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# Summary of Thermal Utility Programs Available at Goddard Space Flight Center

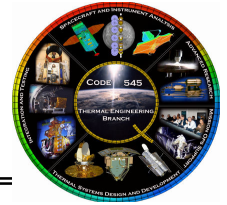
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# Thermal Utility Programs

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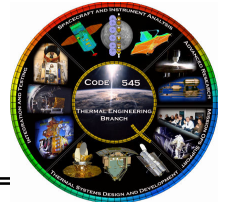


- Geometry Input
  - Geo\_Info: *output various TSS surface properties (area, nodes, etc)*
  - Ren\_Optics: *output TSS optics properties and make updates to both optics and geometry files*
  - TSS\_Conv: *conversion between selected ASCII based geometry formats*
- Geometry Output
  - Radk\_Func: *collection of Radk and HeatRate post processing functions*
- Thermal Model Input
  - TMM\_Conv: *conversion between selected ASCII based thermal model formats*
- Thermal Model Output
  - Backload: *calculate backloads for selected nodes from temperature and radk output*
  - ThermPlot: *general post-processing program for thermal output*
  - Generate\_T-XYZ: *find closest FEM node to geometry centroid and maps temperature for STOP analyses*



# Disclaimer

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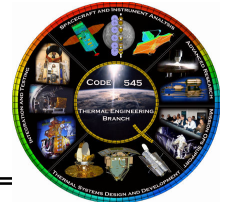


- All programs developed to address specific need
  - *Not developed to be robust and error free (i.e. not developed to be commercial software)*
  - *Have been developed and used successfully for years*
- Tools may be provided as is
  - *No support, expressed or implied, is included*
  - *Identified bugs will be corrected, but may not be considered high priority*
  - *No documentation exists (ThermPlot excepted)*



# Geo\_Info

output various TSS surface properties (area, nodes, etc)



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	Ent_name	Ent_type	Active	Optics (Out)	Alpha1	Eps1	Optics (In)	Alpha2	Eps2	Area	Nodes
2	MLI.40010	polygon	out	MLI	0.92	0.81	MLI	0.92	0.81	1.050E-02 m^2	40011
3	MLI.40011	polygon	out	Perfect_Black	1	1	Perfect_Black	1	1	4.950E-03 m^2	4999
4	MLI.40020	polygon	out	MLI	0.92	0.81	MLI	0.92	0.81	1.050E-02 m^2	40011
5	MLI.40030	polygon	out	MLI	0.92	0.81	MLI	0.92	0.81	6.386E-03 m^2	40011
6	MLI.40040	polygon	out	MLI	0.92	0.81	MLI	0.92	0.81	6.386E-03 m^2	40011
7	MLI.40050	polygon	out	MLI	0.92	0.81	MLI	0.92	0.81	6.260E-03 m^2	40011
8	MLI.40060	polygon	out	MLI	0.92	0.81	MLI	0.92	0.81	6.260E-03 m^2	40011
9	MLI.40070	polygon	out	MLI	0.92	0.81	MLI	0.92	0.81	7.834E-03 m^2	40011
10	MLI.40080	polygon	out	MLI	0.92	0.81	MLI	0.92	0.81	7.834E-03 m^2	40011
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20	MLI.40180	polygon	out	MLI	0.92	0.81	MLI	0.92	0.81	2.557E-01 m^2	40181
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**Output Geometry information**

Entity Name  
Entity Type  
Active  
Optics 1  
Alpha 1  
Eps 1  
Spec Alpha 1  
Spec Eps 1  
Optics 2  
Alpha 2  
Eps 2  
Spec Alpha 2  
Spec Eps 2  
Area  
Nodes

Full List

**Geometry File:**  
C:\Spacecraft\WFC3\GMM\TV TSS\OB\_int.tssgm

**Optical File:**  
C:\Spacecraft\WFC3\GMM\TV TSS\TV\_Test\_Cold\_14d.tsso

**Output File:**  
C:\Spacecraft\WFC3\GMM\TV TSS\Test.nfo

Convert Units to m

Output sub-entity information

Open Output file in Excel

TSS    Exit

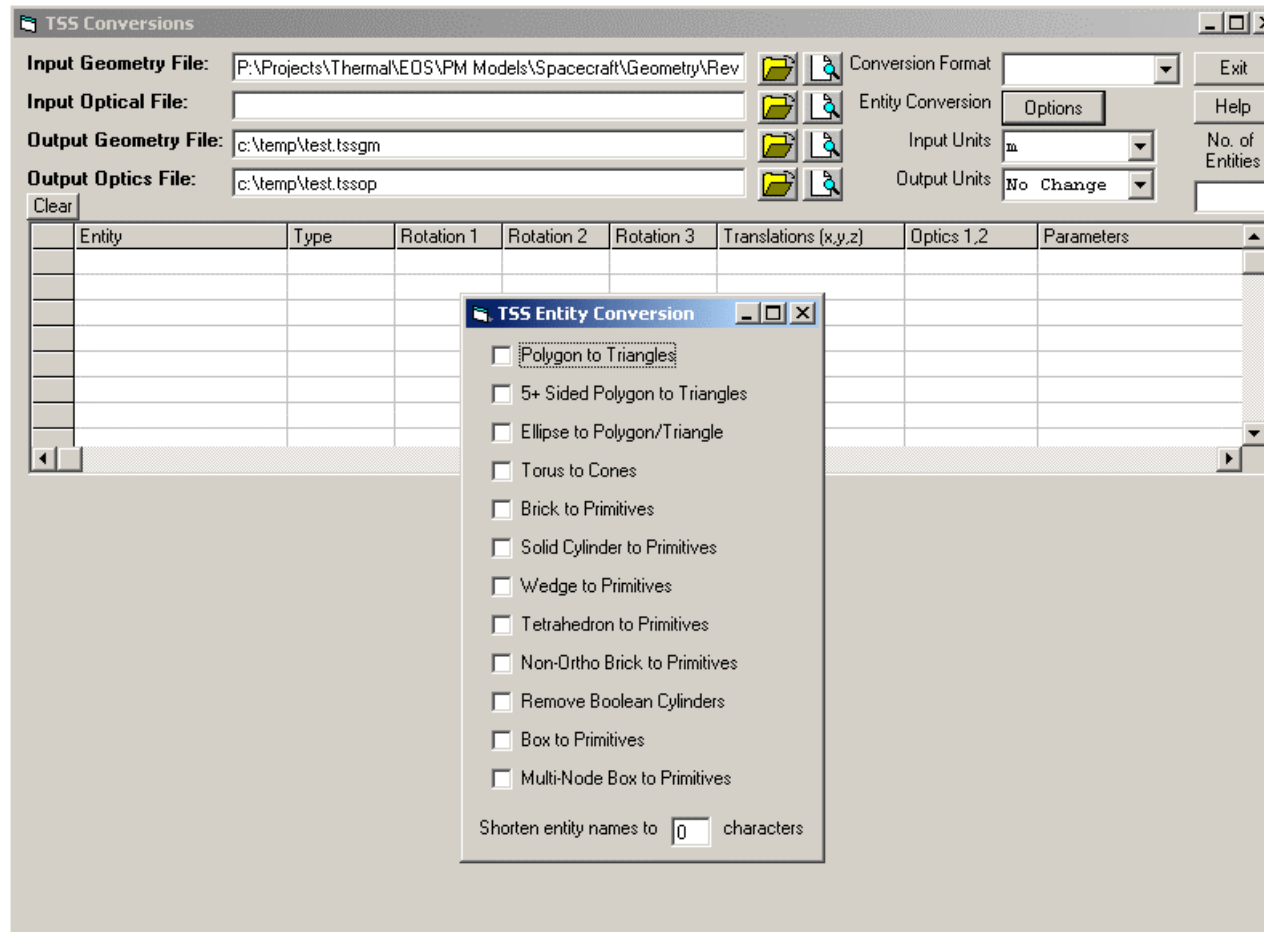
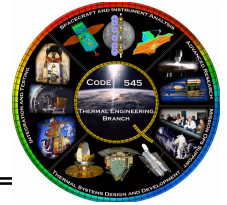
- *Area Unit Conversion*
- *Sub-entity output*
  - *Nodal sub areas, activity, properties*





# TSS\_Conv

conversion between selected ASCII based geometry formats



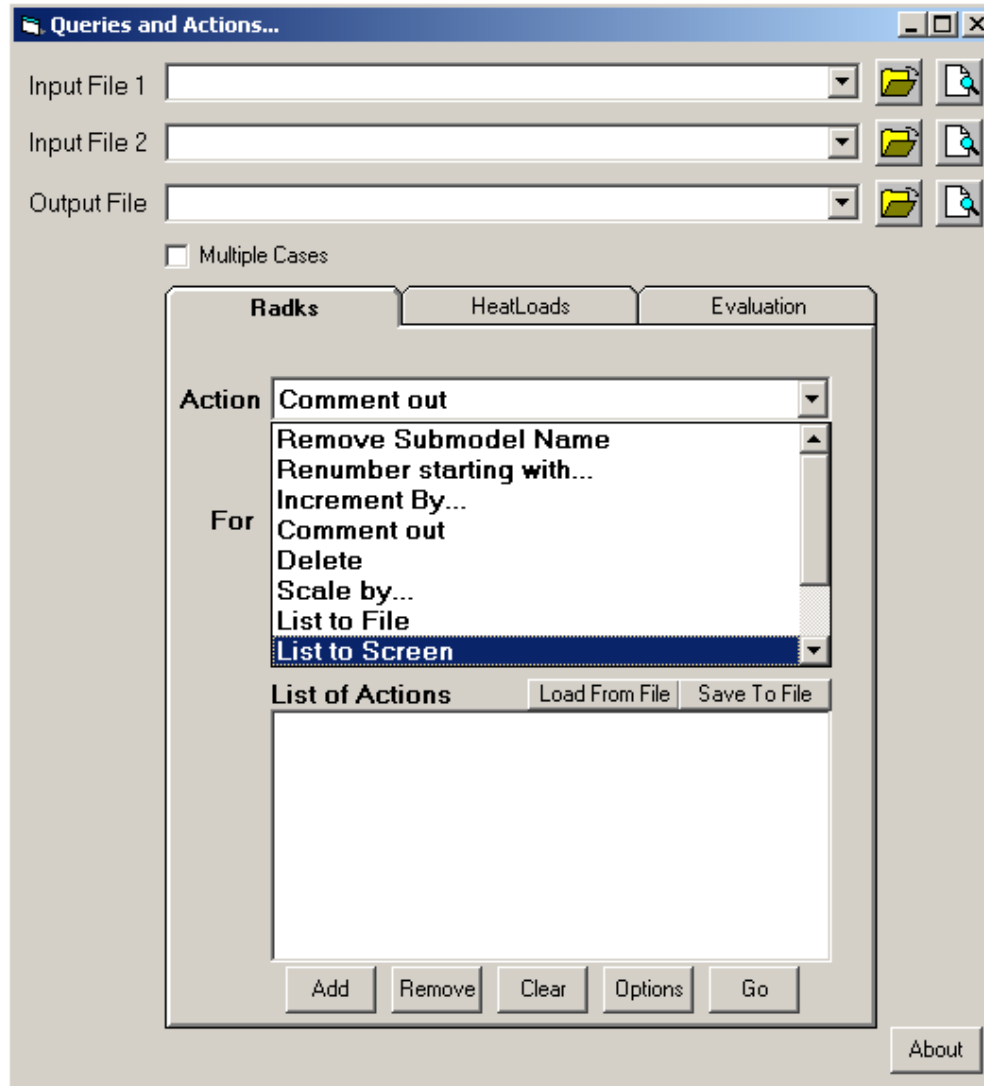
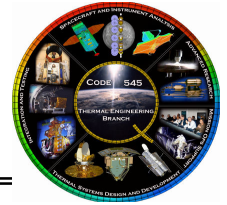
- Available conversions
  - TSS to ESARAD
  - TSS to Thermica
  - Esarad to TSS
  - Thermica to TSS
  - Esarad to Thermica
  - TSS to NEVADA
  - TMG to TSS
- Unit conversion
- Special cases
  - Solids to primitives
  - Torus breakdown
  - Polygons to triangles
  - Shorten entity names

*Note: presented at 2002 TFAWS as “Use of TSS as a Neutral Format for Geometry Model Conversions: An Alternative to STEP-TAS”*



# Radk\_Func

collection of Radk and HeatRate post processing functions

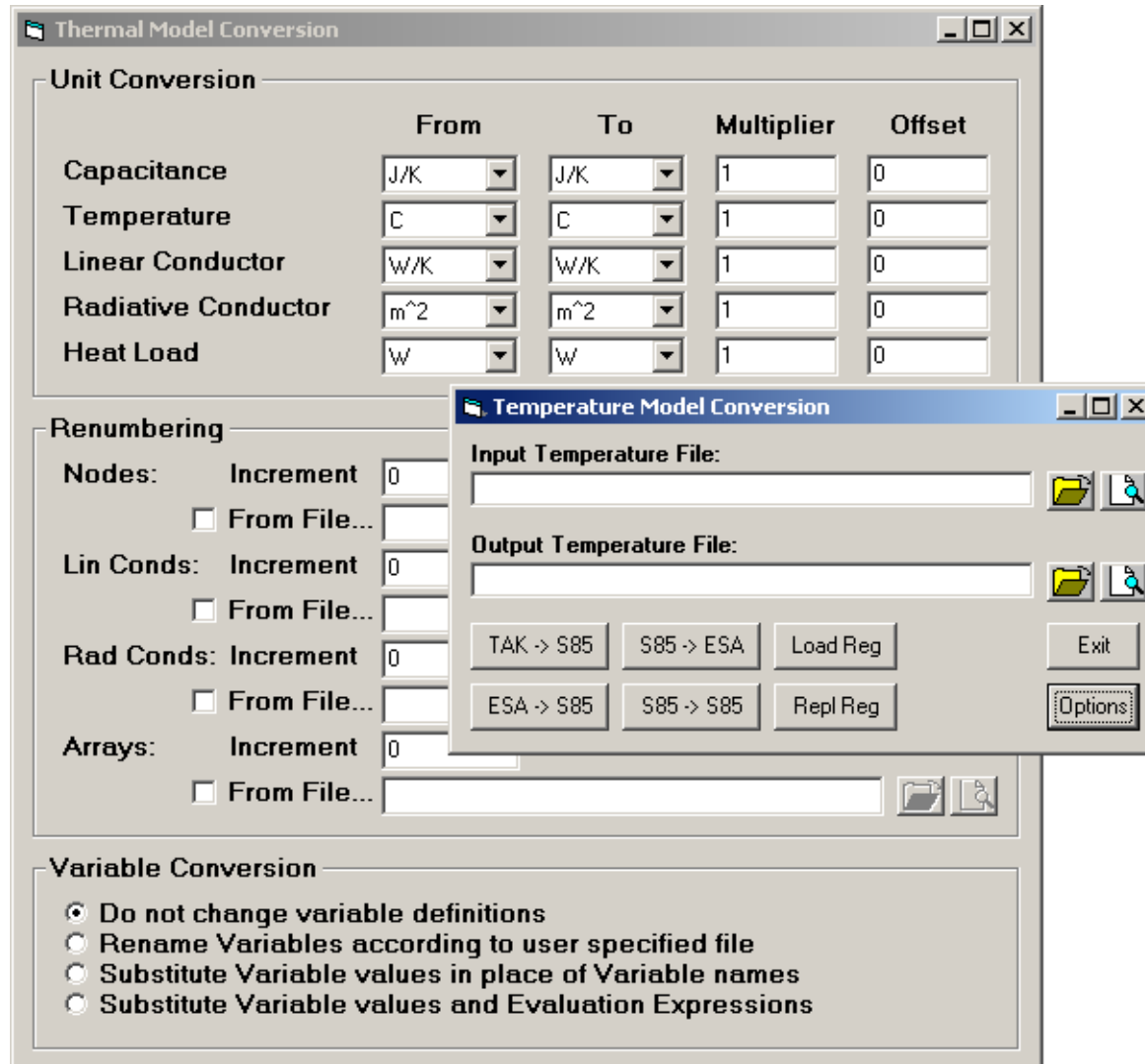
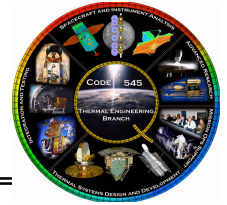


- *Collection of utilities to post process RADK output*
  - *Renumber*
  - *Comment*
  - *Delete*
  - *Scale*
  - *Sum*
- *Can act on*
  - *All conductors*
  - *Conductors connected to*
  - *Conductor between*
- *Multiple sequential actions may be defined*
- *Some support for heatloads but not as mature*



# TMM\_Conv

conversion between selected ASCII based thermal model formats



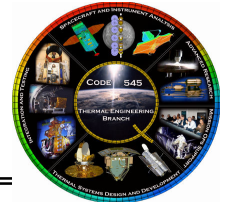
- **Thermal Model Conversion**
  - TAK2000 to SINDA
  - SINDA to ESATAN
  - ESATAN to SINDA
- **Unit conversion**
  - C, T, GL, GR, Q
- **Renumbering**
  - Nodes
  - Lin, Rad Conds
  - Arrays
- **Variables**
  - Convert names (shorten)
  - Replace with values
  - Replace with values and evaluate





# Backloads

calculate backloads for selected nodes from temperature and radk output



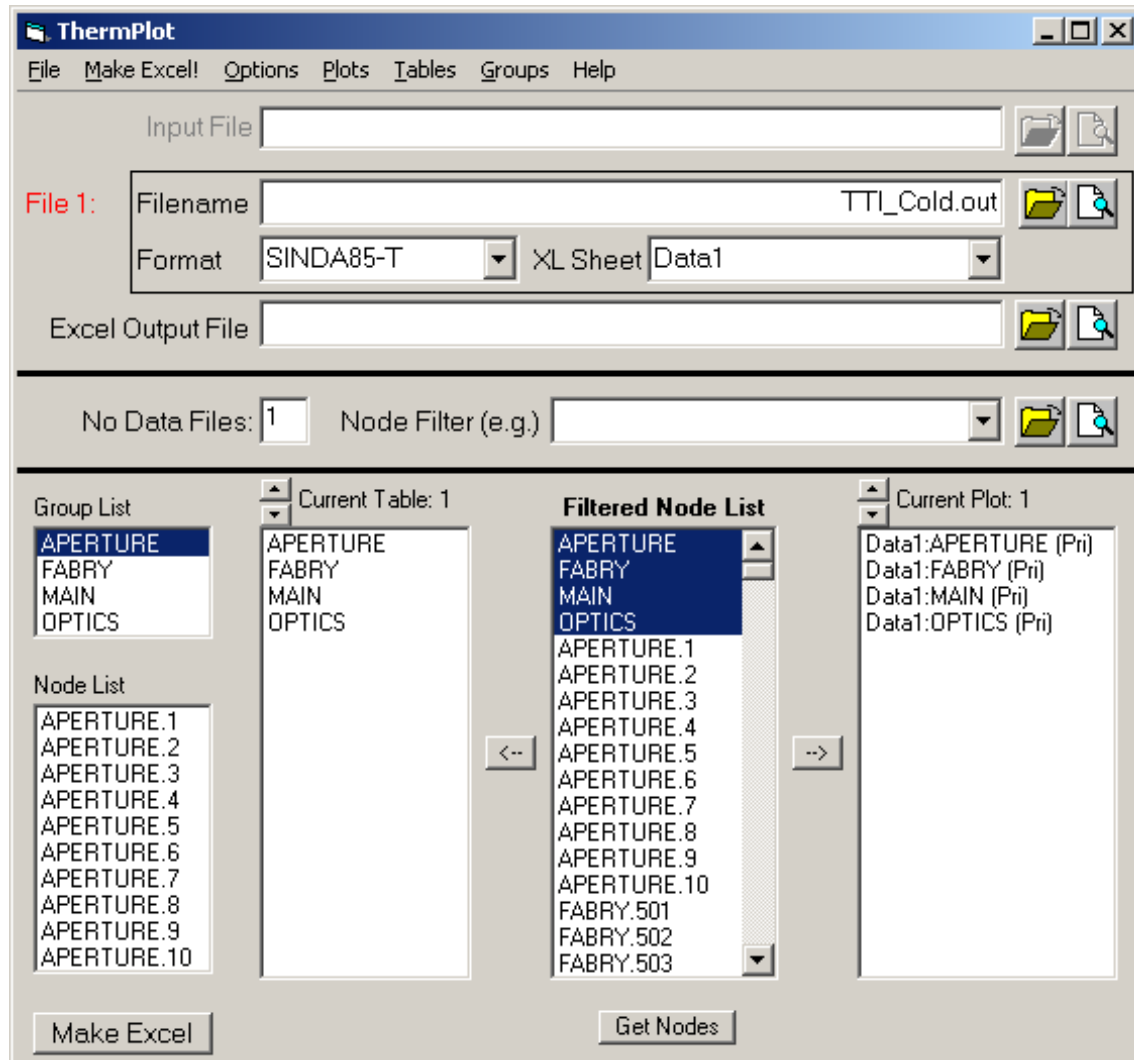
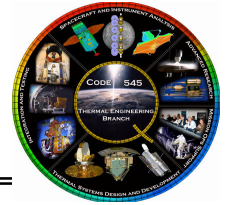
- *Backloads present a method for representing complex thermal environment for a surface/node as a simple heat load*
- *Requires Radk and Temperature Output*
- *May include env fluxes*
  - *Recommend separate IR & UV*
- *Numerous formats supported*
- *Output SS, TR or both*
- *Define conduction interfaces*
- *Include or exclude effects of other nodes in BL range (self view)*
- *Component file for validation*

*Note: application of backload usage presented at 2004 TFAWS as “Use of the Interface-Backload Method for Solving LISA and other Large, Divided Thermal Problems”*



# ThermPlot

*general post-processing program for thermal output*



- **Generalized Post Processing Program**

- Data

- Tables

- Plots

- Groups

- HeatMaps

- **Documentation Included**

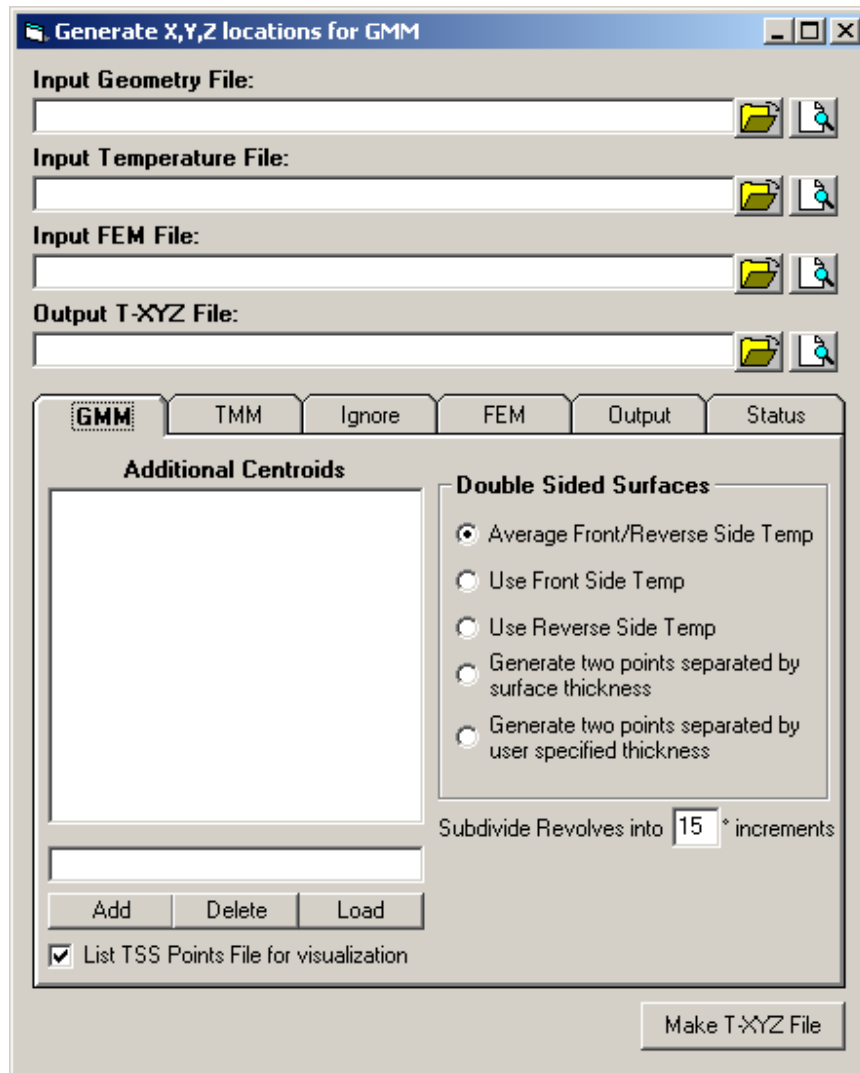
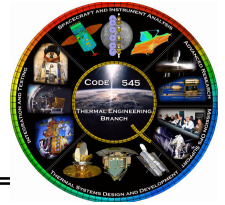
- **No further updates planned**

*Note: presented at 2001 TFAWS as "Use of ThermPlot Software for Quick Evaluation of Thermal Model Results"*



# Generate\_TXYZ

*find closest FEM node to geometry centroid and maps temperature for STOP analyses*

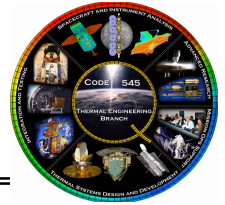


- *Finds closest FEM node to TMM node for STOP mapping*
- **GMM**
  - *Revolves subdivided into segments to locate “centroid” near to surface*
  - *Options for double sided surfaces*
  - *Additional (non-geometric) centroids may be added*
- **TMM**
  - *Timestep selection*
  - *Dereference GMM node to TMM node (MLI mapping)*
- **FEM**
  - *Units and Coordinate System offsets*
  - *TMM node to FEM node override*
- **Output**
  - *Sorting*
  - *Multiple associations (>1 GMM nodes map to 1 FEM node)*



# Summary

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- The described tools have not been developed to commercial levels
  - *But they do expand the capabilities of existing tools*
- Some of the features may be outdated, or have been reproduced or improved with later releases of various thermal codes
  - *However, some of the capabilities remain unique (particularly the model conversion capabilities)*
- The utilities are available to interested parties, but the source code remains under GSFC control