



# Characterizing the global aviation radiation environment

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The dynamic radiation environment at aviation altitudes

- **1. Background to radiation environment**
- 2. Instrumentation
- 3. Calibration of ARMAS with TEPC
- 4. Measurements and modeling
- 5. Expanding our scientific understanding
- 6. Improvements to achieve forecasting accuracy
- 7. Enterprise collaborations





#### Background









# Improving our understanding: Space weather creates a dynamic radiation environment at aviation altitudes **3 radiation sources above 8 km**

#### • Global phenomenon:

✓ <u>GCRs</u> modulated by the state of the heliosphere's magnetic field create a career health issue and source for avionics SEUs (well-known phenomena)

#### High latitude phenomena:

- <u>SEPs</u> from solar flare events can affect fleet operations and aircrew/passenger monthly limits (well-known phenomena)
- **<u>REPs</u>** from Van Allen belt energetic particle precipitation most likely creates a gamma-ray environment affecting career total absorbed dose (current research activity)





# Radiation Environment in the Upper Atmosphere

- Galactic cosmic and solar particle radiation interact in the upper atmosphere of the Earth
- The mixed radiation field inside an aircraft contains many radiation components including high-energy neutrons, protons and heavy ions and some gamma rays
- The intensity of the primary and secondary components of this radiation field increase with altitude and latitude
- FAA has estimated aircrew exposures range from 0.2 9.1 mSv/yr (compared to 0.5 mSv/yr exposure for average nuclear power plant worker)





## **Atmospheric Exposure Variables**

- <u>Altitude</u>: Shielding by air molecules
  - 1030 g/cm2 at sea level
  - 55 g/cm2 at 20 km (66,000 ft)
    - ✓ Dose Equivalent rate, dH/dt, at 20 km is ~400 x dH/dt at sea level
- Latitude: Shielding by geomagnetic field
  - Bends lower energy particles back into space
  - dH/dt at poles is ~6 x dH/dt at equator (at 20 km altitude)
  - Effect on *dH/dt* increases with altitude





#### Improving the state-of-art: accelerating progress towards aviation radiation operational nowcasts and forecasts

|                                | <ul> <li>DETECTORS</li> </ul> | DETECTORS  | <ul> <li>DETECTORS</li> </ul>  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
|                                | ✓ Bubble                      | ✓ ARMAS v9   | ✓ ARMAS v10  |
|                                | ✓ TEPC                        | ✓ ATED   | ✓ ATED   |
|                                | 🗸 Liulin                      | MODELS   | MODELS   |
| • DETECTORS                    | ✓ RaySure                     | ✓ NAIRAS v1  | ✓ NAIRAS v2  |
| 🗸 Geiger                       | ✓ ARMAS                       | ✓ CARI-7   | ✓ CARI-7   |
| counters                       | MODELS                        | ✓ AVIDOS   | 2020-  |
| ✓ Bubble                       | ✓ CARI-6                      | ✓ KREAM  | Step 4: Nowcast & forecast   |
| detectors                      | ✓ NAIRAS                      | 2017-2019  | (100+ daily flights for track truth,<br>continuous balloon loiter or hi- |
| ✓ TEPC                         | ✓ PANDOCA                     | Step 3: Monitoring                                       | alt/long endurance regional  |
| ✓ Liulin                       | 1990-2016                     | (a few daily NAT or NoPAC<br>flights; tech demo regional | assimilation and initiation of<br>ensemble modeling)                     |
| ✓ RaySure                      | Step 2: Validation            | monitoring; initial data                                 |  |
| 1950-1990<br>Step 1: Discovery |                               | assimilation)  |  |
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# Radiation Detection Systems for Use in Aircrew Dosimetry Measurements

- Automated Radiation Measurements for Aerospace Safety Flight Module (ARMAS FM) – easy to use in aircraft and measures all ionizing radiation (heavy particles to photons)
- **Tissue Equivalent Proportional Counter (TEPC)** microdosimeter "gold standard" for human tissue dose against which all detectors are compared
- Both of these detector systems are capable of detecting both the primary and the secondary radiation fields aboard aircraft





# The Thermo-Scientific EPD TruDose Electronic Personal Dosimeter System

- Easy to use and operate
- Excellent electronic personal dosimeter for the radiation fields found in a hospital environment
- Only capable of measuring the dose from X-rays, gamma rays and beta particles (all in specific energy ranges)
- Incapable of measuring the dose from the majority of the primary and secondary radiation field found aboard aircraft





# Radiation Protection Terminology for Measured Quantities

#### According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

- Exposure (R) describes the amount of radiation traveling through the air. Many types of radiation monitors measure exposure. The units for exposure are the coulomb/kilogram (C/kg, international unit) and the roentgen (R, U.S. unit).
- Absorbed dose (D) describes the amount of radiation absorbed by an object or person. The SI unit for absorbed dose is the Gray (Gy). The U.S. unit for absorbed dose is the Rad. One Gray is equal to 100 Rads.
- Dose equivalent (H) describes the amount of radiation absorbed by person, adjusted to account for the type of radiation received and the biological effect of that particular type of radiation. The SI unit used for dose equivalent is a Sievert (Sv). The U.S. unit for dose equivalent is a Rem. One Sievert is equal to 100 Rems.





# **General Radiation Safety Limits**

- Annual Dose Limits
  - Whole body 5 rem/yr (5000 mrem/yr)
  - Extremities 50 rem/yr (50000 mrem/yr)
  - Eye 15 rem/yr (15000 mrem/yr)
  - Prenatal 0.5 rem per 9 months
- GENERAL PUBLIC 100 mrem per year





# **Recent cancer risk medical studies findings**

- Recent publications (JAMA Dermatol., 2015; Occup. Environ. Med., 2003; Environ. Health, 2017):
- 1) Pilots, aircrew experience deep tissue cancers
- 2) In addition, pilots, aircrew also have 2 times incidence of shallow tissue cancers
- 3) Occupational exposure may contribute to melanomas (UV-A photons?)
- 4) Pilot and aircrew lifestyle is **not** a contributing factor for increased risk
- 5) Shallow tissue cancers (melanoma and basal cell carcinoma) are induced by ionizing radiation
  - o These cancers found to increase with occupational exposure criterion for pilots
  - Melanoma and BCC were common in the trunk region of pilots this precludes occupational UV-A exposure being responsible since UV-A would not penetrate the clothing and BCCs, melanomas are found in cabin crew members that aren't often near the windows
  - Gamma and X-rays are the energy range (0.5–5.0 MeV) that would penetrate clothing and give a dose to the underlying skin
  - Cosmic rays<sup>1</sup> & solar energetic protons<sup>2</sup> would give mostly deep tissue dose from penetrating secondary neutrons and protons (prostate cancer, lymphoma, etc.)
     <sup>1</sup>GCRs = Galactic Cosmic Rays; <sup>2</sup>SEPs = solar energetic particles





#### Instrumentation



#### **Tissue Equivalent Proportional Counter** (TEPC) Dose Rate Measurements for ER-2



#### on 9/9/2015 at AFRC 0.12 Absorbed Dose Rate (μGy/Min 0.10 0.08 0.06 0.04 0.02 0.00 100 150 0 50 200 250 300 350 Elapsed Time (Min)

TEPC and ARMAS FM in ER-2 Q-Bay





#### Improving real-time data collection: ARMAS measurements 2013-2020







#### **Improving the measurement domains:** 750+ ARMAS Flights from 0-106 km in 2013–2020

#### ✓ Agency and Commercial Aircraft

- AFRC: DC-8 (a), ER-2 (d), G-III, SOFIA (B747) ✓
- **√** NOAA: G-IV (b)
- NSF: G-V (c) ✓
- FAA: Bombardier Global 5000 ✓

#### **Commercial**: ✓

- Boeing 737, 747, 757, and 777
- Airbus 319 and 320
- **Bombardier O200**
- CRJ 200, 700; Embraer 175

#### ✓ Balloons

 $\checkmark$ 

World View Enterprises: Stratollite (f)

#### ✓ NASA space stations

- ISS (Low Earth Orbit)
   Gateway (Lunar Orbit)

#### ✓ Proprietary vehicles

- **Perlan** Stratospheric glider (e)  $\checkmark$
- Virgin Galactic SS2 and WK2 (g)  $\checkmark$
- Blue Origin New Shepard (h)  $\checkmark$
- Cubesat
- Lunar lander 0

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- In progress
- Potential













#### Improving operational monitoring:

ARMAS Dual Monitor to demonstrate operational radiation monitoring over North CONUS with World View Stratollite (July 2021)





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#### **Features:**

- $\checkmark$  Measures absorbed dose in silicon
- ✓ Small size, mass, and power
- ✓ Data retrieval using Bluetooth to pair with iOS ARMAS app available from Apple Store
  - Current and post-flight dose rate status displayed on app that is paired with FM7
  - Dose rate can be transmitted to ground using WiFi
- ✓ Real-time dose rates: measured absorbed (Si) and derived absorbed (Ti), dose equivalent, ambient dose equivalent, and effective

#### Availability:

- ✓ 12 units 2018-2020
- ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> production run Aug 2020

Improving state-of-the-art radiation monitoring: ARMAS Flight Module 7 (FM7) using Bluetooth and the ARMAS app paired with iOS devices



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|  |                                  | End Date: 01/04/2020 02:14<br># data points: 1   | 4:50 UTC   |  |
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#### Calibration



# Improving operational data: Calibration of ARMAS dose rate in tissue with the TEPC









# Improving operational data: Calibration of ARMAS Quality factor with the TEPC







# **Improving operational data:** Validation of ARMAS dose rate in tissue with the TEPC







| Detector | Date        | Flight    | Absorbed dose rate<br>dD(Ti)/dt (μGy/h) <sup>*</sup> | Dose equivalent rate<br>dH/dt (μSv/h) <sup>*</sup> | Q<br>(unitless) <sup>*</sup>      |
|----------|-------------|-----------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| TEPC     | 20 May 2018 | LAX – DEN | $2.37\pm0.06$  | $4.69 \pm 0.21$                                    | $1.97 \pm 0.04$                   |
| ARMAS    | 20 May 2018 | LAX – DEN | $\textbf{2.40} \pm \textbf{0.61}$                    | 4.73 ± 1.20  | $1.97\pm0.03$                     |
| TEPC     | 23 May 2018 | DEN – LAX | $2.51\pm0.06$  | $5.48 \pm 0.25$                                    | $\textbf{2.18} \pm \textbf{0.04}$ |
| ARMAS    | 23 May 2018 | DEN – LAX | $\textbf{2.39}\pm\textbf{0.80}$                      | $4.75 \pm 1.59$                                    | $1.99\pm0.03$                     |
| TEPC     | 27 Mar 2019 | LAX – DEN | $\textbf{2.44} \pm \textbf{0.06}$                    | $5.59 \pm 0.25$                                    | $\textbf{2.29} \pm \textbf{0.05}$ |
| ARMAS    | 27 Mar 2019 | LAX – DEN | $\textbf{2.40} \pm \textbf{1.04}$                    | $\textbf{4.83} \pm \textbf{2.09}$                  | $2.01\pm0.04$                     |
| TEPC     | 06 Apr 2019 | DEN – LAX | $1.49\pm0.04$  | $\textbf{3.34}\pm\textbf{0.15}$                    | $\textbf{2.24}\pm\textbf{0.04}$   |
| ARMAS    | 06 Apr 2019 | DEN – LAX | $1.24\pm0.48$  | $2.55 \pm 0.98$                                    | $2.06 \pm 0.03$                   |
| TEPC     | 14 Jul 2019 | LAX – IAD | $2.51\pm0.06$  | $5.56 \pm 0.25$                                    | $\textbf{2.22}\pm\textbf{0.04}$   |
| ARMAS    | 14 Jul 2019 | LAX – IAD | $\textbf{2.48} \pm \textbf{1.09}$                    | $\textbf{5.28} \pm \textbf{2.32}$                  | $\textbf{2.13} \pm \textbf{0.05}$ |
| TEPC     | 19 Jul 2019 | IAD – LAX | $2.42\pm0.06$  | 5.30 ± 0.24  | $\textbf{2.19} \pm \textbf{0.04}$ |
| ARMAS    | 19 Jul 2019 | IAD – LAX | $\textbf{2.48} \pm \textbf{1.01}$                    | $5.17\pm2.10$                                      | $2.08\pm0.05$                     |
| TEPC     | 09 Sep 2015 | Palmdale  | 4.77±0.21  | 9.82 ± 0.73  | $2.06\pm0.06$                     |
| ARMAS    | 09 Sep 2015 | Palmdale  | $4.60 \pm 1.02$                                      | 8.89 ± 1.97  | $1.93\pm0.01$                     |

Average TEPC and median ARMAS values at cruising altitudes; all flights are commercial except Palmdale ER-2.





#### **Measurements and modeling**





#### Improving global modeling: NAIRAS



NAIRAS v2 during Blue Origin New Shepard flight

Effective Dose Rate (uSv/hr)Date =2019-12-11\_15 Altitude = 90.0 km







NAIRAS v2 Climatology at 15 km for NOAA G2



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## Improving radiation weather with **RADIAN data** assimilation



Original NAIRAS v2 plus ARMAS v10.21



Corrected NAIRAS v2 plus ARMAS v10.21





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#### Improving global weather: RADIAN





NAIRAS v2 at 270 degrees E longitude for NOAA G3 90 80 D4 70 60 50 40 D3 index 30 D2 20 D1 10 0 D0 -90 -80 -70 -60 -50 -40 -30 -20 -10 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 latitude









#### **Expanding our scientific understanding**



Improving scientific understanding: dynamic environment exists even during extremely quiet geomagnetic conditions

- Strong solar minimum GCR background
- Precipitating higher magnetic latitude particles likely produce more secondary radiation and cause greater accumulated dose compared to GCR background
- Dose rate changes with increasing altitude
- Changes in dose rate with magnetic latitude



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#### Improving scientific understanding: science questions remain – what is source of excess radiation?



- Observation:
  - ARMAS data show large radiation variations even during quiet geomagnetic conditions
- Hypothesis:
  - Radiation belt energetic particles at L-shells 2–7 are "leaky" into atmosphere and cause added radiation component
  - Resultant γ-rays cause added tissue exposure hazard for crew
- Experimentation:
  - Fly long-duration airborne instruments to monitor a region over the North Pacific and North CONUS air traffic routes (ARMAS Dual Monitor)
  - Physics-based modeling of radiation belt energetic particle precipitation
  - Incorporate measurements into NAIRAS v2 (RADIAN)









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  - ARMAS data show large radiation variations even during quiet geomagnetic conditions



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- Hypothesis:
  - Radiation belt energetic particles at L-shells 2–7 are "leaky" into atmosphere as a result of EMIC waves that cause pitch angle scattering









- Hypothesis:
  - Electrons precipitation into mesosphere and create resultant Bremsstrahlung γ-rays







- Hypothesis:
  - γ-rays are at same dose levels as measured by ARMAS detector via Compton scattering in silicon









- Hypothesis:
  - $\gamma$ -rays cause added exposure hazard for crew and may be source for shallow tissue cancers
  - Recent cancer risk studies indicate 2X increased incidence of melanoma and other cancers in pilots and aircrew
  - Occupational exposure may contribute to melanomas & basal cell carcinoma
  - Melanoma & basal cell carcinoma induced mostly by photon ionizing radiation
    - $\circ\;$  Melanoma and BCC common in the trunk of pilots precluded UV-A source
    - GCRs, SEPs not a source since they mostly provide deep tissue dose (and cancers) from penetrating secondary neutrons and protons
    - Gamma and X-rays are in the energy range (5.0–0.5 MeV) and can penetrate clothing to give a dose to the underlying skin in the trunk of the body
    - Gamma and X-ray source can exist at commercial aircraft altitudes from relativistic electron sources that absorb in the mesosphere and stratosphere to produce hard X-rays and γ-rays
    - $\,\circ\,$  L-shell band 2–7 appears to be the region of higher exposure risk for shallow skin cancers
    - **o** ARMAS technology can locate regions of higher radiation
    - **o** Beams can be avoided if locations are known





#### **Improvements to achieve forecasting accuracy**





# Improvements to achieve forecasting accuracy

# Users: aircrew (quicklook) and flying public

- Climatology forecast
- NAIRAS color-scheme
- D-index and associated effective dose rate scales
- Shows current NOAA G-scale level of activity
- 1-km steps from 8–19 km
- Northern or southern hemisphere view





# Future directions for nowcasting and forecasting



# Users: air traffic management, company operations, pilots

- 24-hour forecast (climatology, top left)
- Current epoch (specification, bottom left)
- Flight track (due diligence archive, top right)
- Regional track (situational awareness, bottom right)





- Historical, current, and forecast Dst is ingested into a neural net algorithm to create the particle fluxes trained on RBSP data
- Particle fluxes will be used as a driver to NAIRAS v2 trapped particle environment along with GCRs, SEPs, and cutoff rigidity

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#### **Enterprise collaborations**



#### Improving public access with NASA ARC Interactive Database of Atmospheric Radiation Dose Rate



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#### Project Goal and Objectives

Develop a convenient, user-friendly and reliable infrastructure, that will provide dynamical intuitive access to measurements of the solar radiation flux in the Earth atmosphere at high altitudes, obtained with the Automated Radiation Measurements for Aerospace Safety (ARMAS) device (Tobiska et al., 2015-2018) together with quick analysis and visualization tools based on the HelioPortal Web platform (<u>https://helioportal.nas.nasa.gov/</u>) originally developed as a multi-instrument database of solar flares (Sadykov et al., 2017).

#### Major Tasks

#### 1. Development of the radiation database design

The web page will be designed for convenient and fast access to the data. It will be expandable to new data, and scalable to large data volumes expected in the future.

2. Development of the front-end search engine and visualization tools including data processing and classification procedures

The search tool will return the user query results in the form of a table according to specified criteria. It will provide the capability to visualize and download the output data in a variety of formats

3. Integration of the Radiation Database to HelioPortal and public release

Ansour NASA HelioPortal https://helioportal.nas.nasa.gov/



#### <u>Milestones</u>

<u>September, 2019:</u> Develop the initial design of the radiation database, build the database prototype (completed)

<u>January, 2020:</u> Complete development of the database search and basic data processing codes and tools (Task1).

<u>March, 2020:</u> Develop of visualization and more advanced data processing tools (Task 2).

<u>July, 2020:</u> Complete the database optimization and integration into the HelioPortal, provide link to the solar events database, and public release (Task 3).



### Improving Enterprise Partnerships: agency, industry, university collaborations are at the forefront of radiation monitoring progress



#### NAIRAS has provided a scientific foundation:

- ✓ Agency (NASA LaRC), university (CISM), industry (SET)
- ✓ Provides currently available public service data
- ✓ Provides customer-tailored products and services (multiple routes, altitude plots)
- ✓ Operating NAIRAS v2 backup from SET servers (Q4 2019)

#### ARMAS has provided real-time measurement access:

- ✓ Industry (SET), agency (NASA HPD, SBIR, FO, LaRC, ARC, AFRC), university (PVAMU, OSU)
- ✓ Fabrication, testing and deployment of ARMAS FM7 (2018–2019)
- ✓ Released ARMAS FM7 app (v1 FM7 data retrieval Q4 2019)
- ✓ Develop ARMAS public app (v2 public use for situational awareness Q1 2020)
- HelioPortal data access to atmospheric radiation database (Q3 2020)
- o ARMAS Dual Monitor operational technology demo (July 2021)

#### **RADIAN has provided a global radiation weather capability:**

- ✓ Industry (SET, SolarMetrics, AER), agency (NASA HPD SBIR, LaRC, GSFC/CCMC, FAA, USAF/AFRL), university (UCLA/UCB, USU), international (KSWC)
- ✓ ORBIS current and forecast radiation belt particle populations for NAIRAS v2
- ✓ Calibrate ARMAS v10 to TEPC and quantify uncertainty (Q2 2020)
- $\circ$  NSET forecast effective dose rates for high-flyers (2019 2024)
- Develop RADIAN ensemble modeling (2020 2022)
  - New operational data sources for assimilation (REACH, FMx on new platforms)
  - Ensemble modeling to characterize uncertainty and improve accuracy (CARI-7, KREAM)





### **Backup slides**



#### Improving Enterprise activities: NASA's NAIRAS, ARMAS, RADIAN, ORBIS and HelioPortal Programs & USAF NSET Program



#### NASA Programmatic Goals related to radiation:

- make advances in science, technology, and exploration
- make space missions safer and improve NASA's future capabilities

#### **Enterprise-level Value Proposition:**

- astronauts, high-altitude pilots, commercial aviation crew and passengers, and commercial space travelers need realtime radiation weather information
- a per user low-cost capability can be provided with operational radiation environment monitoring that generates data for assimilation into global models and creates air and space traffic management decision-aid tools

#### NASA-funded programs lay foundation for aerospace radiation monitoring:

- 1) NAIRAS: NASA LaRC (C. Mertens, PI) global radiation model
- 2) ARMAS: SET (K. Tobiska, PI) global radiation measurements
- 3) RADIAN: SET (K. Tobiska, PI) ARMAS data assimilation into NAIRAS
- 4) ARMAS Dual Monitor: SET (K. Tobiska, PI) 30-d & 65,000 ft. monitoring tech demo
- 5) ORBIS: UCLA (J. Bortnik, PI) dynamic radiation belt forecasting
- 6) HelioPortal: NASA/Ames-BAERI (I. Kitiashvili, PI) interactive database of atmospheric radiation

#### USAF-funded program expands aerospace radiation monitoring:

7) NSET: AER (R. Quinn, PI) atmospheric radiation forecasting for high-flyers



#### **Typical Annual Occupational Doses**

| Source                | Dose (mSv) | Cities                            |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Artificial sources    |            |                                   |
| Nuclear industry      |            | Vancouver ≽ Honolulu              |
| Uranium mining        | 4.5        | Frankfurt > Dakar                 |
| Uranium milling       | 3.3        | Trankfult > Daka                  |
| Enrichment            | 0.1        | Madrid ≻ Johannesbu               |
| Fuel fabrication      | 1.0        | Madrid > Santiago do              |
| Nuclear reactors      | 1.4        | Wadnu 🕨 Sanuago de                |
| Reprocessing          | 1.5        | Copenhagen ≽ Bangk                |
| Madiaalwaaa           |            | Montrol > London                  |
| Padiology             | 0.5        | Montreal > London                 |
| Dentistry             | 0.0        | Helsinki ≻ New York (J            |
| Nuclear medicine      | 0.8        | Frankfurt > Fairbanka             |
| Radiotherapy          | 0.6        | Franklunt 🚩 Fairbanks,            |
|                       |            | London ≻ Tokyo                    |
| Industrial sources    |            | Paria 💊 San Empoisso              |
| Irradiation           | 0.1        | Fails / Sail Flancisco            |
| Radiography           | 1.6        |                                   |
| Isotope production    | 1.9        |                                   |
| Well-logging          | 0.4        |                                   |
| Accelerators          | 0.8        | Source: Exposure                  |
| Luminizing            | 0.4        | of Aircraft Crew to               |
| Notural a auroa       |            | Cosmic Radiation,                 |
| Natural sources       |            | EUBADOS http://                   |
| Radon sources         |            | Working Group 5 onleF             |
| Coal mines            | 0.7        | to the Group of                   |
| Metal mines           | 2.7        | Experts established               |
| Premises above ground | 4.8        | under Article 31                  |
| (radon)               |            | or the Euratom<br>Treaty European |
|                       |            | Commission                        |

#### Doses on flights



http://www.iaea.org/Publications/Booklets/RadPe opleEnv/pdf/chapter\_9.pdf

Data for 1990-1994 Source: UNSCEAR Report 2000, Vol. 1, Annex E, Tables 12, 16, 22 and 43



#### Measurements – groundbased: creating portions of the mixed radiation field aboard aircraft

- Los Alamos Neutron Science Center (LANSCE)
  - 1-800 MeV neutrons
- Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC)
  - 200 MeV protons
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)
  - 1.17 & 1.33 MeV gamma-rays
- Brookhaven NASA Space Radiation Laboratory (NSRL)
  - 1 GeV Fe<sup>+</sup>



