Orion Exploration Mission 1: Proposed Radiation Measurements in Cislunar Space

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Orion MPCV



- Orion is an Exploration Class spacecraft
 - Designed for Exo-LEO (not geomagnetically shielded) radiation environment

• European Service Module for EM-1 and EM-2

-Collaboration with Airbus/ESA

Crew Ionizing Radiation Protection

- First standalone spacecraft to incorporate crew radiation protection in the early design
 - Consistent with ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) principles
- Radiation analysis is performed on the full detail, manufacturing quality CAD model of the spacecraft
 - Iterative process, performed by the contractor integral to the design engineering effort
- -Orion radiation protection solution evolved with the vehicle design trade space
 - Lift-off mass is an important design driver
 - Successful crew radiation protection strategy was enabled by familiarity with vehicle design and optimization of radiation analysis procedure
- Current baseline improves the crew protection (i.e., reduces exposure) by a factor of ~3x, down to E ~ 100 mSv / Design reference SPE (King Aug '72)



SPE Response Scenario



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Nominal Cabin Configuration

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Cabin Reconfigured for SPE

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Radiation Shelter Evaluation

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- NASA JSC Building 9
- Orion medium-fidelity mockup
- July-Aug 2016







Exploration Architectures

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Additional Exploration capabilities beyond Orion and SLS

NASA NextSTEP program: development of deep space habitation

- -NASA anticipates first flight opportunities in Early to Mid 2020s
- -Lockheed Martin has participated in Phase 1 and has been selected for Phase 2
 - Goal of phase 2 is delivery of ground prototype units to NASA

Expanded vision for crew radiation protection

- -Leverage Orion lessons learned
 - Early design for radiation protection
 - Shielding augmentation by repurposed mass
 - Radiation analysis as enabler of ALARA
- New strategies
 - Emphasis on mobility and portability between elements
 - Individual SPE radiation shield (vest)





AstroRad Radiation Vest



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International Collaboration Lockheed Martin & StemRad

- -Leverages StemRad manufacturing expertise
- -Analysis shows ~2x increase in protection
 - SPE, Orion-representative shielding, vest mass = 26 kg
- Ergonomic evaluation in the Orion & ISS mock-ups







Radiation Hardening Assurance

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- Electronic components are susceptible to ionizing radiation too!
- Orion RHA effort is of unprecedented complexity
 - -Modern EEE parts in a complex software configurable Avionics system
 - <u>http://mil-embedded.com/articles/orion-avionics-designed-reliability-deep-space/</u>
 - -120 V power system
 - Exo-LEO environments
 - Safety requirements
 - Dynamic mission phases
 - -International collaboration (ESA/Airbus)
- First ever NASA spacecraft to implement an Ionizing Radiation Control Plan (IRCP)
 - Contractual document that imposes a uniform set of ionizing radiation requirements across components / providers
 - -EEE Parts radiation testing: LET, sample size, particle range, similarity, derating
 - -SEE circuit analysis in Radiation Assessment Matrix (RAM)
 - TID is secondary concern
- System integration of radiation effects



Exploration Flight Test 1

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- Two-orbit flight successfully completed Dec 5, 2014
- High altitude, high eccentricity orbit to max altitude 3,600 mi
- Van Allen proton belts environment was modeled with AP-8
 - Intravehicular peak flux comparable to the design reference Oct '89 SPE
- Dynamic environment
 - Second stage jettison "SM separation" occurred close to peak flux environment





Radiation Area Monitors

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Passive Dosimeters (OSLDs)

- Incorporated in the vehicle as an Opportunity (no associated requirements)
- Provided & processed by NASA SRAG
- Pre-flight intravehicular environment predictions by Lockheed Martin agree w/ measurements within factors 0.96-1.4x





Exploration Design Challenge

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• Education outreach initiative of NASA, LM, and NIA

- Space radiation shielding design by high school team was flown on EFT-1
- -OSLDs for EDC were provided courtesy of Oklahoma State University
 - Credit: Brandon Doull, Eduardo Yukihara





EFT-1 Flight Test Camera

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EM-1 Radiation Measurements

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Radiation phantoms to offset ballast and add science value

- Two RANDO phantoms provided by DLR and ISA
- ISA phantom fitted with the AstroRad vest
- Opportunity for international dosimetry intercomparison







EM-1 provides a unique opportunity for exo-LEO anthropomorphic phantom dosimetry inside a human rated spacecraft



Ground Rules



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Vehicle Integration

- Phantom location will be driven by vehicle constraints (Mass Properties)
- No impacts to the vehicle
 - Payload restraint engineering
 - No power or data assumed available from the vehicle
- Rely on payload provider for Flight Certification
 - Focus on Safety / Hazard Review (e.g., loads, vibration, outgassing, thermal)
 - Inputs required for vehicle level analyses
- Internal cabin environment:
 - Pressure: 14 to 18 psia nominal (0 psia contingency)
 - Temperature: -7 °C to +45 °C (19 °F to 117 °F) (bounding extreme range)

Science component

- Passive dosimetry with large international involvement
- Active dosimetry highly desired subject to integration constraints
 - Self contained power/memory/switch-on, additional flight certification (thermal, batteries)
 - Separate environment contributions (van Allen / Solar protons vs. GCR)
 - Local measurements to assess AstroRad shielding effectiveness
- CAD shielding analysis & environmental predictions
- Science data are to be published in major peer-reviewed journal(s)



Conclusion

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Your help is requested:

- Support/participate in the EM-1 radiation phantom dosimetry intercomparison
- Identify/ provide active dosimetry for the EM-1 radiation phantom measurement
- Suggest other science experiments on EM-1 (radiation- or non-radiation)



Ultimate goal is improving astronaut safety and enabling Exploration

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