basal atmospheric layer parts company
228 from the heated surface by the gravity involved process of buoyancy mediated vertical translation of air. 4. The
229 process of thermal radiant opacity whereby the mean free path of thermal radiant energy is significantly less
230 than the physical width of the atmospheric layer being traversed by the upwelling beam of radiant energy. Each
231 of these four physical processes behaves as either an energy balance or diabatic process (processes 1, 2 and 4)
232 or as an energy imbalance or adiabatic process (process 3). It is process 3, adiabatic convection that permits the
233 flux-gate mediated storage of thermal kinetic and gravitational potential energy within the mobile fluid medium
234 being impacted by a radiant energy flux in the presence of a gravity field.

235 In the case of the low-pressure atmosphere of Mars the energy flux from the lit solar heated solid surface into
236 the overlying atmosphere is a diabatic process whereby 50% of the flux is transmitted into the atmosphere by
237 conduction and 50% of the flux is directly lost to space via the atmospheric window.

238 The action of atmospheric cooling involves the loss of energy by the following two physical processes: 1.
239 Thermal radiant emission to space where the opacity interception window is open. This takes place either
240 through the surface atmospheric window [35] or through low density air of whatever composition at air pressures
241 typically below 0.1 bar [13]. N.B. the physical cooling of an air mass as it rises away from the ground surface
242 under the action of convection is not an energy loss process. 2. Vibrational flexure associated with either the
243 asymmetric bending motion of polyatomic molecules (those gases with three or more covalent bonded atoms) or
244 the propagation of flexural shear waves through physical solids (either the planetary surface or atmospheric dust,
245 aerosols, and ice particles). N.B. Shear wave flexure of a solid is the coupling mechanism that permits the loss
246 of kinetic energy (a mass motion quality) from a physical material and its transformation into radiant energy
247 (an electromagnetic quality). Because fluids and gases cannot transmit shear waves, these fluid media therefore
248 rely on the presence of embedded particles that can sustain flexure (dust, aerosols, ice, and polyatomic gases) to
249 facilitate the process of radiant cooling from their physical mass.

250 10 h) DAET Model Design Structure

251 The mathematical design for the structure used in the Dynamic-Atmosphere Energy-Transport (DAET) climate
252 model replicates a series of descending fractions (halves-of-halves); the infinite summation of which has as its
253 limit the finite number one. The computational process used to generate the stable number outcome of a mean
254 global surface air temperature is shown in Table 10.

255 Starting with the Top of the Atmosphere average annual insolation intercepted by the disk of the lit hemisphere,
256 this flux is divided by 2 to produce the average hemisphere insolation (Action A). To this diluted flux is then
257 applied the Bond Albedo (Action B) to generate the post-albedo flux (1-B) that is captured by the Martian
258 Climate System and recycled internally within the Atmospheric Reservoir by non-lossy Adiabatic Convection
259 (Table 10).

260 In the thin thermally radiant transparent atmosphere of Mars the surface heating process is diabatic (50%
261 50%). However, in the DAET model computation the surface partition ratio applied is 25% radiant flux and 75%
262 thermal flux (Table 10). The reason for applying this ratio is because it is the solar energy that is split diabatically,
263 whereas the convecting air above the surface air retains energy from previous flux cycles and so behaves as an
264 energy reservoir that indefinitely retains a finite quantity of historic energy flux. The 50:50 diabatic ratio is best
265 observed in the night time component of the model where all the energy flux is delivered by the advected air
266 (Figure 4). The convected In the DAET model the adiabatic partition ratio of 1/3 thermal radiant flux loss
267 to space from the atmosphere and 2/3 thermal mass flux being retained by the mobile air (Table 10) is the
268 application of the infinite sequence halves-of-halves doubling of flux energy in the mass motion domain. This
269 concept of an infinite feedback series with a finite limit is already well established by Climate Science as the
270 process of flux retention in the radiant domain of a thermally opaque atmosphere [36].

271 11 IV. Results of Applying the Dust Lossy Adiabatic DAET 272 Climate Model to Mars

273 The energy budget for the atmosphere of Mars that results from the application of the computational sequence
274 detailed in Table 10 is recorded in Table 11: Note the significant figure rounding issue in the Excel table (152.13*2
275 = 304.27) for the calculation of the Retained Net Effective Insolation (C-H-K = 152.13(5) W/m²), which is the

12 DISCUSSION

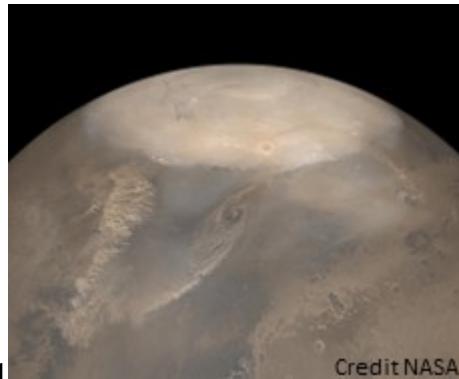
276 post-albedo insolation that the lit hemisphere captures {C} minus the lit surface thermal loss to space via the
277 atmospheric window (H) and from entrained dust (K). This flux energy value is doubled by the summation process
278 of infinite planetary adiabatic circulation (Table 10) to form the lit side Atmospheric Reservoir of 304.26(7) W/m
279 2 (Table 11). The energy budget parameters recorded in Table 11 are shown diagrammatically in Figure 5.
280 V.

281 12 Discussion

282 The climate modelling analysis presented here is based on the following propositions: 1. That Climate Science
283 is fundamentally engaged in the study of atmospheric thermal radiant opacity. 2. That the planet Mars
284 when observed from space acts as a black-body thermal radiant emitter ($\epsilon=1$) [14]. 3. That the surface to
285 spaceatmospheric window for

286 Mars is completely open. A comparison with the stratospheric pressure profile from the Venus carbon dioxide
287 atmosphere demonstrates that the low-pressure carbon dioxide troposphere of Mars is fully transparent to surface
288 thermal radiation (Figure 3). 4. On applying the Vacuum Planet Equation (VPE) to the MY29 average annual
289 nighttime surface temperature it is established that the surface emittance of the planet Mars is $\epsilon=0.87$ (Table 8).
290 5. That because Kirchhoff's Law applies ($\epsilon + \alpha = 1$) it necessarily follows that all the post-albedo solar reflectance
291 α from the solid surface of Mars must be absorbed by the atmosphere, otherwise the external blackbody status of
292 the planet ($\epsilon=1$) could not be achieved. 6. That because there is a logical conflict between points #3 -full thermal
293 radiant atmospheric transparency and #5 -full thermal radiant atmospheric opacity, it necessarily follows that
294 there are two separate physical mechanisms in play. These are that the low-pressure carbon dioxide atmosphere
295 of Mars is transparent to thermal radiation, while it is the dust content that generates the thermal radiant opacity
296 of the Martian atmosphere [7]. 7. Critical to this understanding is the recognition that the absorptance of solar
297 energy by the Martian atmosphere refers solely to the post-albedo insolation flux. It is the surface reflectance
298 component of the pre-Albedo flux which returns directly to space that allows the surface of Mars to be observed
299 with visible light, while it is the postalbedo component of the reflectance flux that is quenched by the dust haze
300 in the Martian atmosphere (Figure 5). 8. The surface radiation loss to space via the atmospheric window in
301 the DAET model is a diabatic 50/50 partition ratio and that the atmospheric window is completely open to
302 surface thermal radiation. 9. That the calculated 2 Kelvin Atmospheric Thermal Effect for the planet Mars is a
303 consequence of the infinite halves-of-halves recycling of energy flux by the atmospheric mass motion of convection
304 between the solar heated lit surface of Mars and the unlit dark hemisphere of the planet's nighttime surface. 10.
305 This infinite sum of decreasing fractional quantity retained by the circulation of the air is a direct functional
306 equivalence to and has the same mathematical form as the radiant flux process of energy loss to space from a
307 thermally radiant opaque atmosphere that is invoked by the standard climate model paradigm [36]. 11. The
308 DAET modeled flux that maintains the nighttime atmosphere in balance is higher than the diurnal circulating flux
309 (Table 11). The presence of a "stable level" flux datum for the nighttime atmospheric reservoir is confirmation
310 of the need for the structure of the atmospheric circulation cell to be maintained against the force of gravity. 12.
311 That in establishing from MY29 temperature data that the surface emittance for Mars $\epsilon=0.87$ it follows that the
312 average surface temperature of the planet will be lower than the thermal emission temperature as observed from
313 space ($\epsilon=1$). This conflict in emissivity values generates the misconception of a negative greenhouse effect in the
314 Martian atmosphere in which the surface is indeed observed to be colder than the atmosphere above it [24]. 13.
315 The MY29 temperature data clearly shows the presence of a boundary layer thermal inversion at the planet's lit
316 hemisphere surface, particularly at high latitudes with correspondingly low solar elevations (Figure 6). Surface
317 atmosphere thermal inversions are typically a nighttime phenomenon and to observe this feature under daytime
318 surface insolation requires explanation. 14. It is proposed here that dust absorptance of surface reflectance
319 during daylight captures into the surface boundary layer the solar energy required to produce the observed
320 surface inversion (Figure 6). Consequently, the atmospheric inversion is paradoxically a feature of atmospheric
321 solar heating by dust presence and not of surface to space radiative cooling via the atmospheric window. 15. The
322 structural form, seasonal variation, and physical height of the tropopause for both the Tropical and Polar cells is
323 a manifestation of atmospheric circulation dynamics under daytime insolation forcing and dark surface radiative
324 cooling (Figures 1, ??). 16. The locus of energy loss for the planet's surface is located over the poles (Figure 7),
325 with particular focus at the respective winter pole of continuous darkness (Figure ??). 17. During each Equinox
326 there is a symmetrical balance between the structure of the Tropical and Polar atmospheric cells (Figure 7). 7.
327 The concept of a negative green house effect for the planet Mars, defined as the difference between the grey-body
328 surface emittance radiant temperature and the planetary black body emittance radiant temperature, is resolved
329 by accounting for the role of surface reflectance in Kirchhoff's Law and the quenching of solar back-lighting by
330 surface boundary layer dust opacity. 8. The application of the DAET climate model to the MY29 atmosphere
331 temperature data demonstrates that, even in the presence of a fully gaseous transparent atmosphere,adiabatic
332 circulation flux doubling occurs and that this non-lossy process explains the retention of thermal energy in the
333 Martian atmosphere. 9. The weight of the atmosphere that needs to be supported against gravity includes the
334 dust particles present at any given time. That weight varies with the vigour of adiabatic convection. The clearer
335 the atmosphere of dust the more the surface heats and the stronger the adiabatic convection becomes. That
336 increased convection strength lifts more dust which cools the surface by increasing albedo until the strength
337 reduces again and dust clears and falls back to the ground for the cycle to begin again. 10. The effect of this

338 cyclical atmospheric see-saw explains why the planet Mars experiences periodic planet-wide dust storms [37,38]
 339 with a potential trigger being the overwhelming and disappearance of the southern polar cell by the tropical cell
 340 soon after the southern spring equinox (Figure ??b) whereas the northern polar cell is maintained in some form
 during the full course of the northern hemisphere summer (Figure 1). ¹



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Figure 1: Figure 1 :

Item	Observation	Year	Source
Polar Cap: Northern Winter Polar Frost	At the current obliquity, ~0.3 mm of ice might sublimate away during the summer.	1990	[1] Haberle, R.M. and Jakosky, B.M., 1990. Sublimation and transport of water from the north residual polar cap on Mars
Northern Water Icemap	Summer temperatures ~205 Kelvin.	1990	[1] Haberle, R.M. and Jakosky, B.M., 1990. Sublimation and transport of water from the north residual polar cap on Mars
CO ₂ Freezing at 145 Kelvin	Wet and dry adiabats Figure 3	2000	[2] Pettengill, G.H. and Ford, P.G., 2000. Winter clouds over the north Martian polar cap
Dust Heating	Air absorbs 1% of Solar Radiation. Solar attenuation by dust is 26% at solar zenith	2005	[3] Savijärvi, H., Crisp, D. and Harri, A.M., 2005. Effects of CO ₂ and dust on present-day solar radiation and climate on Mars
Specific Heat Cp	$c_p = 736 \text{ J/kg/K}$	2005	[3] Savijärvi, H., Crisp, D. and Harri, A.M., 2005. Effects of CO ₂ and dust on present-day solar radiation and climate on Mars
Southern Icemap	Winter CO ₂ Snow clouds and surface frost south of 55°S	2008	[4] McCleese, D.J., et al. 2008. Intense polar temperature inversion in the middle atmosphere on Mars
Water Clouds	Water clouds only up to 60 Km	2010	[5] Heavens, N.G., et al., 2010. Water ice clouds over the Martian tropics during northern summer
Atmospheric Temperatures	Temperature profiles	2010	[6] McCleese, D.J., et al. 2010. Structure and dynamics of the Martian lower and middle atmosphere as observed by the Mars Climate Sounder
Dust Weather	Coniometeorology	2011	[7] Medvedev, A.S., et al. 2011. Influence of dust on the dynamics of the Martian atmosphere above the first scale height
Carbon Dioxide Polar Ice Clouds	Lower 20 km of atmosphere	2011	[8] Vincendon, M. et al. 2011. New near-IR observations of mesospheric CO ₂ and H ₂ O clouds on Mars
Carbon Dioxide Clouds	50 to 100 Km between 13°S to 9°N No clouds between 30-40°S	2011	[8] Vincendon, M. et al. 2011. New near-IR observations of mesospheric CO ₂ and H ₂ O clouds on Mars
Convective Boundary layer	5 to 10 Km	2011	[9] Petrosyan, A., et al., 2011. The Martian atmospheric boundary layer
Global Average Temperature (GAT)	Table of results	2017	[10] Nikolov, N. and Zeller, K., 2017. New insights on the physical nature of the atmospheric greenhouse effect deduced from an empirical planetary temperature model
Albedo	Dust in the lowest 10 Km. The big Volcanoes are all taller than 10 Km	2017	[11] Venable, R., 2017. Report on the Mars Apparition of 2007-2008.
Snow	Snowfall PBS.	2017	[11] Venable, R., 2017. Report on the Mars Apparition of 2007-2008.
Dust	Peak surface temperatures are close to the 260- to 270-K range	2019	[12] Heavens, N.G., et al., 2019. Dusty deep convection in the Mars year 34 planet-encircling dust event

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Parameter	Value	Units	Source
Volumetric Mean Radius of Mars	3389.5	Km	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet
Average Surface Atmospheric Pressure	0.636	kPa	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet
Average Surface Temperature	211.8	Kelvin	This study of Martian Year 29 (MY29) Temperature Data
Average Surface Temperature	-61.35	Celsius	
Expected T_e	209.8	Kelvin	[15] Sagan, C. and Chyba, C., 1997, The early faint sun paradox
Atmospheric Thermal Effect (ATE)	2.0	Kelvin	
Surface gravity	3.71	m/s^2	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet
Tropopause height	70	Km	[16] Justus, C.G. and Braun, R.D., 2007, Atmospheric Environments for Entry, Descent, and Landing (EDL): Table 5.1.1
Tropospheric lapse rate	1.064	K/km	[16] Justus, C.G. and Braun, R.D., 2007, Atmospheric Environments for Entry, Descent, and Landing (EDL): Table 5.1.1
Solar Irradiance of Mars	586.2	W/m^2	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet
Ratio of Irradiance to Earth	43.07%	%	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet
Bond Albedo	0.25	A (Constant)	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet
Average Annual Solar Insolation	219.825	W/m^2	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet
Axial Tilt	25.19	degrees	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet
Length of Year	686.98	Sols	
Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂) Volume %	95.1%	%	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet
Minimum Surface Pressure in Southern Winter	400	Pascal	[17] Haberle, R.M. 2003 Planetary Atmospheres Mars
Maximum Surface Pressure in Southern Late Spring	870	Pascal	[17] Haberle, R.M. 2003 Planetary Atmospheres Mars
3 Average Orbital Distance	227,925,000	Km	[14] Williams, D.R., 2022, Mars Fact Sheet

Figure 3: Figure 3 :

Temperature (Kelvin)	Year	Title	Reference	Source
218	2006	Vázquez, M. and Hanslmeier, A., 2006. Ultraviolet radiation in the solar system	[18]	(Vol. 331). Springer Science & Business Media
202	2007	Fenton, L.K., Geissler, P.E. and Haberle, R.M., 2007. Global warming and climate forcing by recent albedo changes on Mars.	[19]	Nature, 446(7136), pp.646-649.
200	2008	Rapp, D. 2008 Human missions to Mars: enabling technologies for exploring the red planet. Back Matter.: Appendix C Water on Mars pp 445-511.	[20]	Springer Germany
214	2010	Taylor, F.W. 2010. The scientific exploration of Mars	[21]	Cambridge University Press, 2010. ISBN 978-0-521-82956-4
215	2010	Lacis, A.A., Hansen, J.E., Russell, G.L., Oinas, V. and Jonas, J., 2013. The role of long-lived greenhouse gases as principal LW control knob that governs the global surface temperature for past and future climate change.	[22]	Tellus B: Chemical and Physical Meteorology, 65(1), p.19734.
227	2011	Schulze-Makuch, D., Méndez, A., Fairén, A.G., Von Paris, P., Turse, C., Boyer, G., Davila, A.F., Antonio, M.R.D.S., Catling, D. and Irwin, L.N., 2011. A two-tiered approach to assessing the habitability of exoplanets.	[23]	Astrobiology, 11(10), pp.1041-1052.
202	2013	Haberle, R.M., 2013. Estimating the power of Mars' greenhouse effect.	[24]	Icarus, 223(1), pp.619-620.
240	2014	Barlow, N., 2014. Mars An Introduction to its Interior, Surface and Atmosphere	[25]	by Nadine Barlow, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2014
210	2022	Williams, D.R., 2022. Mars Fact Sheet	[14]	NASA Online

Figure 4:

Octon	Sol	Scaled Sol	Solar Zenith Latitude	Latitude of Polar Cap Terminator	Terminator Meridian Angle Equivalent	Northern Hemisphere Season
0	0	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	Northern Spring Equinox
45	84	45.27	17.90	72.10	17.90	Northern Spring
90	167	90.00	25.19	64.81	25.19	Northern Summer Solstice
135	251	135.27	17.73	72.27	17.73	Northern Summer
180	334	180.00	0.00	90.00	360.00	Northern Autumn Equinox
225	418	225.27	-17.90	72.10	342.10	Northern Autumn
270	501	270.00	-25.19	64.81	334.81	Northern Winter Solstice
315	585	315.27	-17.73	72.27	342.27	Northern Winter

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Figure 5: TheTable 7 :

Martian Atmosphere Metrics			
Item	Kelvin	Celsius	Flux Averaging W/m ²
North Pole Day Temperature	192.2	-80.94	77.4
North Pole Night Temperature	177.9	-95.23	56.8
North Pole Flux Average Annual Surface Temperature	185.5	-87.68	67.1
Tropical Day Temperature	226.7	-46.50	149.6
Tropical Night Temperature	210.8	-62.32	112.0
Tropical Flux Average Annual Surface Temperature	219.2	-53.98	130.8
South Pole Day Temperature	181.1	-92.03	61.0
South Pole Night Temperature	176.3	-96.83	54.8
South Pole Flux Average Annual Surface Temperature	178.8	-94.38	57.9
Both Poles Day Temperature	188.4	-84.79	71.4
Both Poles Night Temperature	183.6	-89.53	64.5
Polar Flux Average Annual Surface Temperature	186.0	-87.11	67.9
Global Octon Day Temperature	220.0	-53.15	132.8
Global Octon Night Temperature	202.5	-70.65	95.3
Mars Global Flux Average Surface Temperature (MY29)	211.8	-61.36	114.1
Tropical Tropopause Height Day (m)	61,977		
Tropical Tropopause Height Night (m)	59,281		
Polar Tropopause Height Day (m)	34,817		
Polar Tropopause Height Night (m)	29,606		
Tropical Lapse Rate Day (K/km)	1.25		
Tropical Lapse Rate Night (K/km)	1.10		
Polar Lapse Rate Day (K/km)	0.95		
Polar Lapse Rate Night (K/km)	0.96		

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Figure 6: Table 10 :

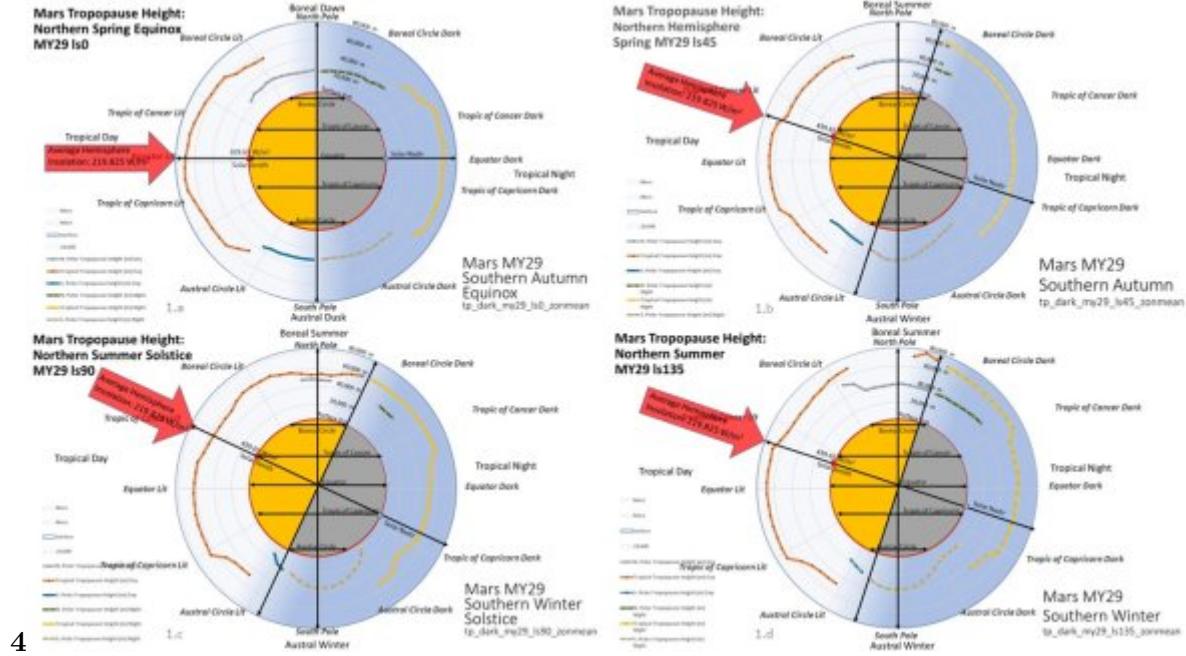


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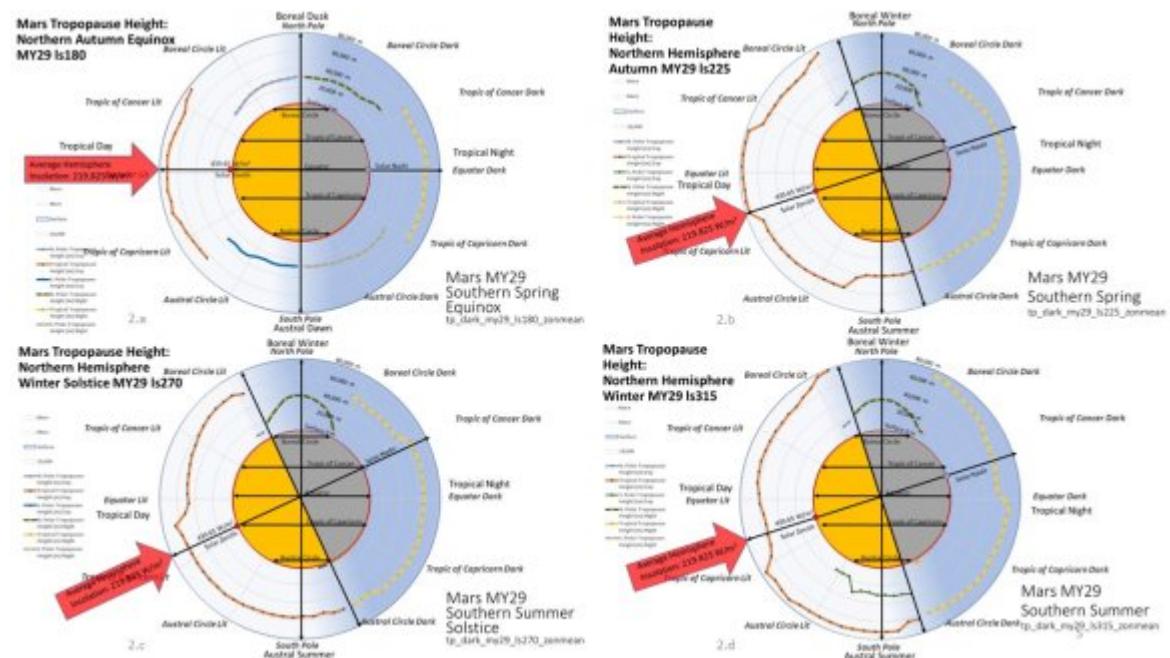
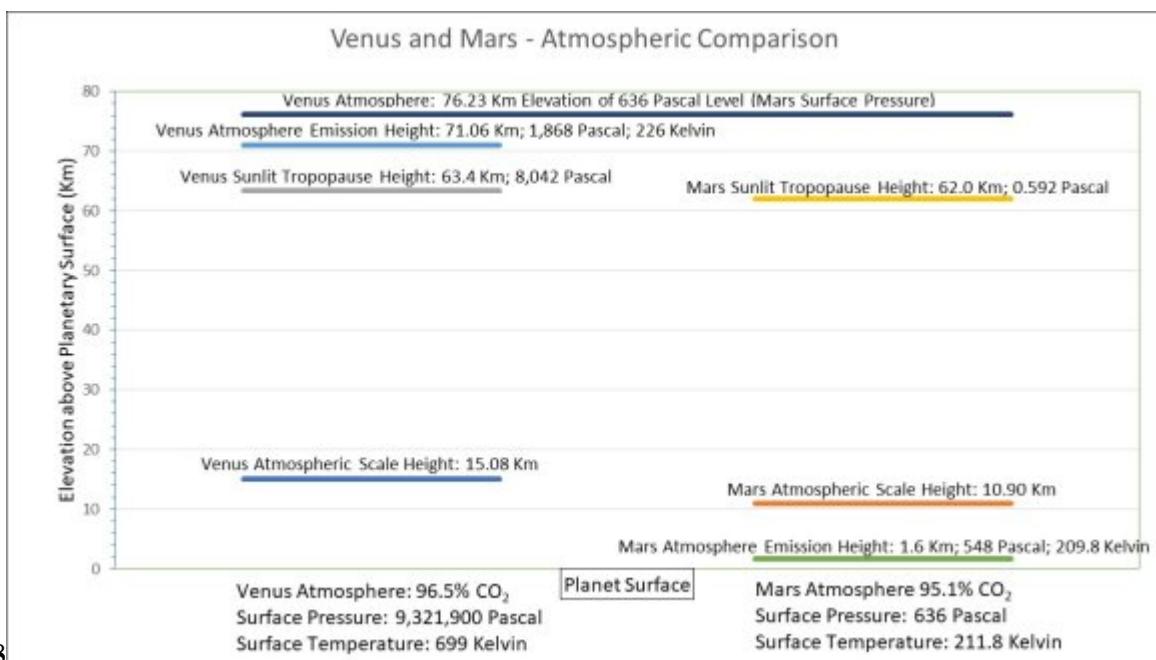


Figure 8: The

Comparison	Mars	Venus
Planetary Surface Pressure (Pascal)	636	9,321,900
Planetary Surface Temperature (Kelvin)	211.8	699
Scale Height (Atmospheric thickness) (m)	10,900	15,080
Atmospheric Composition: CO ₂ by Volume %	95.1%	96.5%
Height of the Planet's Lit side Tropical Tropopause (Km)	62.0	63.43
Equation Temperature of the Planet's Tropopause (Kelvin)	134.4	224
Equation Pressure of the Planet's Tropopause (Pascal)	0.592	8,042
Planet's Vacuum Planet Equation Emission Height (Km)	1.6	71.06
Planet's Vacuum Planet Equation Emission Pressure (Pascal)	548.3	1,868
Venus Atmosphere to Mars Surface Pressure Equivalence Height (Km)	0	76.23
Venus Atmosphere to Mars Surface Pressure Equivalence Temperature (Kelvin)	211.8	208.27
Venus Atmosphere to Mars Tropopause Pressure Equivalence Height (Km)	62	>100

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Figure 9: Figure 5 :



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Parameter	Symbol	Mars	Units	Dimensions
Solar Constant at distance a	S	586.2	W/m ²	MT ⁻³
Radius of Body	R	3,376,200	m	L
Bond Albedo	A	0.25	Constant	Constant A
Effective energy capture	$\alpha + \rho$	1	Constant	Constant
Surface Power		109.913	W/m ²	MT ⁻³
Stefan-Boltzmann Constant	σ	5.67E-08	W/m ² /K ⁴	MT ⁻³ K ⁻⁴
Expected T _e	T _e	209.8	Kelvin	K
Atmospheric Thermal Enhancement	ATE	2.0	Kelvin	K
Actual T _s	T _s	211.8	Kelvin	K
Distance from the Sun	a	2.2793E+11	m	L

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Figure 11: Figure 6 :

Parameter	Symbol	Mars	Units	Dimensions
Solar Constant at distance a	S	586.2	W/m ²	MT ⁻³
Radius of Body	R	3,376,200	m	L
Bond Albedo	A	0.25	Constant	Constant A
Effective surface emissivity	ϵ	0.87	Constant	Constant ϵ
Surface Power		95.346	W/m ²	MT ⁻³
Stefan-Boltzmann Constant	σ	5.67E-08	W/m ² /K ⁴	MT ⁻³ K ⁻⁴
Expected T _e	T _e	202.5	Kelvin	K
"Greenhouse Effect"	GE	9.3	Kelvin	K
Actual T _s	T _s	211.8	Kelvin	K
Distance from the Sun	a	2.2793E+11	m	L

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Figure 12: Figure 7 :

Martian Climate Metrics	
A: Mars Top Of Atmosphere (TOA) Solar Irradiance W/m ²	586.20
B: Mars Bond Albedo	0.250
C: TOA Post-Albedo Solar Irradiance W/m ²	219.83
D: Insolation Absorbed by Obscuring Atmospheric Dust Haze %	3.11%
D: Dust Absorptance α	0.80
D: Insolation Absorbed by Obscuring Atmospheric Dust Haze W/m ²	5.48
G: Martian Lit Hemisphere Average Surface Illumination W/m ²	214.35
E: Effective surface emissivity ϵ	0.867
E: Martian Lit Hemisphere Average Surface Absorption W/m ²	185.94
F: Lit Surface Reflectance (1- ϵ) (Atmospheric Back-Lighting)	0.13
F: Martian Lit Hemisphere Average Back-Lighting W/m ²	28.41
Global Surface Area of Lit Tropical Cell	84.26%
Global Surface Area of Lit Polar Cell	15.74%
Global Surface Area of Unlit Tropical Cell	76.59%
Global Surface Area of Unlit Polar Cell	23.41%

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Figure 13: Figure 8 :Conclusions 1 .

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Action	Initial	Final	Gain	Partition	Recycled	Comments
A: Mars Top Of Atmosphere (TOA) Solar Irradiance W/m ²	586.20	586.20	1			
B: Mars Bond Albedo	0.25	0.250	1			
C: Post-Albedo Solar Irradiance W/m ²	219.83	219.83	1			
D: Lit Hemisphere Atmospheric Dust Solar Energy Absorption W/m ²	5.48	5.48	1		6.57	(D-K)*2: (Dust capture minus direct loss) all times by two
E: Lit Hemisphere Surface Absorbed Solar Radiation W/m ²	185.94	185.94	1		240.88	(E-H)*2: (Surface capture minus direct loss) all times by two
F: Martian Lit Hemisphere Surface Boundary Layer Back-Lighting W/m ²	28.41	28.41	1		56.81	F*2: Reflectance times two [Fully opacity quenched with no losses]
U: Total Flux Powering the Lit side Surface (E+R) W/m ²	185.94	262.01	1.4090874		304.26	((D-K)+(E-H)+F)*2: Daytime Budget: Generated by the Adiabatic Convection of Captured Solar Energy
H: Lit side Surface Thermal Radiant Loss to Space W/m ²	46.49	65.50	1.4090874	25%		
I: Reduced Lit Surface Thermal Flux after Atmospheric Window Loss (U-H) W/m ²	139.46	196.51	1.4090874	75%		
J: Total Lit side Atmospheric Thermal Flux (H+D+F) W/m ²	173.34	230.39	1.32912047			
K: Day Lit Atmospheric Dust Diabatic Energy Loss to Space W/m ²	2.19	2.19	1	50%	67.69	Daylit Flux Loss to Space from Solid Surface and Illuminated Dust (Figure 1)
L: Lit side Top of Atmosphere Thermal Radiant Loss to Space W/m ²	57.05	76.07	1.33333333	33.33%	143.76	H+K+L: Total Flux lost to Space from the Daylit side (Figure 1)
N: Lit side Tropical Cell Thermal Reservoir (Advects to Dark side) W/m ²	114.10	152.13	1.33333333	66.67%	152.13	This is the Active Flux that passes thru the Nighttime Reservoir (Figure 1)
Nighttime Budget: Adiabatic Circulation of Net Insolation minus Litside Atmospheric Loss W/m ²		228.20			76.07	This is the Stable Flux that is Retained in the Nighttime Reservoir
O: Dark side Surface Thermal Radiant Loss to Space W/m ²	28.52	38.03	1.33333333	25%		
P: Reduced Dark Surface Flux after Atmospheric Window Loss W/m ²	85.57	114.10	1.33333333	75%		
Q: Dark side Top of Atmosphere Radiant Loss to Space W/m ²	28.52	38.03	1.33333333	33.33%	76.07	O+Q: Total Flux lost to Space from the Night side (Figure 1)
R: Dark side Polar Atmosphere Thermal Retention (P-Q): Advects to Tropics W/m ²	57.05	76.07	1.33333333	66.67%		
V: Total Thermal Radiant Energy Exiting to Space (H+K+L+O+Q) W/m ²	162.78	219.83	1.35048085		219.83	Balances with C: the post-Albedo Captured Insolation
W: Global Mean Air Temp (N/2+R/2) W/m ²		114.10			Kelvin	Converts via the Stefan-Boltzmann Equation to 211.8 Kelvin

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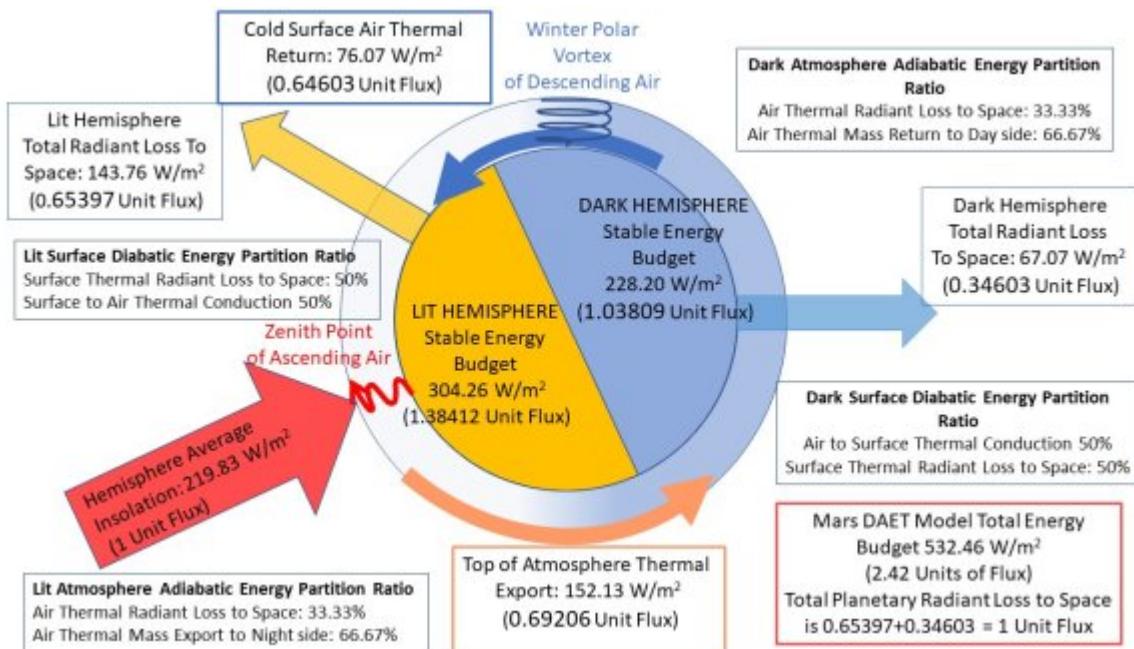


Figure 15:

Lit Flow	C: Post-Albedo Solar Irradiance W/m²	Lit side Loss to Space from Solid Emitters (H+K)	Net Effective Litside Insolation (C-H-K)	Daytime Budget: Adiabatic Circulation of Net Insolation Times Two (Infinite Fractional Summation Loop)	Litside Loss to Space from Atmospheric Emitters (L)	Total Lit side Loss to Space (H+K+L)	Nighttime Budget: Adiabatic Circulation of Net Insolation minus Litside Atmospheric Loss	Mars Gross Atmospheric Budget
Gains W/m²	219.83			304.27				
Losses W/m²		67.69			76.07	143.76		
Retention W/m²			152.13					
Reservoir W/m²				304.27			228.20	532.47
Dark Flow	N: Net Advection to Nightside across the Dusk Terminator	Permanent Nighttime Reservoir Storage	O: Nighttime Bypass Window to Space from Advection Heated Surface	P: Reduced Dark Surface Flux after Atmospheric Window Loss	Q: Dark side Loss to Space from Atmospheric Emitters (N-P)	Total Dark side Loss to Space (O+Q)	R: Dark side Polar Atmospheric Thermal Retention (P-Q): Radiation Loss to Space Adverts to Tropics across Dawn Terminator	Mars Gross Planetary Radiation Loss to Space (H+K+L+O+Q)
Gains W/m²	152.13							
Losses W/m²			38.03		38.03	76.07		219.83
Retention W/m²		76.07		114.10			76.07	

Figure 16:

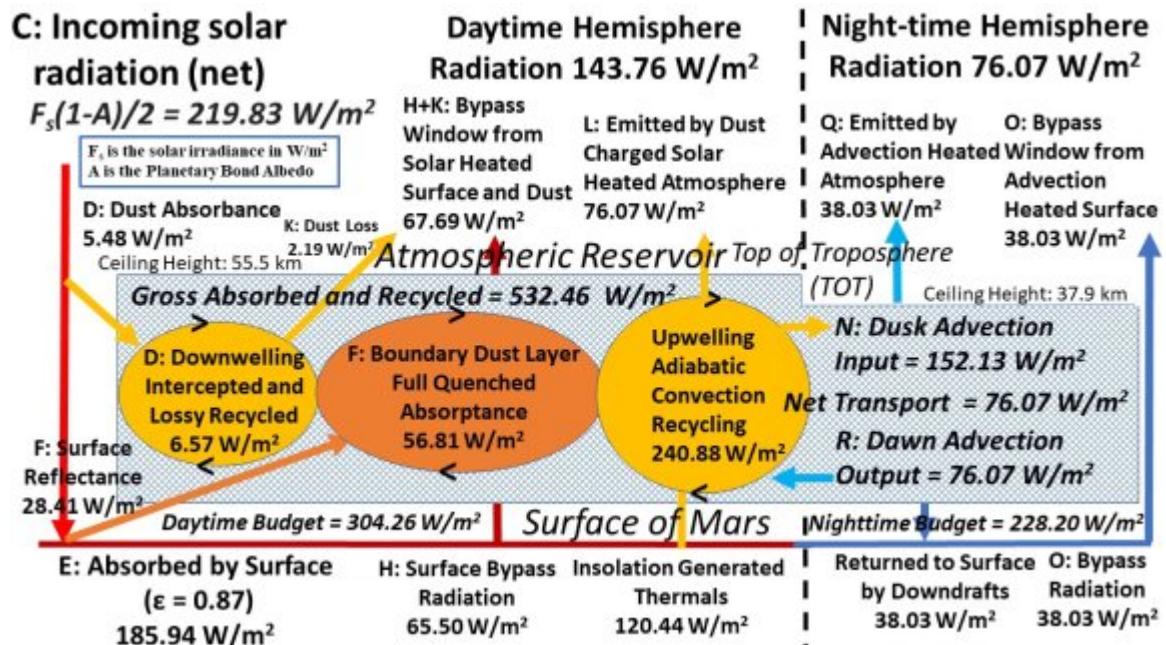


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Figure 18: Table 1 :

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Figure 2: Mars Global Tropopause Height -Southern Hemisphere Summer

Figure 22: Table 5 :

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Figure 23: Table 6 :

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Figure 26: Table 11 :

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