


Geant4 based tools at ESA

MULASSIS  
GRAS

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Outline

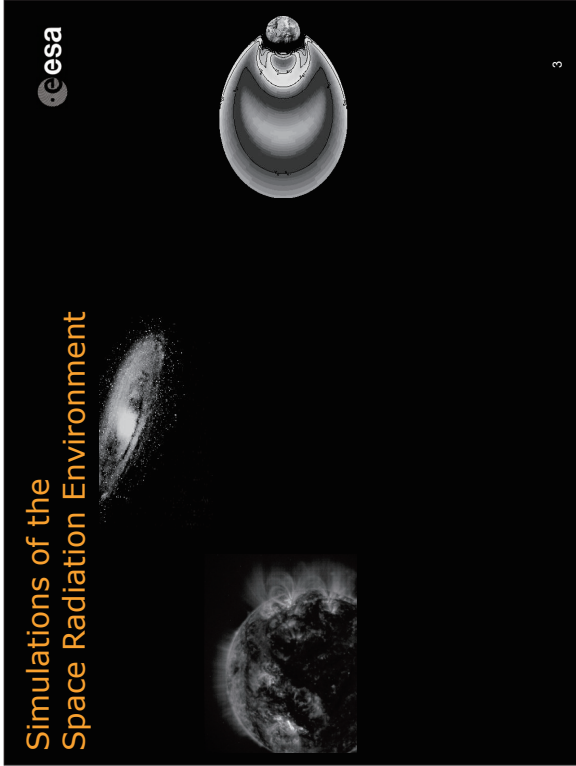

- ESA Geant4-based tools for space radiation analysis
  - Ray-tracing, 1D-MC (MULASSIS), SEE, adjoint MC, CAD interface
- MULASSIS demo
- GRAS
  - Main features
  - Example applications



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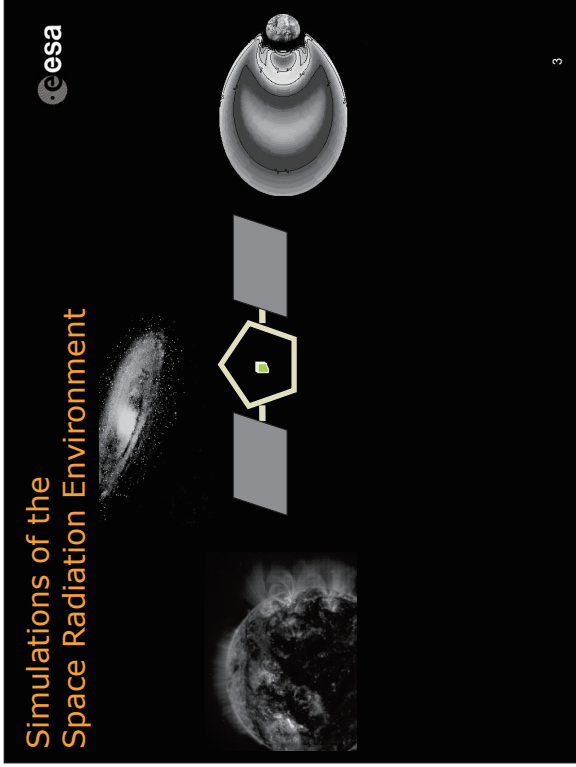

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# Simulations of the Space Radiation Environment

**Tasks**

- Mission design**
  - Fat 'engineering' radiation analysis
  - Detailed subsystem analysis
  - Ground tests and extrapolation to space
- Effects in components**
  - Single Event Effects
  - Degradation
- Effects to science detectors**
  - Signal, Background
  - Charging
  - ...
- Threats to life**
  - Dosemetry for manned space flights
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**Science analyses**

- Particle signal extraction
- Background
- Degradation

**Anomaly study**

- Actual space environment
- Detailed geometry
- Actual electronic details

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# Multi Layered Shielding Simulation Software MULASSIS

**QinetiQ**

- Geometry definition
  - Multiple layer geometry via macro
  - 1D (slab / sphere)
  - Materials by chemical formula
- Physics list choice
- Primary particle spectrum and fluences from SPENVIS
  - Trapped protons
  - Solar protons
  - Trapped electrons
- Analysis options
  - Pulse Height Spectrum
  - Ion, Dose
  - Dose equivalent
  - NIEL

First Geant4 application with web interface (in SPENVIS)

- User success
- Raised the standard level of radiation shielding analysis in the space community (both academia and industry)

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# Geant4-based tools for space Requirements and ESA role

Real life in S/C development

- Accuracy
- Usability
- Speed


Usability issues

- User interface (scripting, GUI, web access, Windows)
- Enabling technologies
- Exchange formats:
  - Geometry (GDML, CAD/TCAD)
  - Data I/O (e.g. Space Environment, Histogramming, Analysis)
- Accuracy
  - Physics (secondaries from inelastic, ion interactions)


Better understanding of **engineering practices and margins**

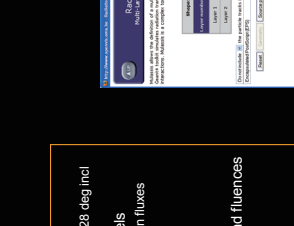
- Wide application of too simple approaches in S/C radiation analysis
- Need to identify problems, quantify uncertainties

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
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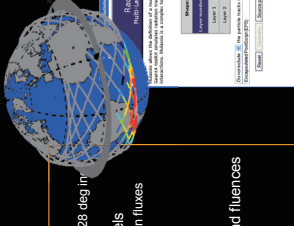
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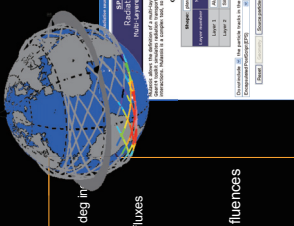
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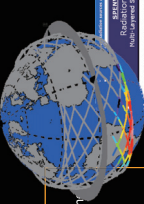
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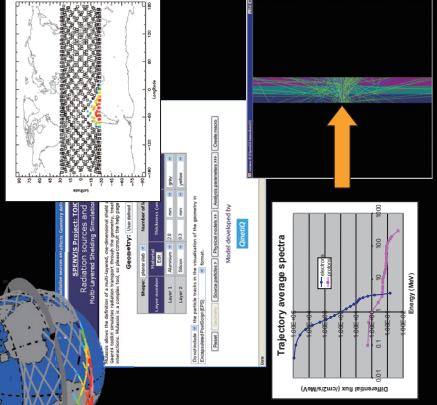




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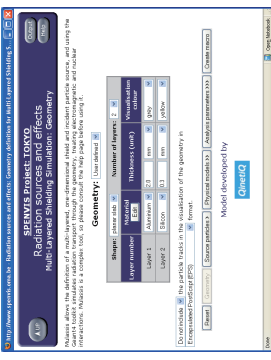


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## MULASSIS Demo

<http://www.spennis.oma.be>  
 or see related presentation



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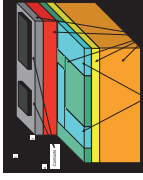



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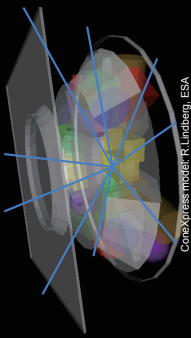
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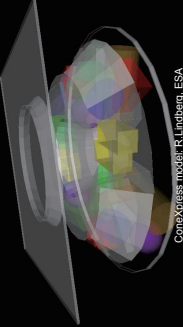
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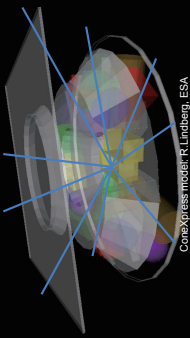
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


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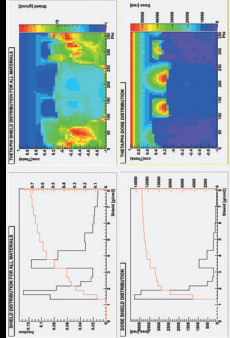
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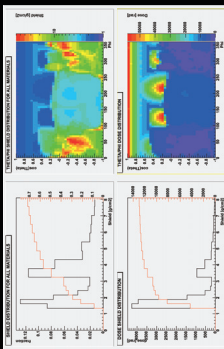
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- Potential shortcomings
  - Dose-depth curves (often SHIELDOSE2)
  - Transport in complex geometries

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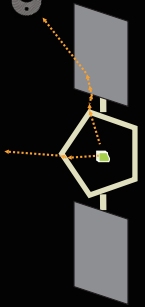
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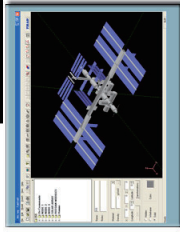
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# CAD geometry interface (and 3D modelling GUI)

- ESA REAT-MS contract
  - CAD
    - Using G4TessellatedSolid by P.Truscott (ESA REAT-MS-1)
- [Old prototype used to require ST-Viewer commercial S/W
- GDML module to read ST-Viewer files
  - New: **CAD\_STEP interface (and normal 3D models)** via external 3D modelling tools (ESA contract REAT-MS-2)
    - **Direct GDML output**
- Tools: FASTRAD and ESABASE2
- GDML upgrade (Witek Pokorski, CERN)
    - Tetrahedron and Tessellated volumes, modular models, loops
  - **FASTRAD, ESABASE2**
    - GUI for 3D modelling
    - GDML output



Modèle de la station internationale sur FASTRAD

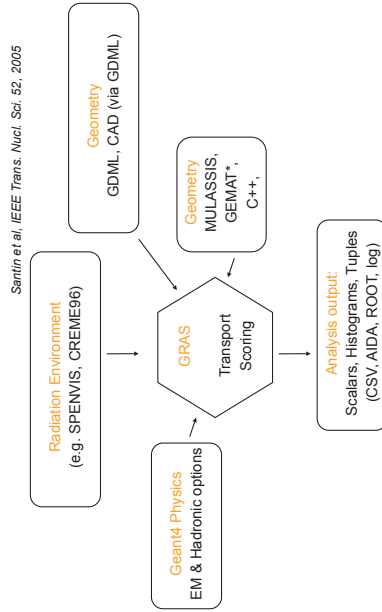
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- Widening of Geant4 application domain → multiplication of tools
  - Offer framework for coordinated extension and development
- Issues to address on geometry and transport
  - Ray-tracing VS MC
  - 1D VS 3D
  - EM VS EMH-Hadronics
  - LET approach VS Actual energy deposition in microvolumes
- Analysis
  - Common tallies for standard support to engineering and scientific design
  - Human dosimetry for ESA exploration Initiative
  - More detailed analysis for in depth studies
- Ready-To-Use tool
  - "Multi-mission" approach
  - Different analyses and geometries set without re-compilation
  - Integrated into SPENVIS

Santin et al., IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci., 52, 2005



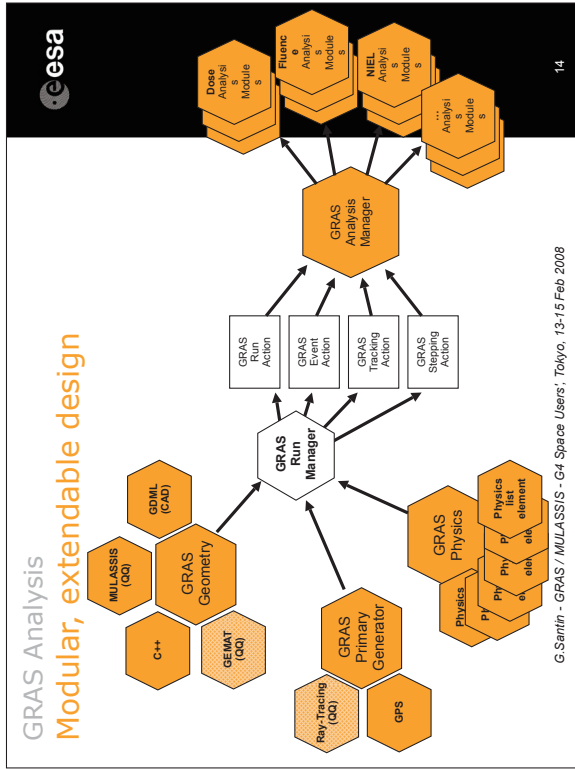
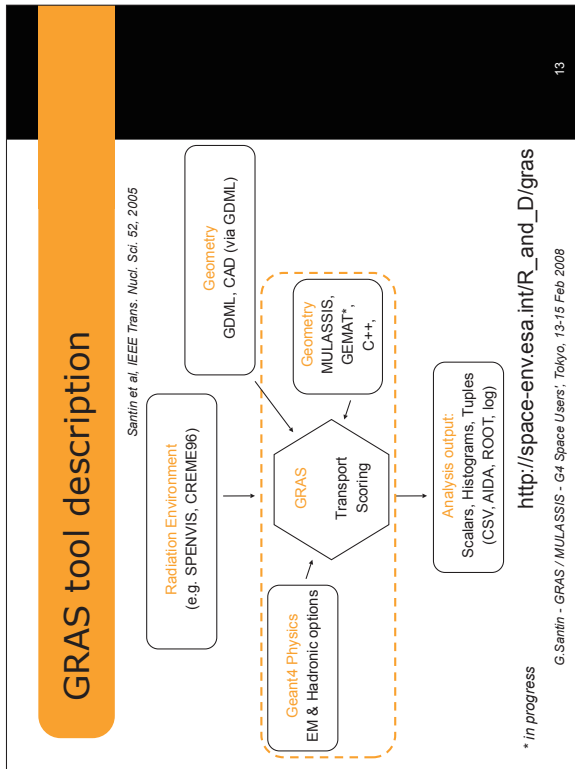
# GRAS tool description



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\* in progress

[http://space-env.esa.int/R\\_and\\_D/gras](http://space-env.esa.int/R_and_D/gras)



## GRAS: script driven

### 1 Geometry

Parameters for built-in geometries or External files

```

        /gras/geometry/type gdml
        /gdml/file geometry/contextpress.gdml
      
```

### 2 Source

RADIATION ENVIRONMENT

```

        /gps/pos/type Surface
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        /gps/ang/type cos
        /gps/particle e-
      
```

### 3 Physics

Physics lists or single components

```

        /gras/physics/addphysics em_standard
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Object Oriented scripting

```

        /gras/analysis/dose/addModule doseB12
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## GRAS Analysis modules:

### Component degradation, background

- **Total Ionizing Dose**
  - Total accumulated dose
  - Also event Pulse Height Spectrum (signal in detectors / devices)
  - Also per "incident" particle type (with user choice of interface)
  - Units: MeV, rad, Gy
- **Current / Fluence**
  - Particle type, energy, direction, time, etc at surfaces
  - One/Both ways
- **NIEL**
  - Based on NIEL coeff
  - Several curve sets available
    - CER/ROSE (p, e-, n, pi)
    - SPENVIS/JPL (p)
    - Messenger SI (p, e-)
    - Messenger GRAS (p, e-)
  - Easy to add coeff. curves
  - Units: 95MeV/mb, MeVcm2/g, keVcm2/g

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## GRAS Analysis modules: Human Exploration Initiatives

### GRAS Biological effects modules

- **Dose equivalent**
  - ICRP-60 and ICRP-92
  - LET-based coefficients
  - Units: MeV, Sv, mSv, Gy, rad
- **Equivalent Dose**
  - ICRP-60 weights
  - User choice of weight interface
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## GRAS Analysis modules

### SEE in microelectronics

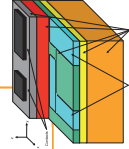
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# Analysis Module

- Easy to implement:
  - Self contained analysis element
    - Initialization, event processing, normalization, printout
- Only one class to create/derive in case a new type of analysis is needed
  - No need to modify Run+Event+Tracking
  - +Stepping actions
- AIDA histogramming available "per module"
- G4 UI commands "per module"
  - Automatic module UI tree
  - à la GATE*

/gras/analysis/dose/addModule\_doseCrystal  
/gras/analysis/dose/doseCrystal/setUnit MeV

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# GRAS in existing applications

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**SESS**

- Monitoring, analysis, warning
- Operators, project teams, development engineers and scientists
- "Space-Weather" application

**G4SESS**


- GRAS-based module (new GRAS module developed at INTA)
- Response matrix for radiation effects in sensors / electronics
- Near real-time computation based on external environment spectra
  - Python scripts (scipy, numpy) for GRAS data processing

**G4-SESS features**

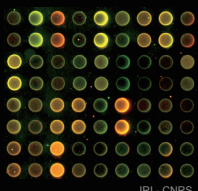
- Multiplatform
- Codec with Open Source Software
- Modular structure
- Geant4 and GRAS as radiation interaction and effects tools
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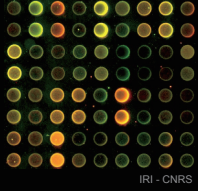
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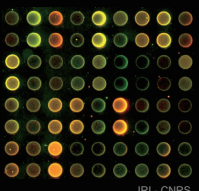
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# GRAS as ground testing aid



Facilities, simulation tools, data harmonisation

A. Javanainen et al., IEEE TNS 54, 2007, p. 7158

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  - One of the ESA's European Component Irradiation Facilities (ECIF)
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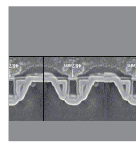
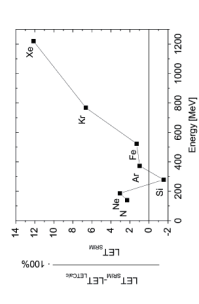


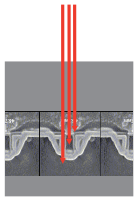
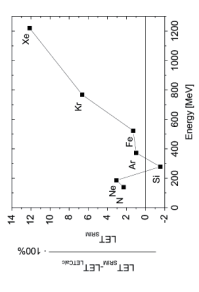





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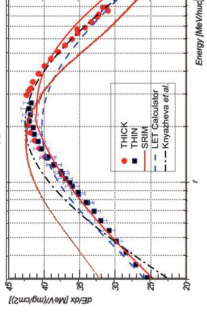
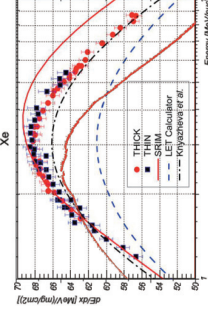
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




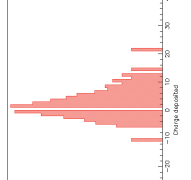
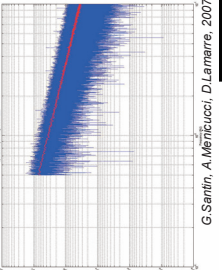
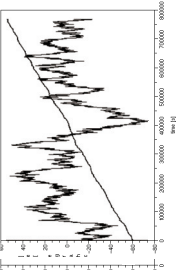





- Ion ionisation tables
  - <sup>86</sup>Kr, <sup>136</sup>Xe
  - E < 10 MeV/nuc
  - Comparison to
    - SRIM 2003
    - LET calculator
    - Exp data
    - Data: A. Javanainen et al., IEEE TNS 54, 2007
- New LET data taking by 2008.  
Direct inclusion of new dE/dx data would enable use of Geant4 (e.g. via GRAS) in ESA component SEE testing procedure
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  - ICRU73
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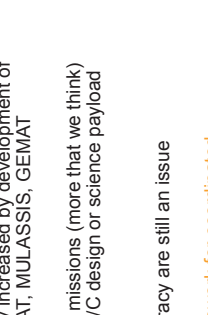
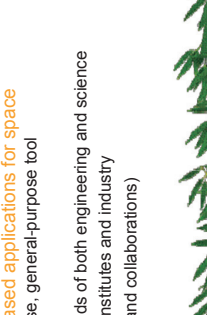
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- Impact of electrode contact discontinuity on accelerometer performance
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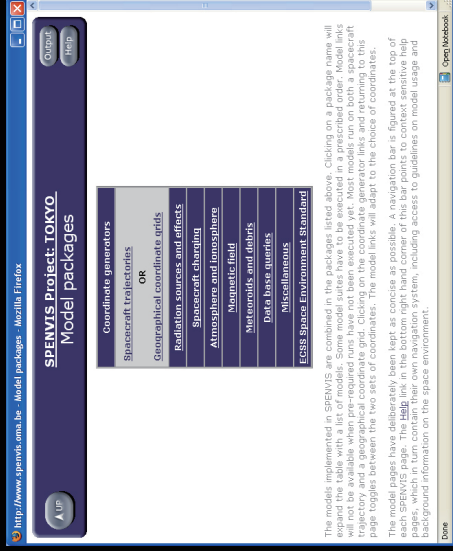
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  - Mission radiation environment
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  - MULASSIS output




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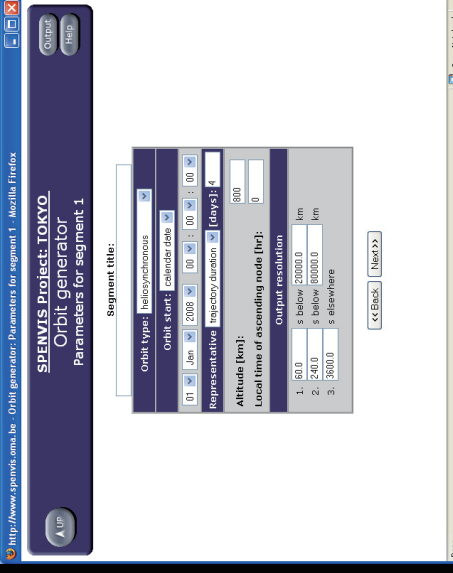


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SPENVIS Project: TOKYO  
Orbit generator  
Parameters for segment 1

Segment title:

Orbit type:

Orbit start:

DT:

Representative:

Altitude [km]:

Local time of ascending node [hr]:

Output resolution

|          |             |         |    |
|----------|-------------|---------|----|
| 1. 60.0  | 8 below     | 20000.0 | km |
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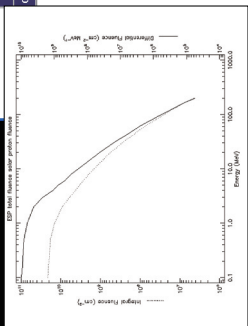
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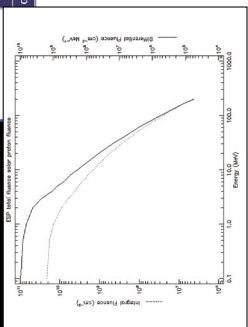
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Source particle type and spectrum

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Incident energy spectrum: stepped protons  
Don't use energy biasing  
Interpolation type: linear  
Angular distribution: cosine law (isotropic)  
Minimum angle: 0.0 (degrees)  
Maximum angle: 90.0 (degrees)

Source particles | Physical models > | Analysis parameters >> | Create macro

**MULASSIS Analysis**

SPENVIS Project: TOKYO  
Radiation sources and effects  
Multi-Layered Shielding Simulation: Analysis parameters

Analysis type: Total ionizing dose  
Energy deposition / TID  
Output units: rad  
Select layers for energy deposition/total ionizing dose analysis:  
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Multi-Layered Shielding Simulation: Physical models

Physical models and production cut-offs

Simulation conditions: Standard EM processes  
No hadron nuclear interactions  
Default cut unit: mm  
default global cut: 0.1  
 Particle dependent global cut  
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