

#### RADIATION PROTECTION PROPERTIES OF ADDITIONAL SHIELDING CONTAINING HYDROGENE MATERIALS INSTALLED IN CREW CABIN OF RUSSIAN SEGMENT OF ISS

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# Participants of the current project

- · IBMP, Russia (TLD)
- · NPI, Czech republic (TLD, PNTD)
- · QST NIRS, Japan (TLD, PNTD)
- · CER HAS, Hungary (Pille-ISS)
- · BTI, Canada (BUBBLE detectors)

# Introduction: Crew cabin shielding characteristic



Protective curtain thickness is estimated to be **6.3** g/cm<sup>2</sup> Crew cabin outer wall thickness is estimated as ~ **1.5** g/cm<sup>2</sup> (2 Al layers with 2 mm thickness (0.4 cm \* 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup> = 1.08 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) + also an additional shielding of the anti-meteorite protection (outside) and the cabin interior cover (inside))





# Protective curtain design

Mass, kg

14,600

25,600

24,000

64,200





Estimated thickness: 6.3 - 6.5 g/cm2

Hygenic wipes 1 and towels



Tissue bag containing 4 layers of hygienic wipes and towels

> Photo of protective curtain made during pre-flight preparations (Baikonur, Kazakhstan, 2010)



**Measuring instruments** Passive detector packages containing thermoluminescent detectors (TLD) and nuclear track detectors (PNTD) have been used as a main measuring instrument.



Detector kit – flight model



**Detectors: TLD, SSNTD** 

Participants: NPI, QST/NIRS, IBMP

12 passive detectors packages +1 background control

#### PHOTOS MADE ONBOARD ISS





Spherical phantom in the same location (2004-2005 yy)

# Flight Data

PNTD and TLD detector packages were exposed during 7 sessions:

session#	Start	End	Duration, days		ISS mission#	
1	16.06.2010	26.11.2010	163	SOYUZ TMA-19	24/25	
2	15.12.2010	24.05.2011	160	SOYUZ TMA-20	25/26	
3	21.06.2011	27.04.2012	311	Progress M-11M/	27/20	
				SOYUZ TMA-22	27/30	
4	15.05.2012	19.11.2012	188	SOYUZ TMA-04		
				M/	31/32	
				SOYUZ TMA-05 M		
5	26.09.2013	11.03.2014	166	SOYUZ TMA-10M	37/38	
6	27 03 2015	18 02 2016	328	SOYUZ TMA-16M/	13/16	
0	21.00.2010	10.02.2010	SOYUZ TMA-18		40/40	
7	13.09.2017	28.02.2018	168	SOYUZ MS-06	53/54	

#### Results: Absorbed dose rate time dynamic (TLD, IBMP)



#### ISS parameters: flight altitude



#### Geomagnetic parameters: W (Wolf number)



#### Results: Equivalent dose measurements (TLD+ SSNTD, NIRS)



#### Passive detector packages comparison



# Dose Spatial Distribution (IBMP)



Difference in resilts by NPI, QST NIRS, IBMP groups: 5% (1 session), 8% (2 session), 9% (3 session)

#### Dose vs thickness of shielding material



#2, #4, #10, #12 – packages installed on the wall (~1.5 g/g/cm<sup>2</sup>)

#7, #8 – packages installed on the illuminator (glass ~ 5 g/g/cm<sup>2</sup>)

#1, #3, #9, #11 – packages installed on protective curtain ( $\sim$ 7.8 g/g/cm<sup>2</sup>, wall + protective curtain)

#5, #6 – packages installed on the protective curtain at middle section (~11.3  $g/cm^2$ , glass + protective curtain)

thickness, g/cm2

### Results: Efficiency (D, IBMP)

# pack.	Ratio Dnshielded/ Dshielded, average for all time	K, %
2/1	1,72 ± 0,17	41± 6
4/3	1,67 ± 0,13	40± 5
7/5	1,21 ± 0,08	17± 5
8/6	1,23 ± 0,07	19± 4
10/9	1,50 ± 0,17	32± 7
12/11	1,54 ± 0,13	35± 7

 $K = (1 - D_{shielded} / D_{unshielded}) * 100\%$ 



— «illuminator» effect: thickness is 5 g/cm<sup>2</sup>

#### Results: Quality Factor

# Spatial Distribution (averaged for all sessions)

#### Time dynamic (averaged for all packages means)

	# package	<q></q>		
	1	2,30	# session	$\langle Q \rangle$
	2	2,25	1	2,5
	3	2,34		,
	4	2,24	2	2,1
for different	⇒ 5	2,08		
essions may	6	2,10	3	2,0
ary up to 30%	7	2,04		
	8	1,98	5	1,9
	9	2,05	K	
	10	1,91		
	11	2,13		Q spatial distribution
	12	2,04		session may vary up 1 60%

# Preliminary Calculations for High Density Polyethylene

2014.

= 17 - 50 % for experimental data)

 $K = (1 - D_{shielded}/D_{unshielded}) * 100\%$ 

23 % for experimental data)

K = 22 - 38 % for packages on the illuminator and the protective surface (K = 5 - 38)

#### Points of calculation



Protective curtain

### Conclusions

- The special facility for additional shielding of the crew cabin and detector arragement have been used from 2010 onboard ISS for more 8 years.
- The unshielded- shielded absorbed dose ratio can vary from 1.13 to 1.91 (or from 12% to 48%) and depend on shielding conditions.
- Quality factor was measured. The data shows that quality factor varies from 1,78 (pack # 9 located on protective curtain surface, 5 session) up to 3.5 (pack #4 located on the wall, 1 session). Quality factor may vary significant depending on shielding conditions and flight factors like altitude, solar activity, etc.
- Protective curtain mostly effective against protons, increase of altitude increases its efficiency. Increasing sun activity reduces GCR flux, thus decreasing quality factor.
- New calculation for new design using polyethylene bricks instead water-containing hygenic materials are in process.



THANK YOU!



#### Resilts: Ratio of unshielded and shielded detectors



# Thank you for your attention!

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