

Calculation of Radiation Exposure Levels in Low Earth Orbit and Beyond

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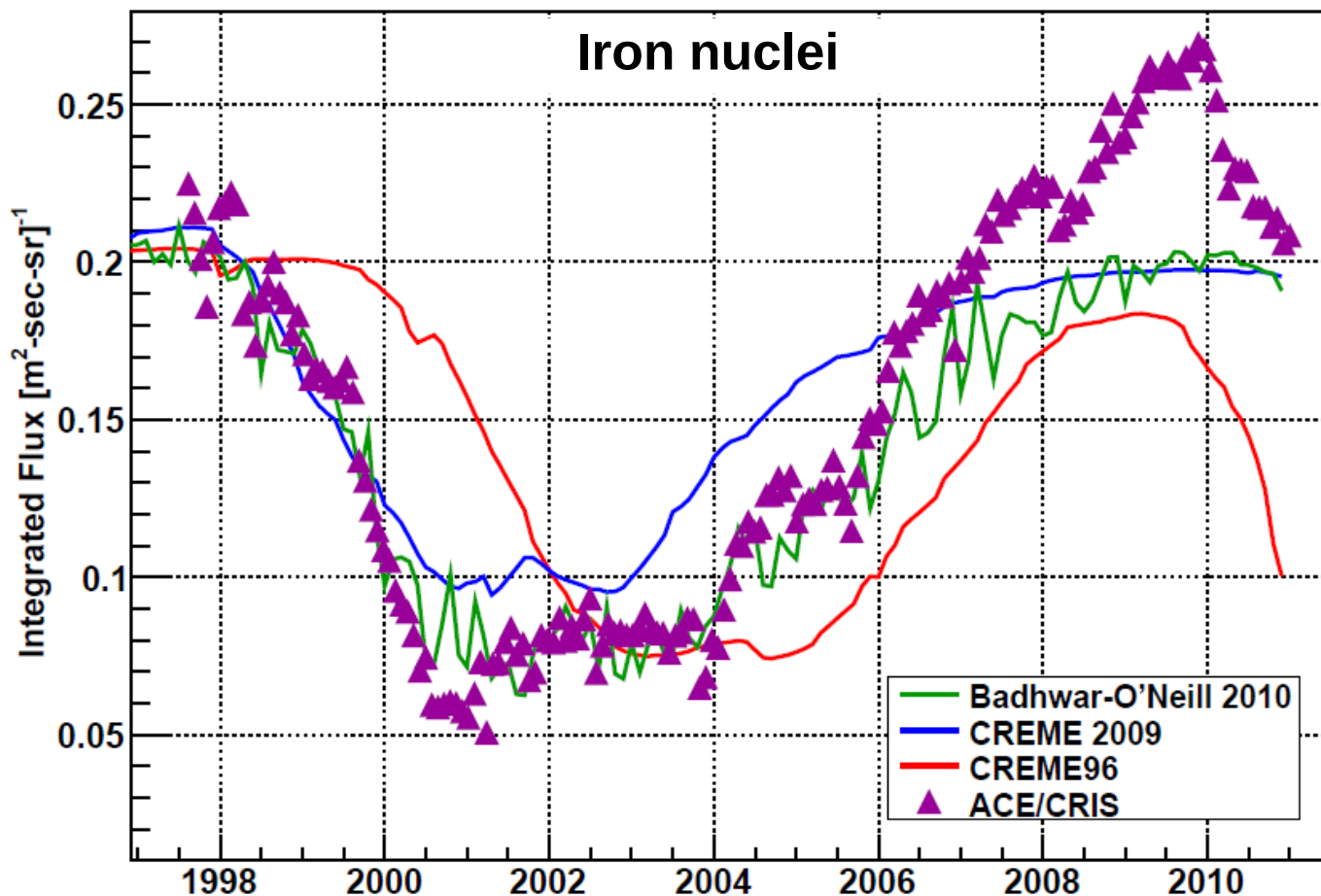


Knowledge for Tomorrow



Motivation: GCR model behaviour

A. I. Mrigakshi, D. Matthiä, T. Berger, G. Reitz, R. Wimmer-Schweingruber, Assessment of galactic cosmic ray models, JGR, 2012



Outline

- GCR model
- Comparison to data / ISO model / Badhwar-O'Neill 2010 model
- Estimates of the radiation exposure
 - Interplanetary space
 - Lunar surface
 - ISS orbit
 - MATROSHKA-1
 - Solar minimum / DOSIS / DOSIS 3D



DLR GCR model

- GCR model developed at DLR based on ISO model for particles ranging from $1 \leq Z \leq 28$ and for periods from 1964
- ISO model, based on sun spot number:

$$\phi_i(R, t) = \frac{C_i \beta^{\alpha_i}}{R^{\gamma_i}} \left[\frac{R}{R + R_0(R, t)} \right]^{\Delta_i(R, t)}$$

- New Model:
- $$\phi_i(R, t) = \frac{C_i \beta^{\alpha_i}}{R^{\gamma_i}} \left[\frac{R}{R + (0.37 + 3 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot W(t)^{1.45})} \right]^{b \cdot W(t) + c}$$

Solar modulation parameter W derived by fitting carbon measurements from ACE and Oulu neutron monitor count rates

Matthiä, D., Berger, T., Mrigakshi A. , T., Reitz G., A Ready-to-Use Galactic Cosmic Ray Model, submitted to Advances in Space Research (Under Review)

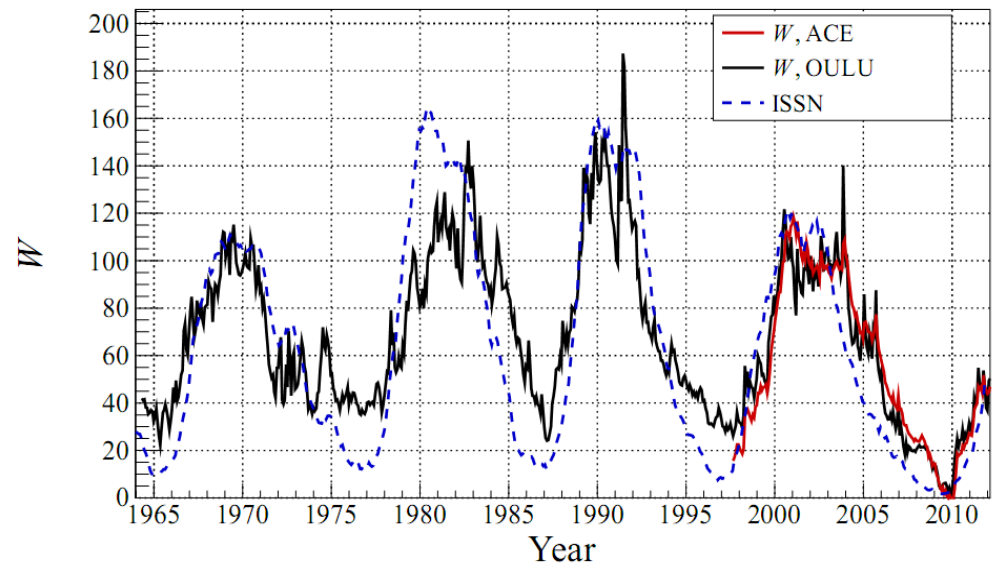
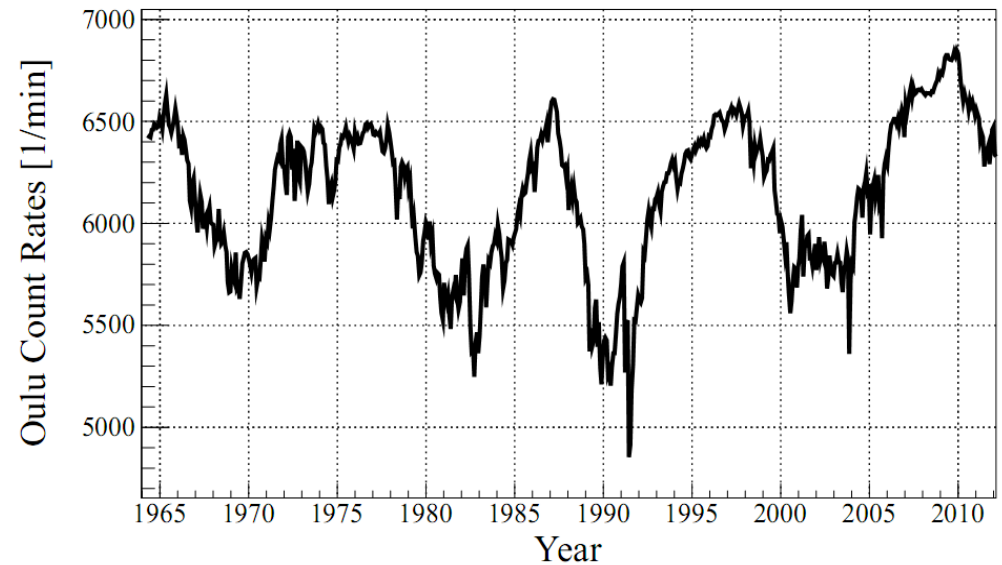


DLR GCR model

- Modulation is quantified by parameter W

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GCR intensity measured by Oulu neutron monitor

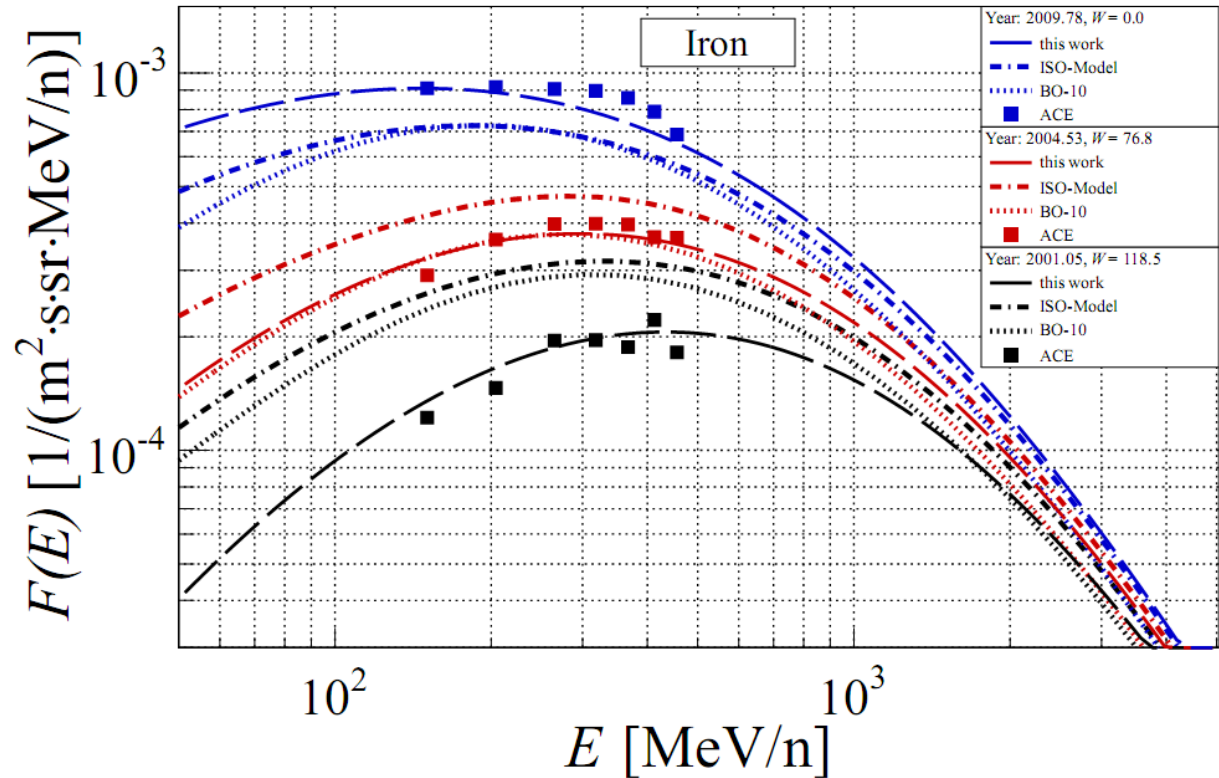


GCR model – comparison to ACE iron data

Solar minimum – Dez. 2009

Intermediate modulation –
June 2004

Solar maximum – Jan. 2001

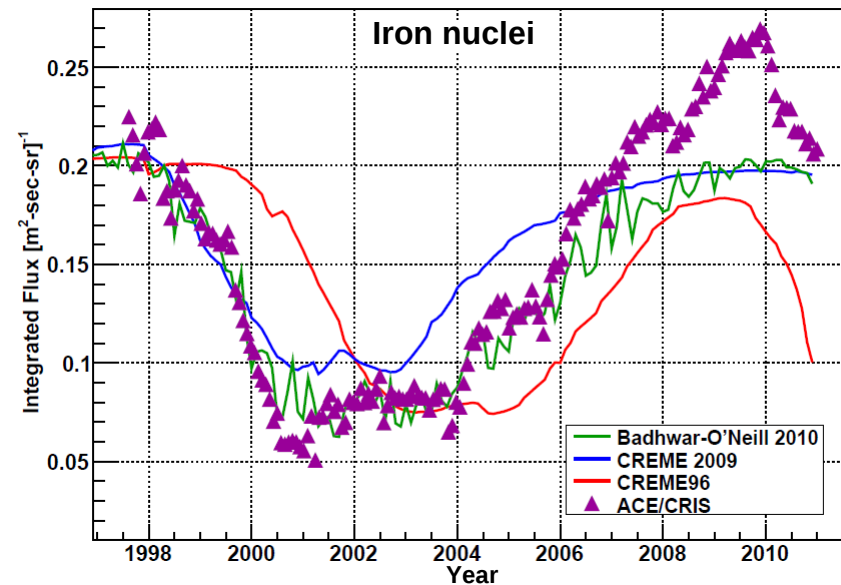
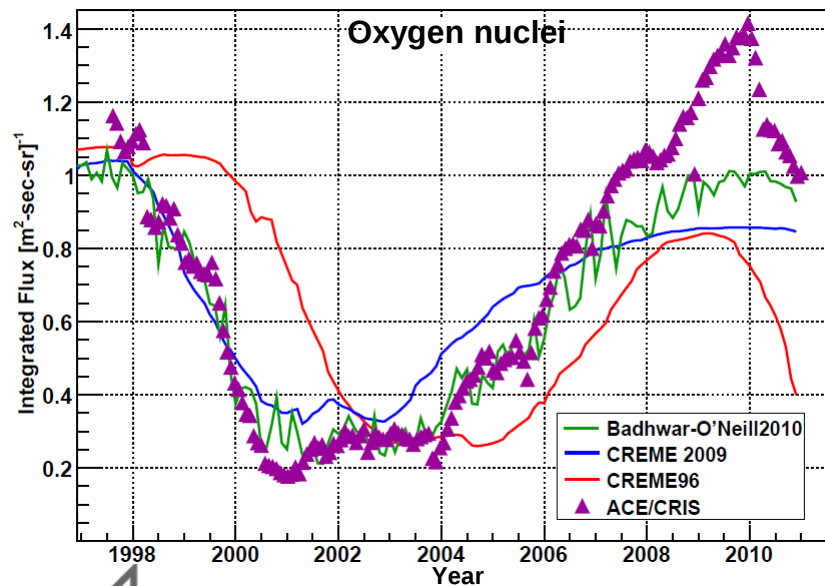
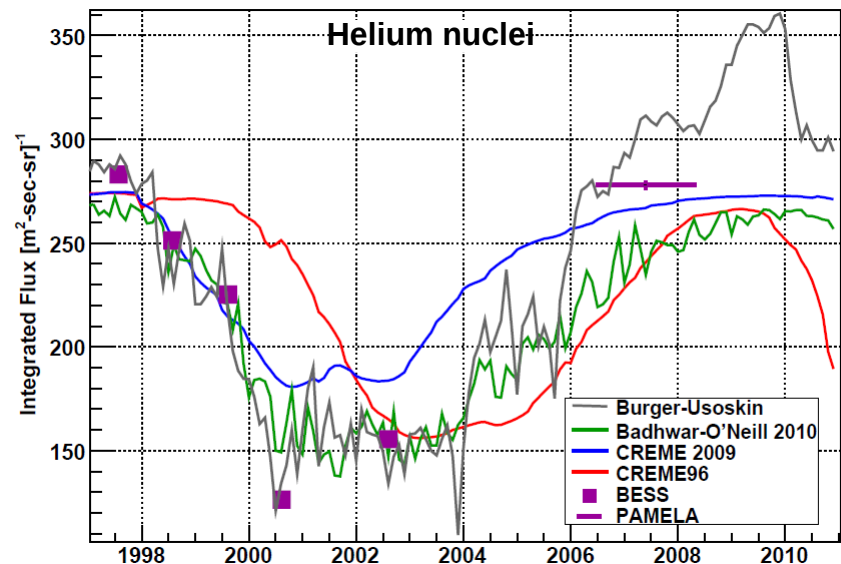
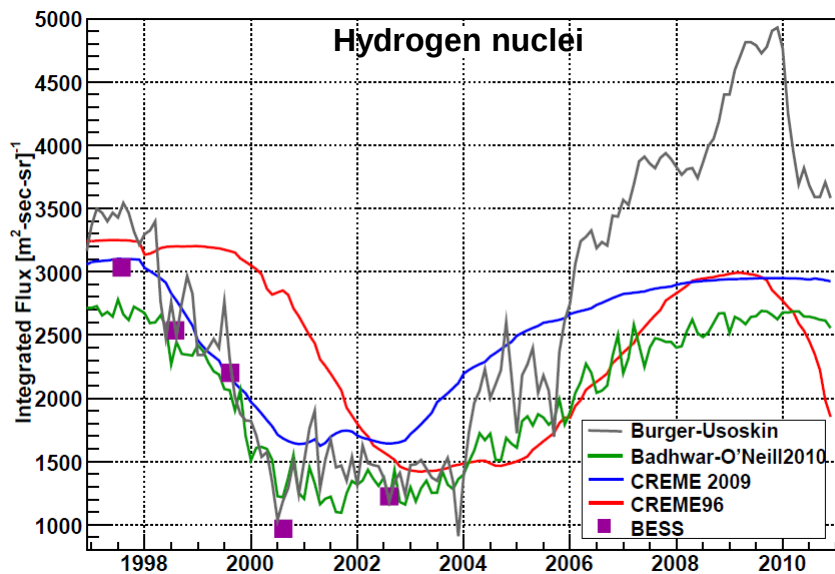


GCR model - comparison to experimental data

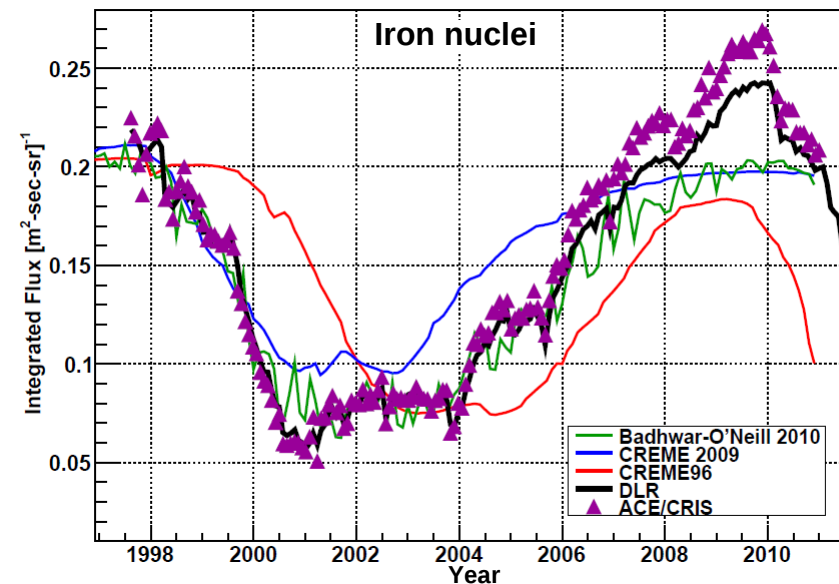
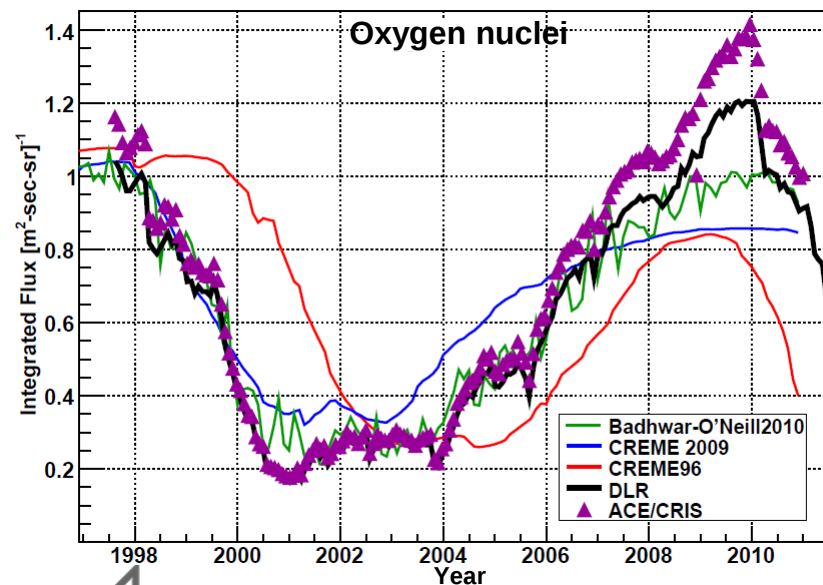
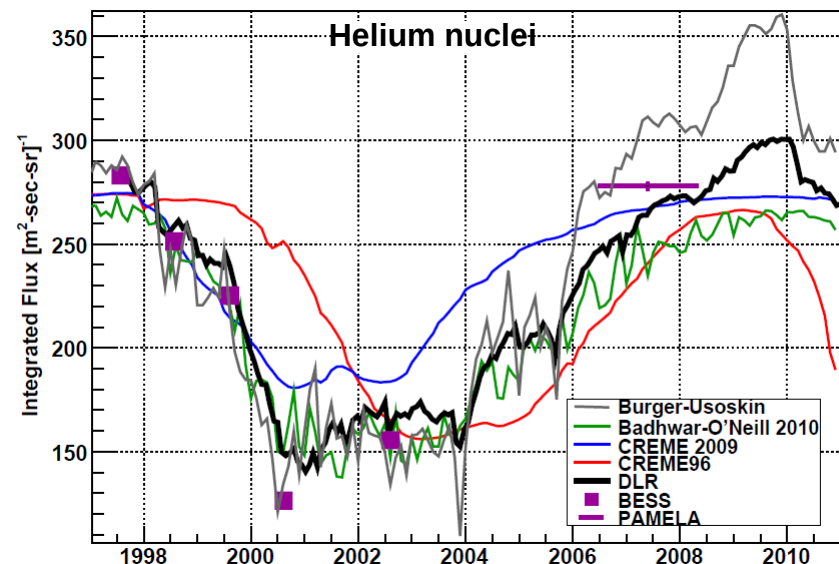
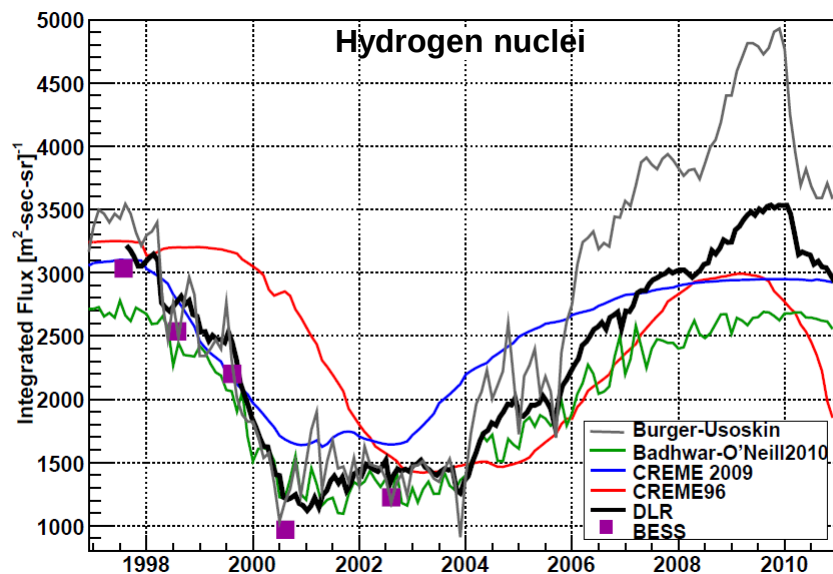
					relative deviation from experimental data		
Experiment	Ion	Energy range [MeV/n]	Year	W	this work	ISO	BO-10
ACE/CRIS	Fe	129.1 - 470.9	2001.05	118.5	8 %	73 %	58%
ACE/CRIS	Fe	129.1 - 470.9	2004.53	76.8	5 %	23 %	7%
ACE/CRIS	Fe	129.1 - 470.9	2009.78	0.0	8 %	23 %	24%
BESS1998	H	$215 - 21.5 \cdot 10^3$	29 th July 1998	47.1	4%	17%	5%
BESS2000	H	$215 - 21.5 \cdot 10^3$	10 th Aug. 2000	116.1	16%	120%	34%
BESS1998	He	$215 - 21.5 \cdot 10^3$	29 th July 1998	47.1	9%	9%	5%
BESS2000	He	$215 - 21.5 \cdot 10^3$	10 th Aug. 2000	116.1	12%	59%	24%
HEAO-3-C2	C	$620 - 3.5 \cdot 10^3$	Oct. 1979 – June 1980	88.4	6%	7%	7%
HEAO-3-C2	Fe	$800 - 3.5 \cdot 10^3$	Oct. 1979 – June 1980	88.4	11%	19%	9%



Temporal variation in GCR flux

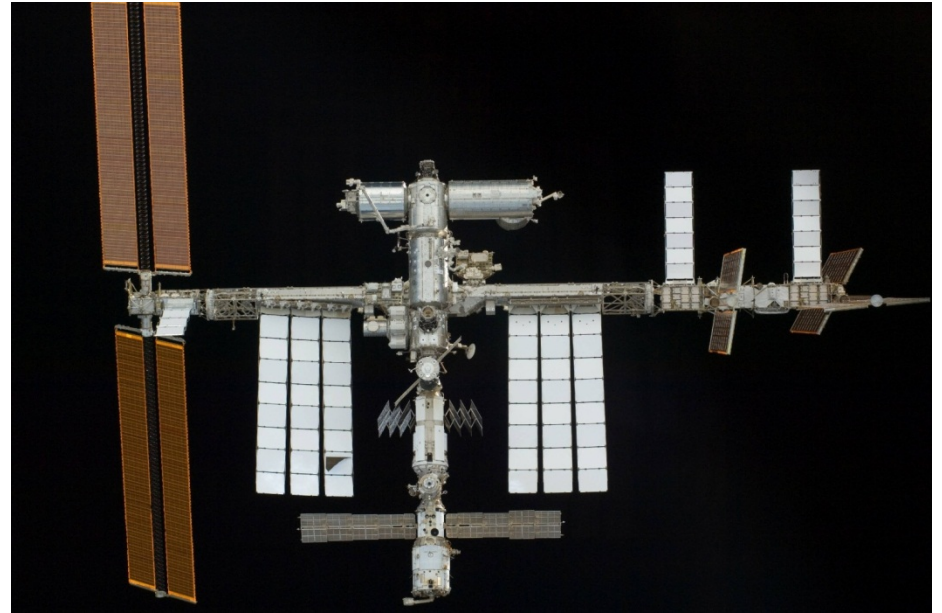


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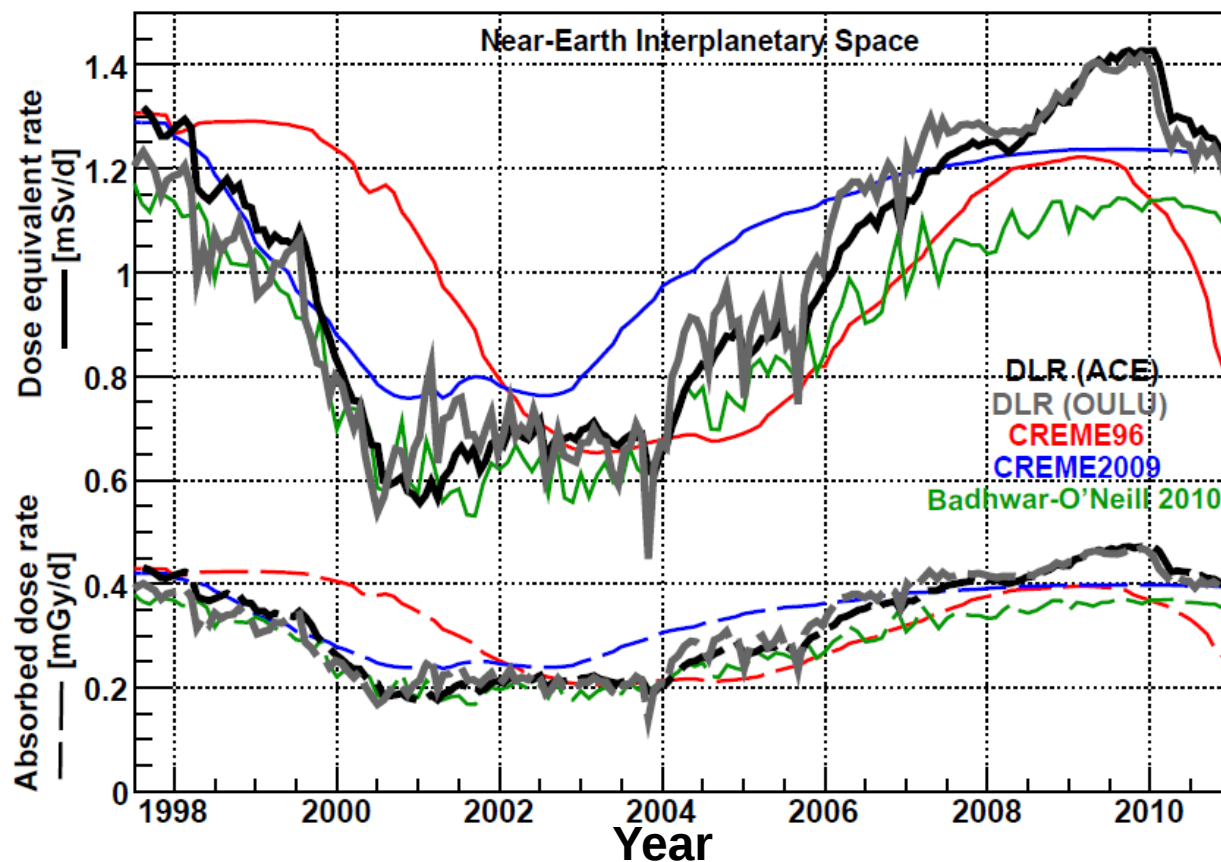


Radiation exposure in interplanetary space and low Earth orbit

GCR model comparison



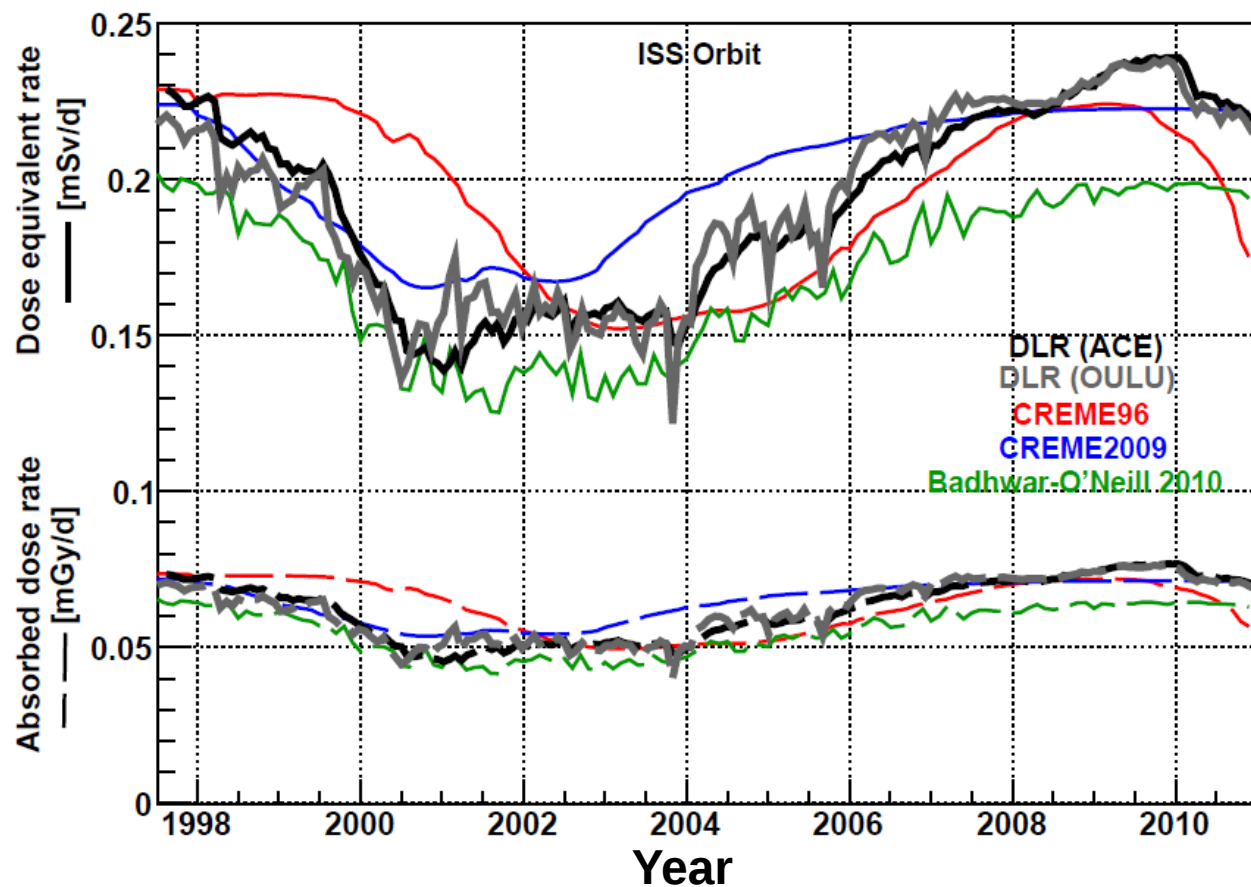
GCR exposure in interplanetary space



dD/dt ($\mu\text{Gy/d}$)	173 – 472
dH/dt ($\mu\text{Sv/d}$)	556 – 1427



GCR exposure in low Earth orbit



dD/dt ($\mu\text{Gy/d}$)	45 – 77
dH/dt ($\mu\text{Sv/d}$)	139 – 239



GCR exposure using DLR model

- Dose rates using the DLR model are higher with respect to the Badhwar-O'Neill2010
- Dose rates using DLR relative to Badhwar-O'Neill model in Jan 2010:

Dose Quantities	Near-Earth Interplanetary Space	ISS Orbit
dD/dt	~ +28 %	~ +19 %
dH/dt	~ +25 %	~ +20 %

- Increase in dose in Jan 2010 relative to July 1997

Dose Quantities	Near-Earth Interplanetary Space	ISS Orbit
dD/dt & dH/dt	~ +10-12 %	~ +5-6 %



Radiation exposure in interplanetary space

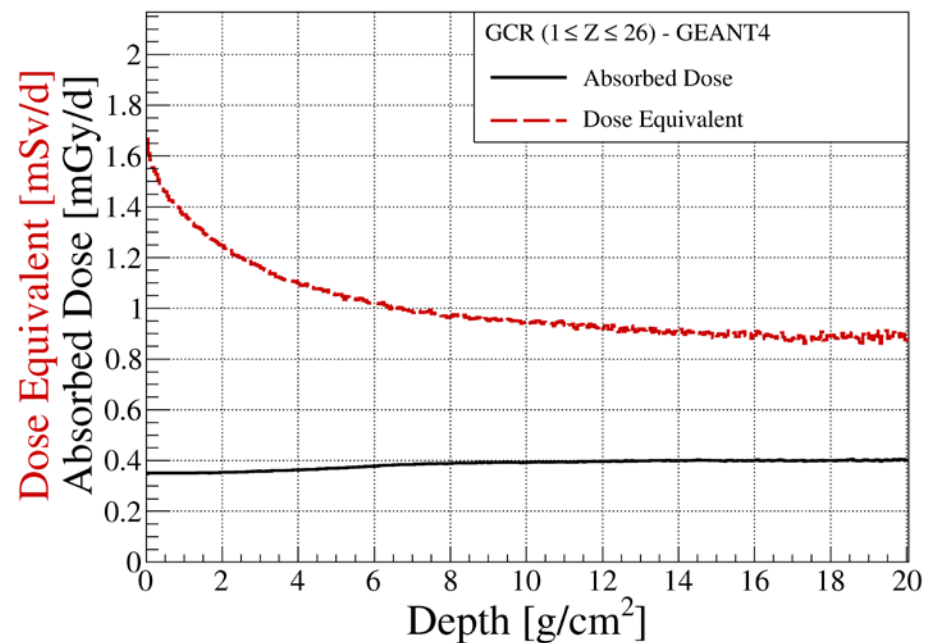


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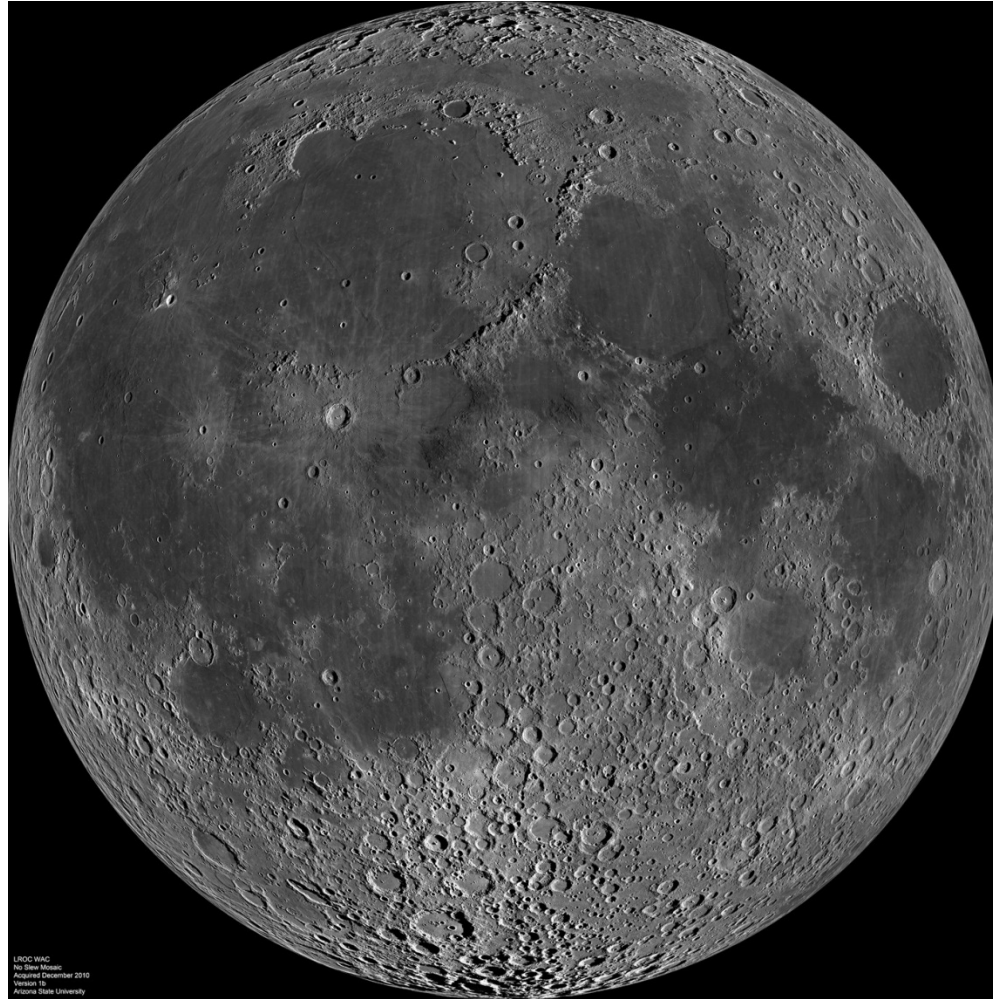
S. McKenna-Lawlor, P. Goncalves, A. Keating, G. Reitz, D. Matthiae, Overview of energetic particle hazards during prospective manned mission to Mars, Planet. Space Science, 2012

- Solar Minimum CREME2009
- GCR: $Z=1-26$, 10 MeV/n – 100 GeV/n
- 20 cm radius water sphere
- Absorbed dose rate:
0.35 – 0.4 mGy/d
- Dose equivalent rate:
1.6 – 0.9 mSv/d
- Mars mission: 400 – 600 days in deep space
0.36 – 0.96 Sv

Carrier limits at LEO, depending on age:
0.4 – 1.7 Sv (female)
0.7 – 3.0 Sv (male)



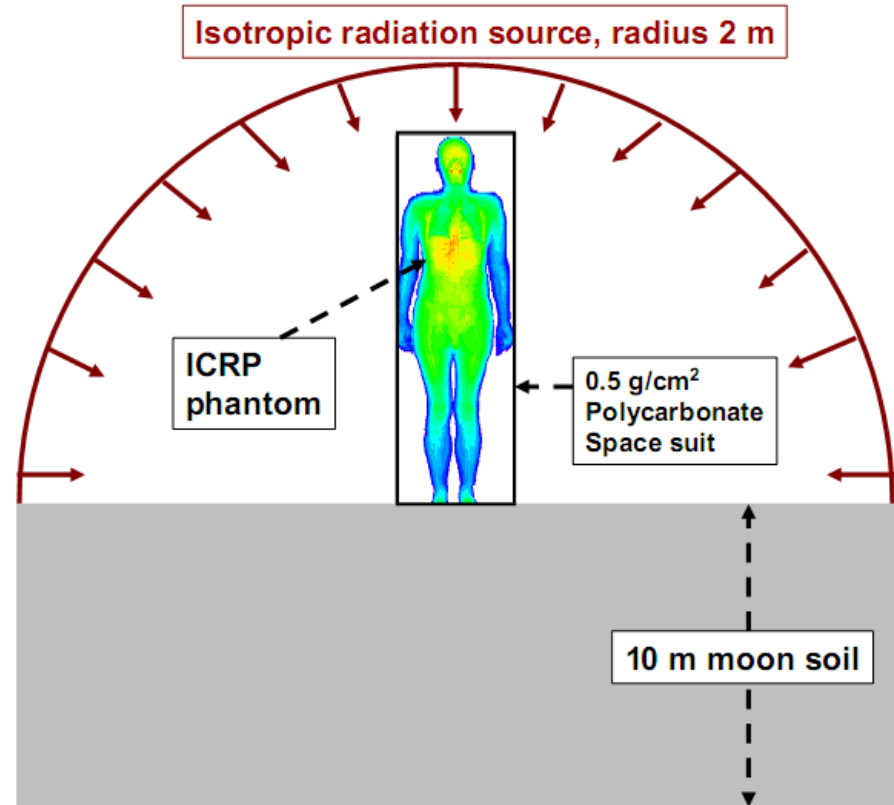
Radiation exposure on the moon surface



Radiation exposure on the lunar surface

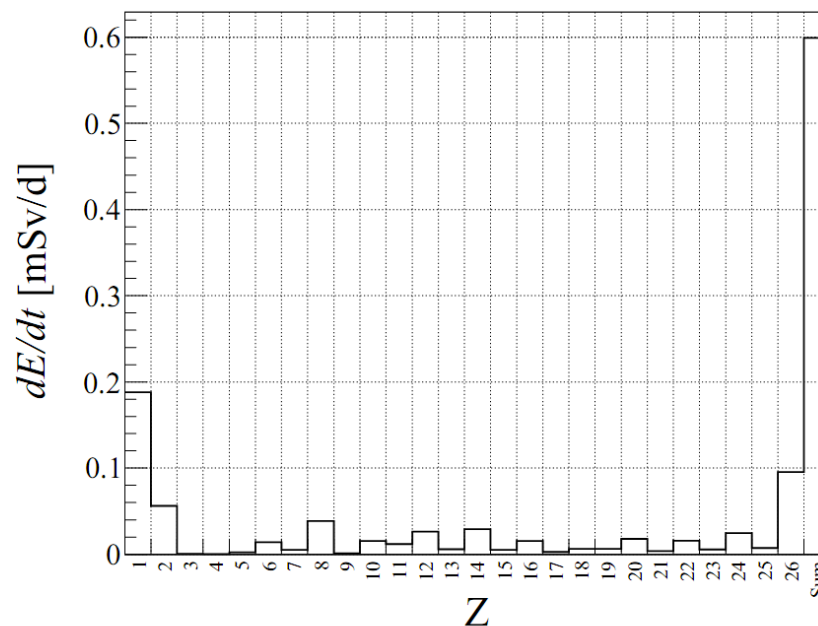
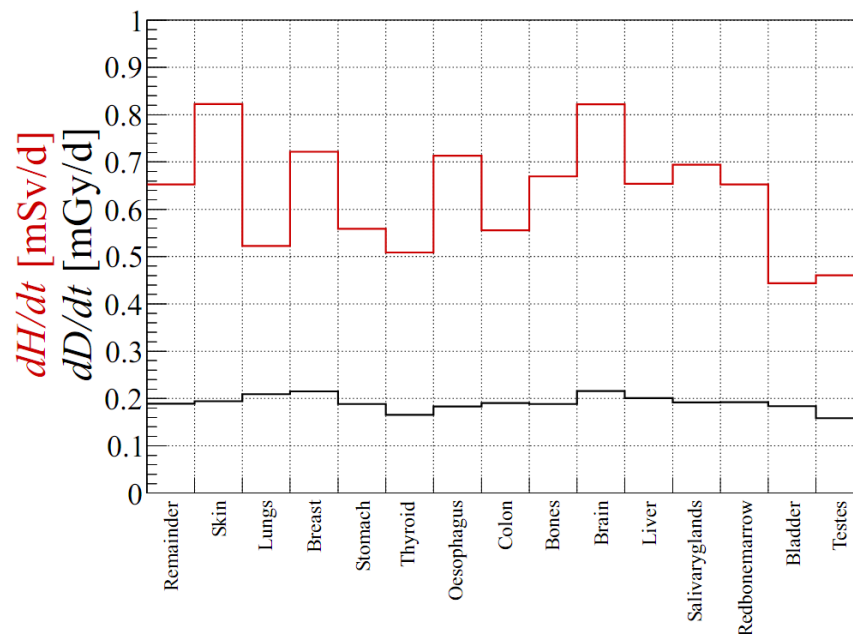
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- Solar Minimum (Dec. 2009)
- GCR: $Z=1-26$, $E=10 \text{ MeV/n} - 100 \text{ GeV/n}$
- Radiation source:
 - Half sphere, radius 2 m
 - Isotropic from above
- Target:
 - ICRP phantom, male
 - 0.5 g/cm^2 polycarbonate space suit, approximated from NASA-TP-2003-212158, "Analysis of a Radiation Model of the Shuttle Space Suit"
- Moon soil:
 - 10m
 - Atomic composition: 60.3% O, 0.4% Na, 5.1% Mg, 6.5% Al, 16.9% Si, 4.7% Ca, 1.1% Ti, 4.4% Fe; Mare, after J. F. Lindsay "Lunar Stratigraphy and Sedimentology", Elsevier, ISBN 0-444-414443-6 (1976)

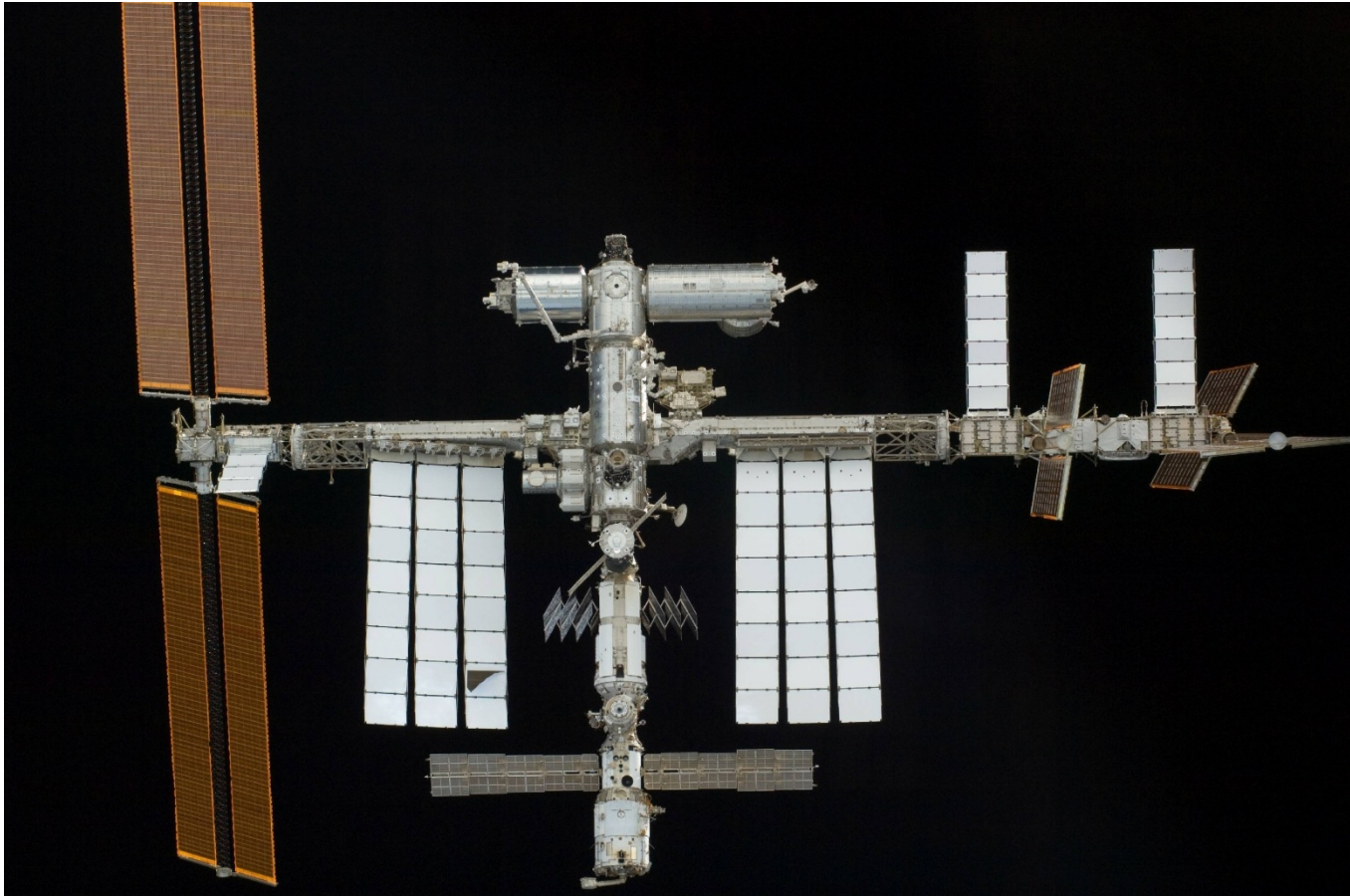


Radiation exposure on the lunar surface

- Solar Minimum (Dec. 2009)
- $Z=1-26$, $E=10$ MeV/n – 100 GeV/n
- Organ absorbed dose rates:
0.16 mGy/d – 0.22 mGy/d
- Organ dose equivalent rates:
0.44 mSv/d – 0.82 mSv/d
- Effective dose rate: **0.6 mSv/d**
- *Dachev et al., 2001:*
0.26 mGy/d in silicon in 200km lunar orbit
Considering shadowing effect and conversion to dose in water:
 $0.69 \cdot 1.23 \cdot 0.26$ mGy/d = **0.22 mGy/d**

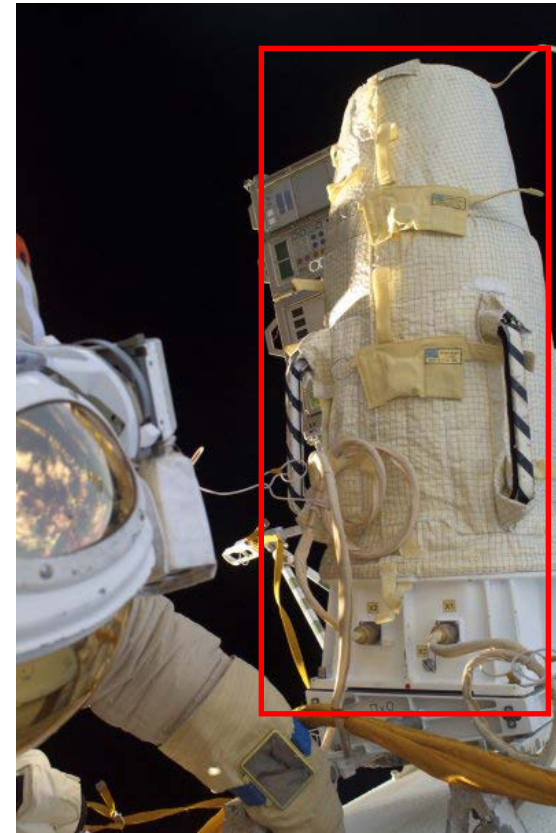
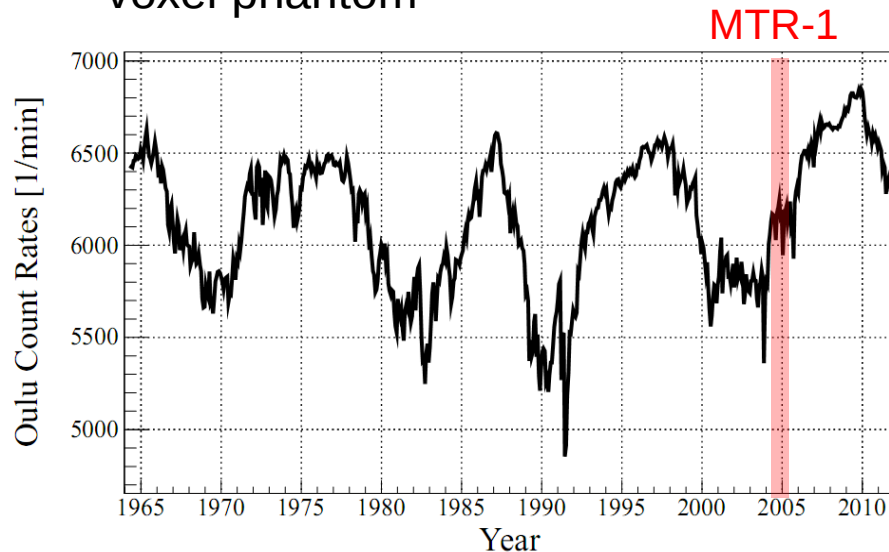


Radiation exposure at the ISS orbit



MATROSHKA 1

- Outside the space station
- Solar modulation between solar minimum and maximum (2004-2005)
- Simulation: 1 g/cm² Al spherical shielding
- 20 cm water sphere and NUNDO voxel phantom

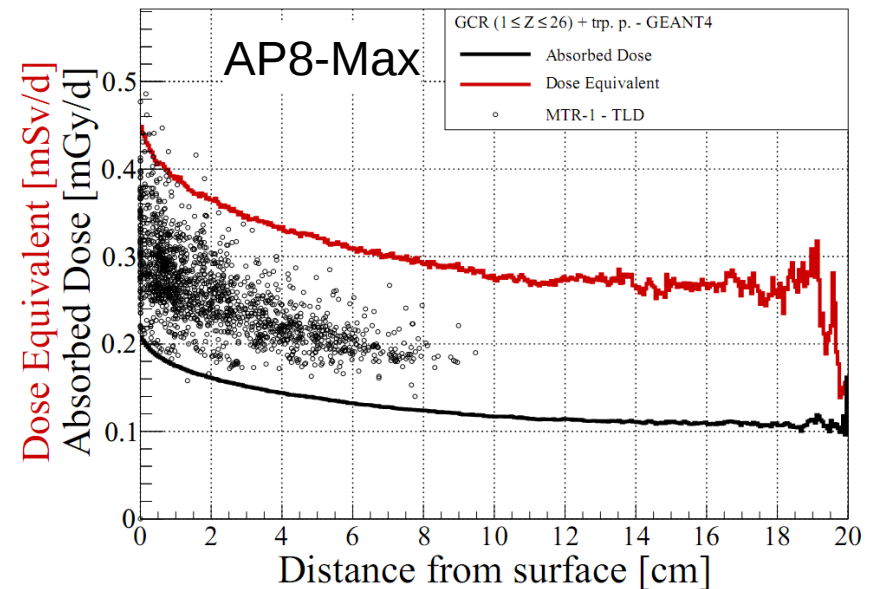
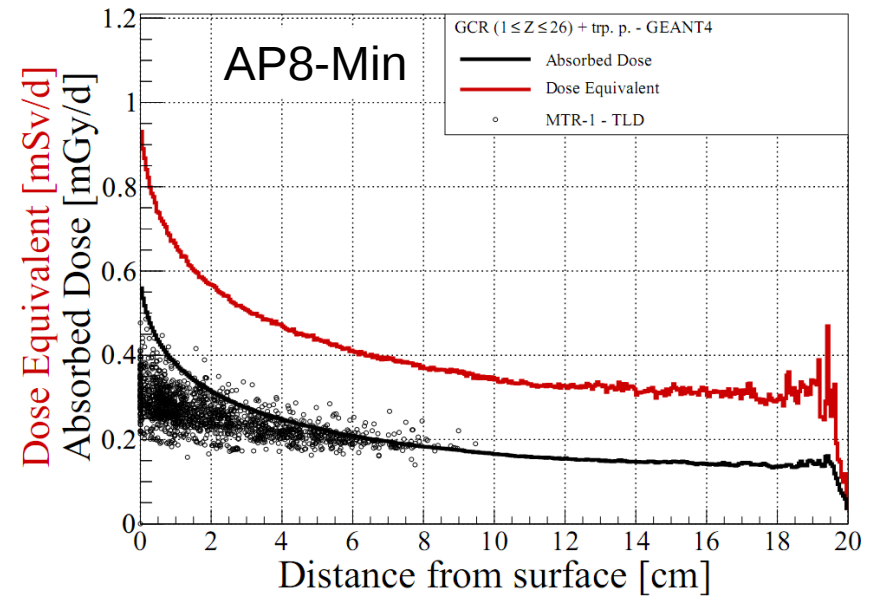


MTR-1 (2004–05)
539 days

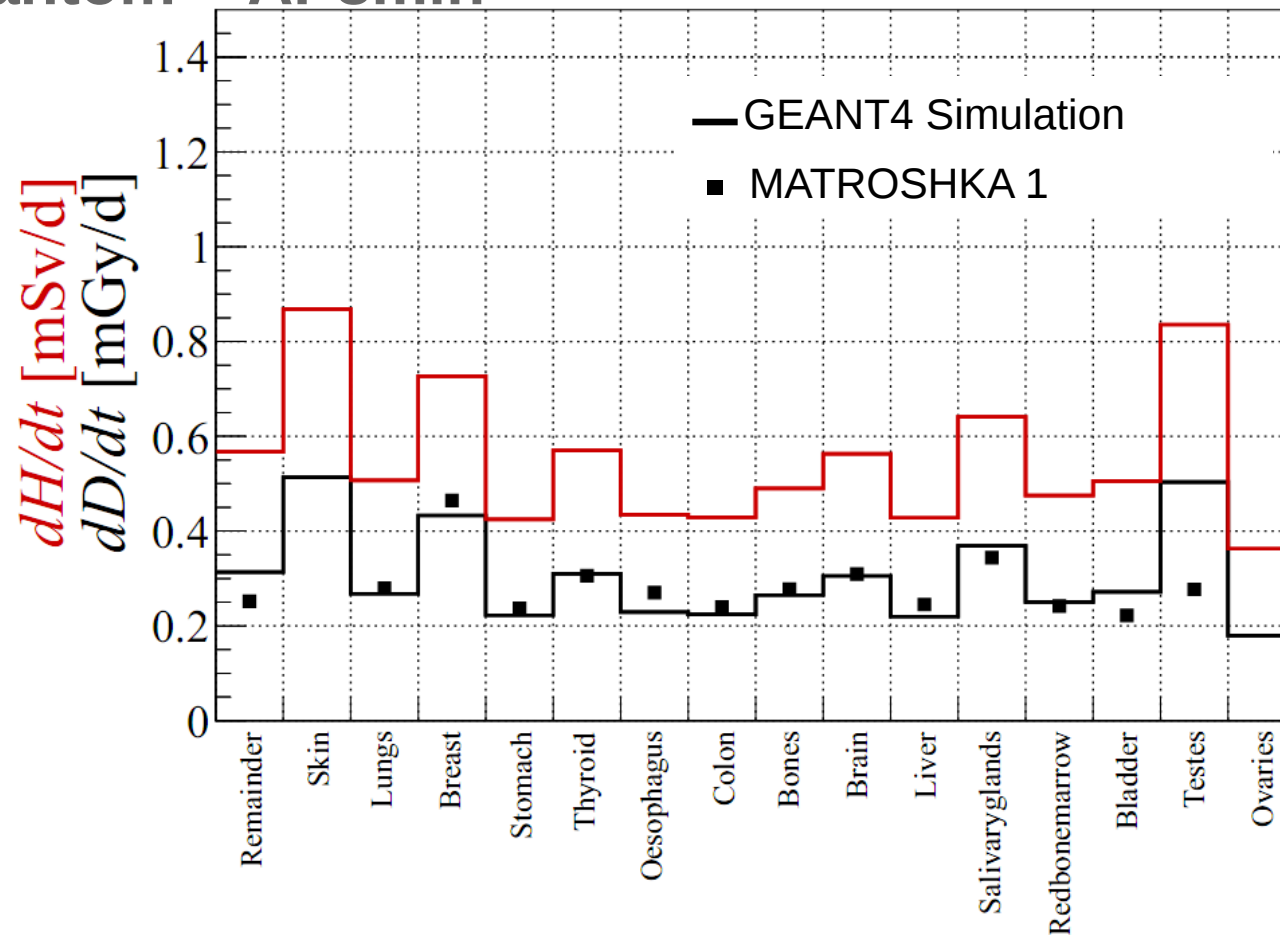


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MATROSHKA - 1 simulated using the NUNDO voxel phantom – AP8min



Solar minimum, Dez. 2009

Ap8-min 350 km, 25 g/cm² Aluminum
Absorbed Dose

GEANT4

Trapped protons:

$40 \mu\text{Gy/d} < dD/dt < 85 \mu\text{Gy/d}$

GCR:

$85 \mu\text{Gy/d} < dD/dt < 105 \mu\text{Gy/d}$

DOSTEL1/2, DOSIS

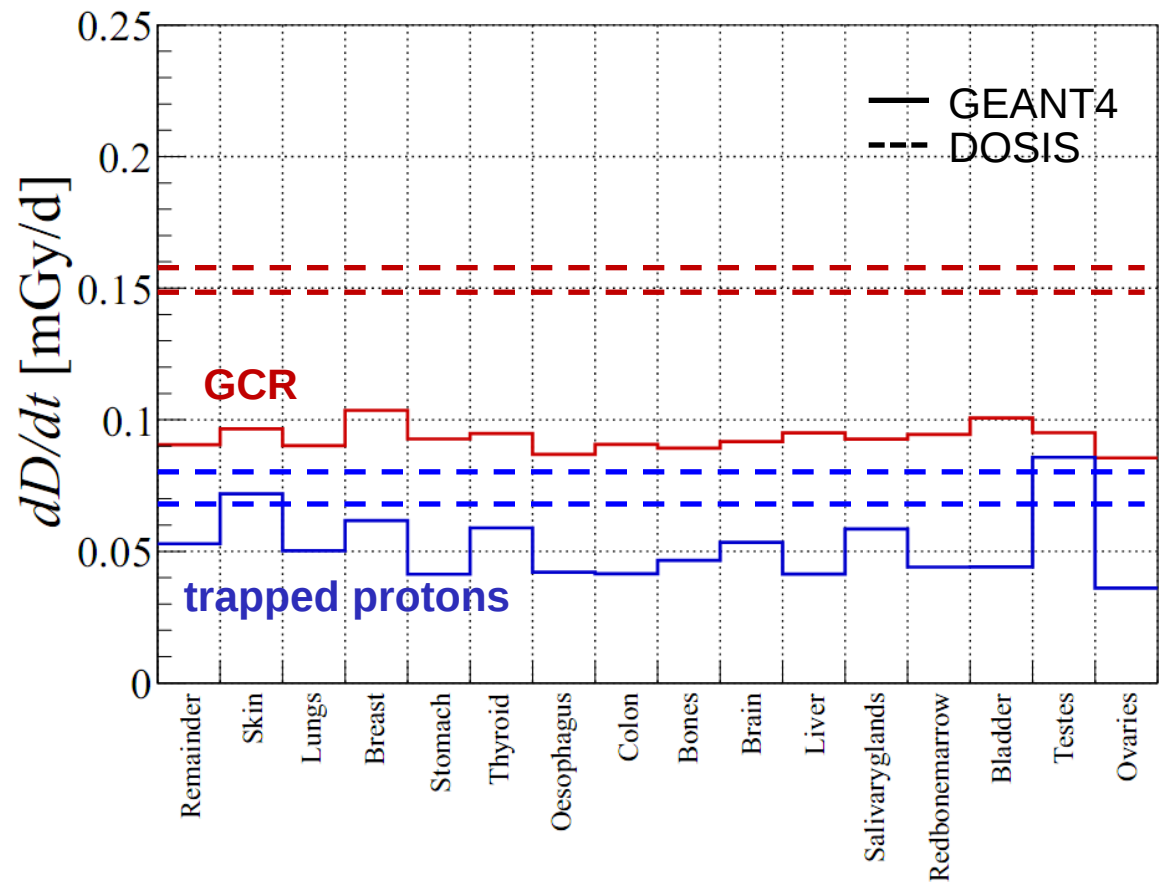
(S. Burmeister):

SAA:

$dD/dt = 68 / 80 \mu\text{Gy/d}$

GCR:

$dD/dt = 150 / 157 \mu\text{Gy/d}$



Solar minimum, Dez. 2009

Ap8-min 350 km, 25 g/cm² Aluminum
Quality Factor

GEANT4

Trapped protons:

$$1.1 < Q < 1.8$$

GCR:

$$2.4 < Q < 3.3$$

DOSTEL1/2, DOSIS

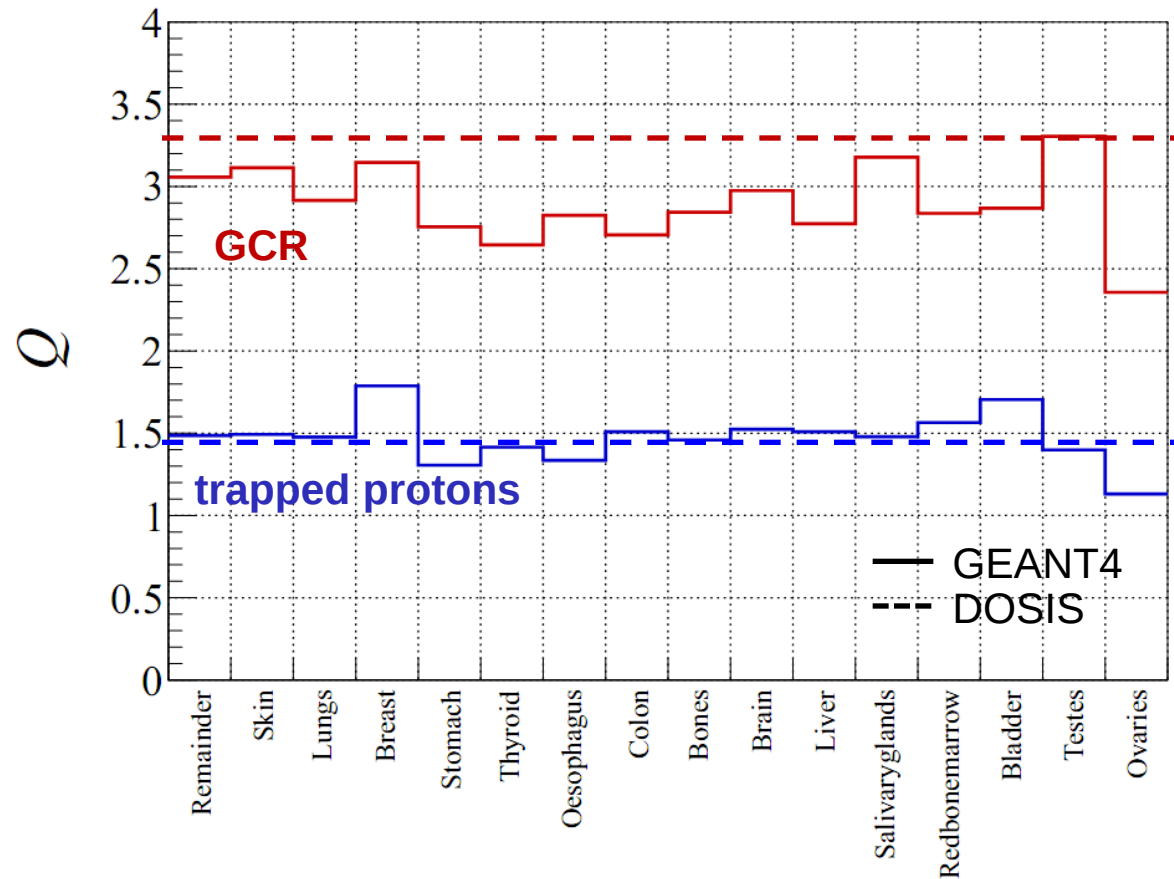
(S. Burmeister):

SAA:

$$Q = 1.40 / 1.43$$

GCR:

$$Q = 3.30$$



Solar minimum, Dez. 2009

Ap8-min 400 km, 25 g/cm² Aluminum

Absorbed Dose

GEANT4

Trapped protons:

$100 \mu\text{Gy/d} < dD/dt < 160 \mu\text{Gy/d}$

GCR:

$85 \mu\text{Gy/d} < dD/dt < 105 \mu\text{Gy/d}$

DOSTEL1/2, DOSIS 3D

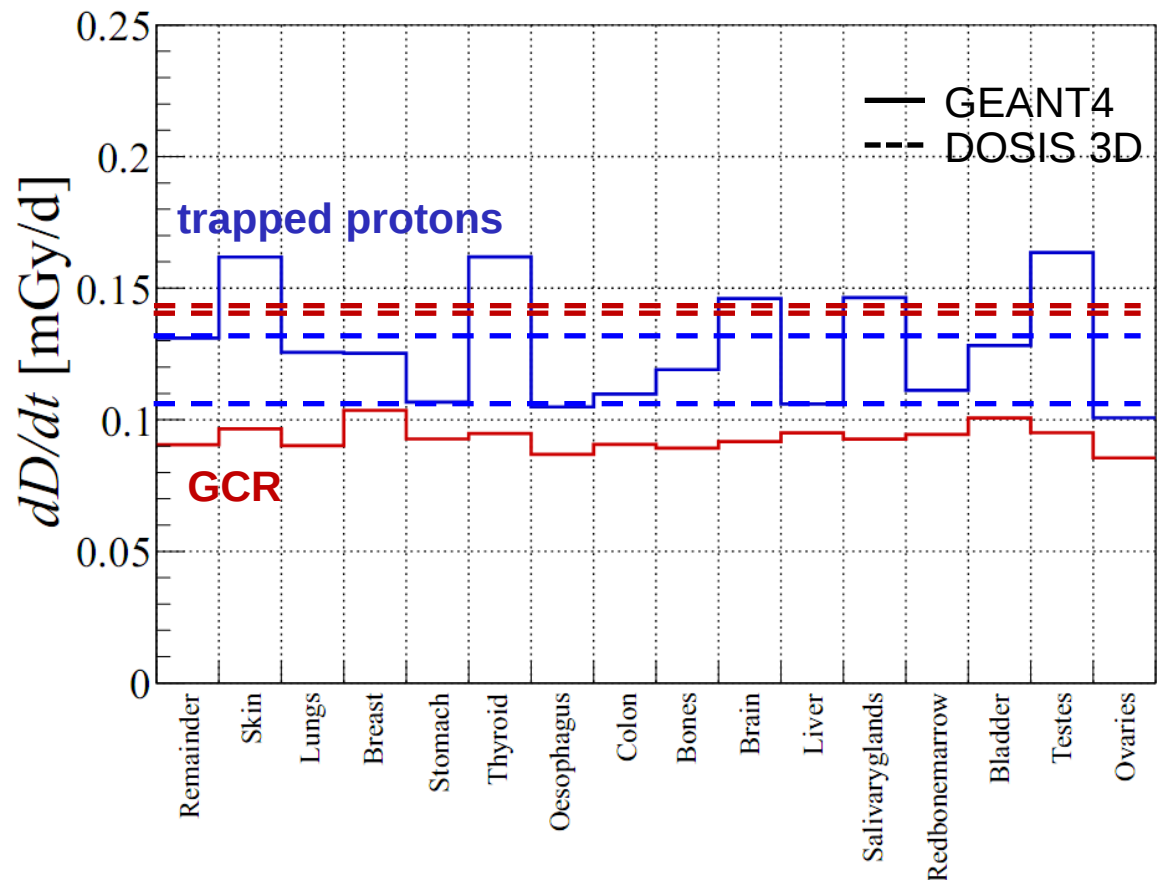
(S. Burmeister):

SAA:

$dD/dt = 131 / 106 \mu\text{Gy/d}$

GCR:

$dD/dt = 146 / 143 \mu\text{Gy/d}$



Summary

- Discrepancies between GCR models and experimental data
- Differences in dose estimations by applying different models
- Dose estimation for an unshielded water sphere by applying the DLR model from solar maximum to minimum:

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- Reasonable agreement between numerical estimates and experiments
- Discrepancies between calculated and measured GCR dose rates at LEO

Thank you for your attention!

