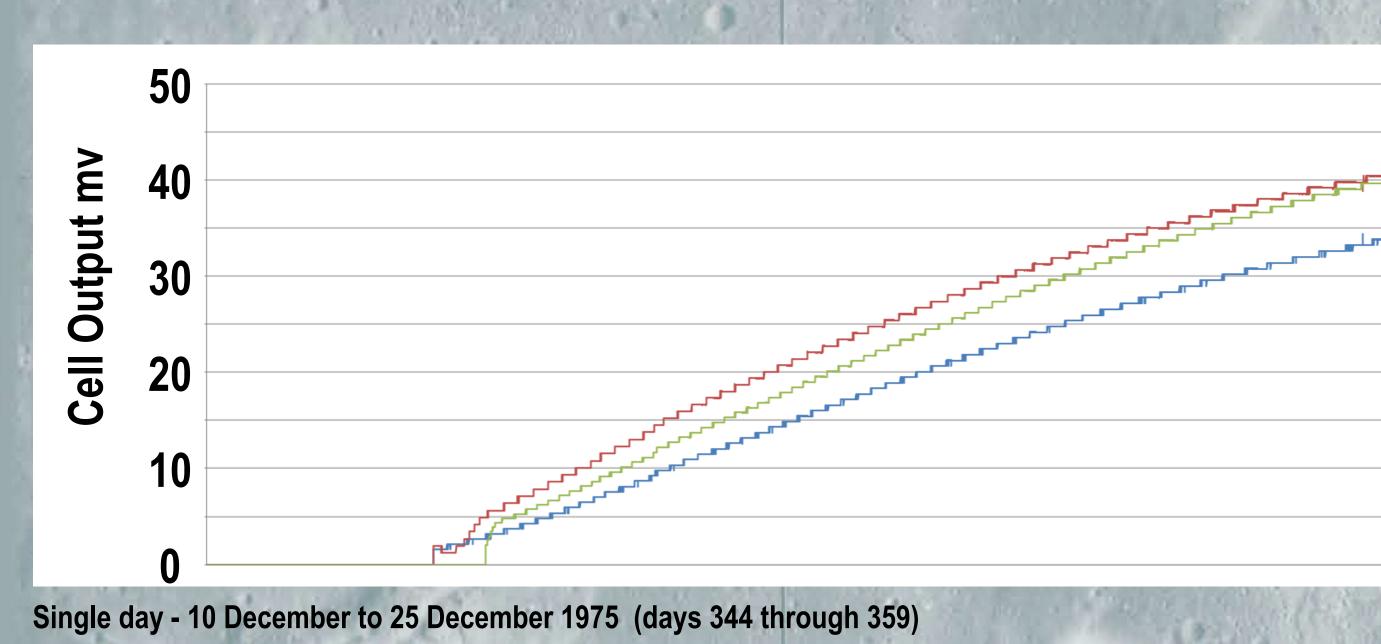
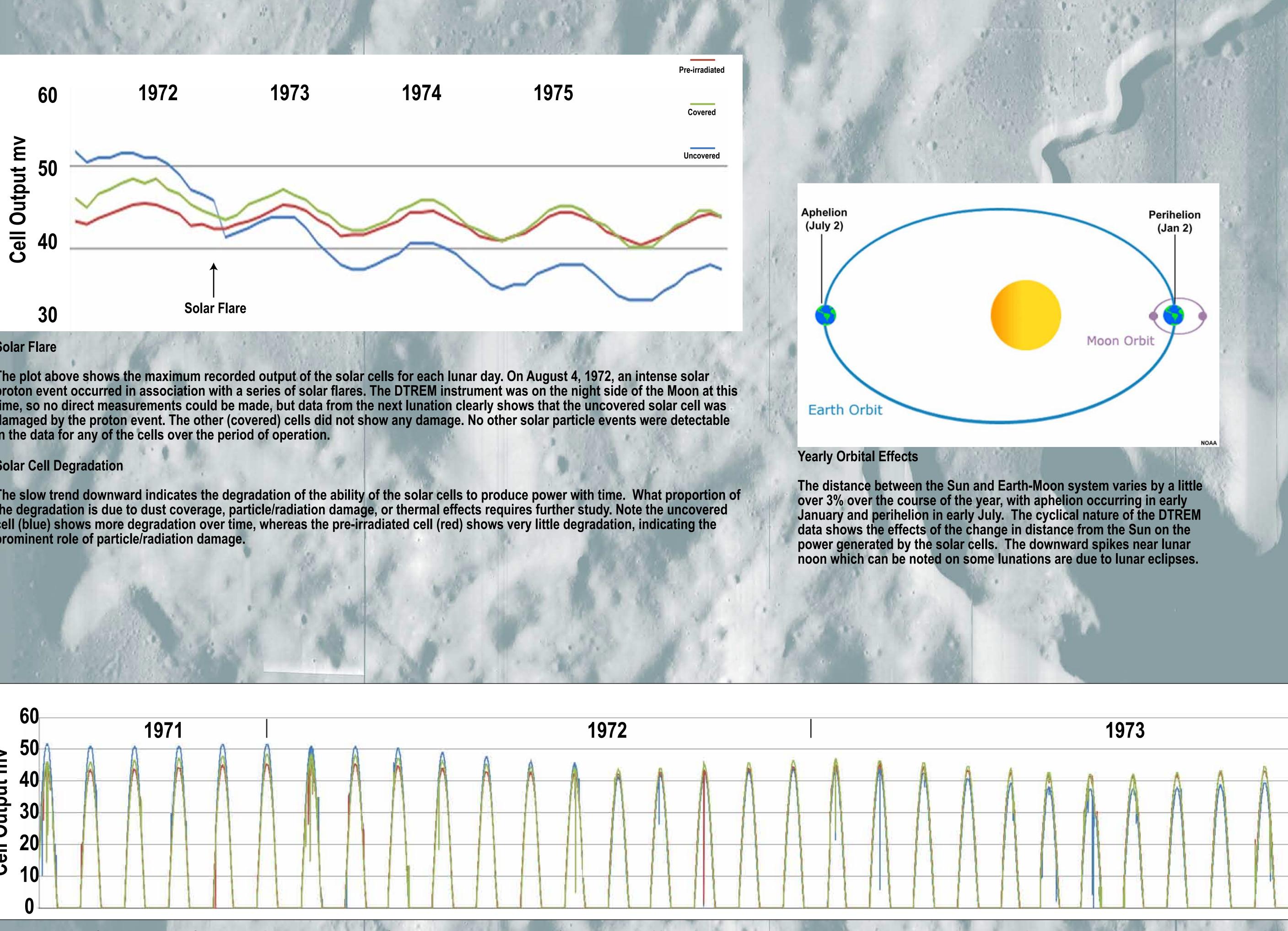
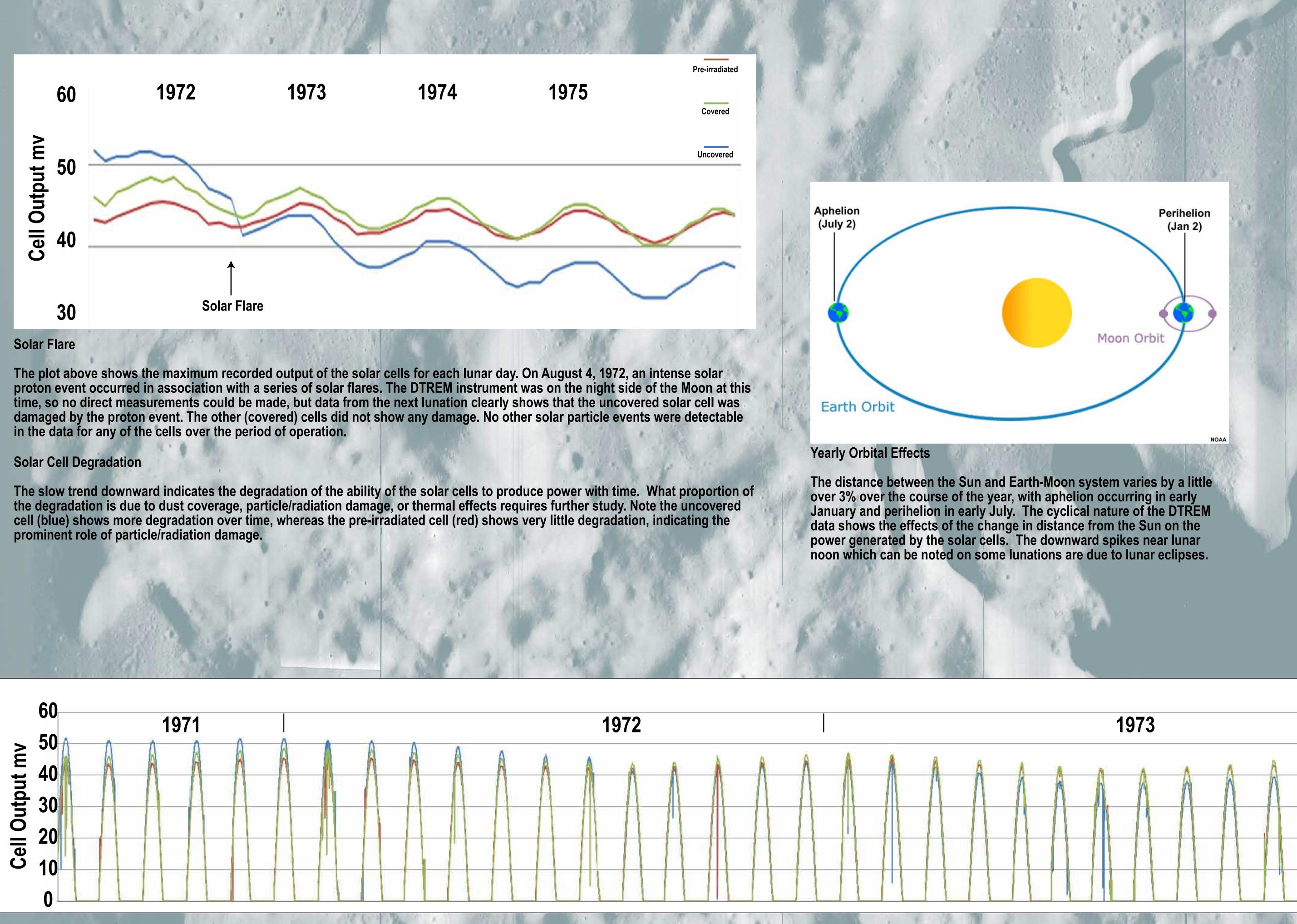
## **Restoration and Future Analysis of the Apollo Lunar Dust Detector Data** Marie McBride <sup>1,2</sup>, David R. Williams <sup>1</sup>, H. Kent Hills <sup>1,3</sup>

The primary objective of the Dust, Thermal, and Radiation Engineering Measurements package (DTREM, also re-ferred to as the Lunar Dust Detector Experiment) was to assess the long term effects of the lunar environment on silicon solar cells by measuring power output reduction caused by dust accumulation, temperature effects, and high-energy cosmic particle and ultraviolet radiation damage. Secondary objectives were to measure surface tem-peratures, to determine if pre-irradiation of the cells before deployment and irradiation on the lunar surface followed a simple superposition, and to quantify the effect of protective cover glass on the cells.



A sample of one typical lunar day measured by the Apollo 15 DTREM. The plot shows output in millivolts from the three solar cells from just before local sunrise on 10 December 1975 until just after local sunset on 25 December 1975. The solar cells were facing upwards, the curves show the slow increase in solar cell output with increasing solar angle with a maximum at solar noon. The uncovered cell (blue) has the lowest output due to being unprotected from radiation damage over time. The normal covered cell (green) and the pre-irradiated cell (red) are very close in output. At deployment the normal cell had a higher output than the pre-irradiated cell, but the normal cell has presumably been affected more by radiation than the pre-irradiated cell after over 4 years of exposure to the lunar environment.





This plot shows the full data output of the Apollo 15 DTREM solar cells for their six year operational lifetimes. Apollo 14 so the sunlight was less direct and the power output from the cells was lower.

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The power output of each cell and the temperatures were polled every 54 seconds, digitized, and sent back to Earth in the central sta-tion housekeeping telemetry stream as an 8-bit word. The Apollo 12, 14, and 15 DTREMs operated from deployment until the ALSEPs were turned off on 30 September 1977. The raw data were stored with the ALSEP housekeeping data from the central station. A set of translated and calibrated data were produced and sent to the National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC) where it was microfilmed and archived. These records are now the only known existing processed dust detector data from Apollos 14 and 15.

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The digital data for Apollo 14 and 15 were recovered using the microfilm records archived at NSSDC and the raw housekeeping telemetry. The microfilm records contained times, temperatures, and calibrated data. The housekeeping data contained times and raw counts. By matching up the times on the microfilm and housekeeping data, the conversions and temperature corrections were calculated, and then these were applied to the full raw data set to give a digital data set with times, temperatures, raw counts, uncalibrated cell outputs, and calibrated cell outputs.

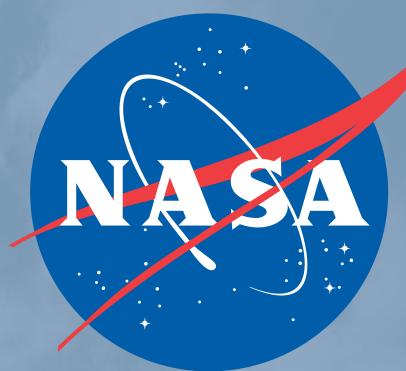
The microfilm data have been scanned and the associated metadata compiled into a PDS data set through the Lunar Data Node at NSSDC. The data set has undergone PDS validation and review and is being prepared for final archive. The digital data will similarly be archived with PDS when the data and metadata are compiled through the Lunar Data Node. All data will be archived at PDS and NSSDC and made generally available.

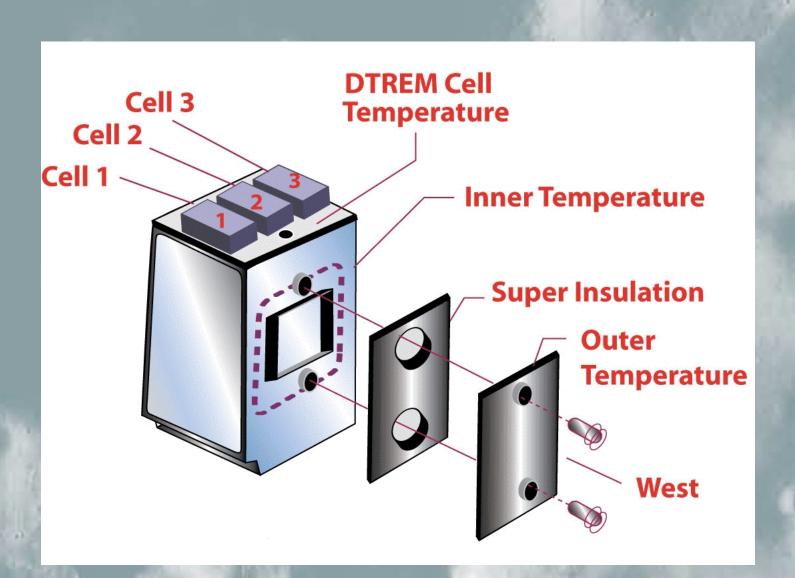
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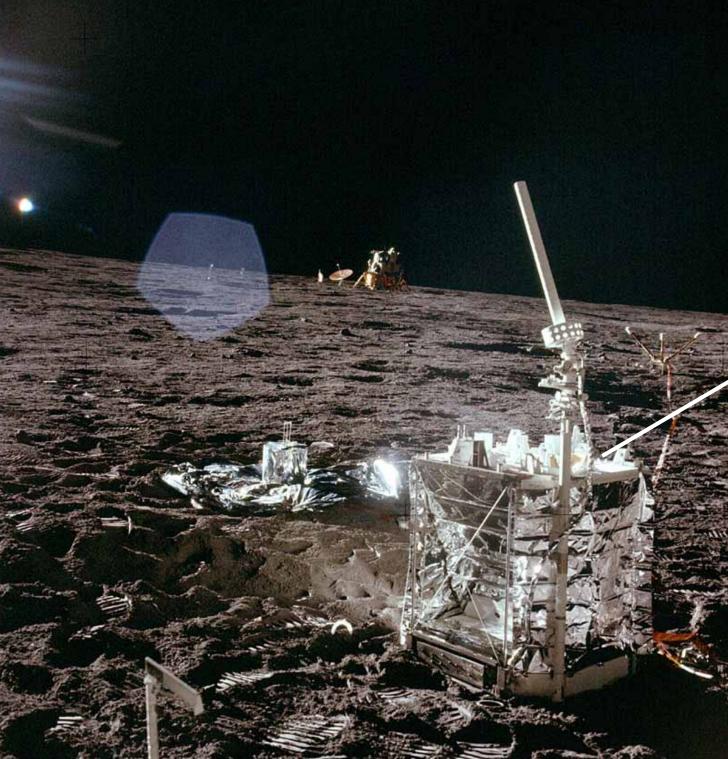
A total eclipse of the Moon on 30 January 1972 was captured by the DTREM solar cell output data. Other lunar eclipses can be seen in the long term data below.

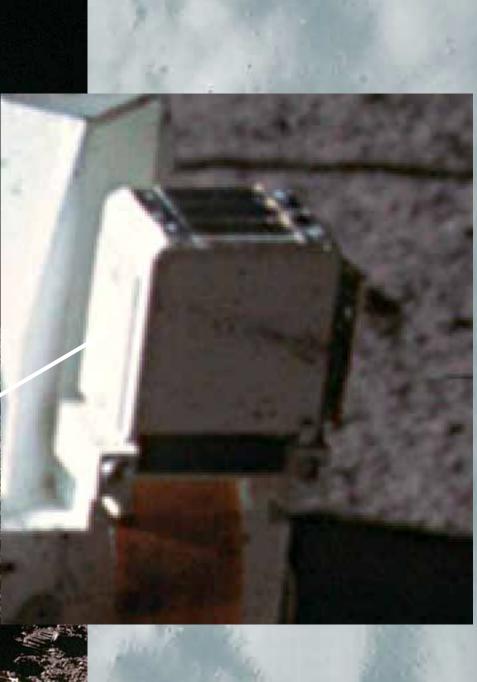
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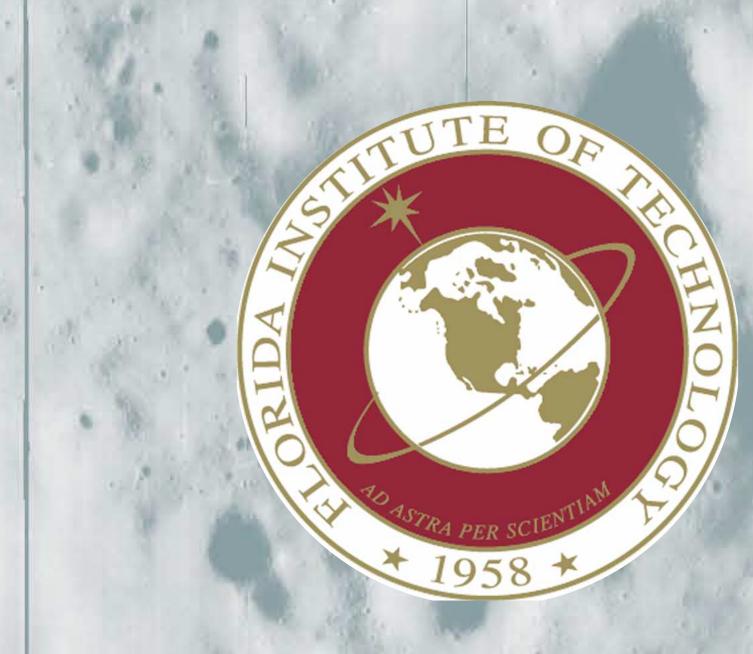




The DTREM sensor package was a fiberglass boy mounted on the top northwest corner of the ALSEP (Apollo Lunar Surface Experiments Package) central station sun shield. On Apollos 14 and 15, three silicon solar cells, each 1 x 2 cm, were mounted on top of the box facing upwards. Two of the cells were covered with a glass filter, and one was left uncovered. One of the covered cells was pre-irradiated in order to cause radiation damage to the cell before it reached the Moon to help determine the effect of radiation on the cells. The Apollo 11 cells had a similar arrangement but the experiment was only designed to run for a few months. Apollo 12 had a different configuration, with three iden tical, glass-covered cells, one mounted on the eastfacing side of the box, one on the west-facing side, and one on top facing upwards. There were also three temperature sensors, one mounted externally and two mounted inside the box.







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