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# **Bulgarian space dosimetry instruments from the "Lyulin" series and the main scientific results**

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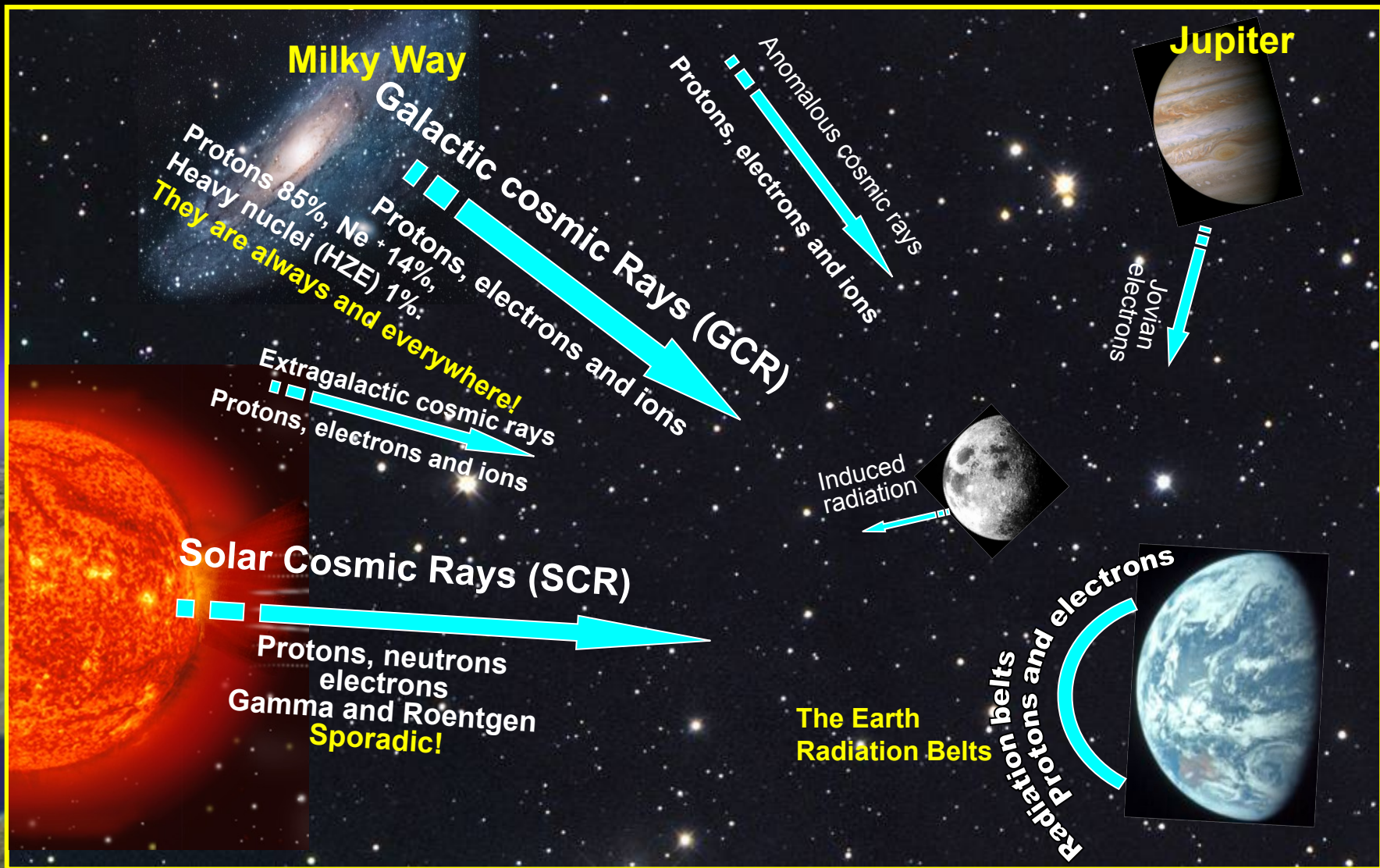
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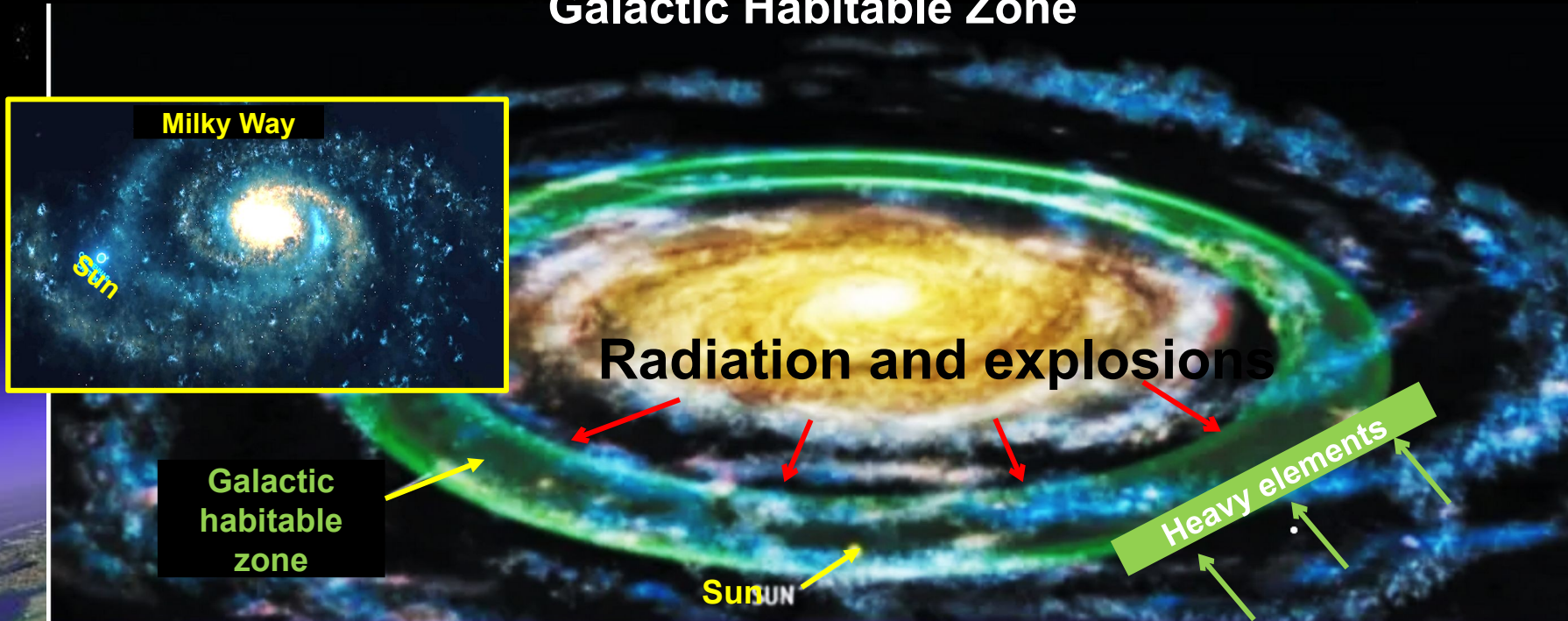


# Radiation sources in the Earth and Moon space environment





## Galactic cosmic rays form the inner boundary of the Galactic Habitable Zone



The Sun is outside the spiral arms and far from the galactic center of the Milky Way, which creates good conditions for the formation of life outside the dangerous zones of radiation and explosive gravitational forces. The galactic habitable zone is defined as 23-29 thousand light-years from the center of the galaxy. (The Sun is 27 thousand light-years away .)

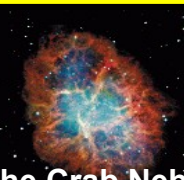
**Data from the Kepler space telescope suggests that there could be up to 300 million potentially habitable planets in our galaxy.**



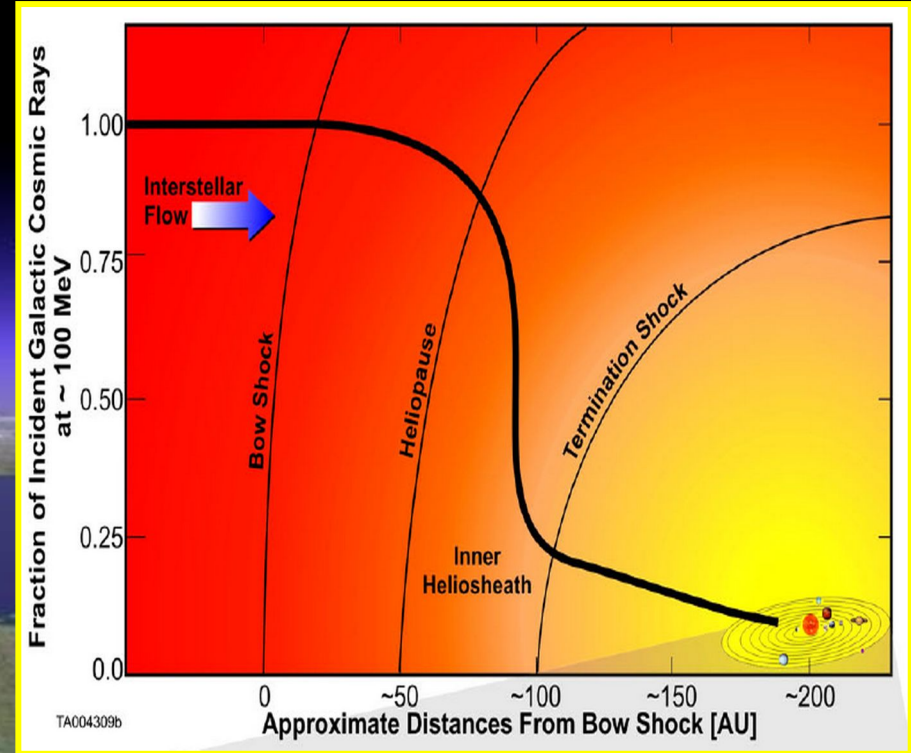
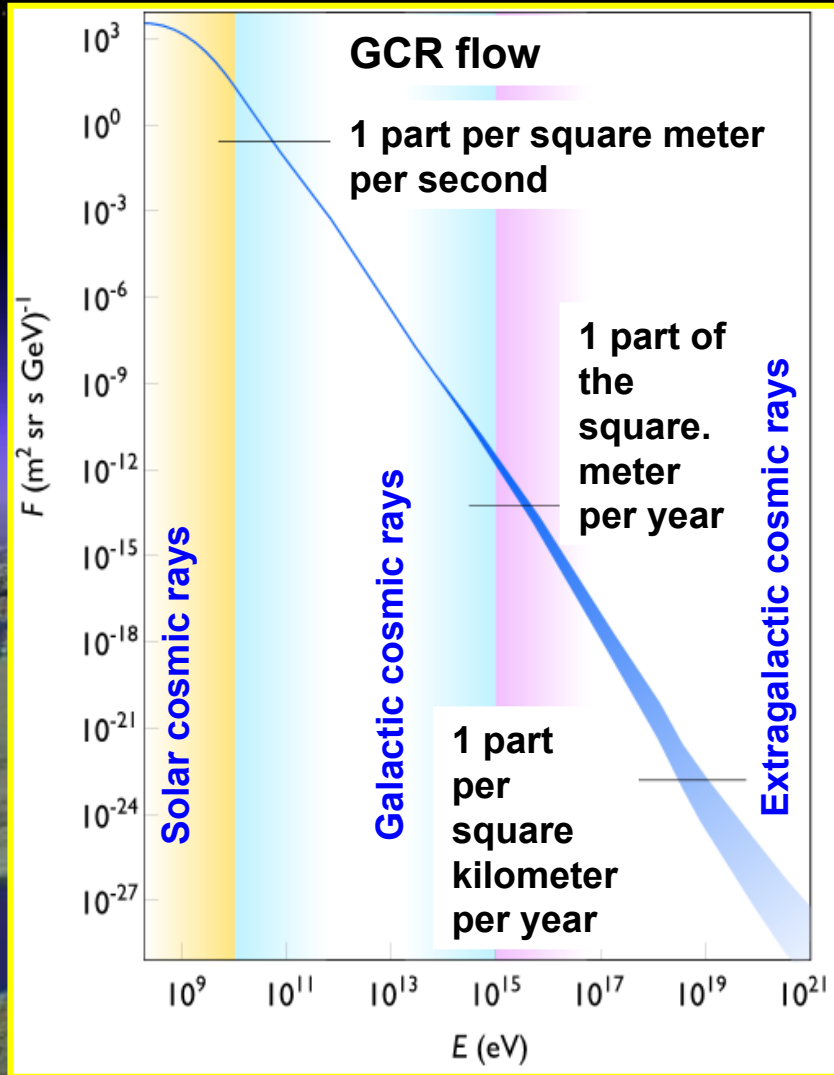
Remnants of the 1987 supernova.

# Galactic cosmic rays (GCR)

(Supernovae are the most likely source. The highest-energy particles have extragalactic origins.)



The Crab Nebula

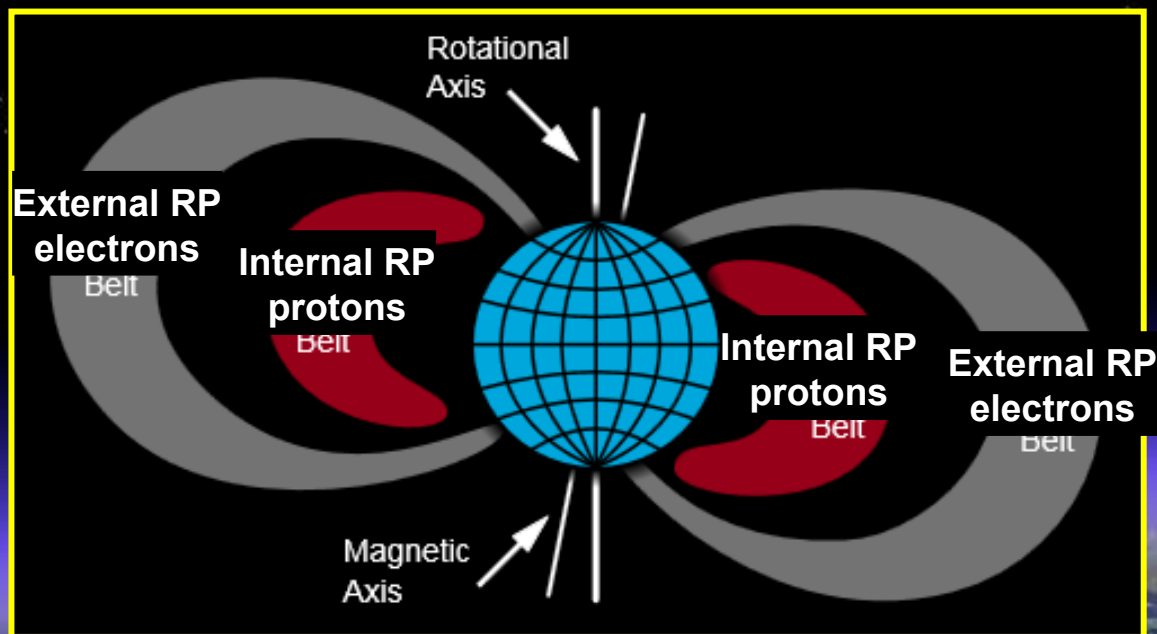


The flux from GCRs with energies of 100 MeV decreases to the boundary of the Solar System, with about 12% of the primary flux remaining at the boundary of the heliosphere, due to the interaction with the magnetic field embedded in the solar wind.

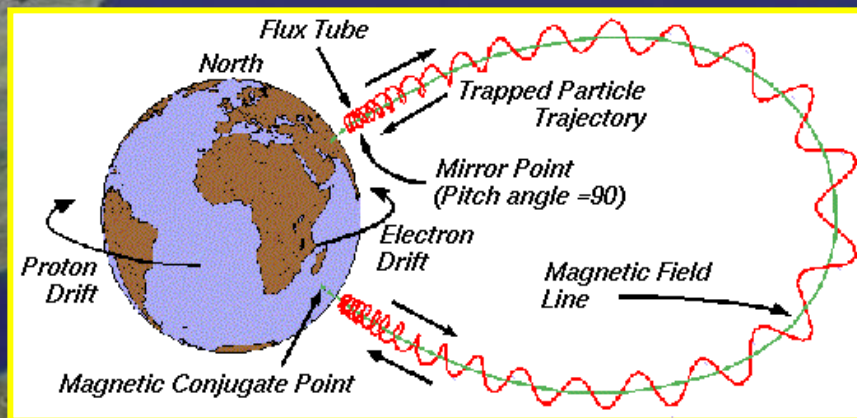


# Introduction

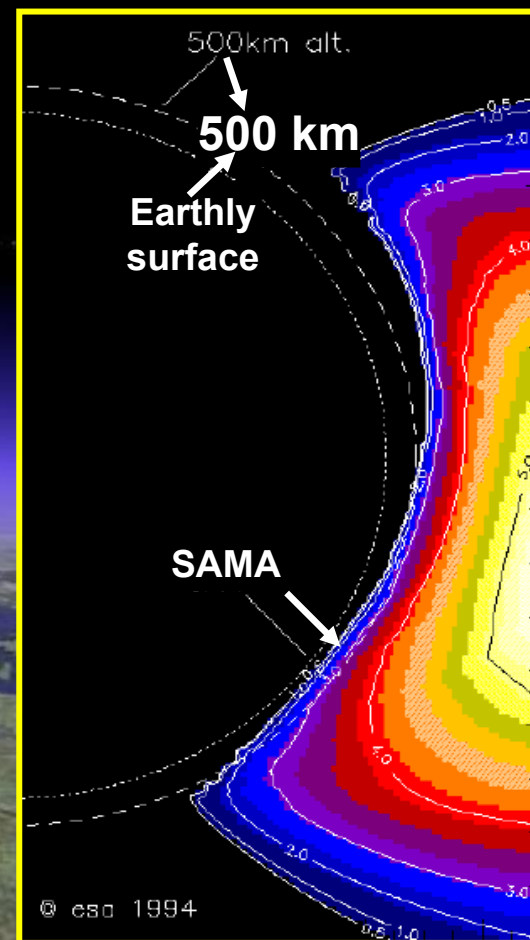
## Earth Radiation belts



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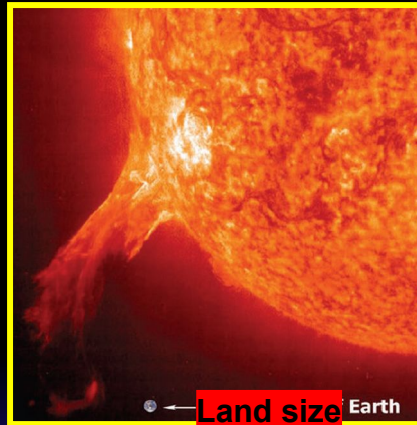
### Particle motion in the magnetosphere



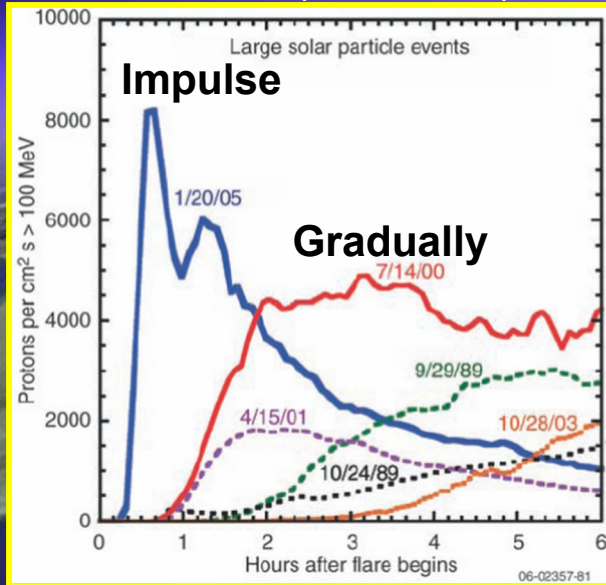
Formation of the flux and dose maximum in the South Atlantic Magnetic Anomaly (SAMA) region [Heynderickx , D. , 2002. ]

# Solar cosmic rays

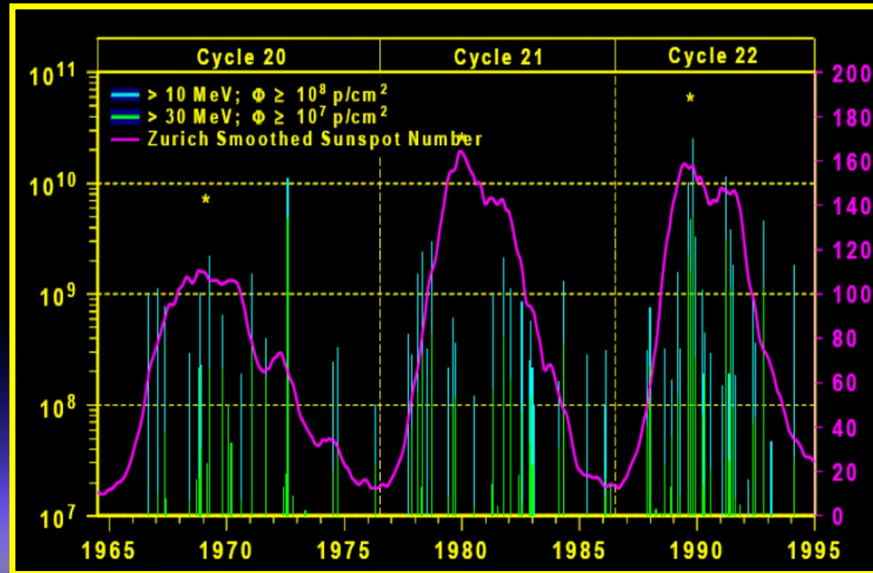
(They are conditionally divided into two types: impulse and gradual)



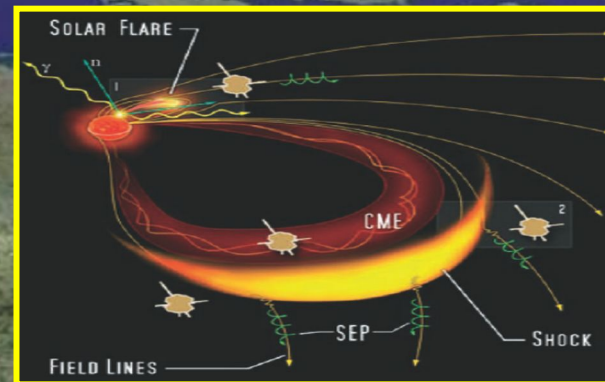
**Solar eruption**  
( Credit: NASA)



Profiles of change in SCL  
[Mewaldt, RA et al , 2005. ]



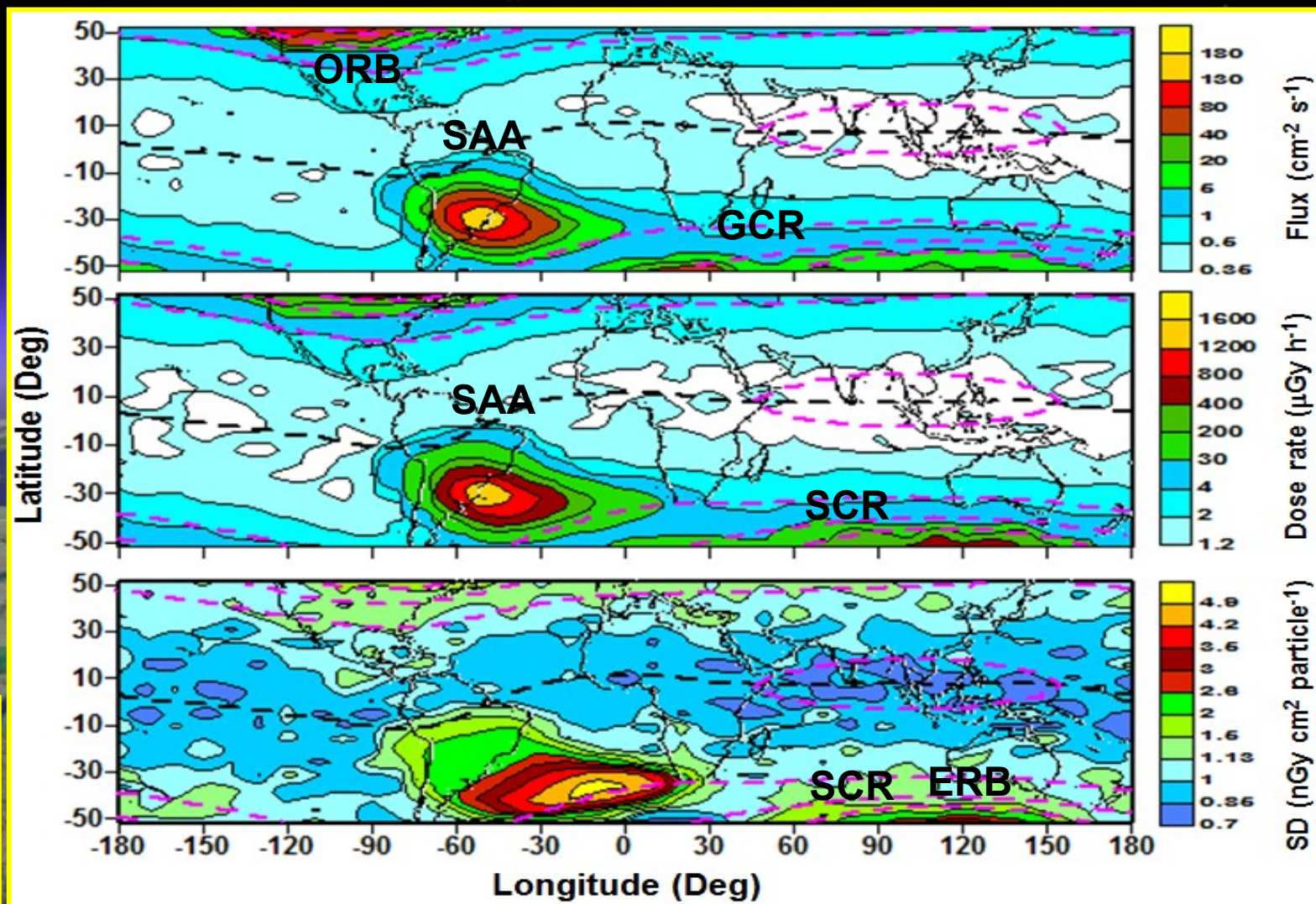
SCRs are observed more frequently during the maxima of solar activity.



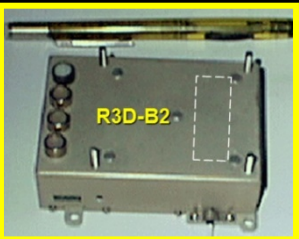
SCRs are accelerated in the shock wave at the boundary with interplanetary space.



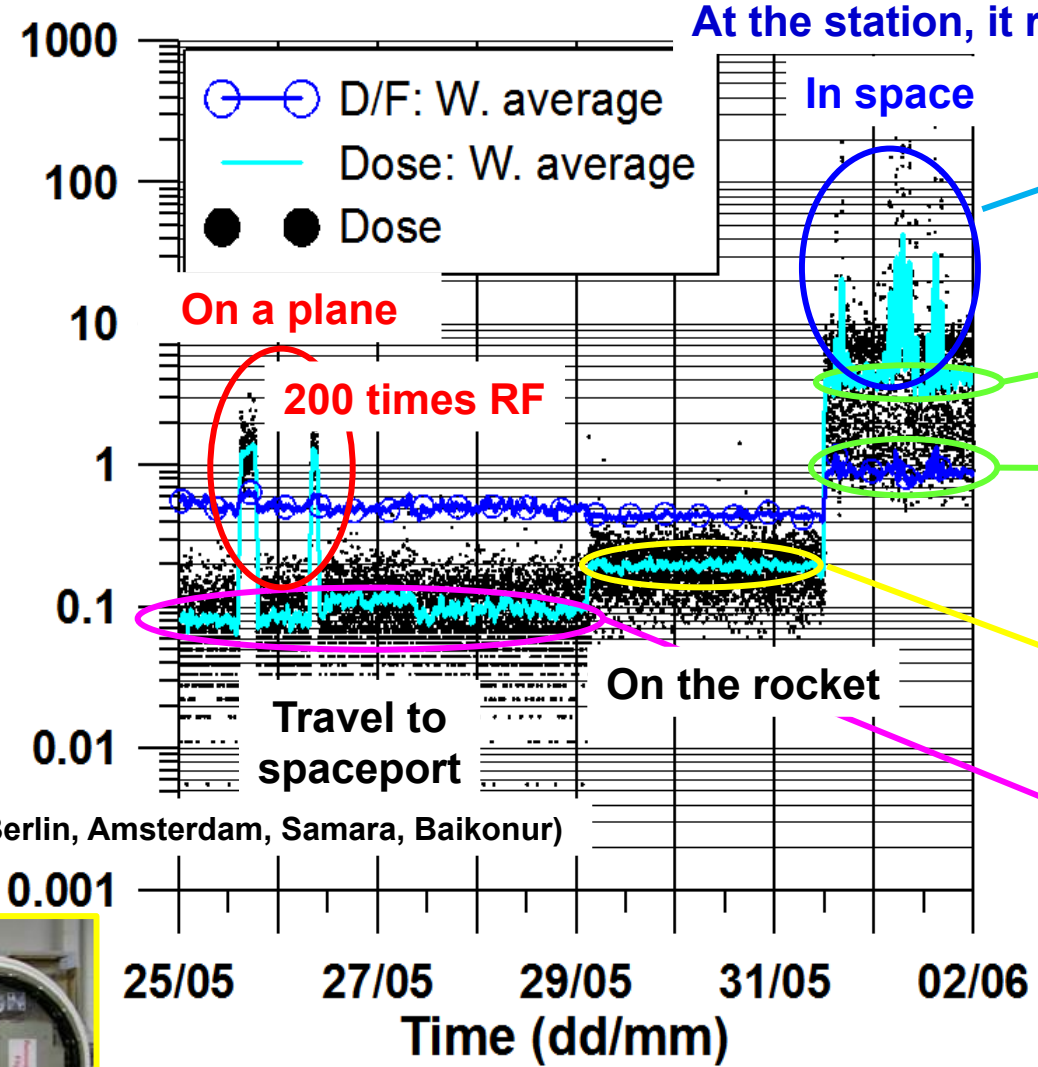
# Global distribution of cosmic radiation dose and flux in the period 18-30 June 2015 **outside** the International Space Station (ISS) ( in the ESA EXPOSE-R2 platform based on data from R3DR2, ( SRTI & University of Erlangen , Germany )



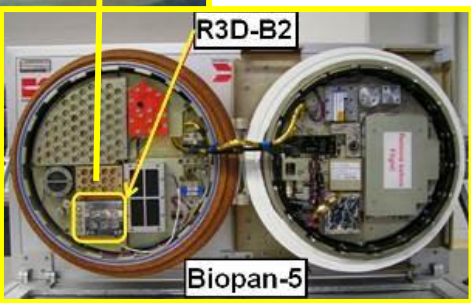
# Example of the dose rate distribution in the near-Earth space based on **continuous data** from the R3D-B2 instrument on the Foton M2 satellite measured in June 2005



Dose ( $\mu\text{Gy h}^{-1}$ )  
D/F ( $\text{nGy cm}^{-2} \text{p}^{-1}$ )

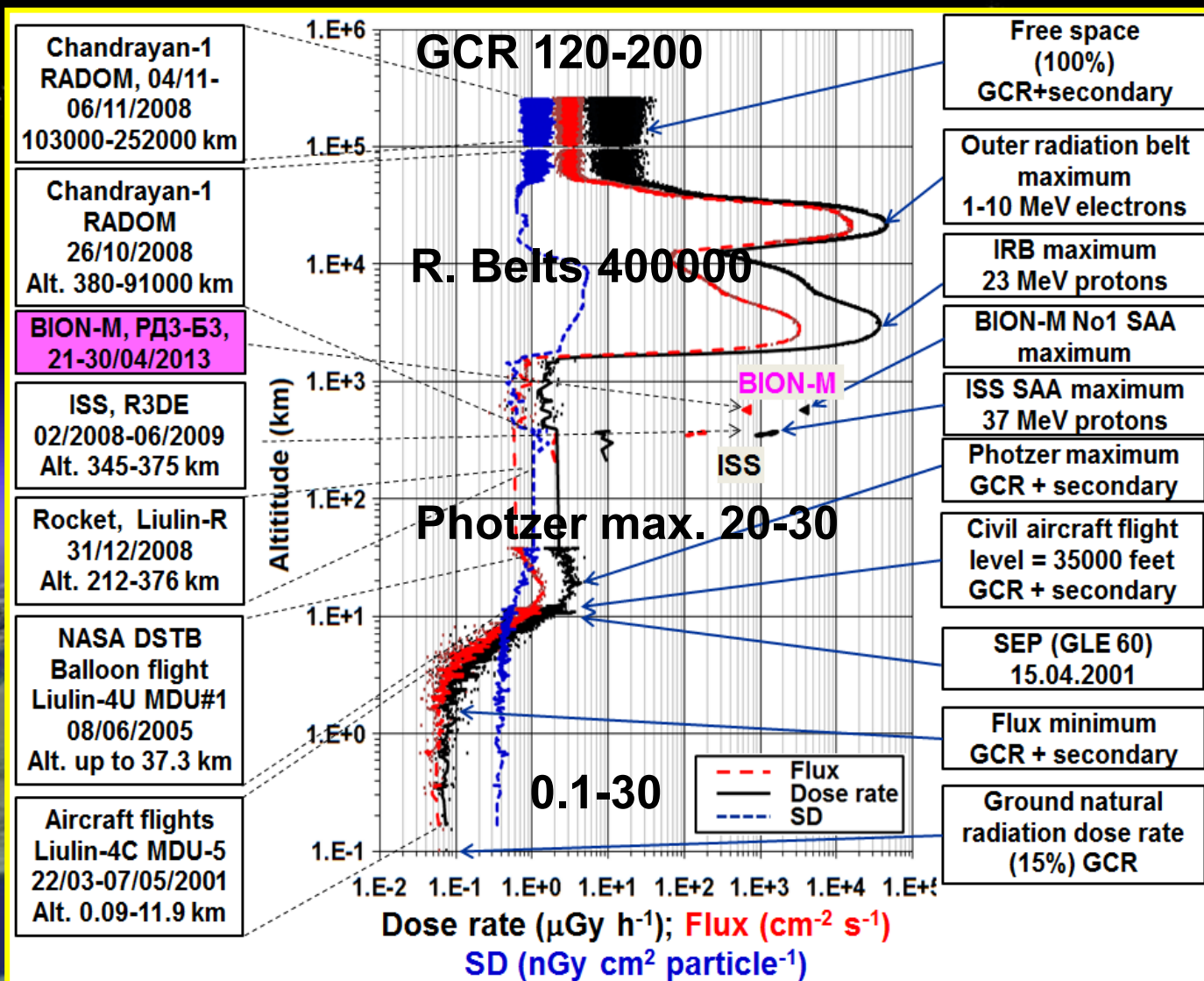


Inner belt  
GCR (pole)  
GCR (equator)  
Gamma source  
Radiation background





# Profile of dose rate, flux and specific dose based on data from "Lyulin" type instruments from the Earth's surface to free space



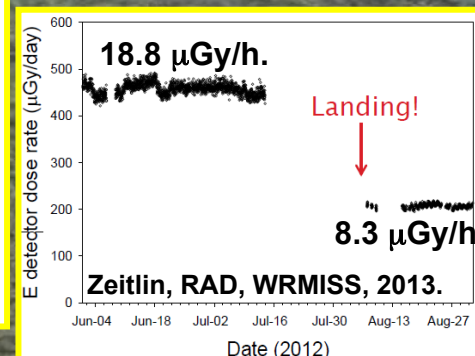
Earth **0.1 μGy/h**,  
**Gamma background.**

Earth, Ramsar town,  
Iran: **~30 μGy/h**,  
**300 times more than**  
**the average Gamma**  
**background.**

Interplanetary space:  
**~15-20 μGy/h**,  
**150 times, GCR.**

Moon: **~8 μGy/h**,  
**60-100 times, GCR.**

Mars: **8.3 μGy/h**,  
**83 times, GCR.**



Dachev, T.P., Profile of the ionizing radiation exposure between the Earth surface and free space, Journal of Atmospheric and Solar-Terrestrial Physics, 102, September 2013, 148–156, 2013.

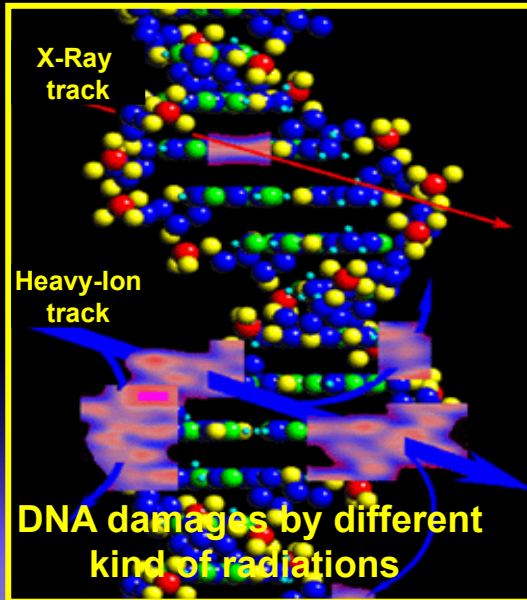
# Impact of **ionizing radiation** on the health of personnel in aviation and astronautics





# Ionizing radiation of cosmic origin is **dangerous to the health of astronauts and aircraft crews** . The object of SRTI-BAS is its measurement and study.

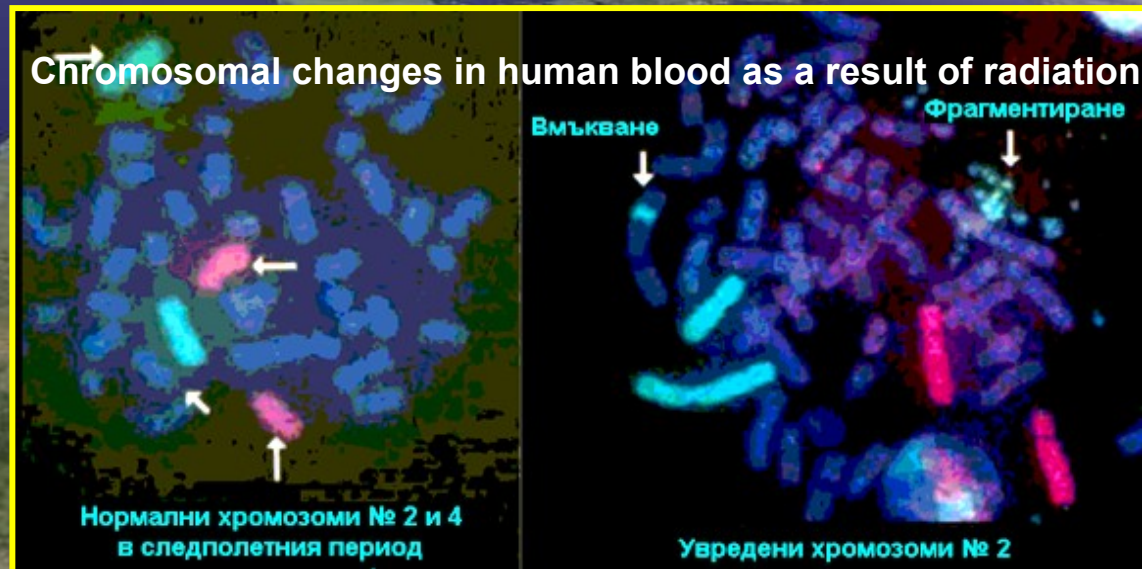
## Human body damages



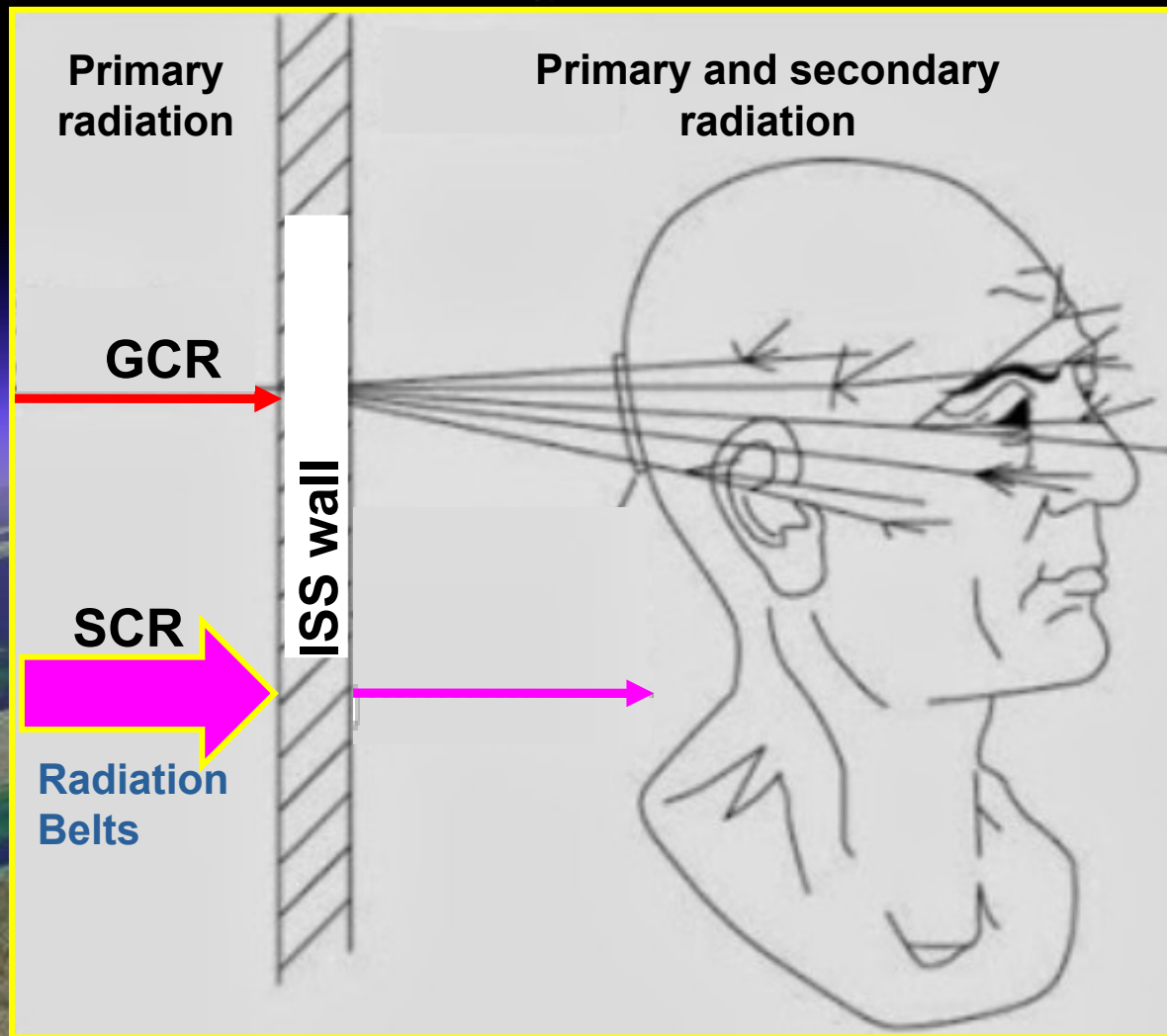
The increased **radiation background** for astronauts, crews and passengers of civil aircraft leads to events dangerous to their health in the short and long term.

In the short term, if the permissible dose is exceeded, they may develop **radiation sickness**, which can be fatal, and in the long term, they may develop so-called **late-stage cancer** , which can also lead to death.

Radiation risk is one of **the limiting factors** for future space flights to planets in the solar system, beyond it, and to stars.

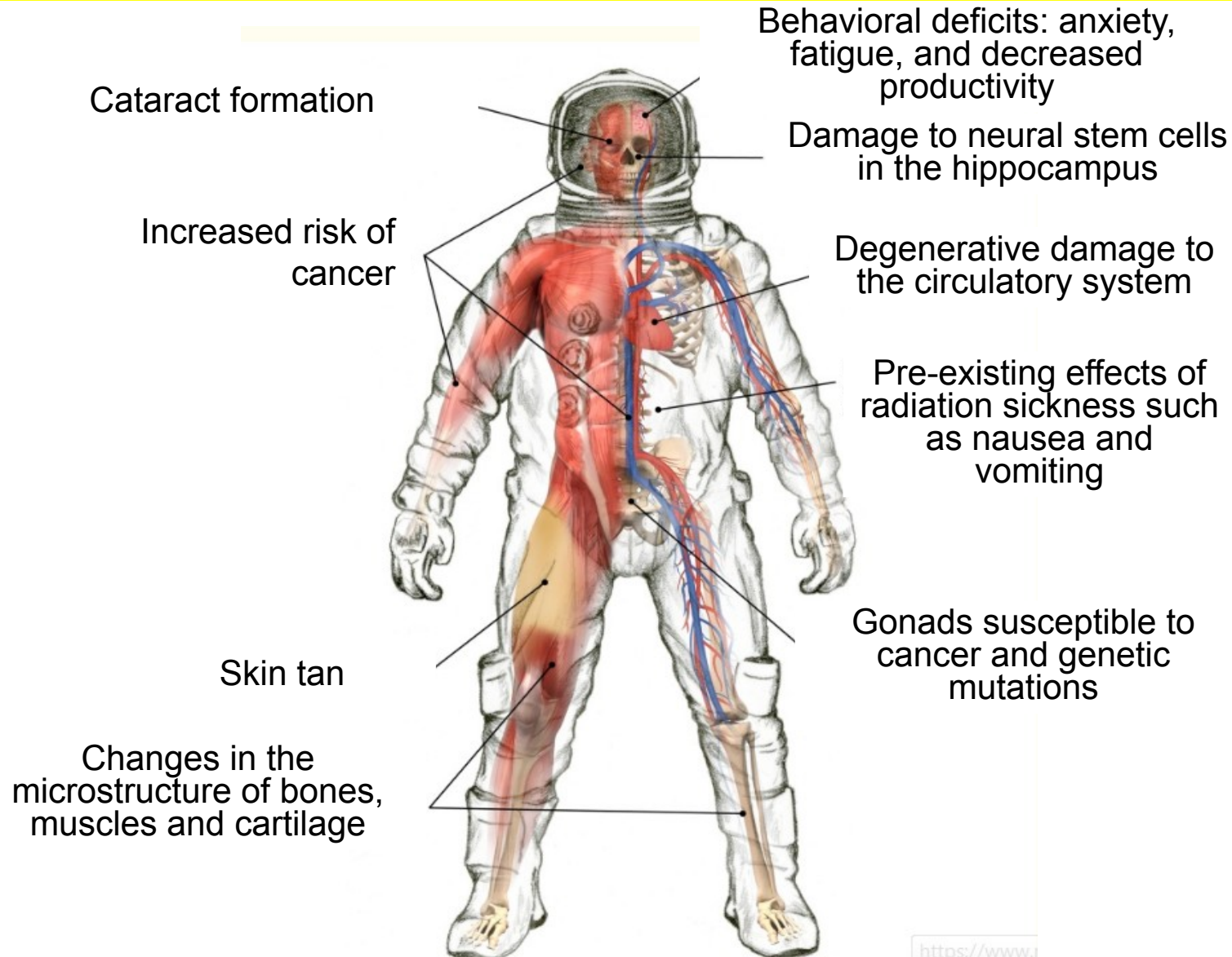


# Peculiarities of the passage of various sources of cosmic radiation through the wall of the International Space Station (ISS). GCR produce secondary radiation in the ISS walls





# Cosmic radiation affects multiple organs and physiological systems\*



\*<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4206856/>

Cosmic radiation is **a limiting factor** for the development of astronautics due to **its irreversible effects** on the central nervous system (CNS).

Research results so far show that the acute effects are:

1. Cognitive deficits in behavior, learning ability and operator functions, even at doses below 0.5 Sv ;
2. Stops the process of neuron regeneration;
3. Unique CNS changes are observed, reminiscent of those associated with aging;

Chronic effects are associated with **increased risk of Alzheimer's disease, dementia and premature aging.**

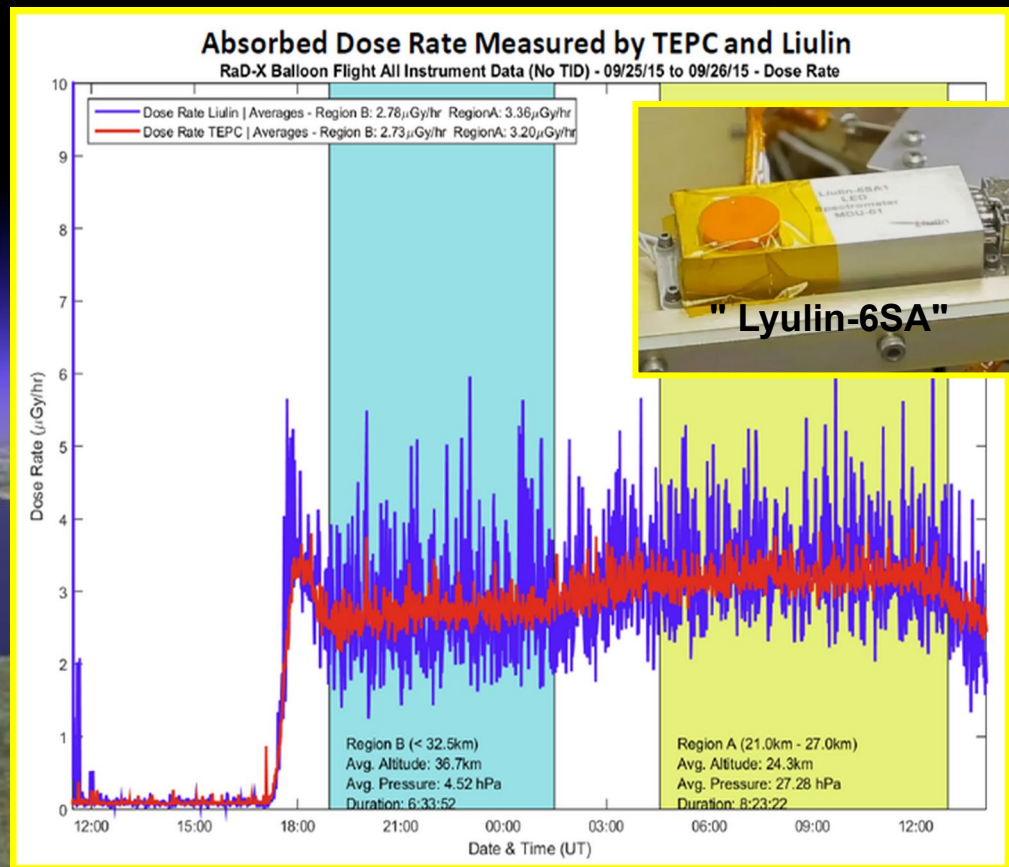
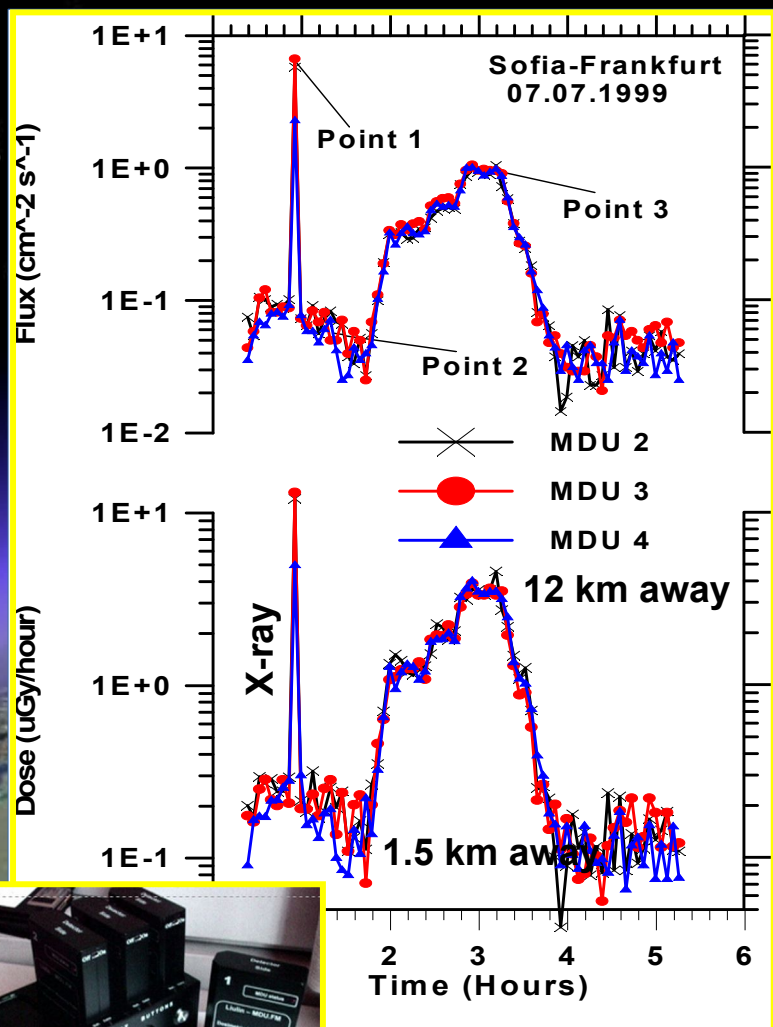




# Impact of GCR and SCR on the health of aviation personnel



# Dose and flux dynamics during airplane and stratospheric balloon flight

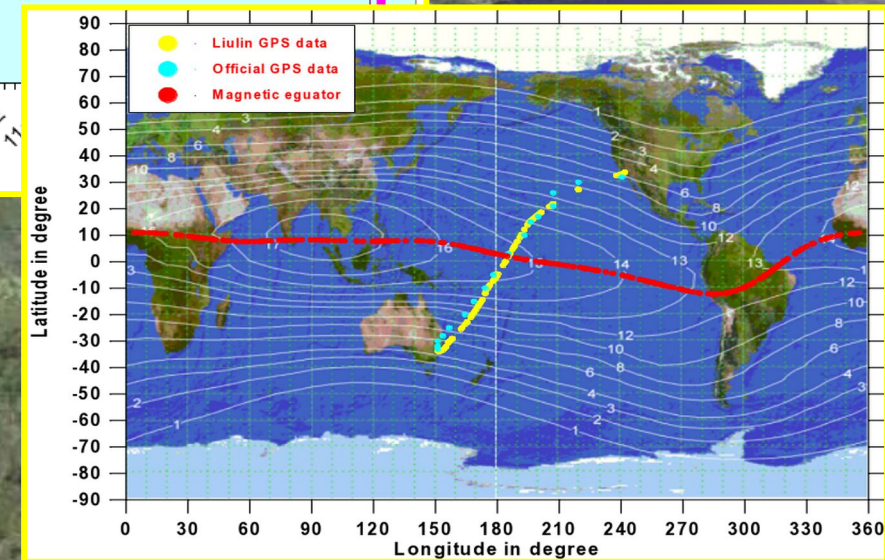
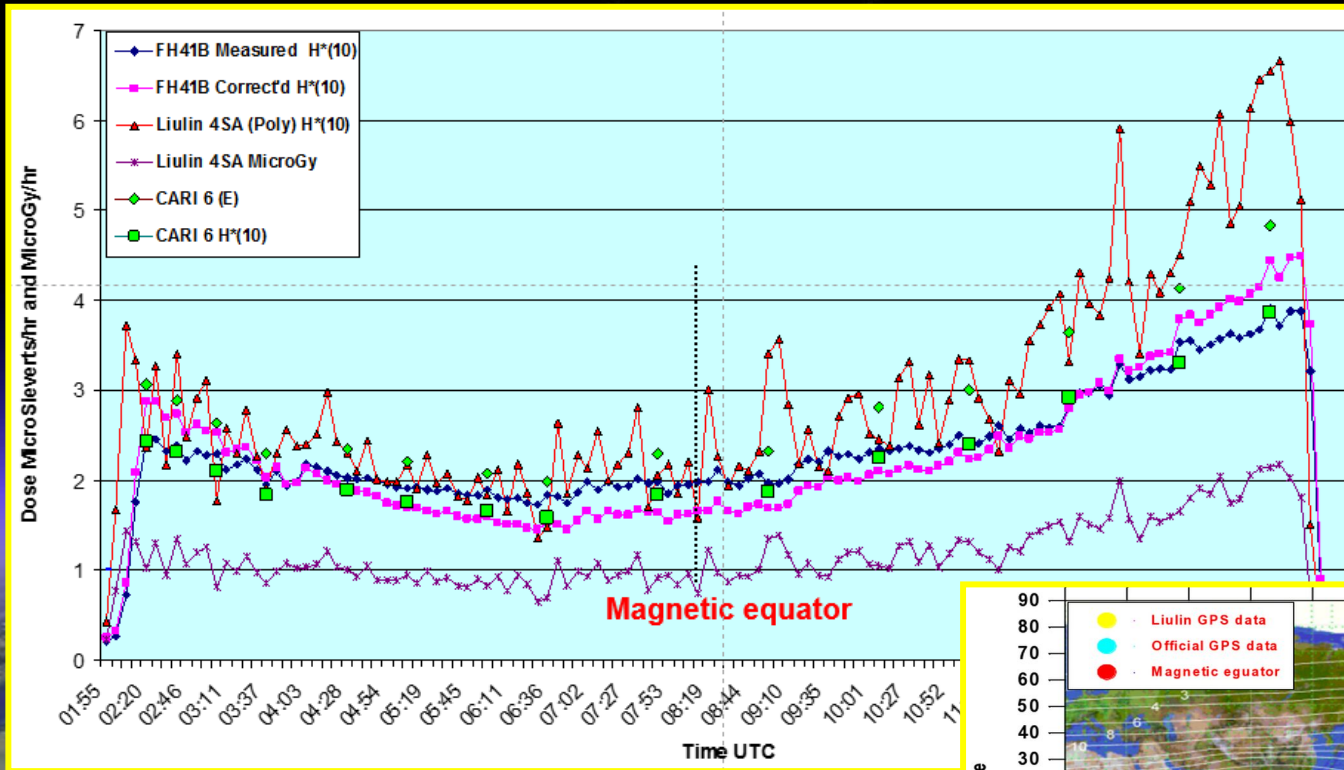


Comparison of data from a NASA balloon flight, obtained on 25.09.2015 from the instruments "Lyulin-6SA" and TEPC.

Dynamics of the dose and flux of cosmic radiation during an airplane flight, measured with 3 of the dosimeters of "Lyulin-E094"



# Comparison of data from the "Lyulin-4SA" instrument with the FH41B instrument and the CARI model for a flight of an aircraft of the Australian airline "Qantas" airlines from Sydney to Los Angeles on February 8, 2006.



# Some basic concepts in radiology

## Unit of radiation dose associated with health risk = Sievert (Sv)

- chest x-ray = 0.1 mSv;
- **Instant death > 3 S v.**

## ICRP recommended limits:

- Annual limit for a citizen <1 mSv;
  - Prenatal limit <1 mSv total; <0.5 mSv each month;
  - Annual limit for a radiation worker <20 mSv;
- (Aircraft crews are classified as radiation workers.)

## Typical exposure for airplane passengers:

- one international trip = 0.2 mSv (2 chest X-rays);
- 160,000 kilometers = 2 mSv (20 chest X-rays).

## Doses from solar storms at high latitudes

- January 2005 = 1 mSv;
- February 1956 = 5 mSv;
- Carrington 1859 = 20 mSv.



# Lethal doses of radiation [Gy]

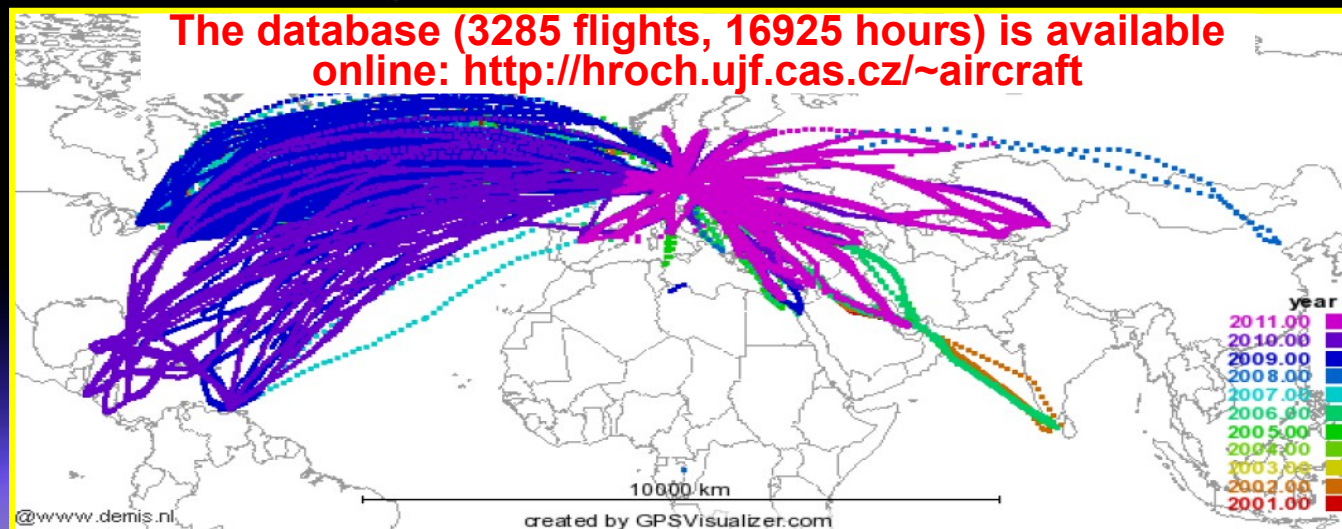
Lethal radiation doses [Gy]

	Lethal dose	LD <sub>50</sub>	LD <sub>100</sub>
Dog		3.5 (LD <sub>50/30 дни</sub> ) <sup>[4]</sup>	
Human	4 – 10 <sup>[5]</sup>	4.5 <sup>[6]</sup>	10 <sup>[7]</sup>
Rat		7.5	
Mouse	4.5 – 12	8.6 – 9	
Rabbit		8 (LD <sub>50/30 дни</sub> ) <sup>[4]</sup>	
Turtle		15 (LD <sub>50/30 дни</sub> ) <sup>[4]</sup>	
Goldfish		20 (LD <sub>50/30 дни</sub> ) <sup>[4]</sup>	
Escherichia Coli			60
Cockroach		64 <sup>[5]</sup>	
Mollusks		200 (LD <sub>50/30 дни</sub> ) <sup>[4]</sup>	
Fruit fly	640 <sup>[5]</sup>		
Ameba		1000 (LD <sub>50/30 дни</sub> ) <sup>[4]</sup>	
<i>Braconidae</i>	1800 <sup>[5]</sup>		
<i>Milnesium tardigradum</i>	5000 <sup>[8]</sup>		
<i>Deinococcus radiodurans</i>	15000 <sup>[5]</sup>		
<i>Thermococcus gammatolerans</i>	30000 <sup>[5]</sup>		

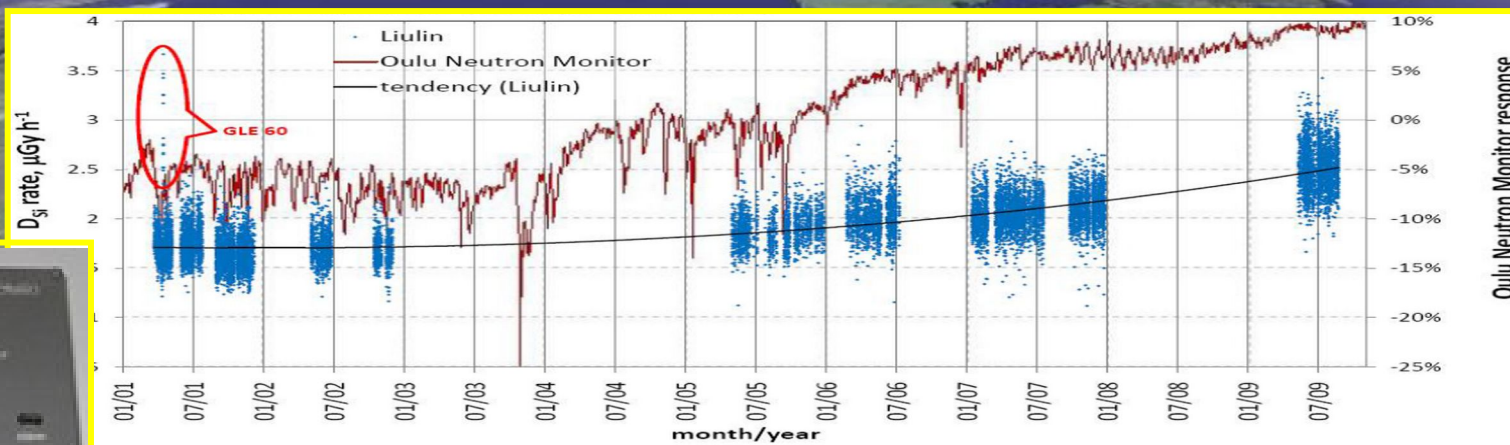
# Long-term dose monitoring during flights of aircraft (A310 and A320) of the Czech airline CSA, conducted by collaborators of the Institute of Nuclear Physics-CHAN, Prague



Prof. Dr. of Science  
F. Spurney



Flights of CSA aircraft (A310 and A330) from 2001 to 2011.



Comparison of measured doses on aircraft  
with data from the neutron monitor in Oulu, Finland.



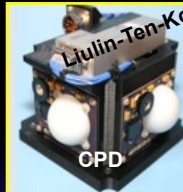


# **Most significant results and contributions of SRTI-BAS in space experiments for measuring cosmic radiation**



# Main scientific goals of the 16 past experiments with Lyulin?

1. Monitoring of variations in the flux and dose rate from GCR, SCR, radio belts in near-Earth and interplanetary space.
2. Using data in models;



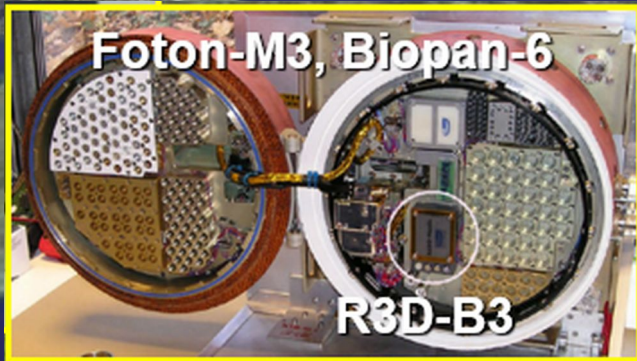
**Around the Earth**

**On a rocket**

**In the interstitial space**

**7 experiments out of 16**

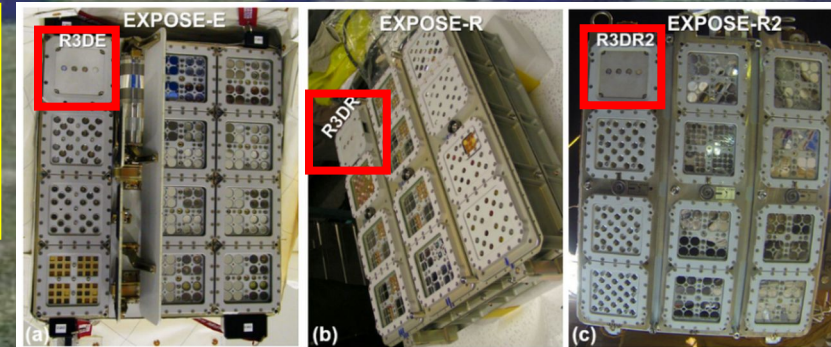
3. Support biological and chemical experiments with up-to-date information on the history of dose accumulation. Monitoring of dose variations.



**Foton-M2/3, BION-M1, Foton-M4**



**ISS, Liulin-5**



**9 experiments out of 16**

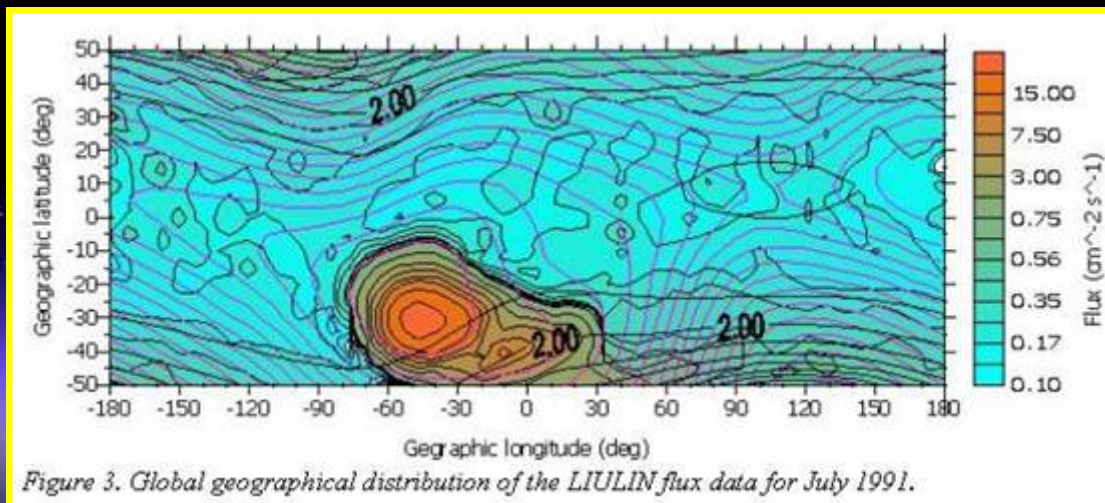
**ISS, Expose-E/R/R2**



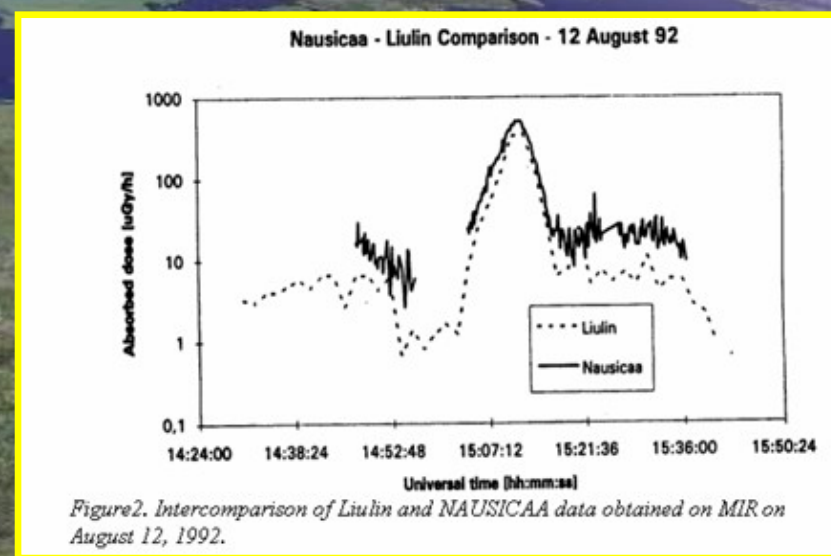
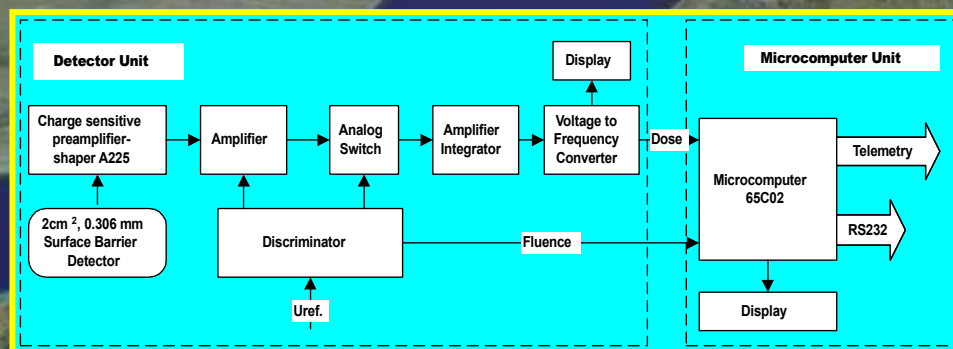
# The topic was created in 1986 in connection with the scientific program of the second Bulgarian cosmonaut - Alexander Alexandrov . "Lyulin" worked at the Mir station from 1988 to 1994



Detector unit  
104x40x20 mm  
Weight 0.095 kg



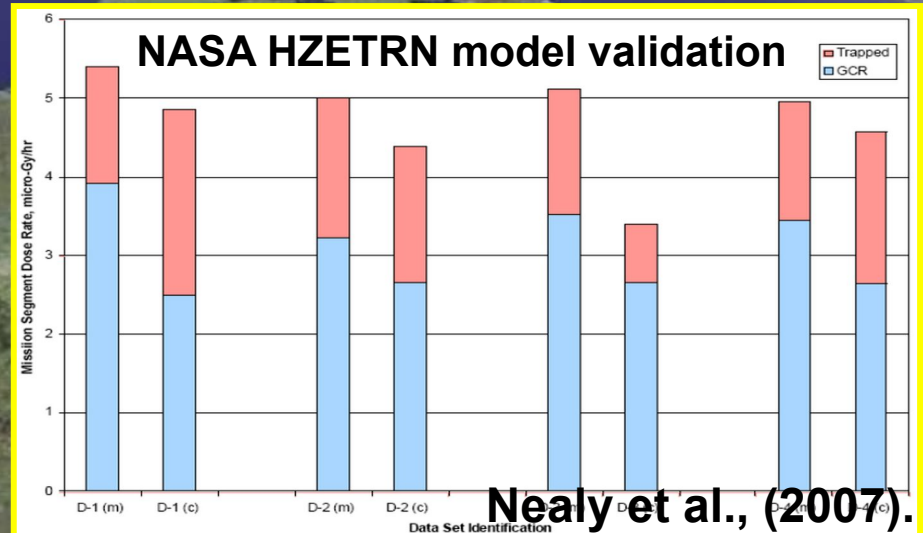
Control unit :  
300x220x170mm  
Weight : 10.5 kg



The first "Lyulin" - 1988

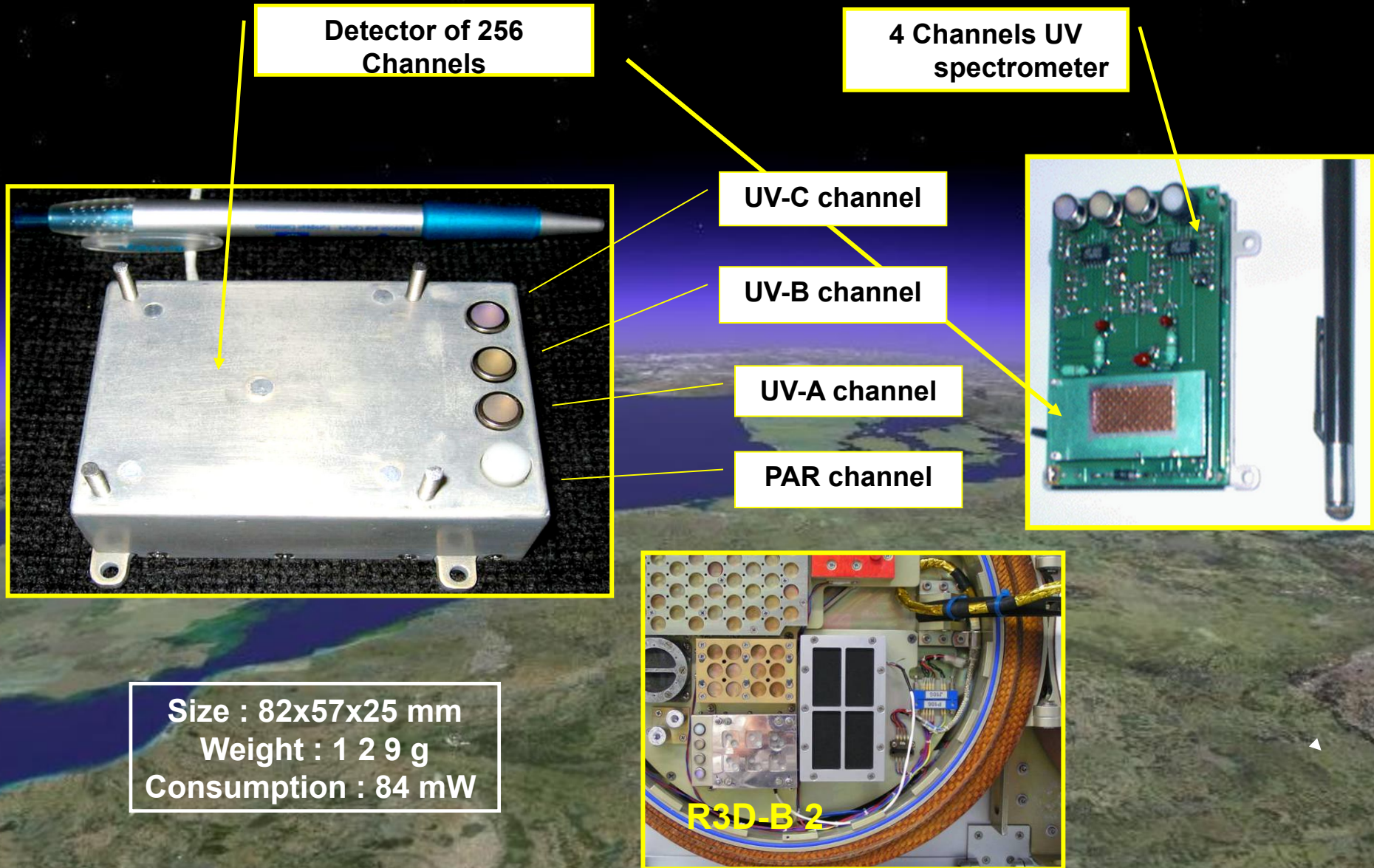


The device "Liulin-E094" was created under the ESA program. It was successfully used in **the American laboratory module of the ISS** from May to July 2001 as part of **the German experiment "Dosimetric mapping"**

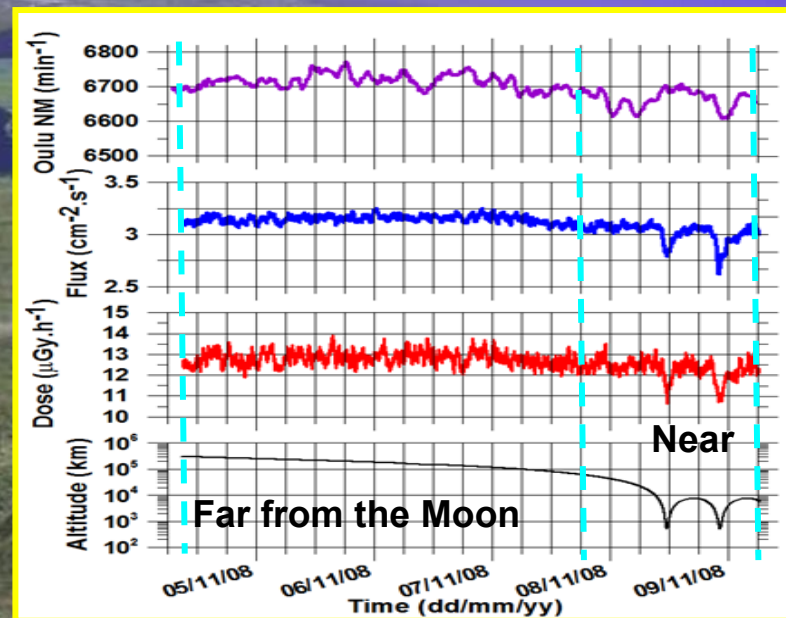
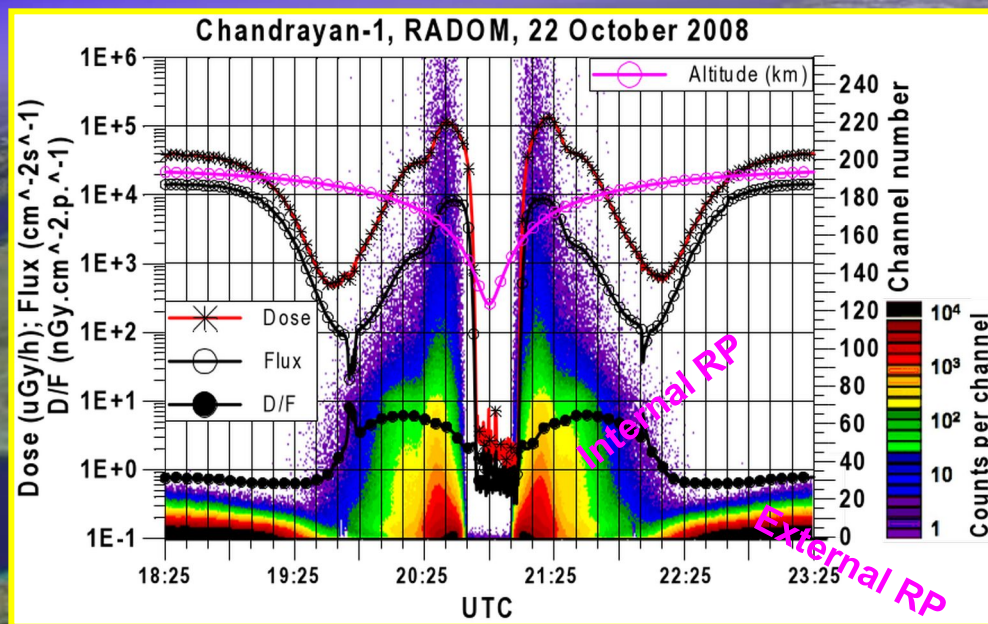
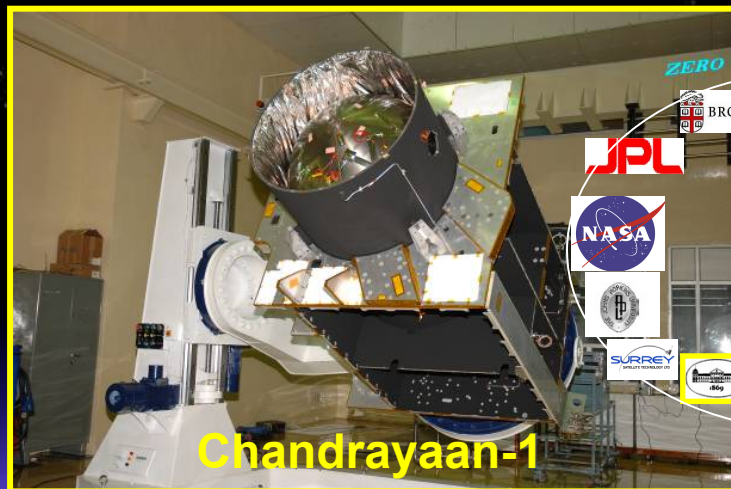




The R3D-B2/B3 instruments for ESA's Biopan 5/6 platforms operated outside the Foton M2/M3 satellites in 2005 and 2007. The spectrometers were developed in collaboration with the University of Erlangen, Germany.

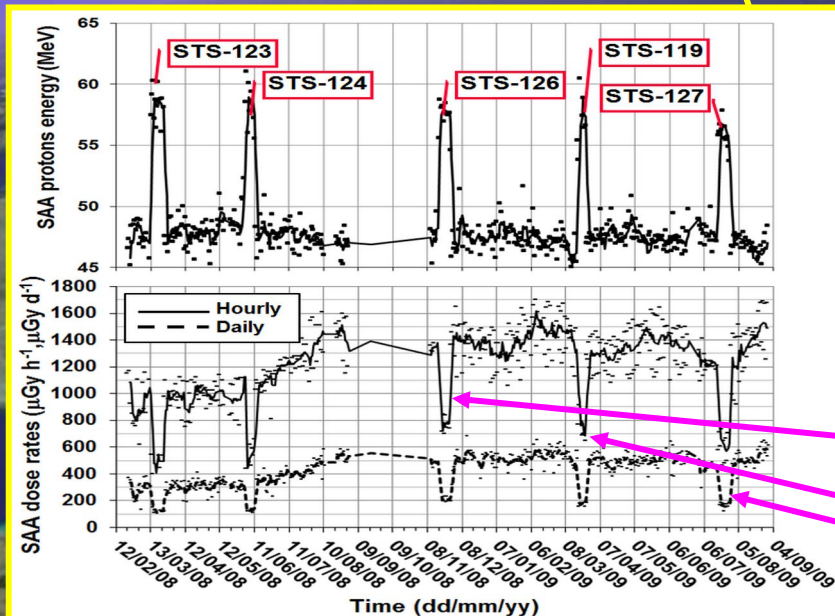
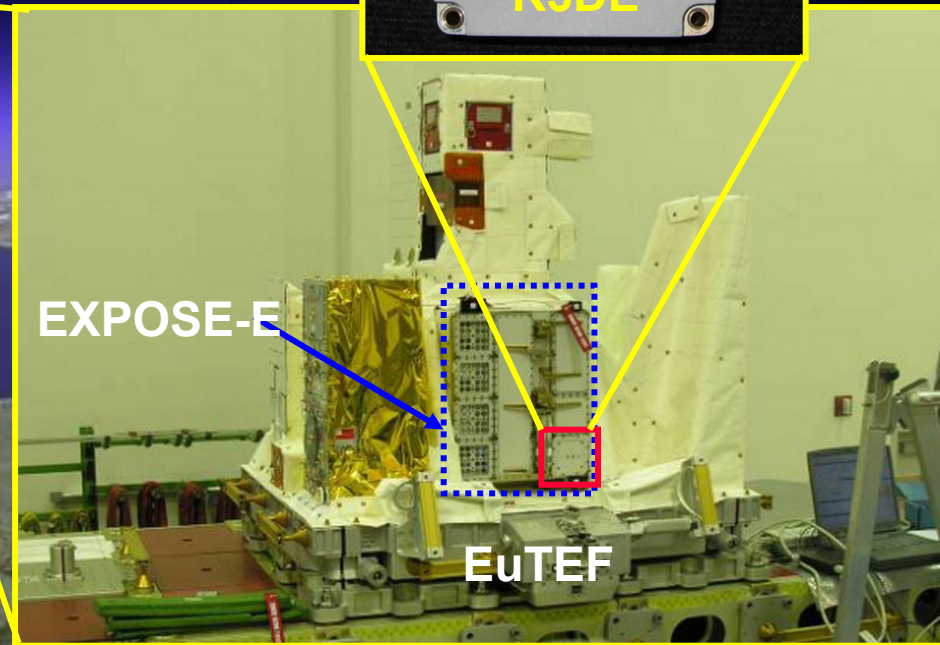
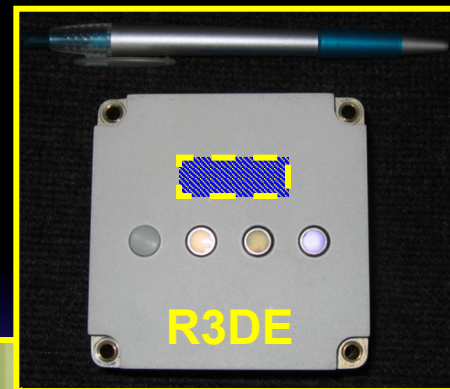


# The RADOM spectrometric instrument operated on India's first lunar satellite, Chandrayaan-1, in 2008-2009.





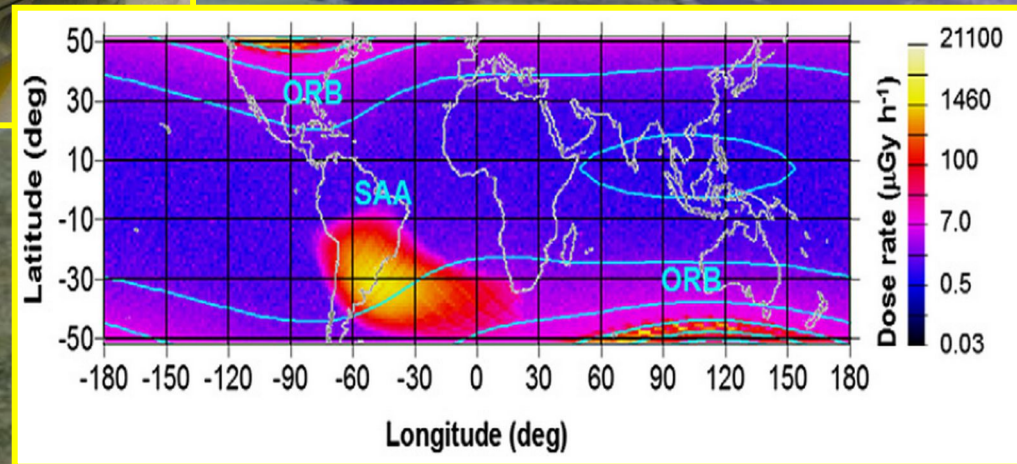
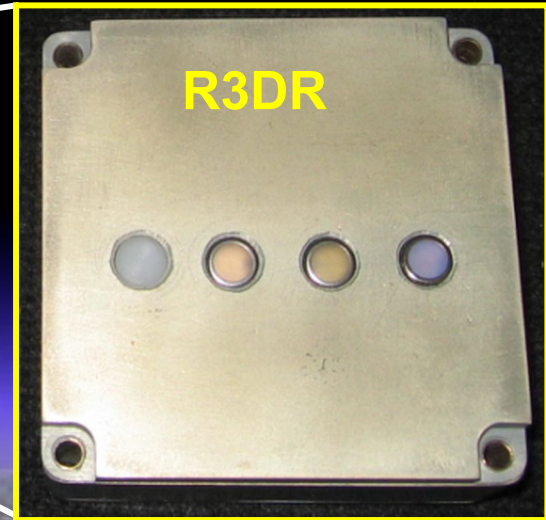
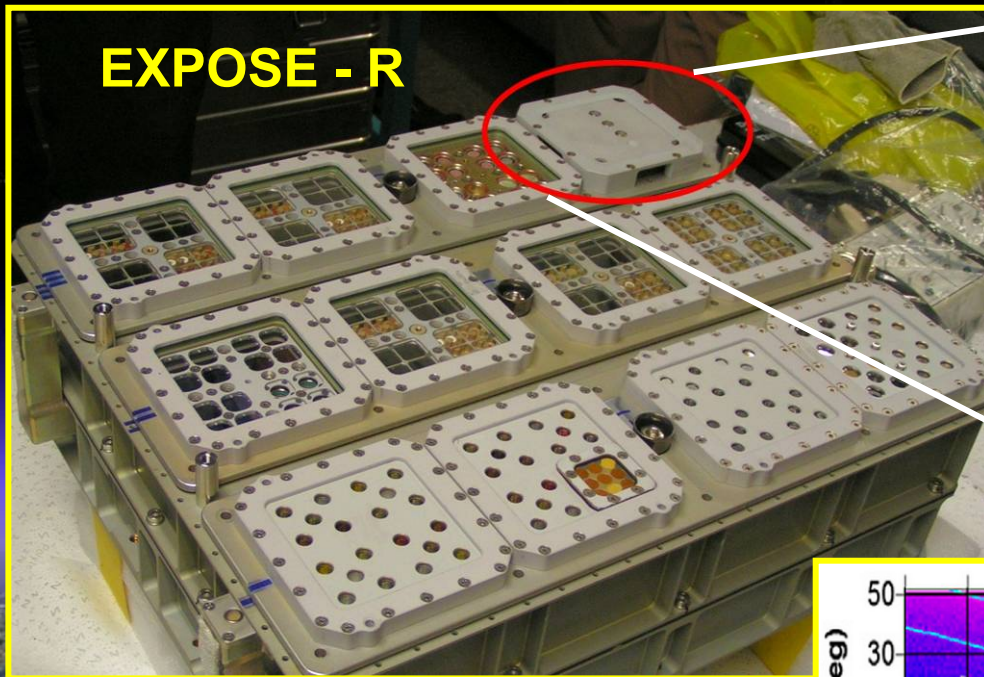
# R3DE instrument on ESA's EXPOSE-E platform is operating on the Columbus module of the ISS from 2008 to 2009.



Dachev et al., (2011) found dose reductions during the docking of the US space shuttle with the ISS.



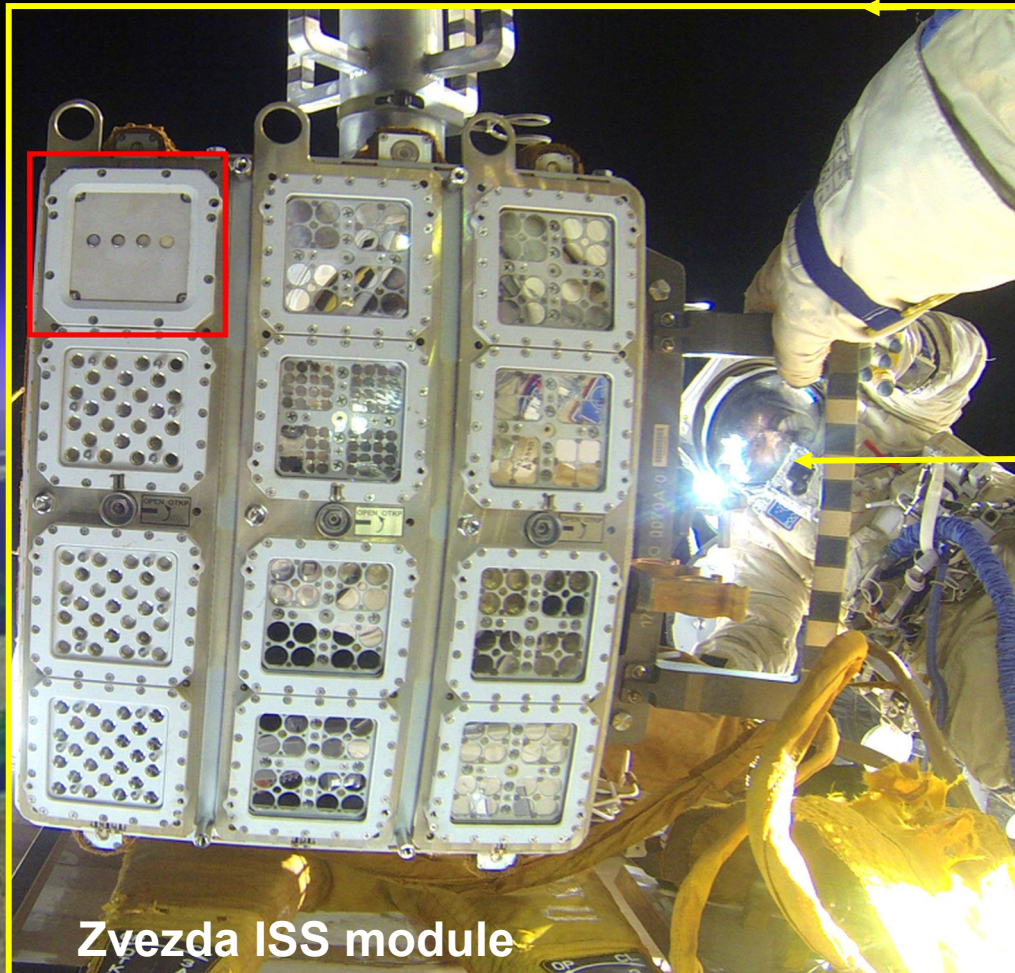
# The R3DR instrument operated on ESA's EXPOSE-R platform from 2009 to 2010.





# The R3DR2 instrument (in the red square) operated on the ISS from 2014 to 2016.

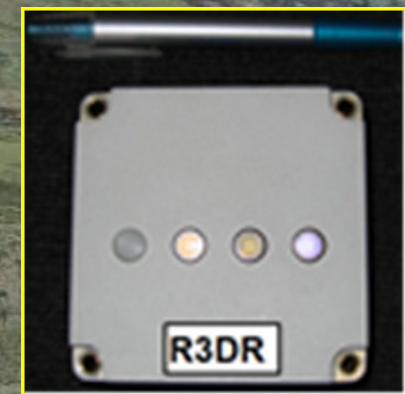
*(The photo was taken by the Russian Cosmonaut G. Padalka on August 15, 2015 during a walk outside the ISS to inspect the EXPOSE-R2 platform outside the ISS Zvezda module (Picture credit of ESA/RKA))*



**Hand of Padalka**

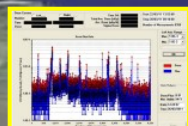
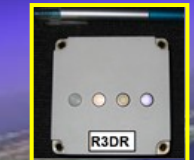
**The astronaut M. Kornienko**

**Zvezda ISS module**





# Interesting facts about Lyulin utensils



1. **Three instruments were lost in failed launches:** RADIUS-MD on Mars-96 (1996 d.) , R3D-B 1 on Foton-M 1 (2002) and Liulin-F on Phobos-Grunt (2011);
2. **The longest-operating devices** are the Musala device **from 2005 to date** and the Jungfrau peak, Switzerland, from 2005 to 2016 ;
3. **The longest-running spacecraft in space without interruption is "Lyulin-5"** – from 2007 to 2015;
4. **This device has flown 3 times in space** - on satellites: Foton-M 3 (2007), BION-M #1 (2013) and Foton-M1 (2014);
4. **This device has flown 2 times** on the ISS (2009-2010 and from October 2014 to January 16, 2016;
5. **The most intriguing data are from the flights** of the American "spy" plane U2 . ( 2001 ) and dose monitoring at the damaged Japanese nuclear power plant "Fukushima" (2011);
6. **Most significantly, the data** from Liulin- E094 were used for verification of the AP-9 model ( Badavi, 2014 );
7. **The first instrument in orbit around the Moon** - RADOM, 2008 ;
8. **The furthest one is "Lyulin-MO"** - in orbit around Mars.



# Most significant technological result:

With the new measurement methodology and modern technologies, a significant reduction in the weight and size of the instruments has been achieved. Higher measurement accuracy has been achieved.

## 1987

Detector unit :

Size : 40x100x160mm

Weight : 0.49 kg

Control unit :

Size : 300x220x170 mm

Weight : 10.5 kg

Consumption: 15 W



## 2007

Detector block + Control block :

Size : 104x40x20 mm

Weight reduced 116 times to : 0.095 kg

Consumption reduced 1000 times to : 0.015 W





## Most significant contribution:

For 30 years, the unknown device **"Lyulin"**  
has become a **"trademark"** of the **Bulgarian Academy of  
Sciences** ,

which is used by scientific teams in:

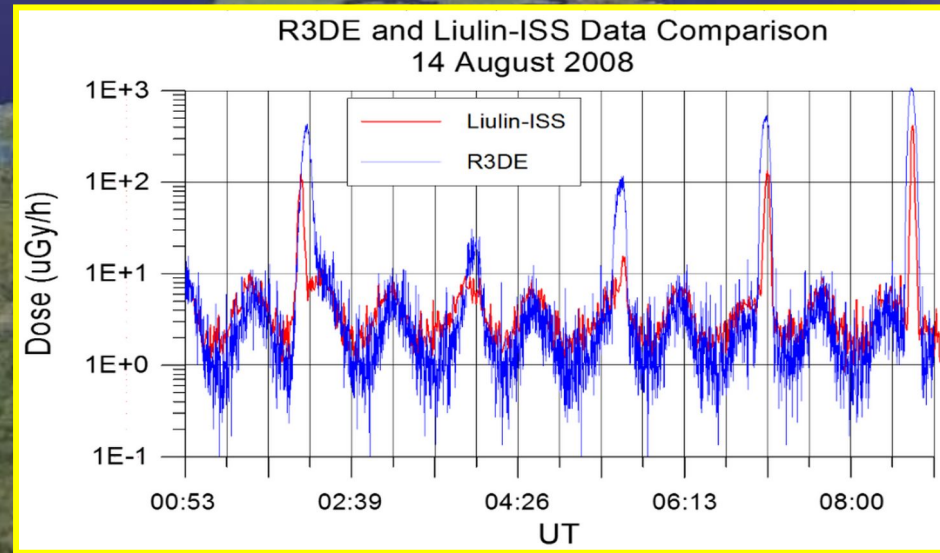
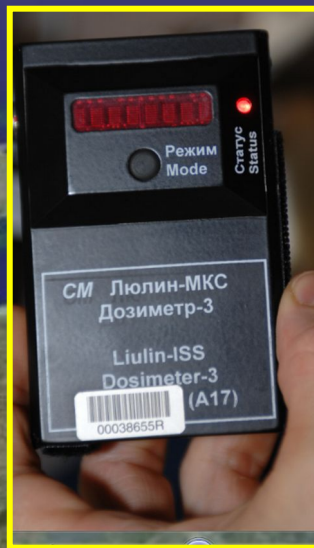
**Japan, USA, Russia, Germany, France, Canada, Spain, Italy,  
Austria, Australia, Poland, South Korea, Czech Republic,  
Brazil, etc.**



# Ongoing experiments with "Lyulin" type utensils

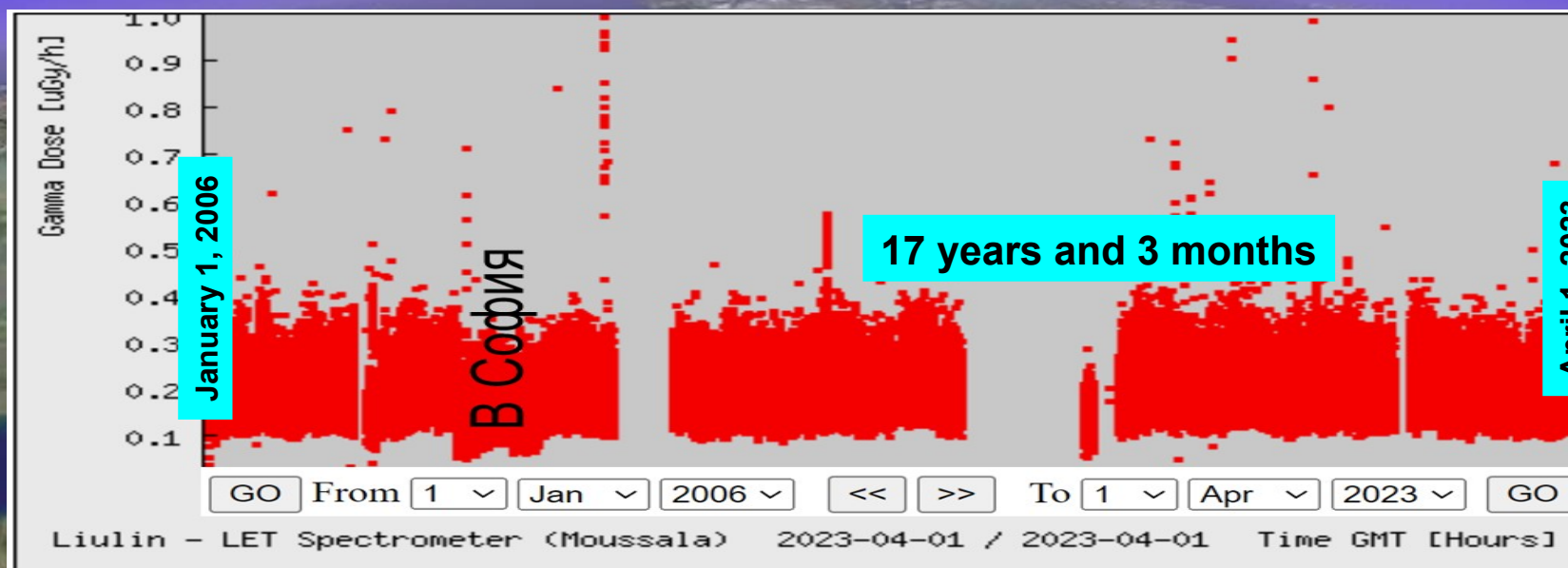


The Lyulin-ISS instrument has been operating intermittently in the Russian segment of the International Space Station **since 2005**.



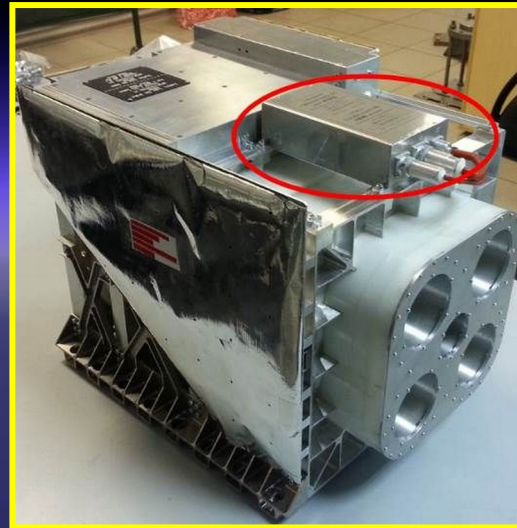


# The Internet device "Lyulin-6MV" has been operating at the "Musala" Base Station of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering-BAS since 2006.



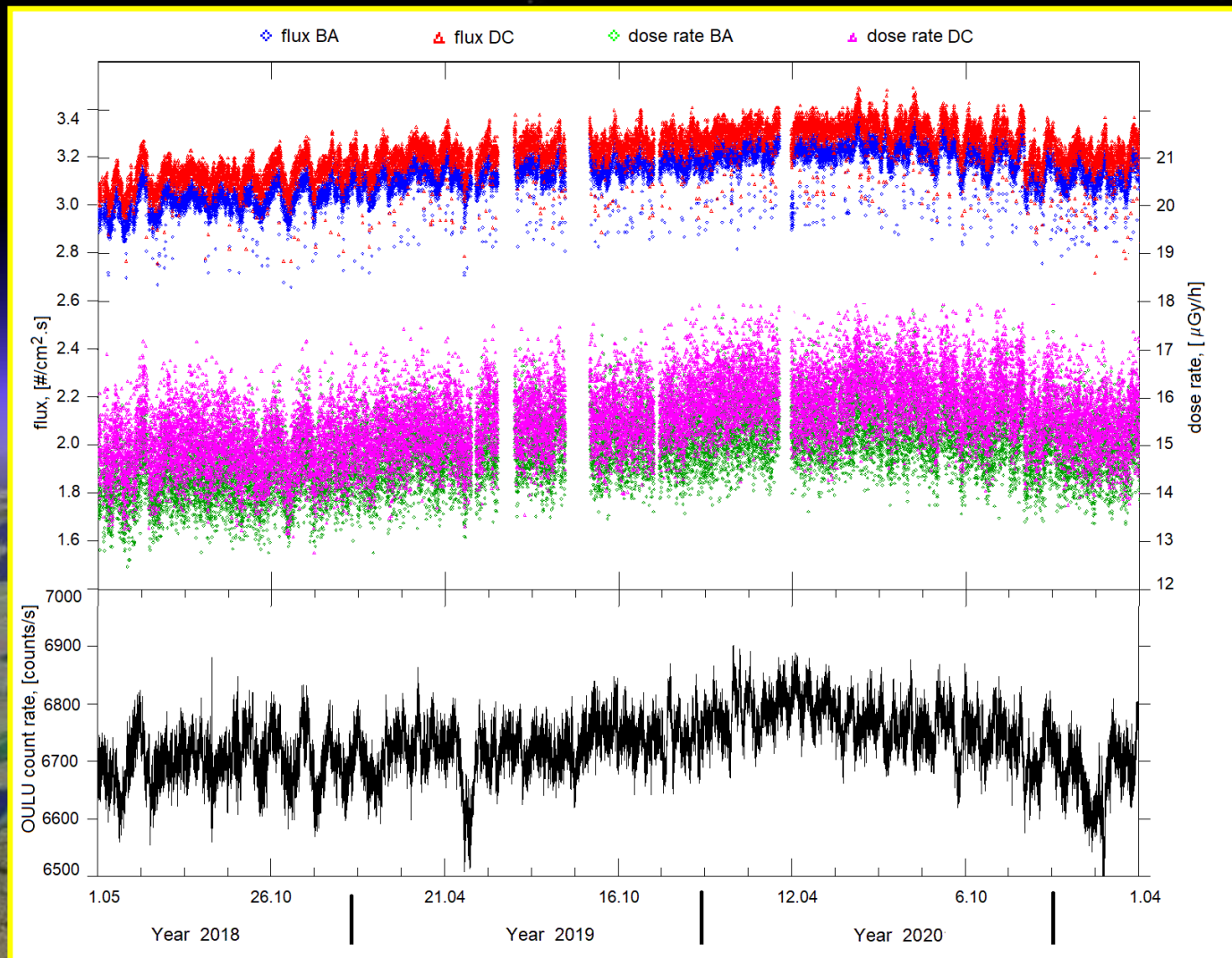
<http://beo-db.inrne.bas.bg/moussala/index.php>

On the ExoMars-TGO orbital station, since **March 14, 2016**, the Russian neutron detector "Friend" has been operating the Lyulin-MO instrument . It is currently active in a circular orbit at an altitude of 400 km above the surface of Mars

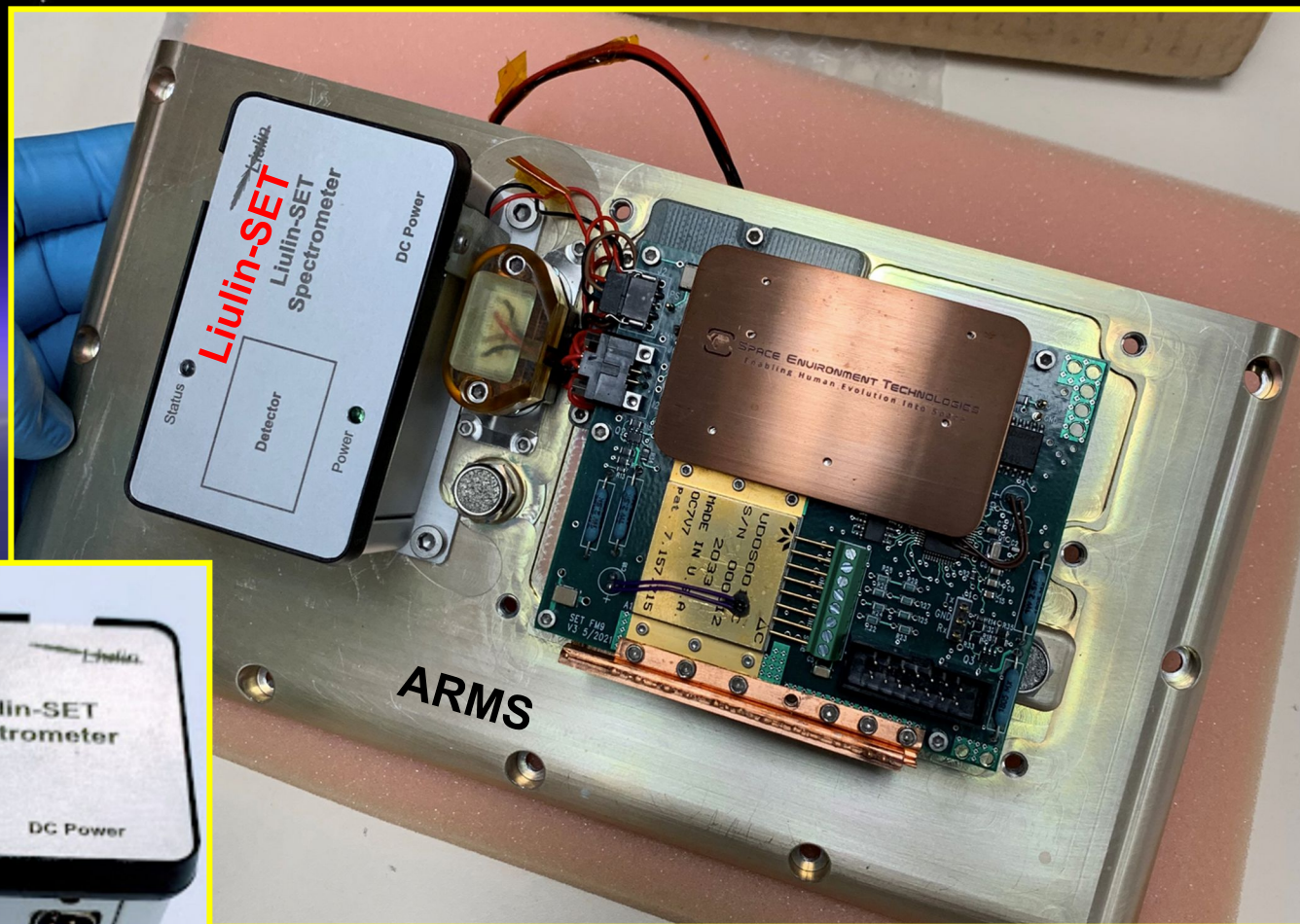




# Results of the comparison of the measured flux and dose of galactic cosmic rays with the Lyulin-MO instrument and the neutron monitor in Oulu for the period May 1, 2018-March 31, 2021

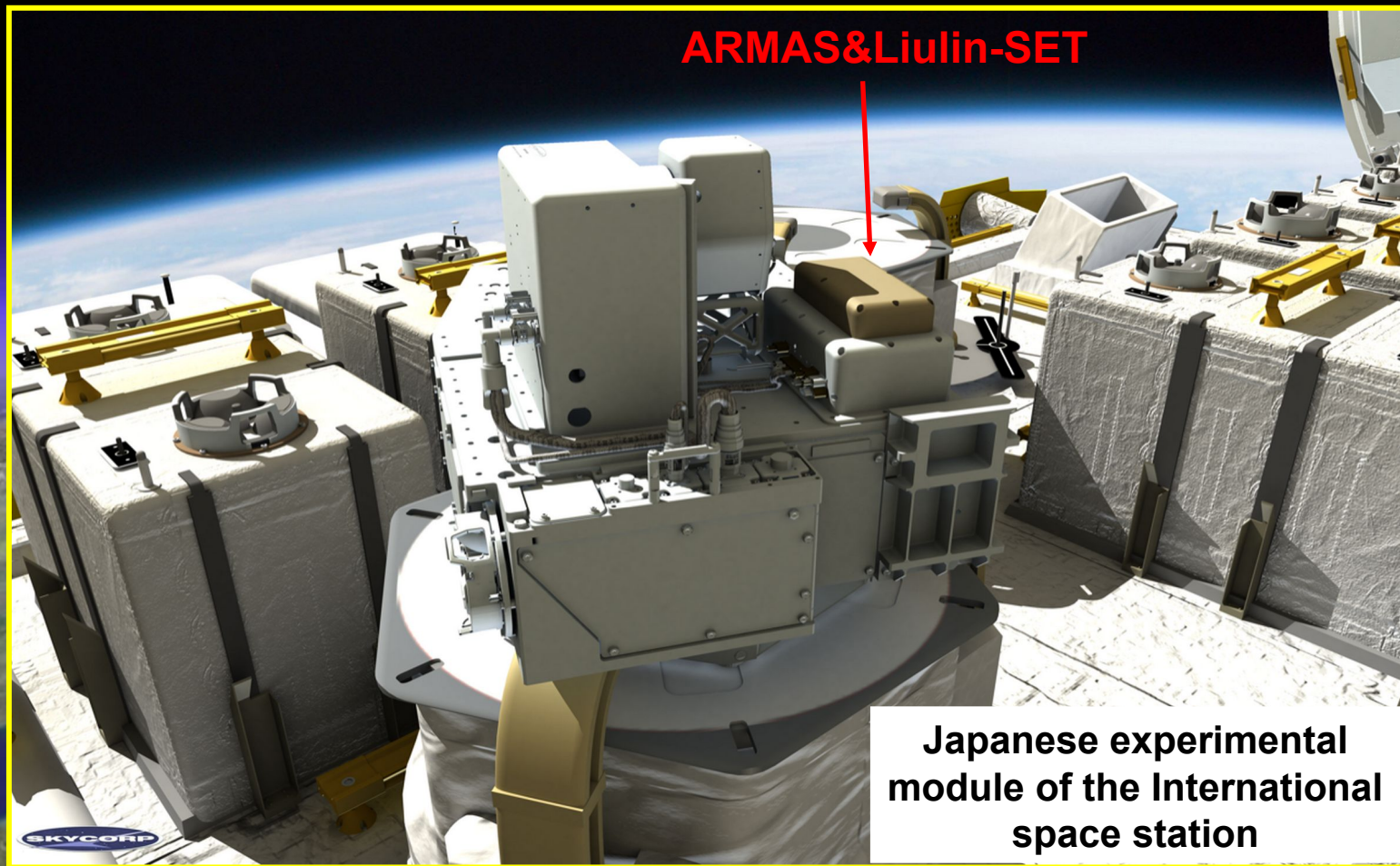


The Liulin-SET instrument was created by order of the American company "Space Technologies" and is part of the ARMS module. After successful tests, it will operate on the International Space Station (ISS) from March to December 2022.



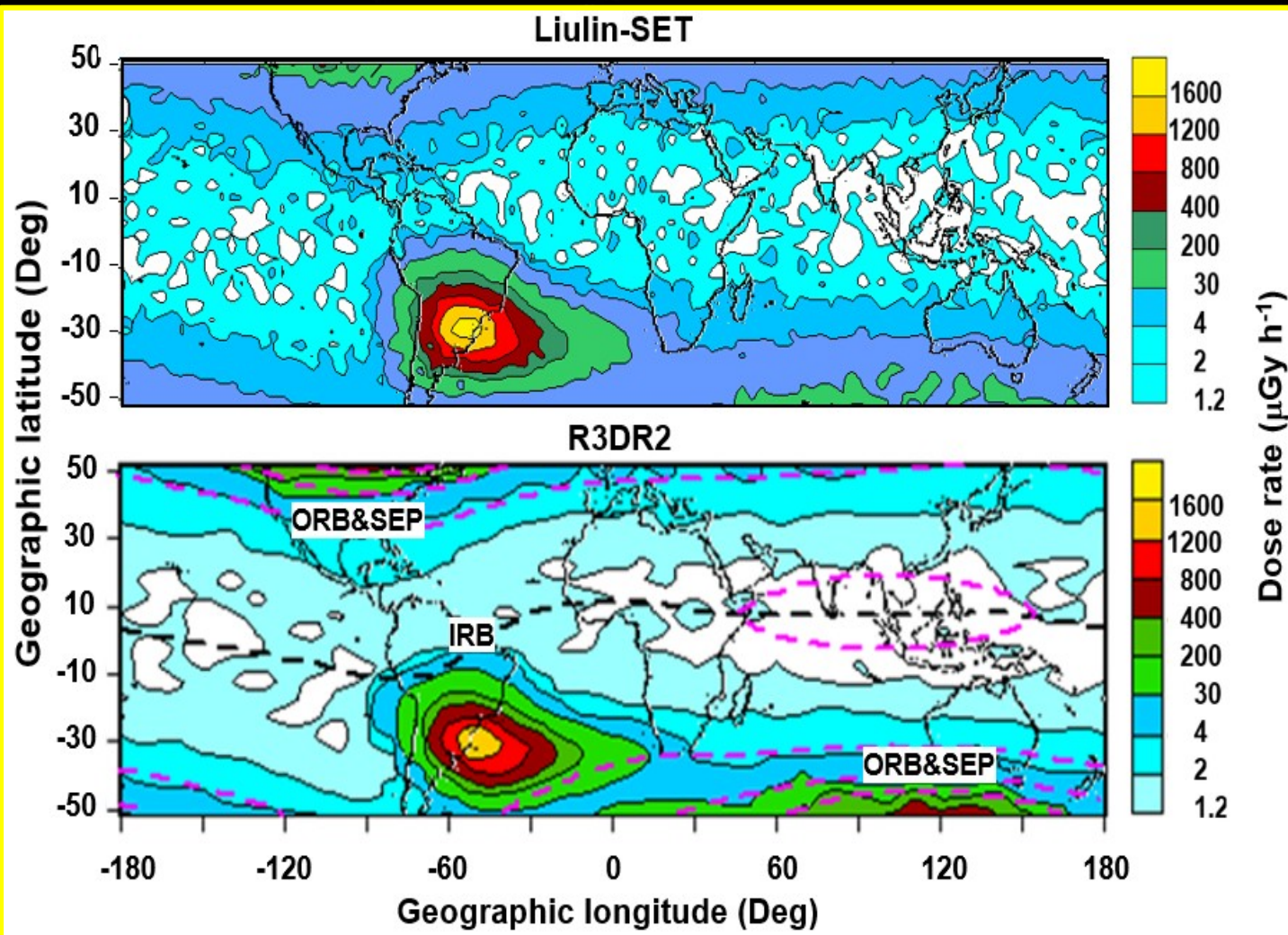


The ARMAS module and its included Liulin-SET simultaneously measure the cosmic radiation dose on the Japanese Experimental Module between **March 3 and November 9, 2022** . It was returned to Earth and some results are shown on the next slide



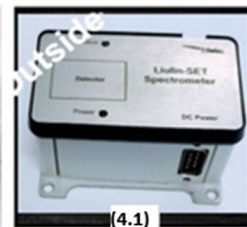


# Global distribution of the IRB and ORB doses measured with Liulin-SET and R3DR2 Instruments in 2022 and 2015

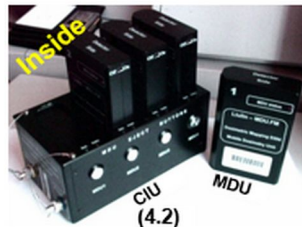




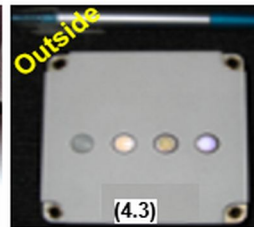
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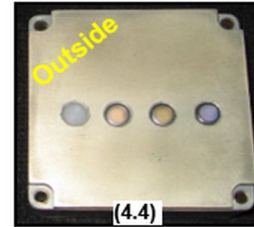
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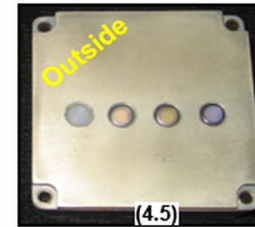
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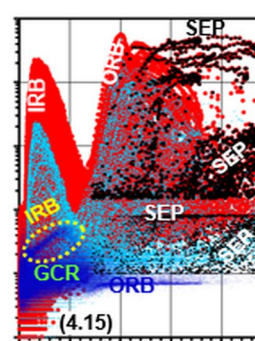
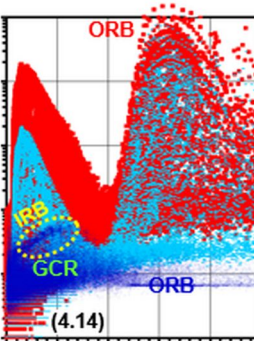
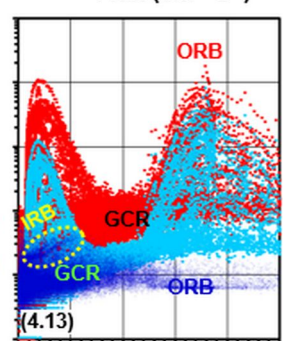
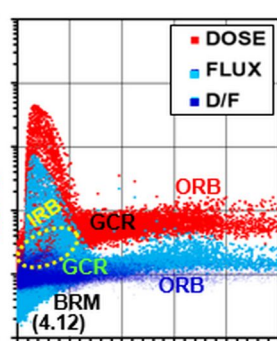
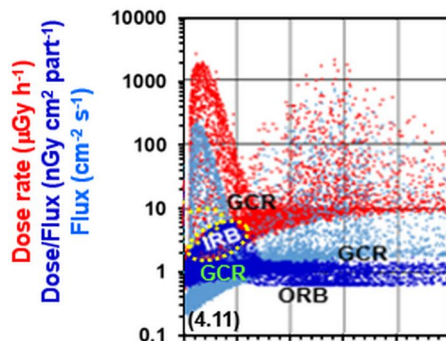
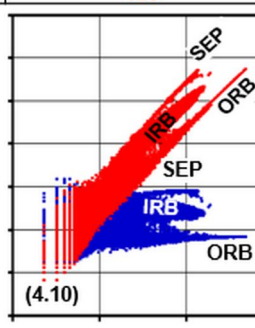
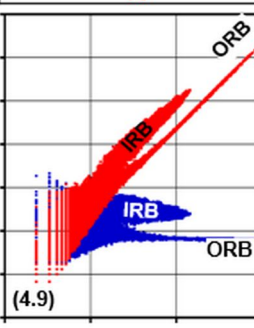
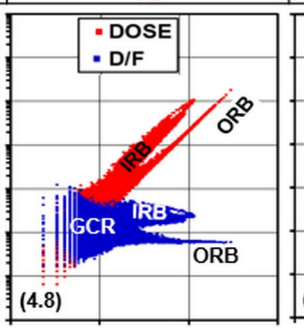
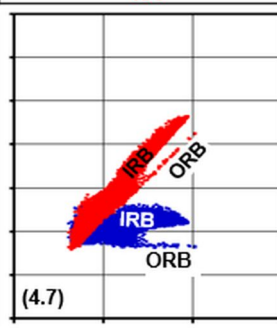
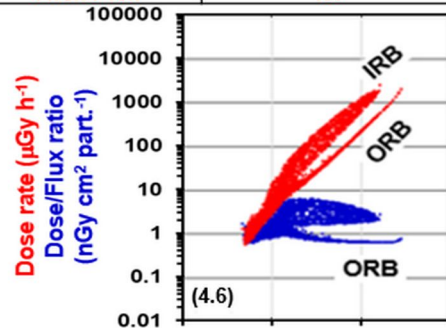


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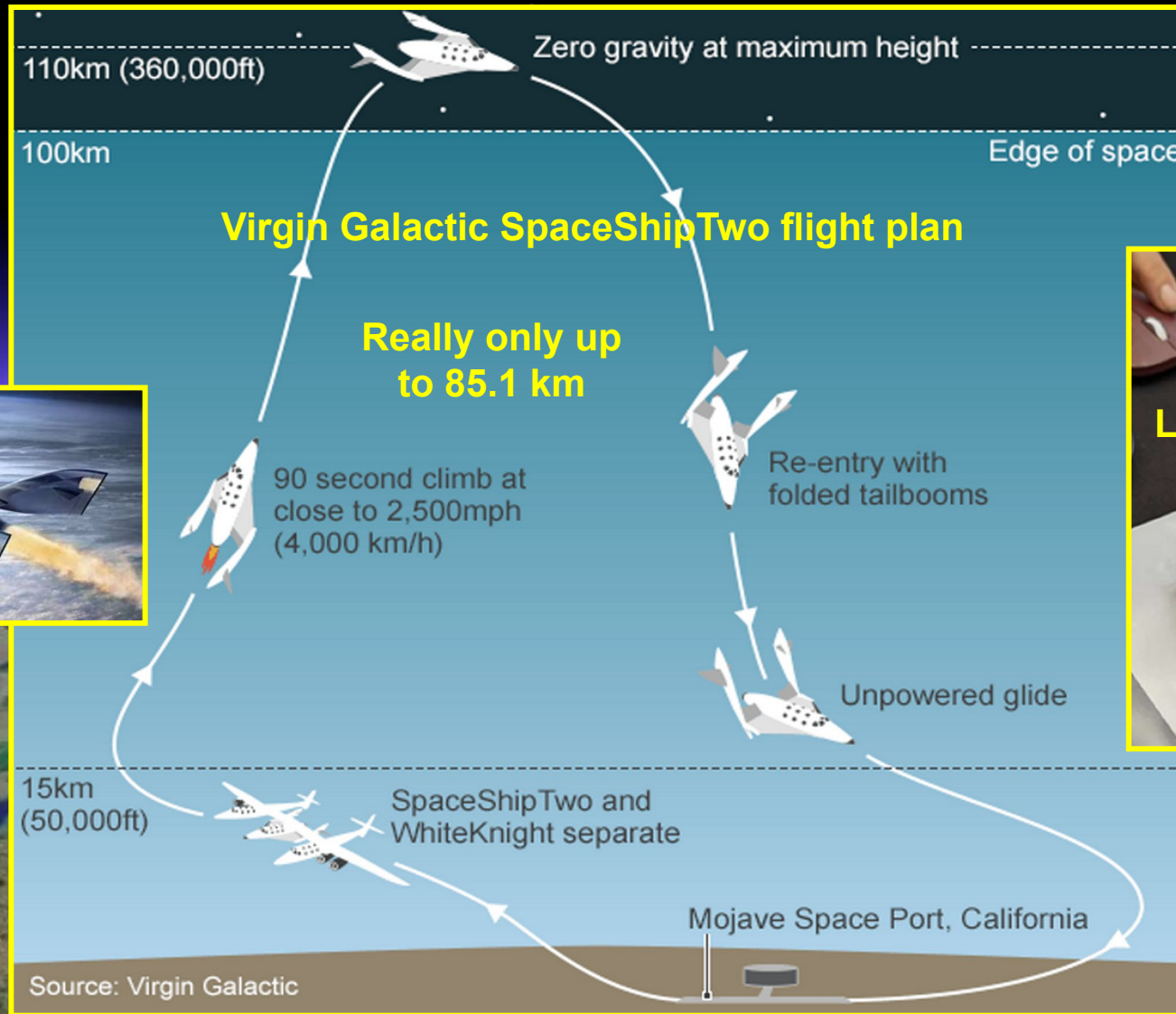
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Position	Outside Jap. Exp. Module of ISS	Inside Amer. Lab. Module and NODE-1 of ISS	In ESA EXPOSE-E facility outside Russian Seg. of ISS	In ESA EXPOSE-R facility outside Rus. Seg. of ISS	In ESA EXPOSE-R2 facility outside Rus. Seg. of ISS
Time, Aver alt.	2 Sept.-17 Oct. 400 km	11 May - 25 July 2001, 400 km	12 -20 March 2008, 347 km	1-10 April 2010, 352 km	21-30 June 2015, 407 km
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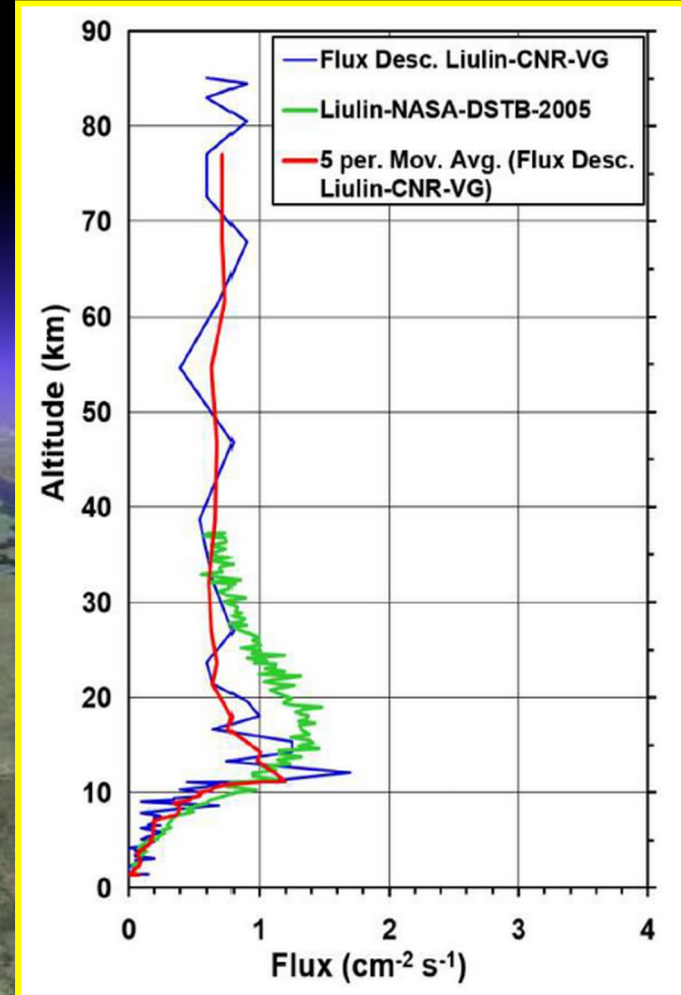
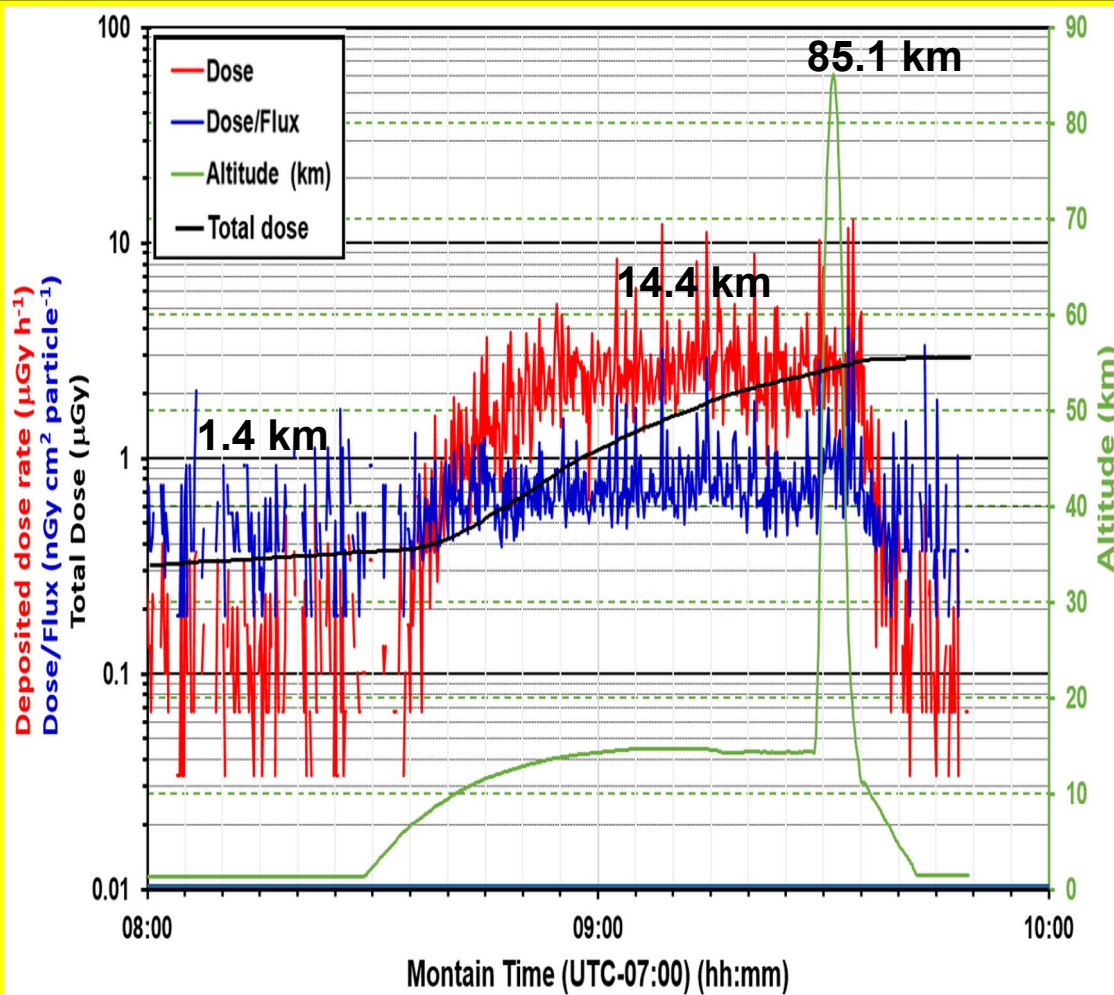
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The Liulin-CNR-VG instrument was developed under a cooperation agreement between the Institute of Space Research (ICSR) and the Italian National Research Council (CNR). The instrument was used to measure the cosmic radiation dose during a Virgin Galactic flight at altitudes of up to 86 km on April 29, 2023.





# Space radiation measured during first-ever commercial suborbital mission on Virgin Galactic SpaceShipTwo Unity on 29 June 2023

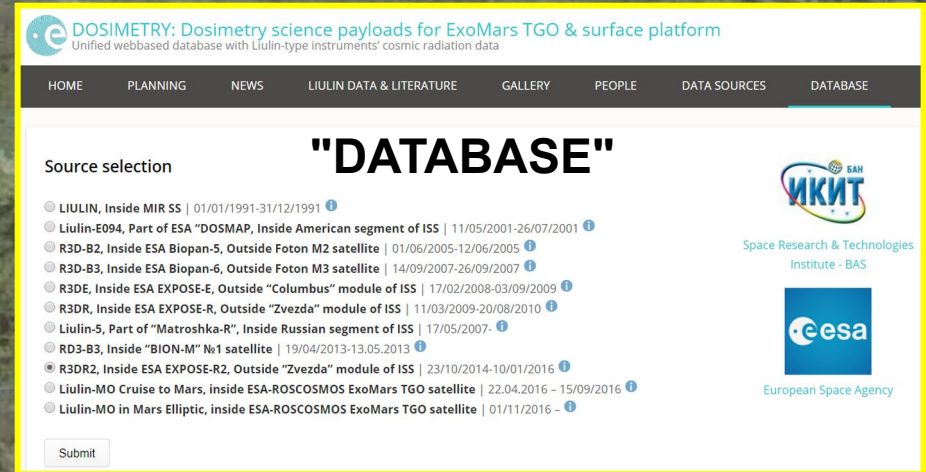


Data from **10 Lyulin-type instruments** are available online in a database with **free access for all interested parties**.

During the implementation of a contract with ESA (<http://esa-pro.space.bas.bg/>) in 2016-2018, a unified database was developed for cosmic radiation measured with the "Lyulin" type instrument in the period 1991-2018. The database provides for two separate options:

The first, called "DATA SOURCES" ( <http://esa-pro.space.bas.bg/datasources> ), downloads data files in CSV format to the user's computer.

The second, called "DATABASE" ( <http://esa-pro.space.bas.bg/database> ) allows selection and visualization of data in vector, JPEG and PDF format.





# Future space experiments with "Lyulin" type utensils



# Bulgarian scientists have a long lasting fruitful collaboration with Japanese scientists.

For example:

The calibration results obtained with Liulin-4J spectrometer–dosimeter on protons and heavy ions in at the National Institute of Radiological Sciences cyclotron and HIMAC heavy ion synchrotron facilities by Dr. Yukio Uchihori in 2002 (Uchihori et al. 2002) and his team was used in all Liulin type instruments developed in Space Research and Technology Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences;

Japanese colleagues use 16 Liulin type spectrometers–dosimeters in their scientific research.

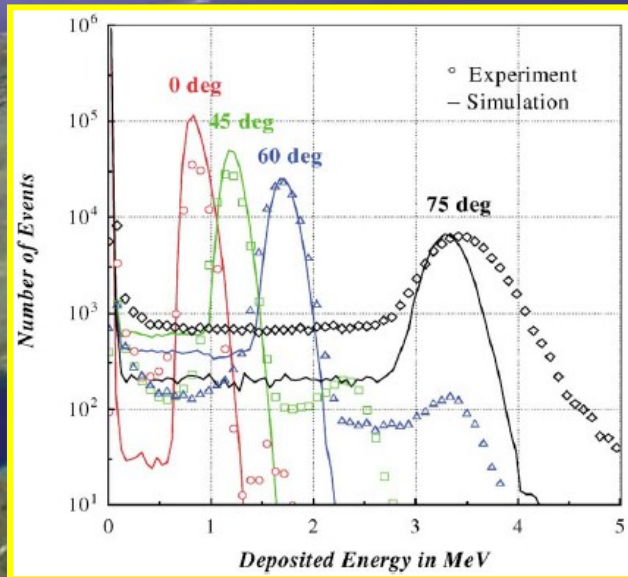
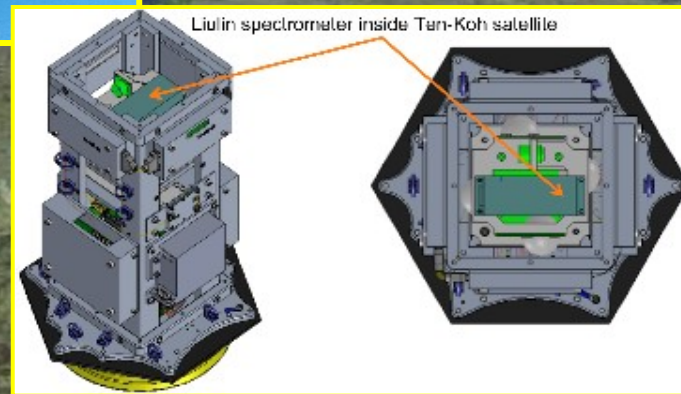
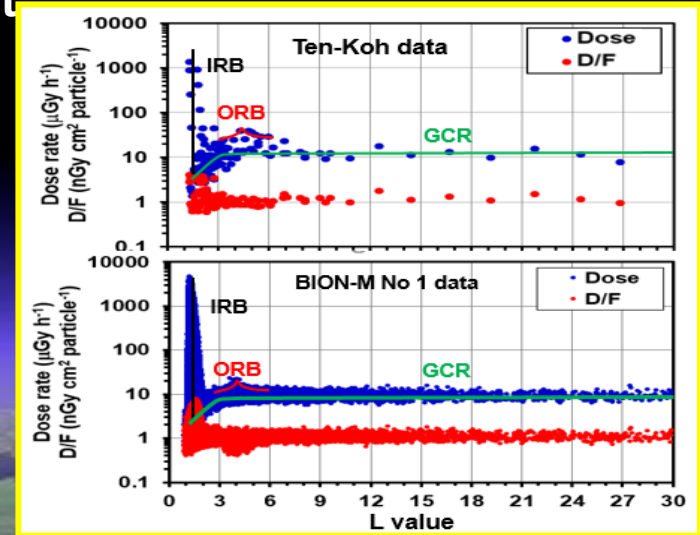
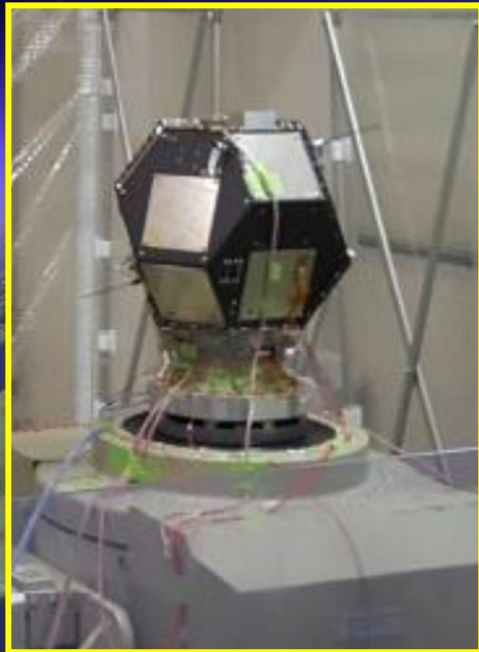


Fig. 7. (Uchihori et al. 2002) Comparison of distributions obtained from the cyclotron experiments and the GEANT4 simulation. Four distributions corresponding to deposited energy for 0°, 45°, 60° and 75° are shown. The symbols show experiment data and the connecting lines show simulation results for irradiations at these incident angles. The discrepancy of the peak value for 75° between the simulation and experiment data corresponds to a discrepancy of 1° in the 75° irradiation angle.



**SRTI-BAS in collaboration with Prairie View A&M University, USA, NASA/Johnson Space Center, USA, and School of Engineering, Kyushu Institute of Technology, Japan will participate in the experiment on the Japanese satellite Ten-Koh with the Liulin-Ten-Koh-2 instrument**

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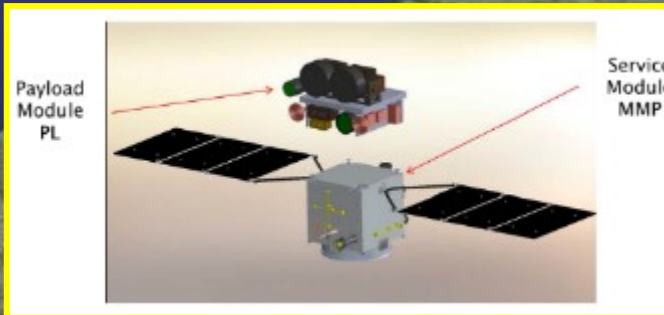
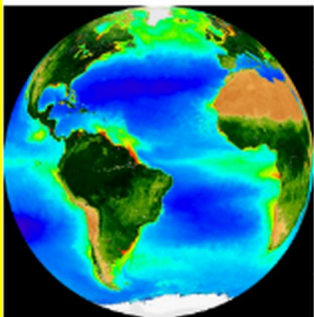
# The Liulin-AR spectrometer will study the radiation environment of the Argentine-Brazilian satellite SABIA-MAR 1

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SABIA-MAR 1 satellite is a joint Argentine-Brazilian Earth observation mission, whose objective is to study the ocean biosphere, its changes over time and how it is affected by human activities. The satellite is planned to be launched into a 702 km sun-synchronous circular orbit in 2023. The platform and instruments for observing ocean color and determining sea surface temperature were developed in Argentina. The Liulin-AR instrument will record the global distribution of the 4 possible primary sources of cosmic radiation outside the satellite. The dimensions of the Liulin-AR are 100x40x20 mm and weight 0.092 kg.

## Products

- **Normalized Water leaving radiance maps** 5% uncertainty (0.5% in blue for open ocean)
- **Chlorophyll-*a* concentration Maps** 30% uncertainty for open ocean with concentration in the range 0.01-10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- **Diffuse Attenuation coefficient K<sub>d</sub> (490)** 25% uncertainty on a daily time scale
- **Photosynthetic Available Radiation** 20%, 15%, 10% on a daily-weekly-monthly time scales
- **Turbidity** 35% uncertainty
- **Sea Surface Temperature** 0.7°C for 400 meters gsd



SABIA-Mar satellite



Liulin-AR device



By the end of 2025, a Lyulin-type device is expected to fly to an altitude of 107 km on **Blue Origin 's New Shepard rockets** . The experiment is in collaboration with the Department of Physics. Oklahoma State University p USA.

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## NEW SHEPARD AT A GLANCE

### New Shepard Crew Capsule

**DIMENSIONS**  
10 feet (3.05 meters) tall;  
12.5 feet (3.80 meters) wide  
**INTERIOR VOLUME**  
530 cubic feet (15 cubic meters)  
**SEATS**  
6 (4 astronauts for NS-16)  
**WINDOWS**  
6  
**WINDOW DIMENSIONS**  
42" x 23" viewable (1080 in<sup>2</sup>)  
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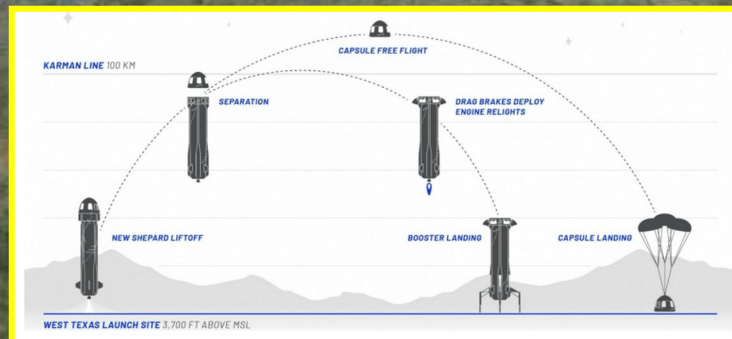
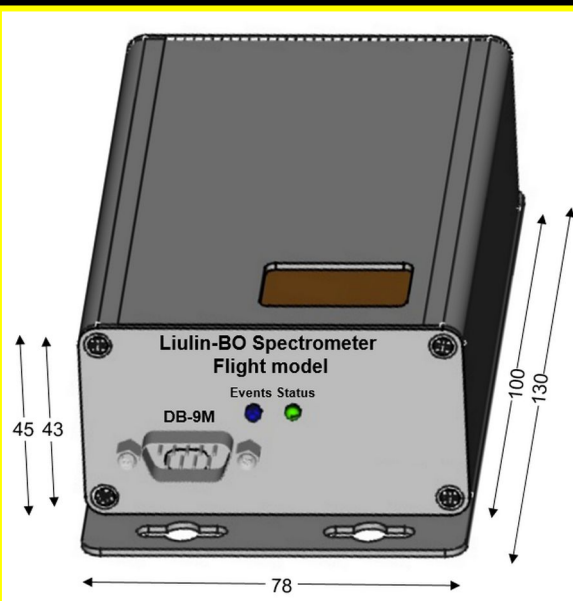
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53 feet (16.15 meters) tall;  
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1 BE-3PM  
**THRUST**  
490 kN (110,000 lbf)  
at sea level  
**SUCCESSFUL FLIGHTS**  
15 consecutive



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Blue Origin's New Shepard is made up of a rocket and nose cone with room for up to six passengers to travel up to 65 miles above the Earth.



# Contributions

- A new scientific direction and methodology for measuring cosmic radiation in the near-Earth space and atmosphere has been created. The methodology has been successfully implemented in practice. Instruments of the "Lyulin" type have been used in scientific and applied scientific projects by the Center for Space Research and the Institute of Space Research-BAS and by colleagues abroad;
- The high quality of the new measurement methodology has been proven in the calibrations of "Lulin" type instruments of various radioactive sources and accelerators in the USA, Belgium, Japan and CERN;
- Together with colleagues from NASA, a new model for the radiation field in the inner radiation belt has been created;
- The radiation in the atmosphere during changes in solar activity and during proton penetration to the Earth's surface (GLE) on April 15, 2001 was studied. These studies serve to assess and improve the radiation protection of crews and passengers of civil aircraft, according to the requirements of Directive 96/29 of the European Union;
- The long-term variations of the "new" radiation belt, created after the solar proton event and magnetic storm in March 1991, have been discovered and studied;
- Dose reductions from the inner belt during Space Shuttle docking with the ISS have been discovered;
- Experimental data has proven the distribution profile of cosmic radiation from the Earth's surface to outer space.
- With experimental data from 1991 to 2019, the modulation of dose in the Earth's orbit by solar activity was studied;
- Variations in the outer radiation belt and precipitation bands of the ISS have been discovered.




# Conclusions


- Various sources of cosmic radiation create **conditions dangerous to human health** in near-Earth, near-lunar, interplanetary and interstellar space;
- "Lyulin" type instruments **are relatively inexpensive, but highly informative**, which makes them sought after and applied by scientists working in the field of radiation safety of aviation and space personnel;
- Cosmic radiation limits the time and place for direct human participation in future space **missions beyond the orbit of Mars** ;
- "Colonization" of Mars would be **practically impossible** due to radiation and harsh climatic conditions;
- A manned flight beyond the Solar System must for now be considered **science fiction**, due to the still unknown effects of long-term exposure to galactic cosmic rays and the unclear scientific contributions of the mission;
- **New scientific research and experiments are needed.**

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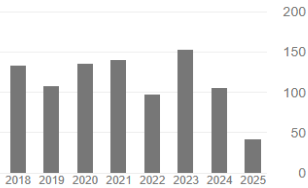
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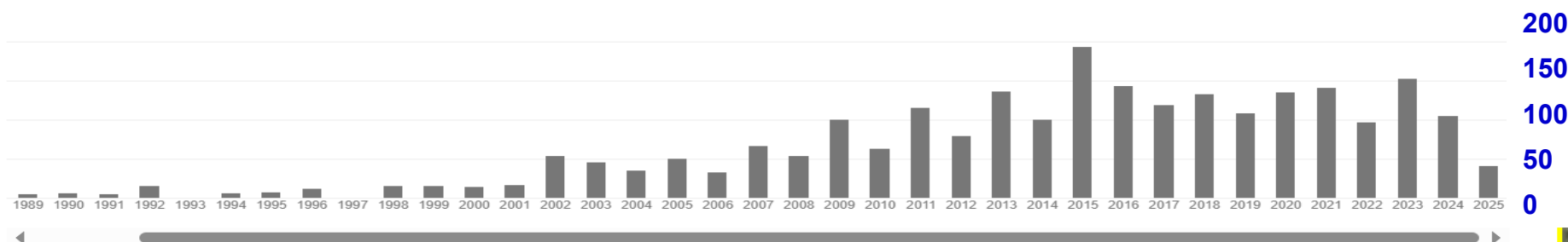
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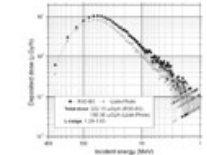




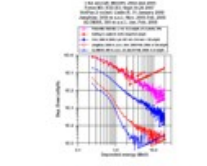
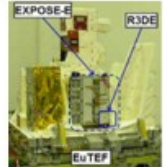

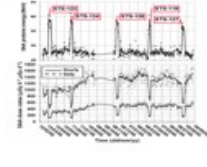


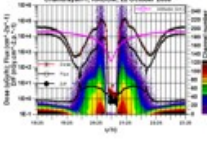




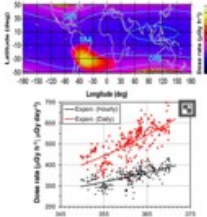
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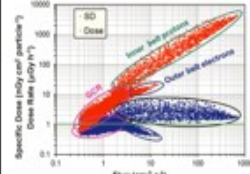
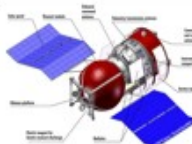

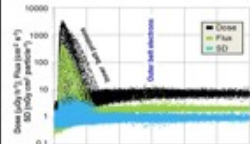


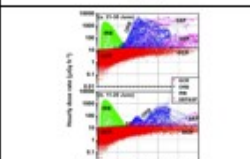
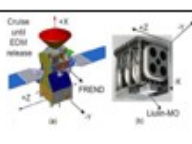

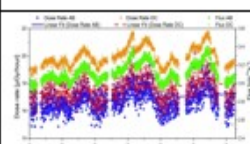
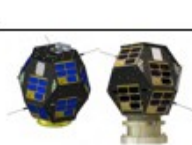

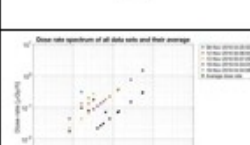
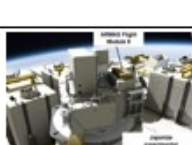





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1	<b>LIULIN</b> Inside "MIR" Space Station, Bulgaria, Russia (Dachev et al., 1989)	16/04/1989	30/12/1994			
2	<b>RADIUS MD</b> Outside/inside Mars 96 station, Bulgaria, France, Russia (Semkova et al., 1994)	Unsuccessful launch on 16.11.1996				
3	<b>Liulin-E094 with 4 Mobile Dosimetry Units (MDUs)</b> Inside of the American laboratory module of the International Space Station (ISS) Bulgaria, Germany (Reitz et al. 2005) (Dachev et al., 2005, 2006, 2009a)	11/05/2001	25/07/2001			
4	<b>R3D-B2</b> Outside of the Foton-M2 satellite, Bulgaria, Germany (Header et al., 2009)	01/06/2005	11/06/2005			
5	<b>Liulin-ISS 4 MDU</b> Inside of the Russian segment of the ISS, 4 MDU with displays, Bulgaria, Russia (Dachev et al., 2009ab)	01/09/2005	Still operable at the ISS			
6	<b>Liulin-5-Dosimetry Telescope</b> , Russian segment of the ISS, Bulgaria, Russia. (Semkova et al. 2007, 2014)	17/05/2007	09/2015			
7	<b>R3D-B3</b> Outside of the Foton-M3 satellite, Bulgaria, Germany, Italy, (Header et al. 2009)	14/09/2007	26/09/2007			

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8	<b>Liulin-Photo</b> Inside of the Foton-M3 satellite, Bulgaria, Italy, (Damasso et al., 2009)	14/09/2007	26/09/2007			
9	<b>Liulin-S</b> With 4 MDUs, Inside of the ROSCOSMOS, Project Space Suit (Скафандр) at the ISS. (Kartashov et al., 2010)					No information for the performance of the experiment on the ISS.
10	<b>Liulin-R</b> Outside of the HotPay2 rocket, Bulgaria, Norway (Tomov et al., 2008) (Dachev et al., 2012a)	31/01/2008	370 km Apogee at 14.04°E, 70.67°N,			
11	<b>R3DE</b> Outside of the ISS, on ESA Columbus Module and inside of ESA EXPOSE-E facility, Bulgaria, Germany (Dachev et al., 2012b)	22/02/2008	22/06/2009			
12	<b>RADOM</b> Outside of the Chandrayaan-1 satellite, Moon circular orbit at 100/200 km. Bulgaria, India (Dachev et al., 2011)	29/10/2008	07/11/2008			
13	<b>Liulin-Phobos</b> Outside of the Phobos-Grunt interplanetary station, Bulgaria, Russia, (Semkova et al., 1994)	Unsuccessful entry in interplanetary orbit on 8/11/2011				
14	<b>R3DR</b> Outside of the ISS "Zvezda" Module and inside the ESA EXPOSE-R facility, Bulgaria, Germany, (Dachev et al., 2015a)	20/02/2010	20/08/2010			



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15	RD3-B3 Inside of the BION-M No 1 satellite, Bulgaria, Germany, Russia, (Dachev et al. 2015b)	19/04/2013	13/05/2013			
16	RD3-B3 Inside of the Foton-M No 4 satellite, Bulgaria, Germany, Russia, (Damasso et al. 2016)	18/07/2014	31/08/2014		 The RD3-B3 instrument was used for second flight on Foton- M No 4 satellite	
17	R3DR2 Outside of the ISS "Zvezda" Module and inside of ESA EXPOSE-R2 facility, Bulgaria, Germany, (Dachev et al. 2017)	25/10/2014 <b>In the Liulin database, this is the most advanced set.</b>	10/01/2016		 The R3DR instrument was used for second flight on ISS	
18	Liulin-MO Outside of the ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter (TGO), Bulgaria, Russia, (Semkova et al., 2018, 2024)	22/04/2016, (Semkova et al., 2018)	<b>(Still operable in Mars 400 km orbit)</b>			
19	Liulin Ten-Koh Inside of the Ten- Koh satellite, Bulgaria, USA, Japan (Fajardo et al., 2019)	29/10/2018	16/01/2019		 "Liulin-Ten-Koh"	
20	Liulin-SET Outside of the Japanize experimental platform of the ISS Bulgaria, USA. (Tobiska et al. 2024)	17/03/2022	09/12/2022			
21	Liulin-CNR-VG Inside of VG Spaceship Two Unity, Bulgaria, Italy (Dachev et al., 2024)	Operated for about 8 hours on 29 June 2023				

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## Thank you for your attention and interest in our work !