

Mission To Venus
--Propulsion Proposal Draft V1.1

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Brief Summary:

Launch Vehicle: Delta II-7925H
Single Craft System
Voyage time: ~539 days.

Statistics:

Venus Diameter: 12104 km
Earth Diameter: 12753 km
Sun Diameter: 1.4 million km

Perihelion: 146 million km

Minimum Distance from Venus to Earth: 40 million km

[http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What is the distance of all planets from the sun](http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What_is_the_distance_of_all_planets_from_the_sun)

Average Venus to Sun Distance: 108 million km
Venus travels at $1.6^\circ/\text{day}$ around the Sun

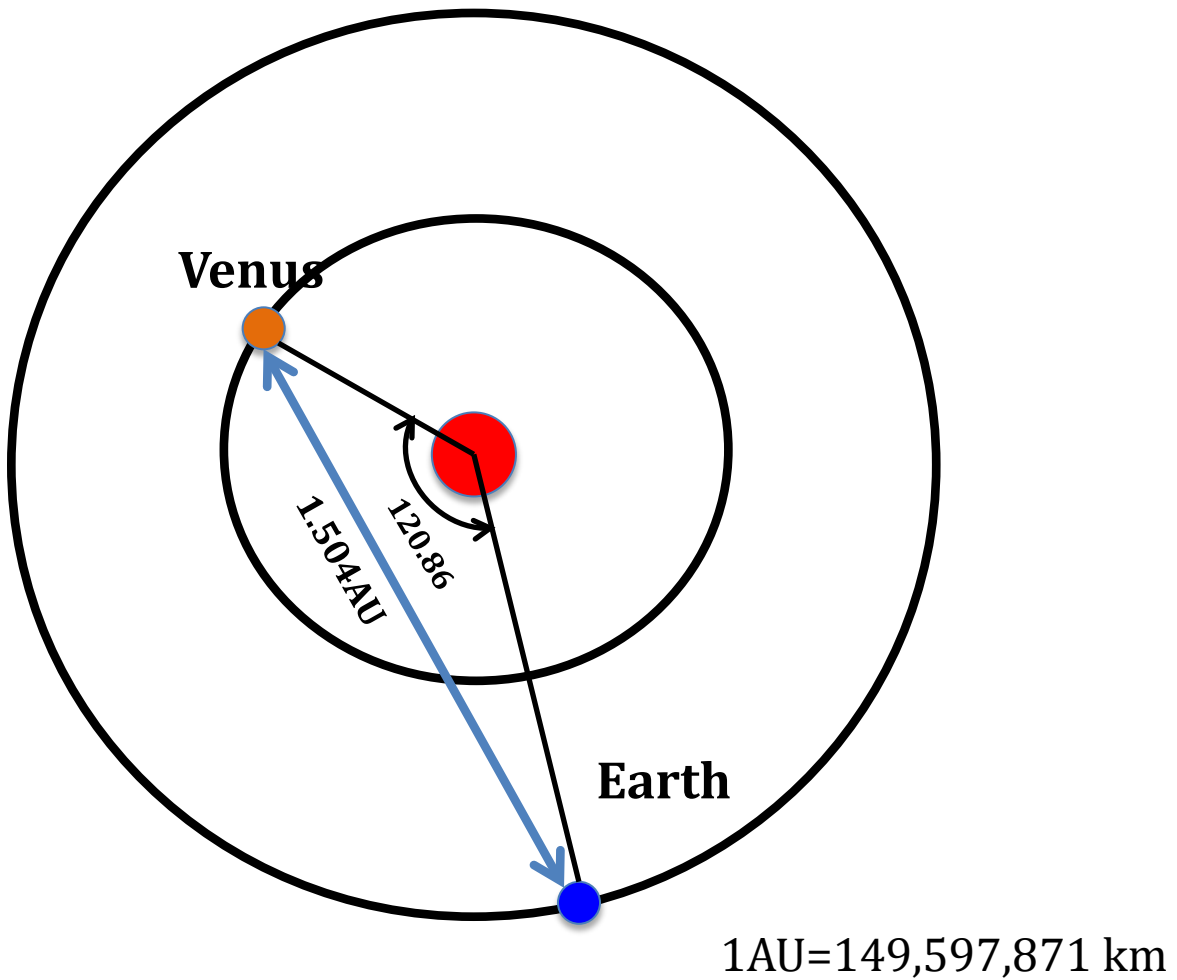
Average Earth to Sun Distance: 149.6 million km
Venus travels at $0.986^\circ/\text{day}$ around the Sun

| Planet | Semimajor Axis (AU) | Orbital Period (yr) | Orbital Speed (km/s) | Orbital Eccentricity (e) | Inclination of Orbit to Ecliptic ($^\circ$) | Rotation Period (days) | Inclination of Equator to Orbit ($^\circ$) |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| Mercury | 0.3871 | 0.2408 | 47.9 | 0.206 | 7.00 | 58.65 | 0 |
| Venus | 0.7233 | 0.6152 | 35.0 | 0.007 | 3.39 | -243.01* | 177.3 |
| Earth | 1.000 | 1 | 29.8 | 0.017 | 0.00 | 0.997 | 23.4 |
| Mars | 1.5273 | 1.8809 | 24.1 | 0.093 | 1.85 | 1.026 | 25.2 |
| Jupiter | 5.2028 | 11.862 | 13.1 | 0.048 | 1.31 | 0.410 | 3.1 |
| Saturn | 9.5388 | 29.458 | 9.6 | 0.056 | 2.49 | 0.426 | 26.7 |
| Uranus | 19.1914 | 84.01 | 6.8 | 0.046 | 0.77 | -0.746* | 97.9 |

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| Neptune | 30.0611 | 164.79 | 5.4 | 0.010 | 1.77 | 0.718 | 29.6 |
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Current Relative Position between Venus and Earth

Daily update: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/Solar>



Line of sight Calculation--

Theta=25.2°

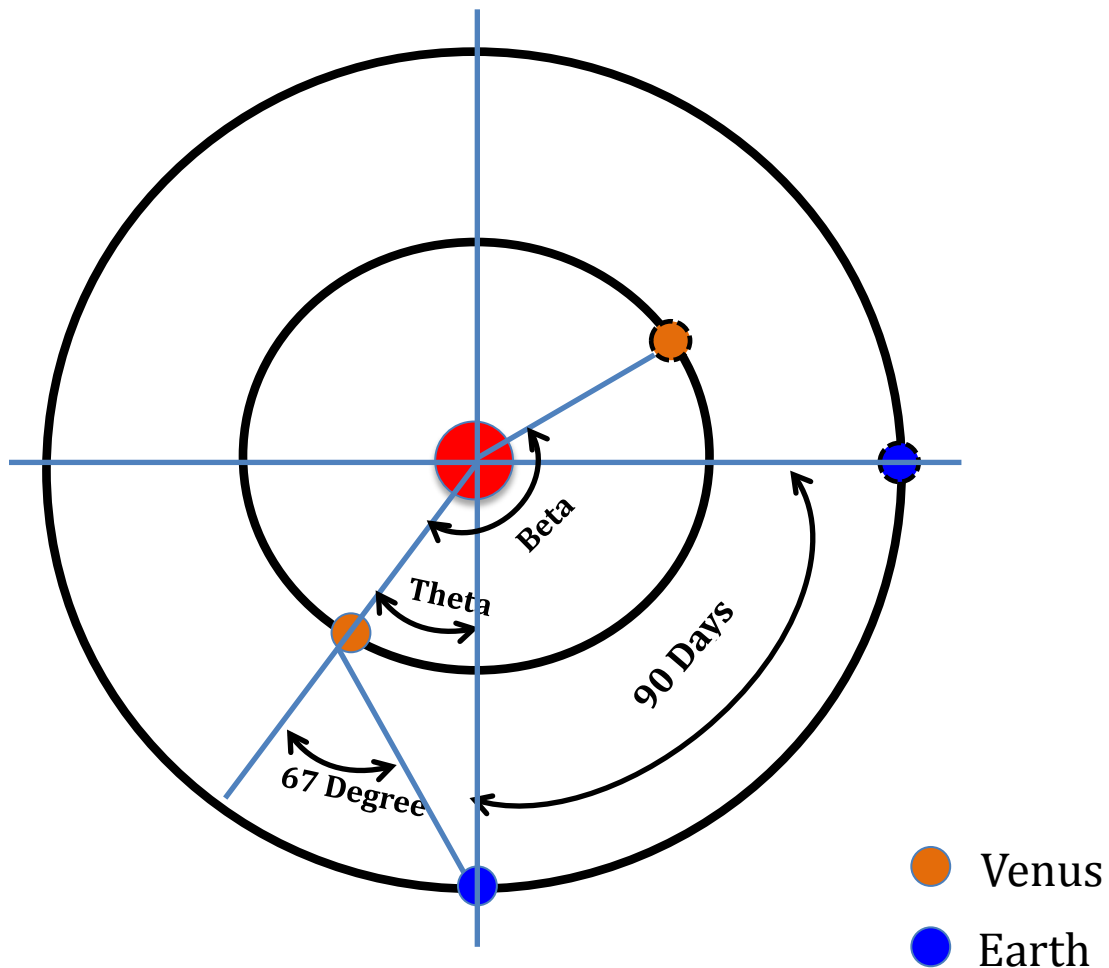
Total 90-day angle for Venus= $2 \times 25.02^\circ + 90 = 140^\circ$

Beta=140°

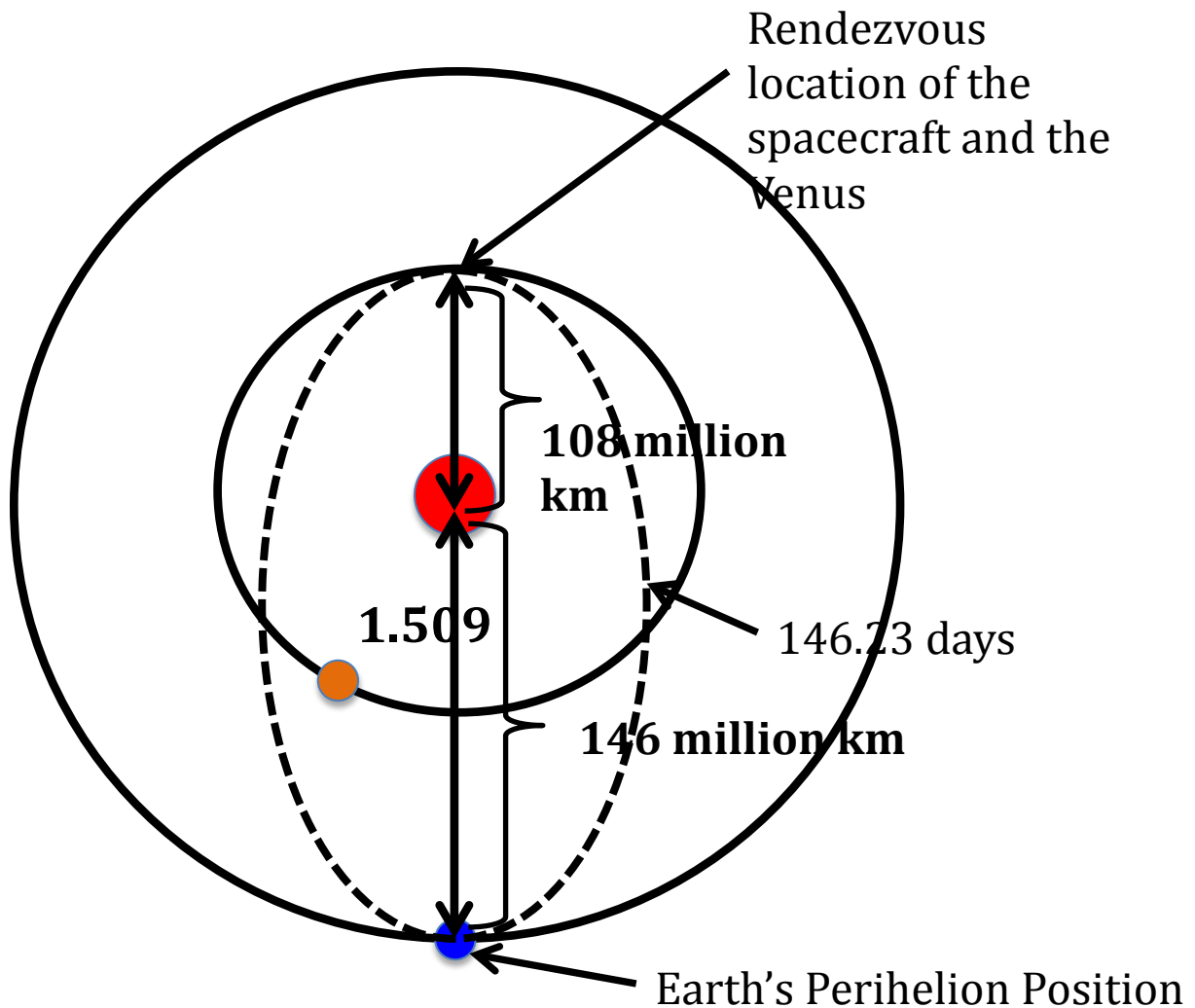
The angle that Venus actually travels in 90 days:

$$\gamma = \frac{90}{0.6159 * 365} * 360^\circ = 144.1^\circ$$

We would like gamma to be less than angle beta. In our case, they are approximately the same. We would around two and half day of communication to be exact.



Launching and Landing Plan



Stage 1: From Earth (perihelion) to Venus's Orbit around the Sun clockwise. Meet Venus. Takes about 146.23 days.

Stage 2: Orbit around Venus until it's within Theta degree with the Earth(AKM)

Stage 3: Descend and Land on the day when Venus and Earth are in the Theta Angle

launch_date =

01-Jul-2017

date_of_rendezvous =

24-Nov-2017

land_date =

21-Dec-2018

voyage_days =

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Launch Vehicle:

Delta II-7925H: 3 Stage rocket

| Boosters (7000 Heavy) - GEM 46 | |
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| N° boosters | 9 |
| Engines | 1 solid |
| Thrust | 628.3 kN (141,250 lb_f) |
| Specific impulse | 278 sec |
| Burn time | 75 seconds |
| Fuel | solid |
| First stage - Thor/Delta XLT(-C) | |
| Engines | 1 RS-27 (6000 series) or RS-27A (7000 series) ^[2] |
| Thrust | 1,054.2 kN (237,000 lb_f) |
| Specific impulse | 302 sec |

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| Burn time | 265 seconds |
| Fuel | RP-1/LOX |
| Second stage - Delta K | |
| Engines | 1 AJ-10 |
| Thrust | 43.6 kN (9,800 lbf) |
| <u>Specific impulse</u> | 319 sec |
| Burn time | 431 seconds |
| Fuel | Dinitrogen tetroxide/Aerozine |
| Third stage - PAM-D (optional) | |
| Engines | 1 Star 48B |
| Thrust | 66.0 kN (14,837 lbf) |
| <u>Specific impulse</u> | 286 sec |
| Burn time | 87 seconds |
| Fuel | Solid |

Use Thiokol Star-48B solid rocket motor for orbit transfer in the third stage.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delta_II