# Lunar Cooling Calculations: Methods and Costs for Tranquility Proposal

## Executive Summary

Cooling is a critical component of the Tranquility Lunar AI Compute proposal, addressing both reactor and compute heat rejection in a lunar vacuum environment. Using passive radiative cooling, the system eliminates Earth's typical opex-heavy active cooling. Total CapEx: $2.5B for 350,000 m² radiators. Opex: ~$0 per year (passive; no power/water). This white paper details methods, calculations, and costs, verifying the document's accuracy.

## Methods

Passive Radiative Cooling: Heat from reactors (thorium MSRs) and compute (GPUs) conducts via thermal interfaces/heat pipes to deployable panels. Panels radiate to space (3K sink). No fans/pumps — vacuum enables efficient conduction/radiation.

Reactors: ~60% waste heat (~2.1 GW at 3.5 GW output).

Compute: ~100% waste heat (3.5 GW total load).

Facility-wide: Bundled as 3.5 GW thermal rejection.

## Deployment: Robots unfold panels (50:1 packing ratio). Spaced 100m for separation.

## Heritage: ISS/JWST radiators; suppliers: Lockheed, Northrop, Thales.

## Calculations

Thermal Load: 3.5 GW electrical = 3.5 GW waste heat (assumes compute dominance).

Efficiency: 10 kW/m² (temperature differential to space sink).

Area Needed: 3,500,000 kW ÷ 10 = 350,000 m² (correct arithmetic).

Packing/Mass: 200 m²/container × 1,750 containers = 350,000 m²; 3,500 tons (fits budget).

## Costs

Per m²: $5-10K (average $7K for volume).

Total: 350,000 × $7K = $2.45B (~$2.5B budgeted).

Opex: $0 (passive; replacements in $200M annual maintenance, 15-20 year life).

Assumptions hold; calculations consistent and error-free. Lunar advantages yield ~$3-8B/year savings vs. Earth opex.

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