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Status of the Pioneer Anomaly JOHN HODGE, Retired — Paul ten Boom (arXiv:1307.0537[physics.gen-ph]) suggested the recent publications of the thermal recoil force causing the Pioneer Anomaly (PA) are questionable, suggested a non-sytematic effect is unlikely, and concluded the PA should remain an open issue. Paul ten Boom noted John D. Anderson in a recent interview argued "... that the new analysis has mis-modelled the solar radiation pressure." After many years, only one model presented to date is consistent with all 12 characteristics of the Pioneer Anomaly (Hodge arXiv:0612567v1[astro-ph]) and has predicted later observations (Hodge 2013. Intellectual Archive, 2, 3, p. 1). This proposed model supports a reductive philosophy that no other suggested model does because the model describes the Pound-Rebka experiment and the galaxy redshift of cosmology (Hodge 2006. New Astron., 11, 5, P. 344). Paul ten Boom did not discuss this model. As Paul ten Boom stated "...but ultimately, hard won observational evidence should be a physicist's first priority." The PA is a case where conservatism should yield to observation and to a reductive model that explains the observation such as the Hodge model. (http://web.comporium.net/~scjh/)

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