# Nuclear Track Etch Detector Evaluation Studies in the Frame of the DOSIS 3D Experiment – 19th WRMISS

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## **Overview**

- DOSIS 3D
- DLR System
- NIRS System
- System Comparison

• Summary













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### **DOSIS 3D: Columbus**



DLR

### **DOSIS 3D: Scientific Goals**

- Monitoring radiation environment inside Columbus
- Determination of temporal and spacial dose distributions
- Combining data from NASA, JAXA, IMBP and ESA



**3D radiation map for the ISS** 





### **DOSIS 3D: Columbus PDP locations**





# **DOSIS 3D: Triple Pack PDP 11**

- Passive Detector Packages
  - Thermoluminescence (TLD)
  - Nuclear track etch (CR-39)
- Position 11: X-Y-Z array

- DOSIS 3D 1 Experiment
  - May 2012 to September 2012
  - Z-Detector





#### **DOSIS 3D: Nuclear Track Etch Detector (CR39) Evaluation**





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# **DLR System: Hardware Short Summary**

- Transmitted light microscope (bright field)
- Automated X-Y-Z stage control
- Color CMOS camera
- Objectives (used) 100x/50x
- Micrometer to pixel ratio
  0.05um/px (100x)
  0.10um/px (50x)
- Semi-automated system







## **DLR System: Software Short Summary**

- Manual track detection and selection
- Manual track measurement
- Semi-automated track evaluation







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# **NIRS System: Hardware Short Summary**

- Reflected light microscope (bright field)
- Automated X-Y-Z stage control
- Line scan CMOS camera
- Objectives (used) 20x
- Micrometer to pixel ratio
  0.35um/px
- Fully automated system







## **NIRS System: Software Short Summary**

- Automated track detection and selection
- Automated track measurement
- Semi-automated track evaluation





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### System Comparison: DLR – NIRS

### DLR

- Desired bulk removal
  - Short ~10um
  - Long ~50um
- Semi-automated system High user interaction
- Manual track detection and selection

DLR protocol already included in workflow

#### NIRS

- Desired bulk removal
  - Short ~16um
  - Long ~40um
- Fully-automated system Low user interaction
- Automated track detection and selection

NIRS protocol (manual exclusion of all overetched tracks)



# System Comparison: DLR – NIRS short

#### DLR

#### NIRS



System Comparison: Ellipse Area Distribution – short (all tracks)



System Comparison: Ellipse Area Distribution – <u>short</u> (NIRS protocol)



# System Comparison: DLR – NIRS long

#### DLR

#### NIRS





System Comparison: Ellipse Area Distribution – long (all tracks)



### System Comparison: Track Density



#### System Comparison: Fluence Spectra - short (all tracks)





### System Comparison: Fluence Spectra – short (NIRS protocol)



### System Comparison: Fluence Spectra - long



### System Comparison: D/H/Q (total LET)



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### Summary: DLR – NIRS short (all tracks)



### Summary: DLR – NIRS <u>short</u> (NIRS protocol)



### Summary: DLR – NIRS long



# Summary: DLR – NIRS

- Different um to pixel ratio
  - Shifts threshold for small and large track detection
- Fully automated track detection
  - Raises track density, dose values and fluence
  - "Agitates" spectrum





# Summary: DLR – NIRS

- Different track sensitivity of each system
  - Highly dependend on bulk etch
  - Each system has ist own operational "sweet spot"
- Manual removal of overetched tracks and surface artefacts still necessary

**Common guidlines for track classification** 





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### Thank you for your attention



## **Additional Charts**



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### Simulated Area-LET dependency short





### **Simulated Area-LET dependency long**





### Simulated Area-log(Vr-1) dependency short



### Simulated Area-log(Vr-1) dependency long





### **Reduced etch ratio comparison short**



### Reduced etch ratio comparison short no overetched



### **Reduced etch ratio comparison long**



# **DLR short + long**



### NIRS short + long



### NIRS short no overetched + long

