

Ryugu as observed by MASCOT: Preliminary Results of the MARA Instrument

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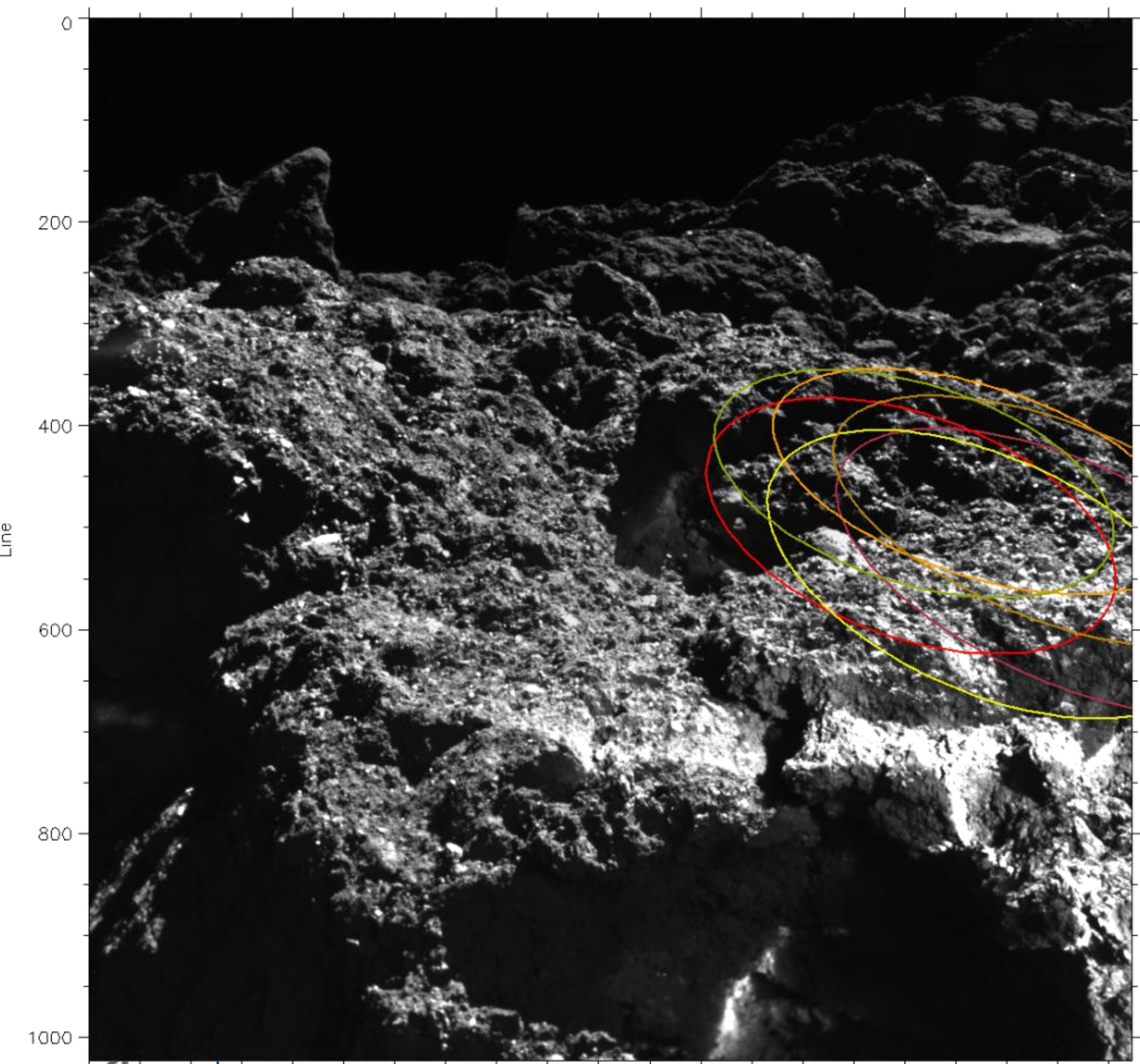


Wissen für Morgen





- Approximate field of view of MARA, stereographic reconstruction of the 3D shape of the boulder is in progress



- BP13.5–15.5
- BP9.5–11.5
- BP8–9.5
- BP5.5–7
- LP8–12
- SiLP

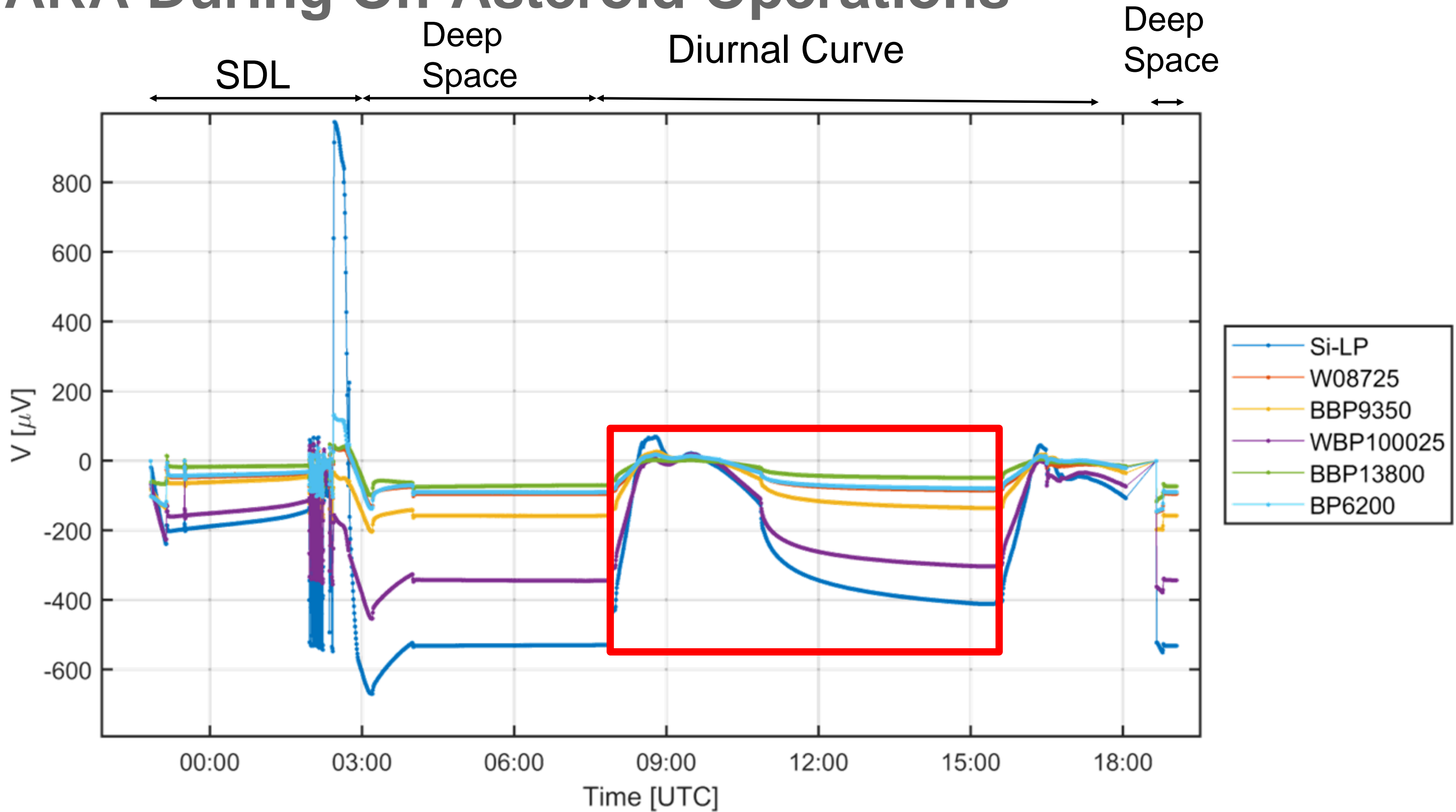


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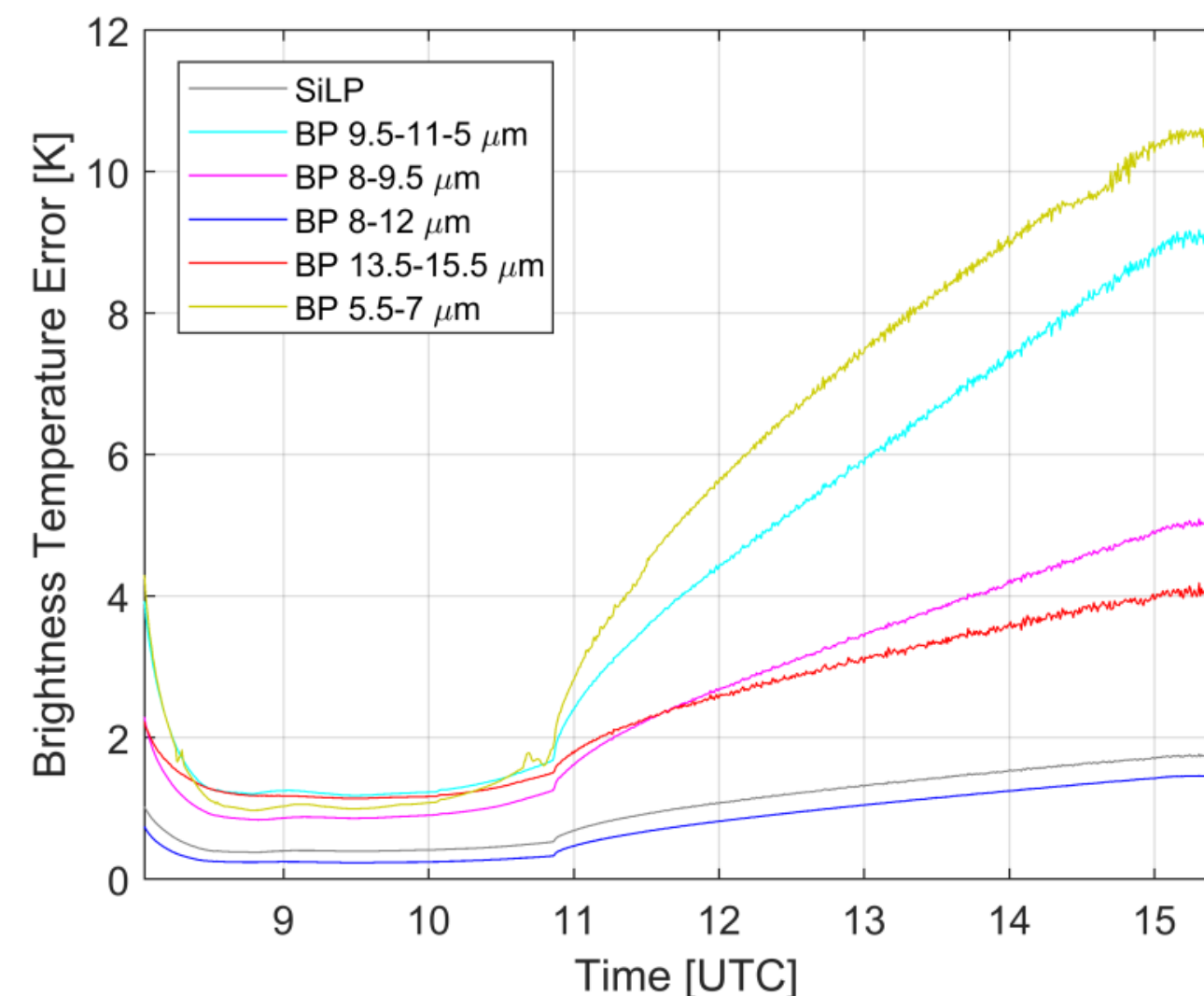
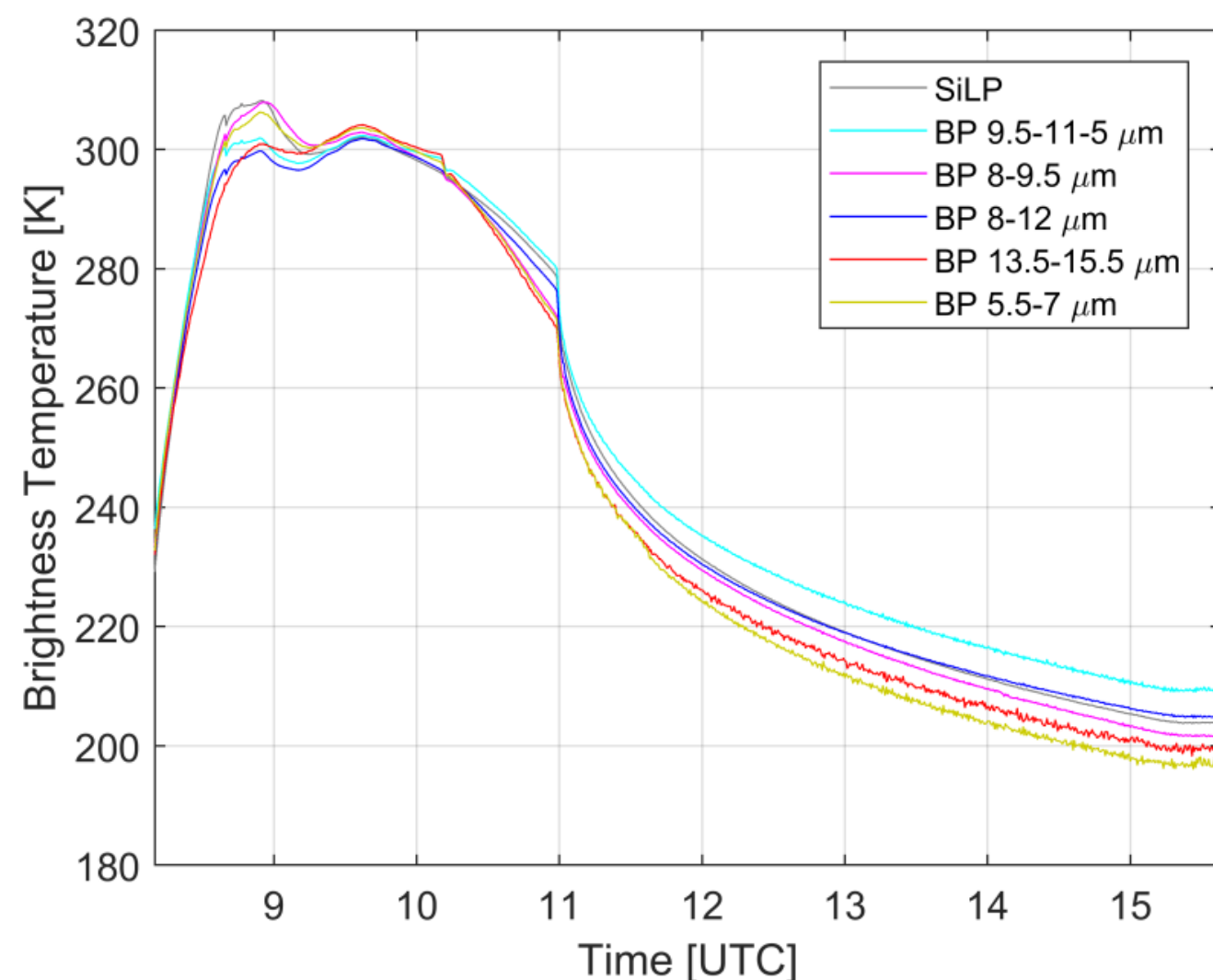


MARA During On-Asteroid Operations





Temperature Measurement Uncertainty



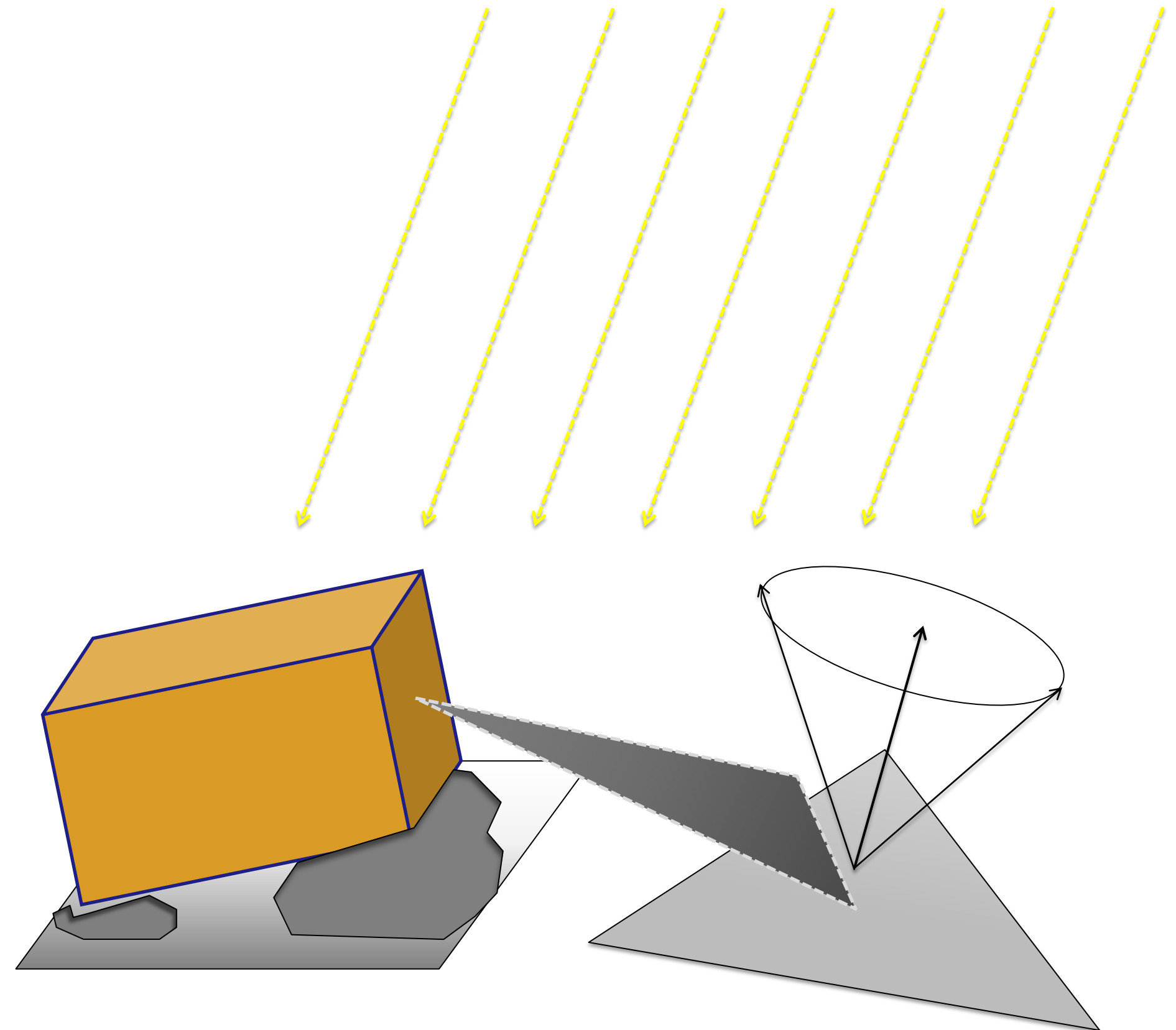
- Brightness temperatures have been calibrated using all in-flight data during cruise as well as the deep space views during on-asteroid operations.
- The 8-12 μm filter was found to be the best performing filter
- In general, brightness temperature errors are <1 K during daytime, but grow large for the narrow bandpasses during nighttime.





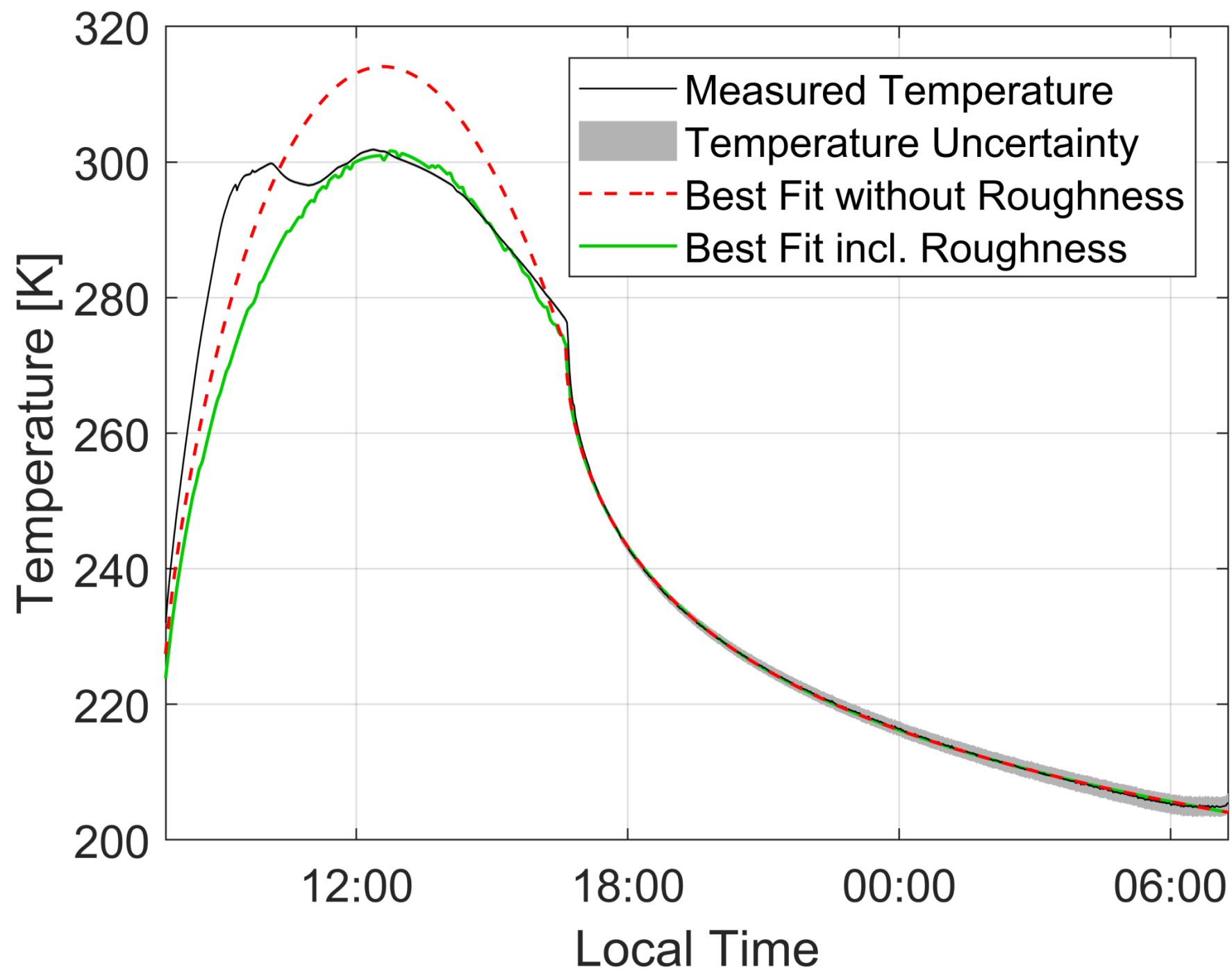
Illumination Model

- The illumination model has been calculated based on the location of MASCOT at -22.30° N, 317.13° E
- The orientation of the observed surface with respect to the local landing site orientation is unknown
- Orientation of the surface normal is varied by $\pm 25^\circ$ around the nominal surface normal.
- Illumination is calculated by $I_{max} \cdot \vec{n}_{facet} \cdot \vec{v}_{sun}$
- Sunrise and sunset have been adapted to fit the GNC sensors and the temperature data





Thermal Inertia - Best Fit

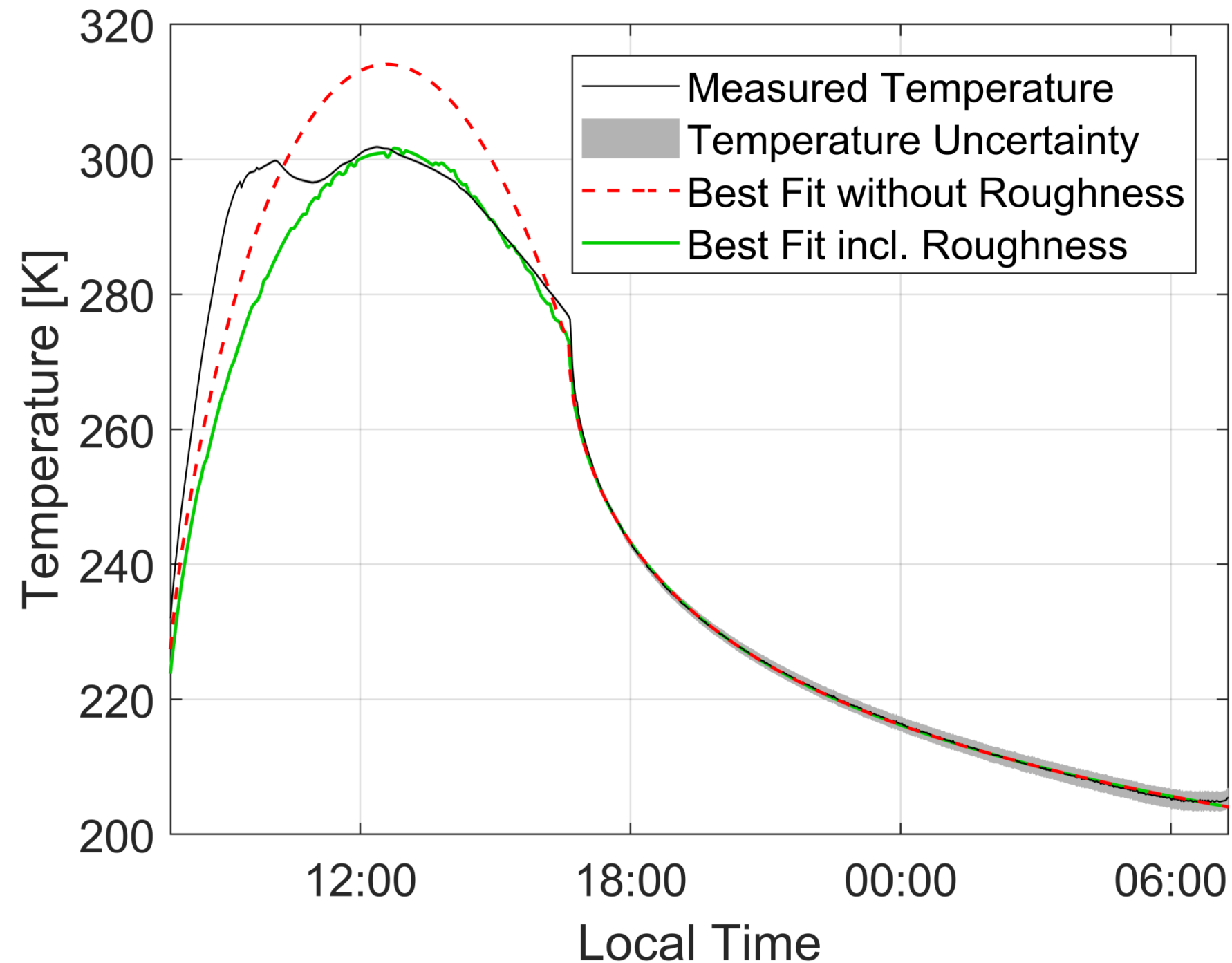


- Data is fitted for nighttime temperatures after 11:00 UTC
- Excellent fit during nighttime
- Modelled daytime temperatures are higher than the observed ones
- This can be a roughness effect





Thermal Inertia - Roughness

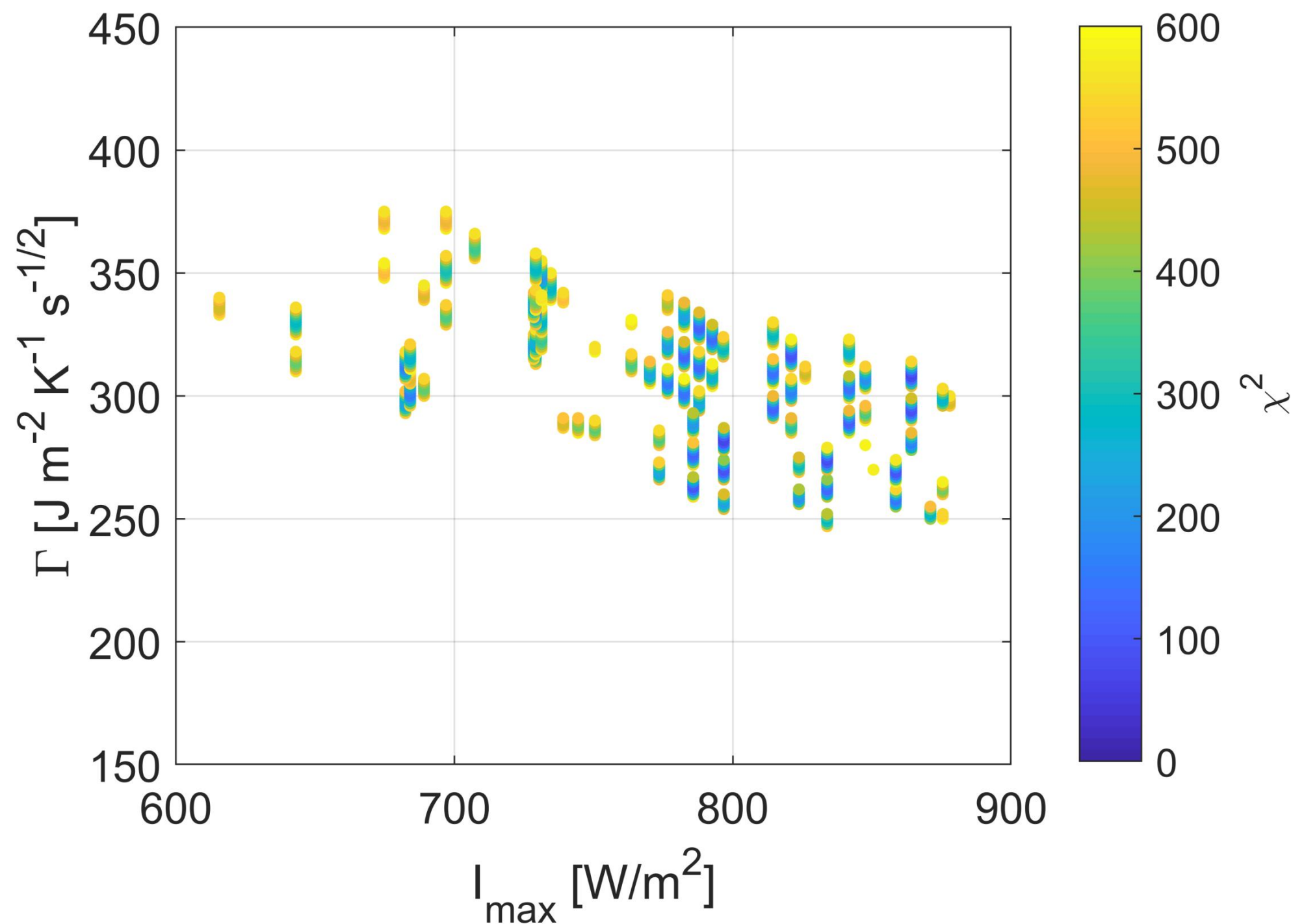


- Roughness reduces the daytime fluxes for the MARA viewing geometries
- We use a simple roughness model using spherical cavities
- The model takes the viewing geometry into account but not vertical heat conduction





Thermal Inertia Estimate

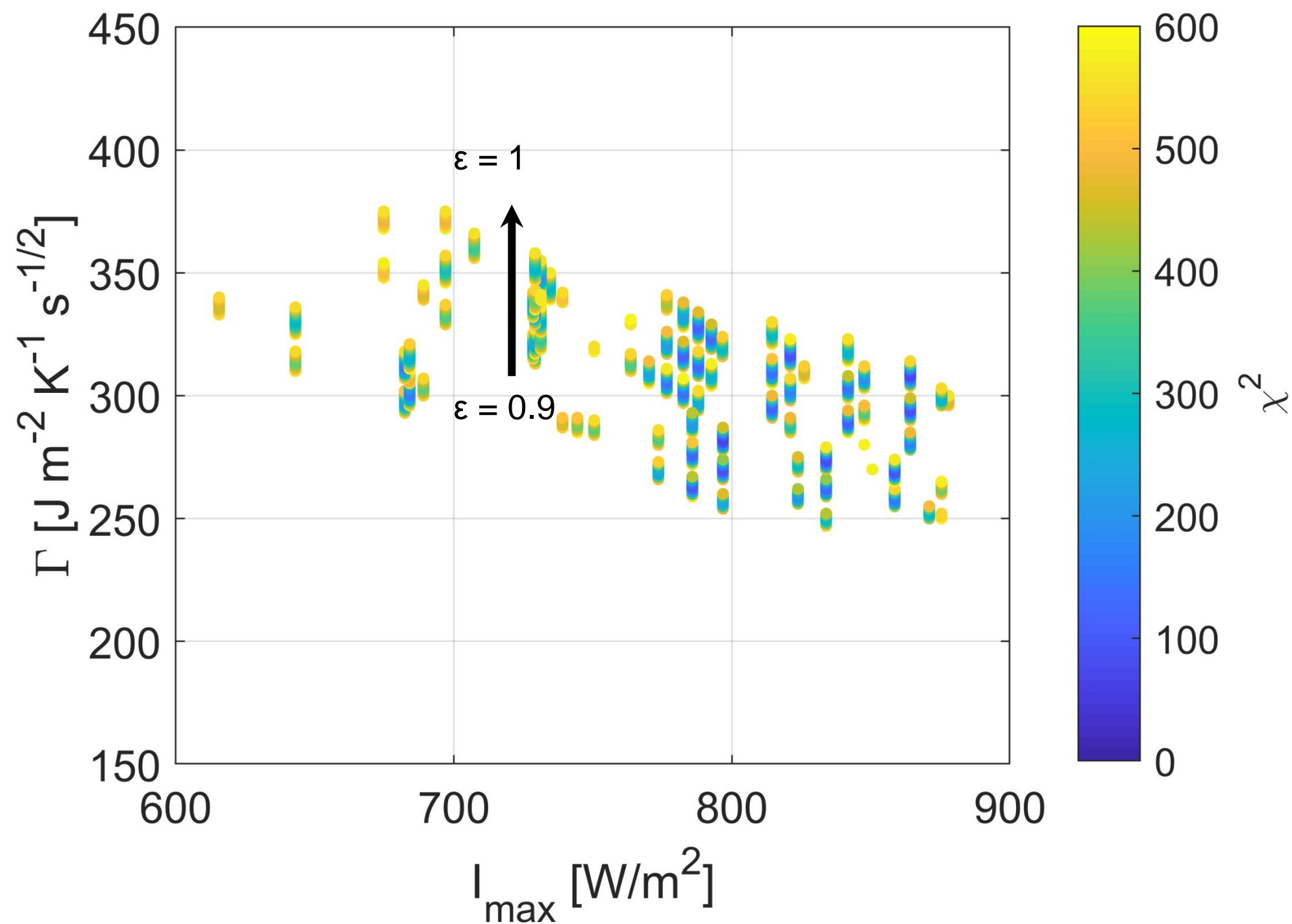


- Besides the various possible surface orientations, emissivity was varied from 0.9 to 1 and thermal radiation from the was modeled or ignored
- for each of the above cases thermal inertia is fitted to the data, shown are those combinations with a sufficiently low χ^2





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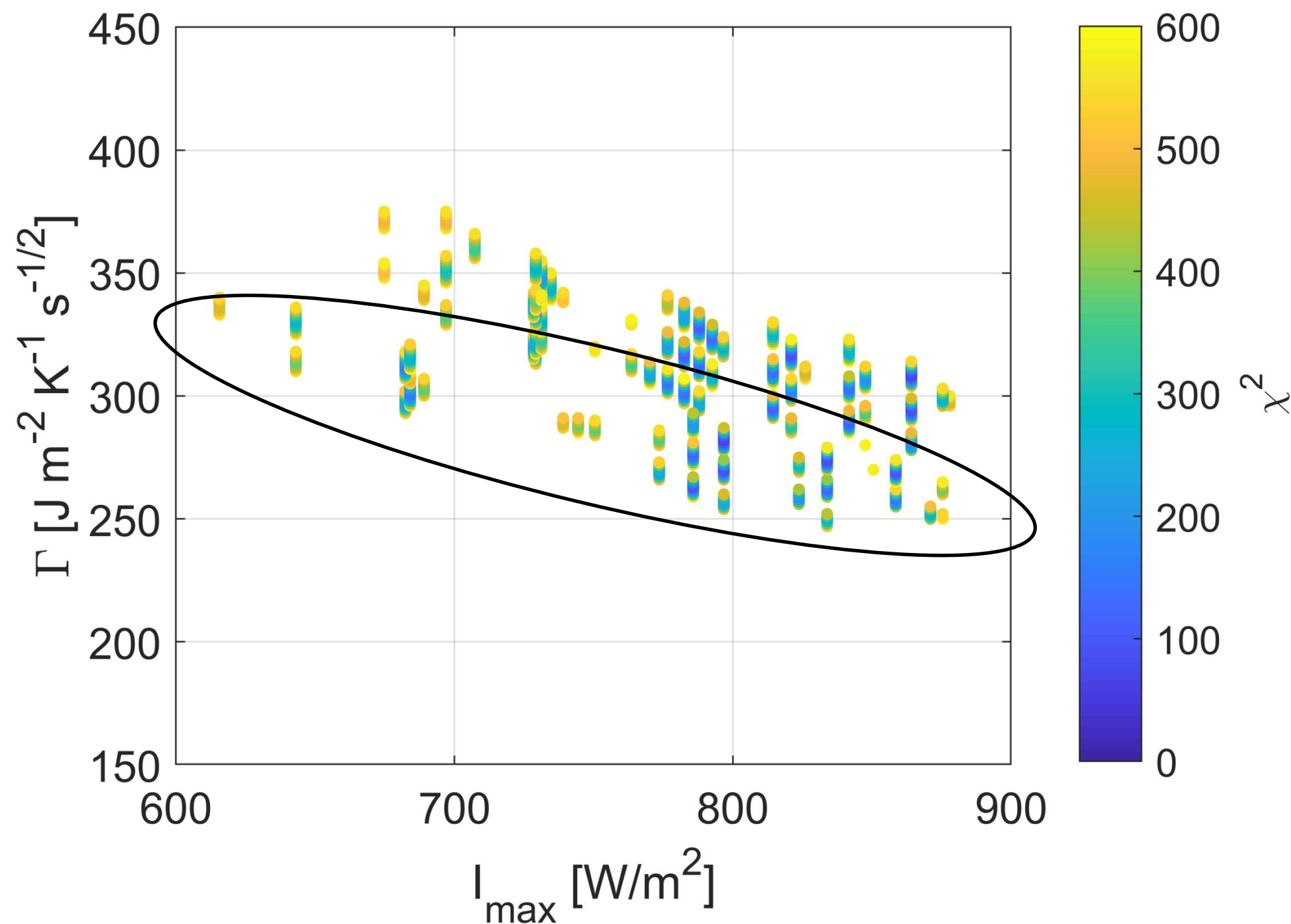


- The assumed emissivity has a small influence on the obtained results
- Acceptable fits result in thermal inertia ranging from 247 to 375 $\text{J m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1/2}$ with a best fit for 282 $\text{J m}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1/2}$ and an emissivity of 1





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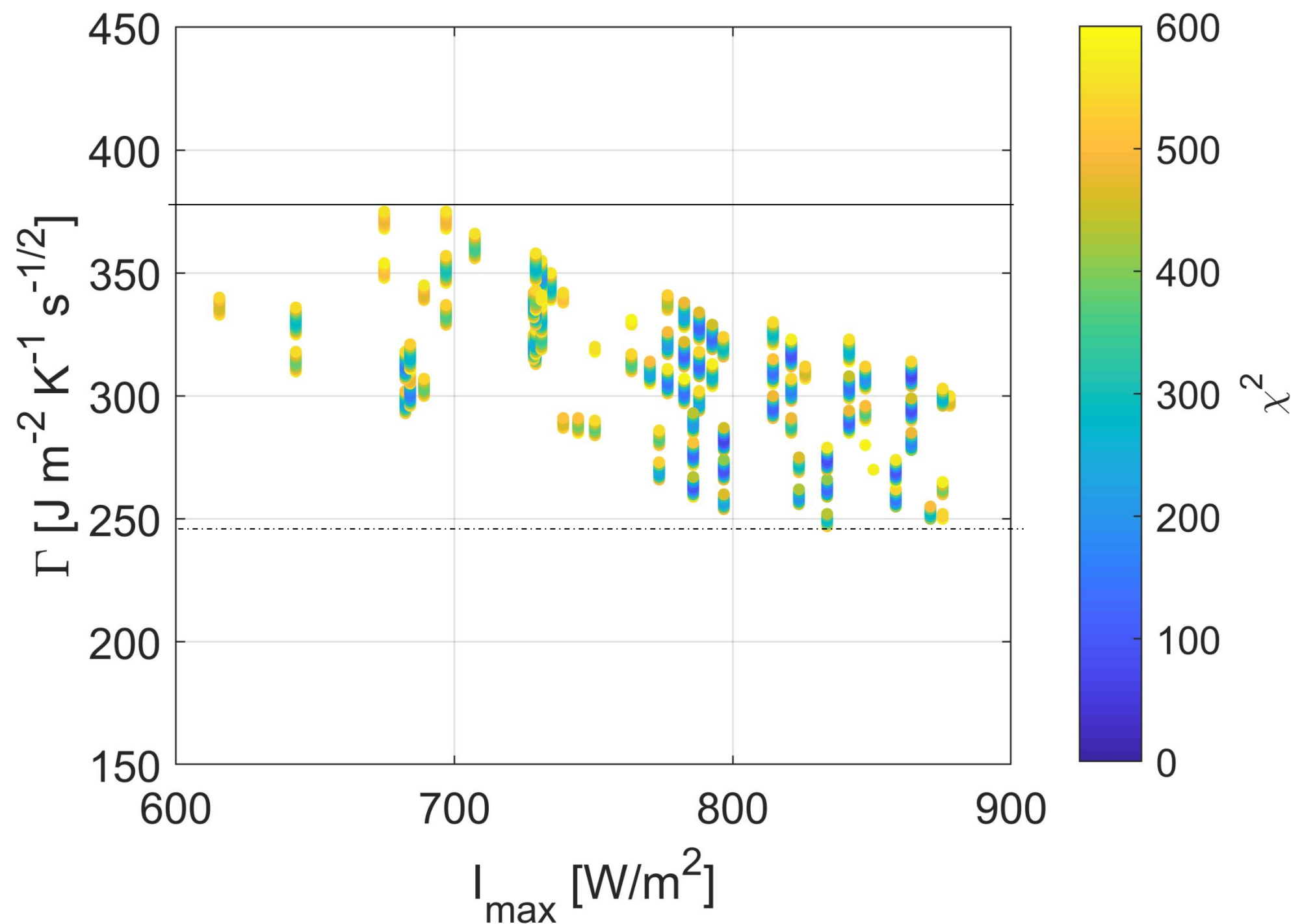


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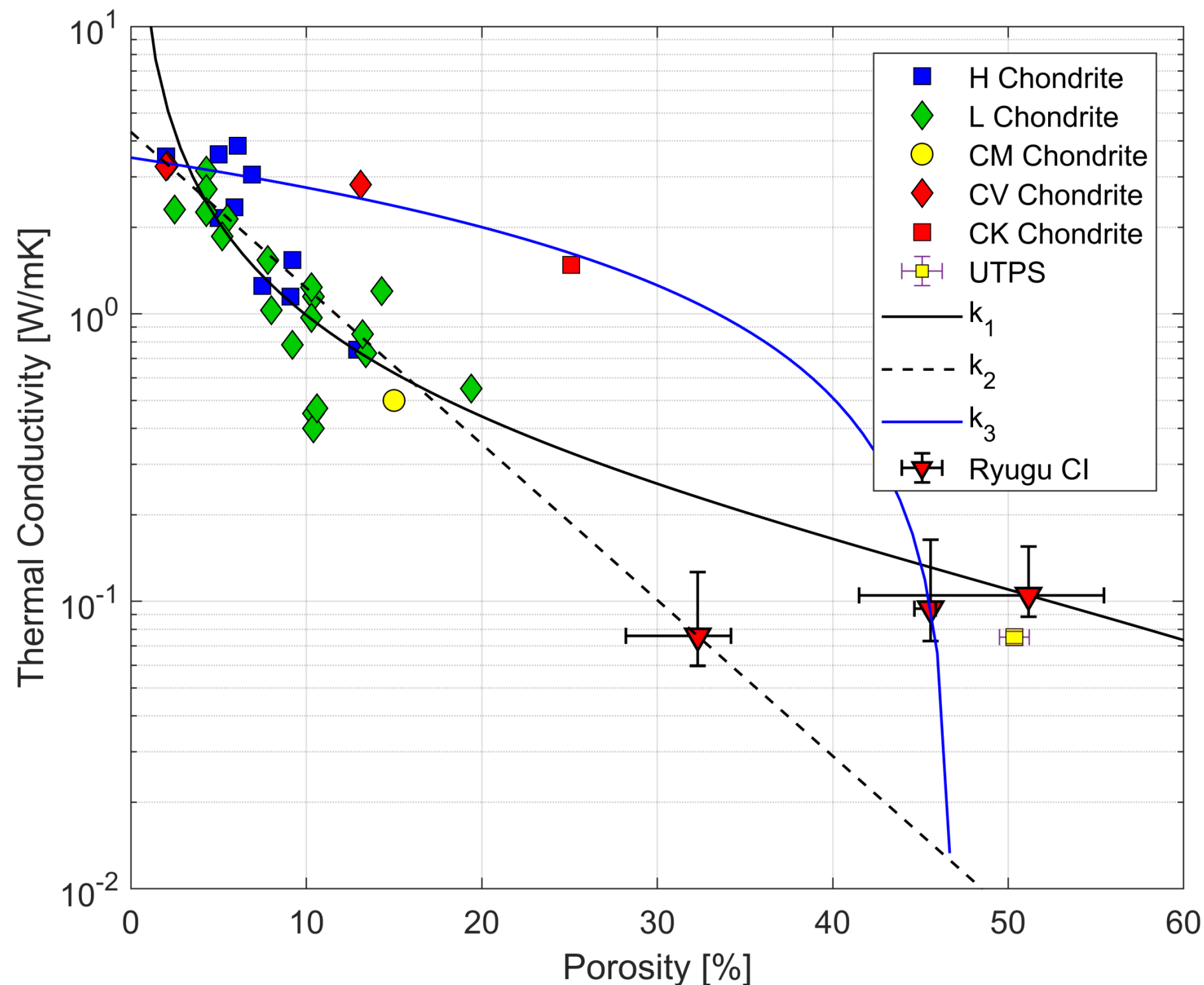


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- Estimated thermal inertia range is a upper limit, stronger thermal radiation from the environment would decrease the estimate





Estimated Thermal Conductivity and Porosity

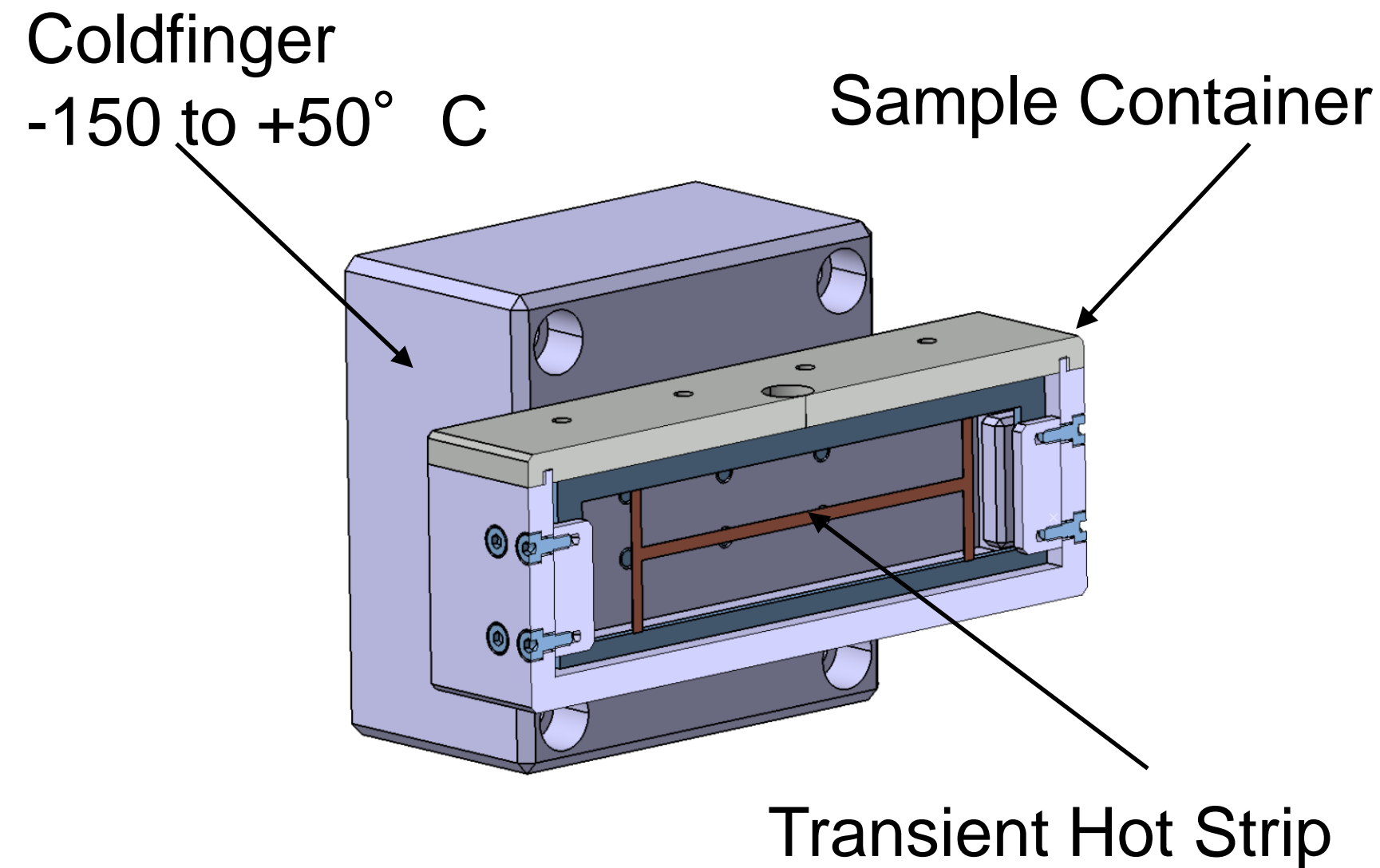
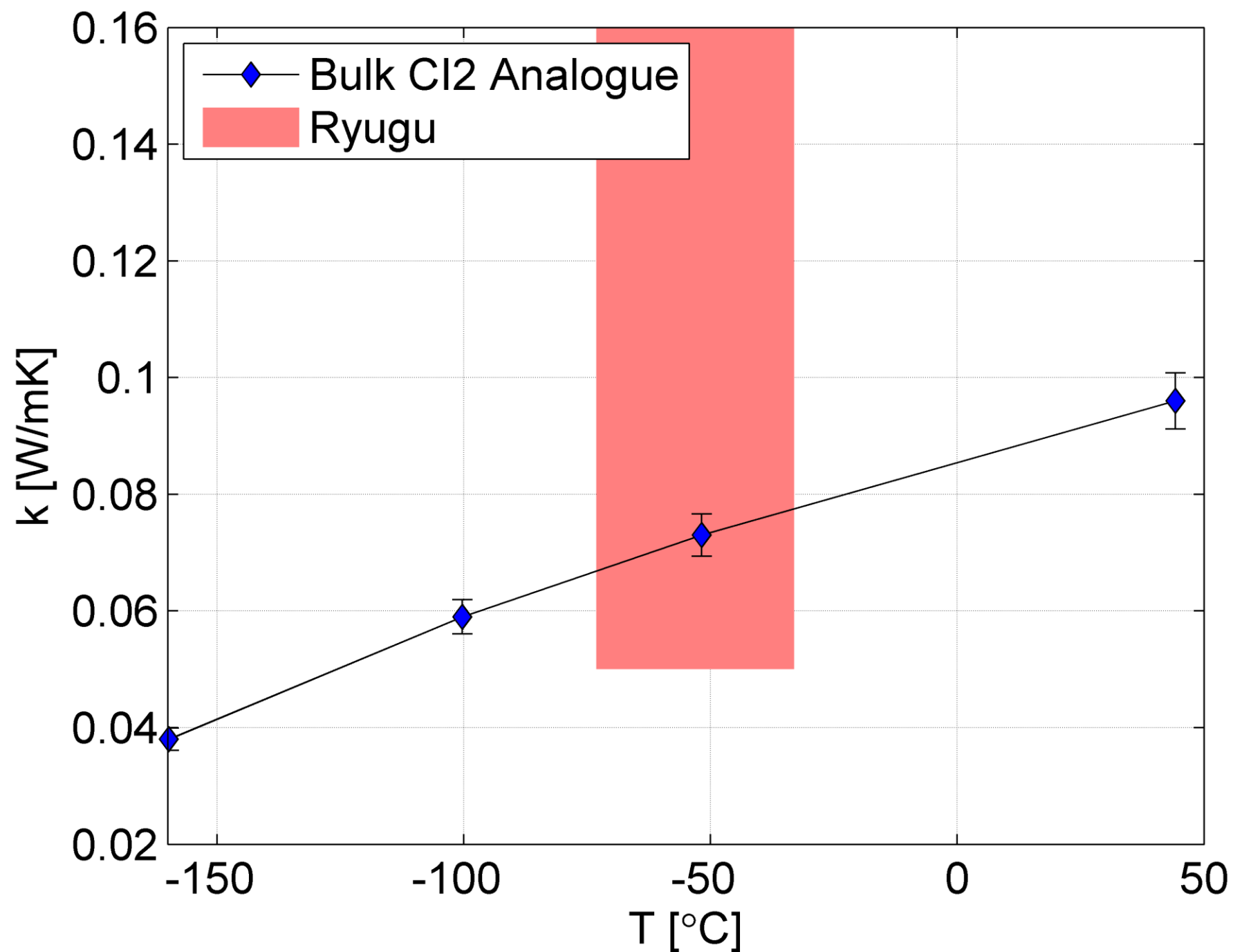


- Assuming a grain density typical for CI meteorites, $\rho_s = 2420 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$, and a model of c_p we derive thermal conductivity $k(\phi)$ from thermal inertia
- Comparison to three models of thermal conductivity based on meteorite samples to derive thermal conductivity and porosity of Ryugu
- Large gap in the data for C chondrites



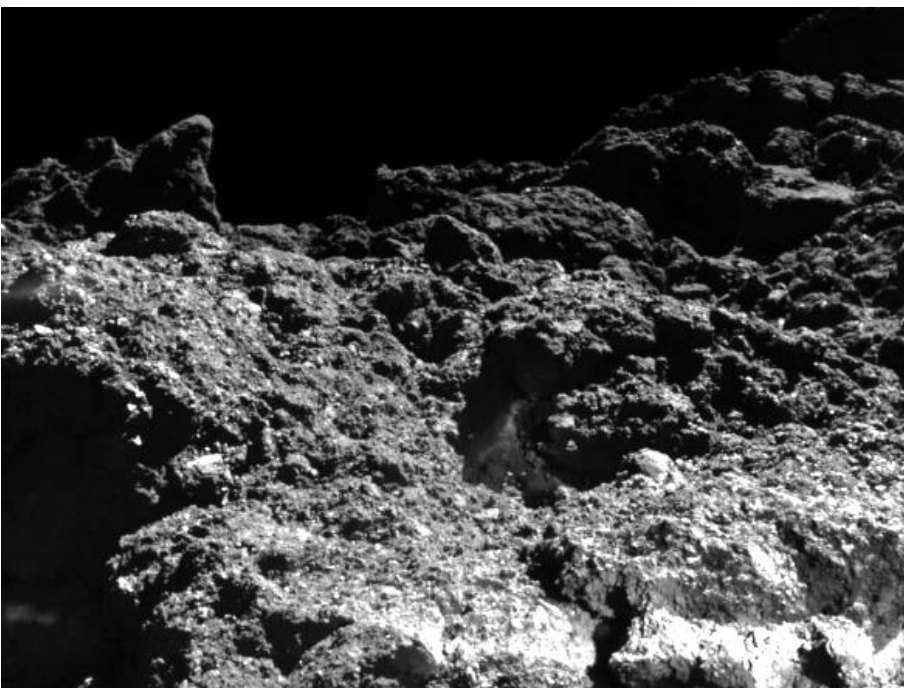
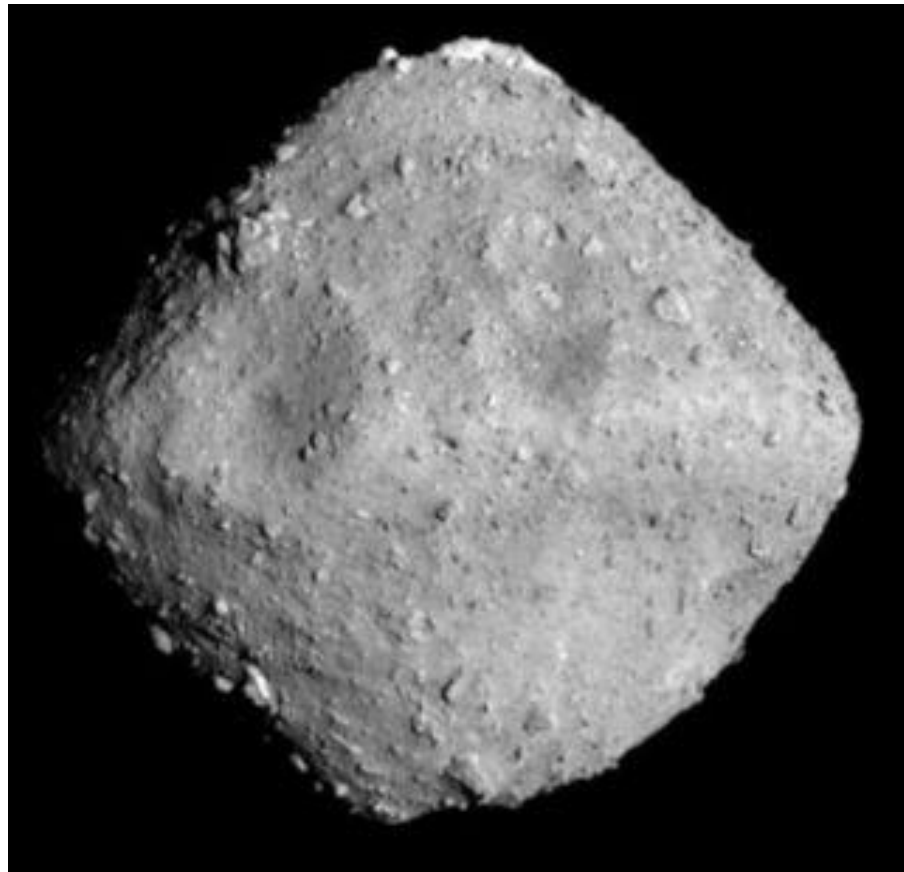


Lab Work - Thermal Conductivity Measurement Setup





Summary and Conclusions



- MARA observed a full day-night at MASCOT site 2, looking at a boulder in its field of view
- The best fitting thermal inertia of the boulder as derived from nighttime data is $282_{-35}^{+93} \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1/2}$
- The estimate will be refined considering thermal re-radiation, probably extending the lower errorbar
- Current TI estimates indicate a highly porous boulder with $\phi = 28 - 46\%$
- The low TI of small bodies may be unrelated to regolith cover. Rather, it could reflect the high porosity of surface boulders
- We still need thoroughly investigate re-radiation and roughness when more 3D data is available from MASCAM

