

Europa Lander Mission Concept - Radiation Environment Definition and Initial Shielding Design

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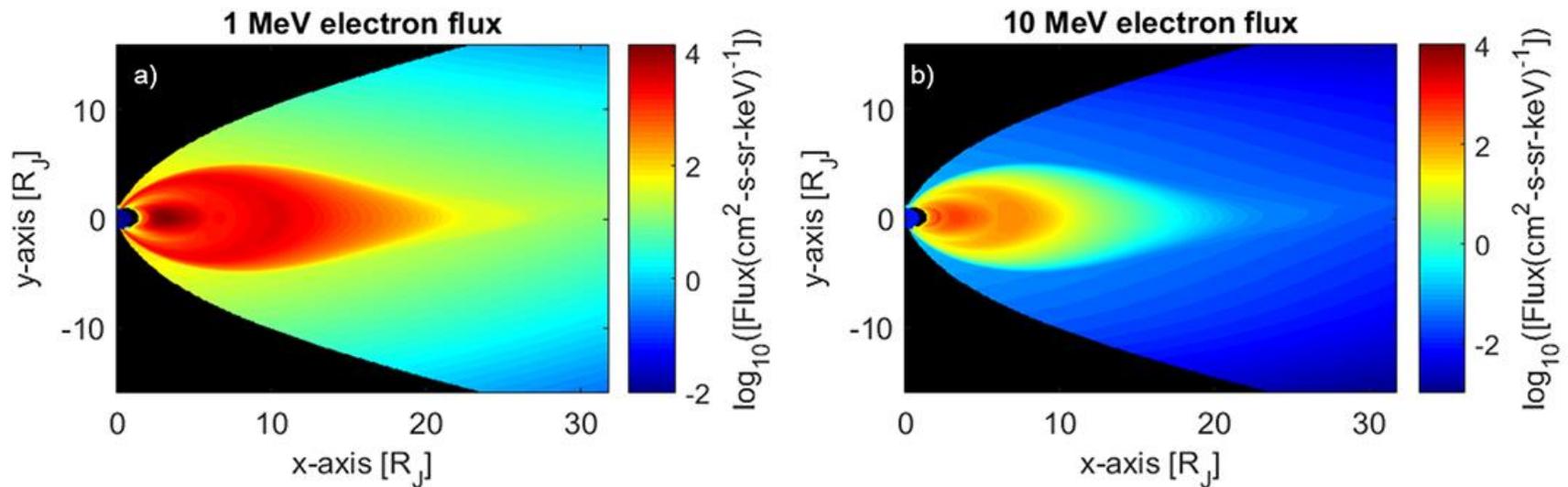
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Introduction

- Radiation damage to electronic components presents a high risk for space missions.
- The energetic particles can cause damage to components, compromising their functionality.
- Missions flying in high radiation environments require substantial shielding to reduce the radiation to a tolerable level.
- Harsh radiation environment at Jupiter – Europa is located in the heart of the trapped particles

Electron Environment around Jupiter

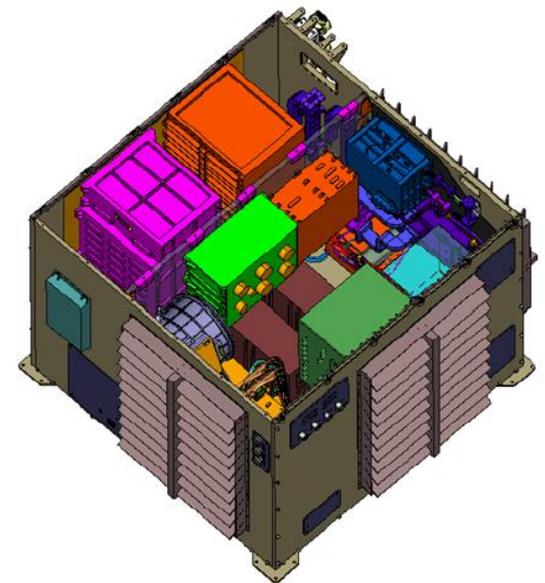
- Europa orbit $\sim 9.5 R_J$



Example previous mission with radiation vault

Juno Spacecraft – Radiation Vault

- About 1 cm thick titanium (1 m x 1 m size)
- Mass of ~18 kg each panel (whole vault ~200 kg)



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Science Description

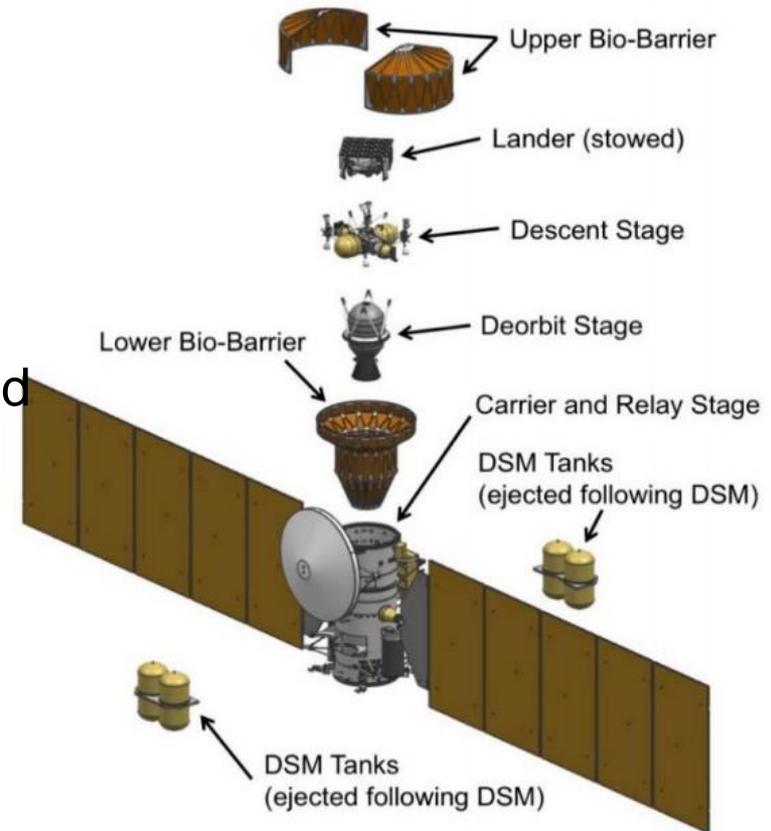
- To place a robotic probe on the surface of Europa
- Science Goals
 - Search for evidence of life in Europa
 - Assess the current habitability of Europa using in-situ techniques
 - Characterize surface and subsurface properties.



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Mission design and engineering

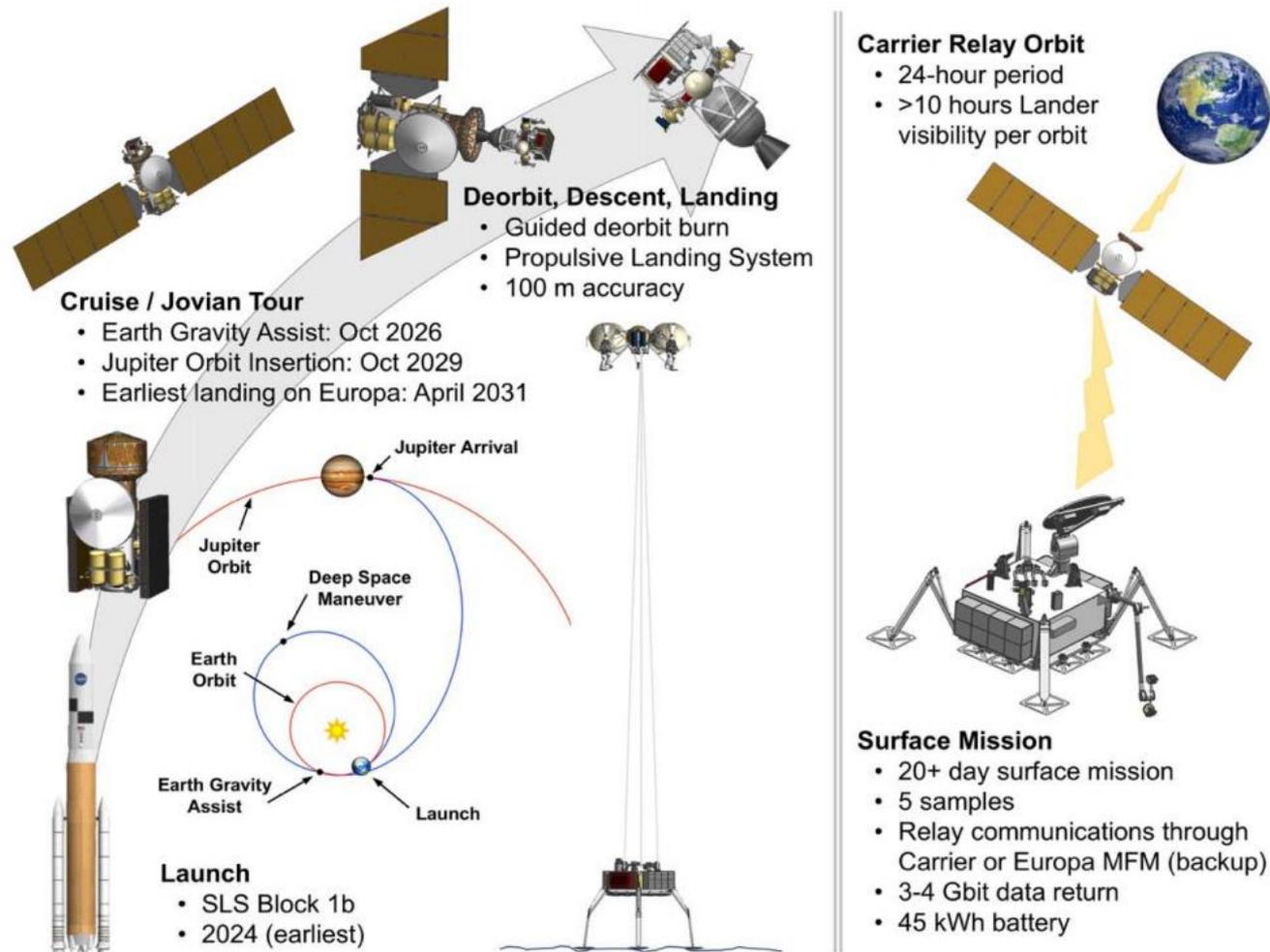
- Possible SLS launch ~2024 – 5 year cruise to Jupiter Orbit Insertion (JOI)
- 42.5 kg scientific instrument payload allocation
- Baseline surface lifetime of 20+ days
- Expected TID to 150 krad (Si). All electronics within the vault must be rated to 300 krad (radiation design factor of two, RDF = 2).



Artist's concept

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Cruise and stages of the mission profile

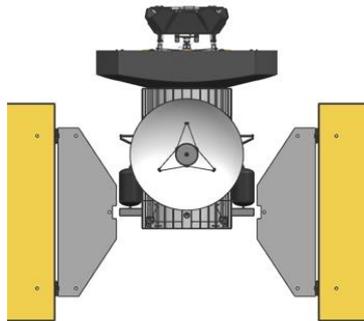


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Mission Concept segments studied

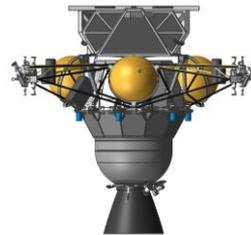
Post Jupiter Insertion

- The dose to a given piece of hardware is determined by summing the doses it sees during each mission segment in the hardware configuration in which it resides during that mission segment.



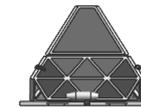
**Cruise Vehicle at Jupiter,
post-JOI (CVJ)**

*Dose from JOI to DOV
separation.*



**Deorbit Vehicle (DOV)
(aka, the Lander Stack)**

Dose for 48 hrs prior to landing



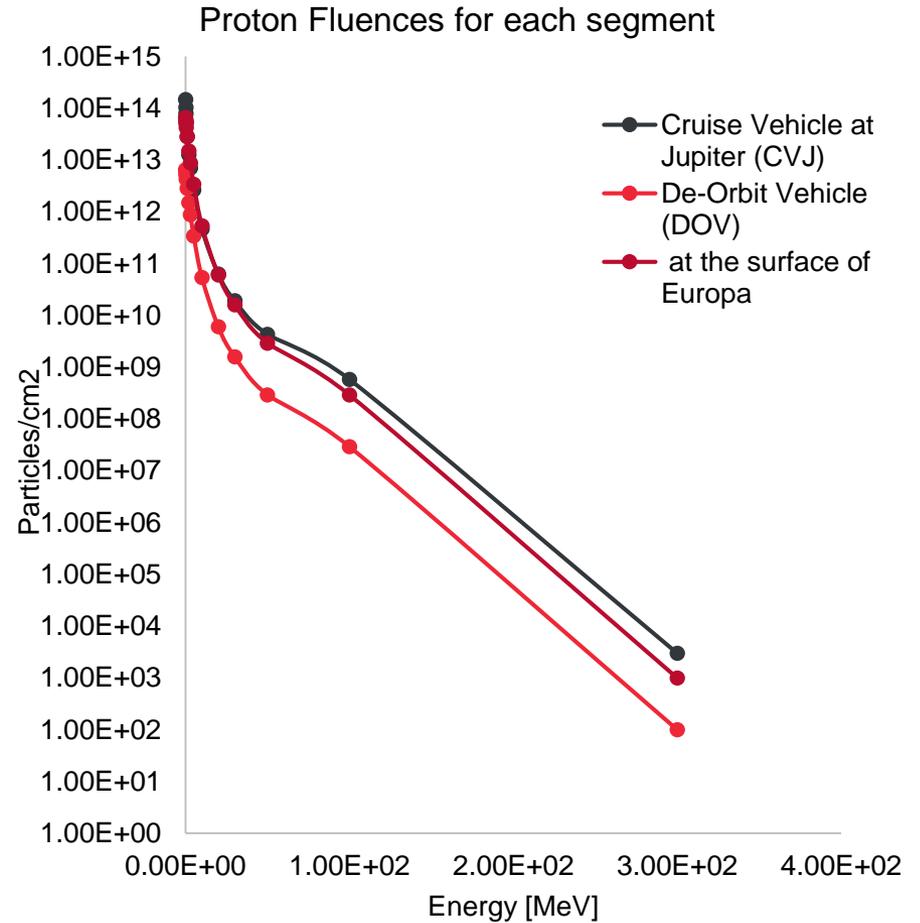
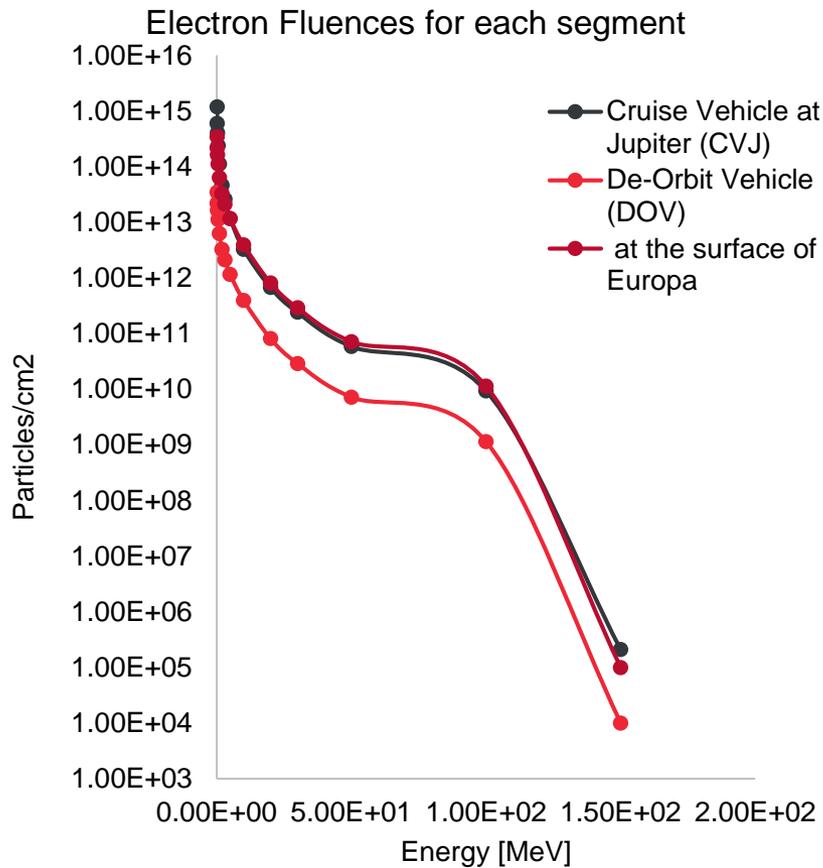
Lander

*On the surface
(modeled it on an ice sheet)*

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Radiation Environments for each segment

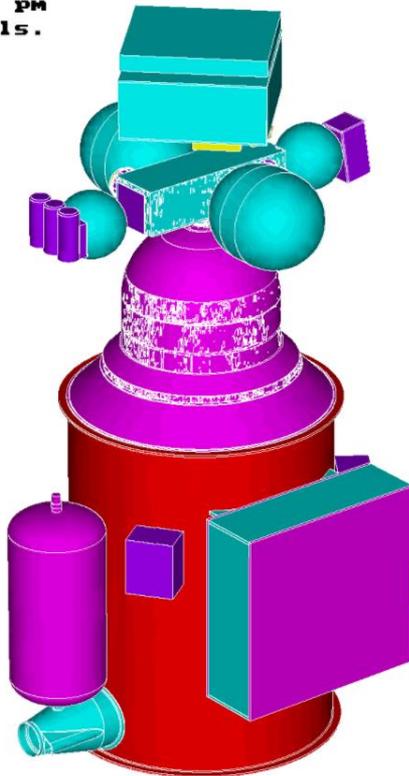
Using JPL model – GIRE2p



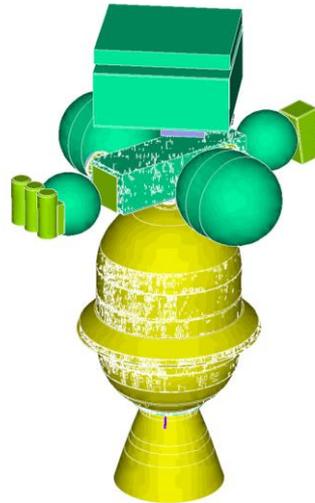
Models imported to Radiation analysis tool

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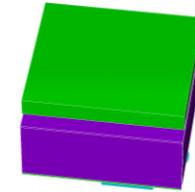
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**Cruise Vehicle at Jupiter,
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**Deorbit Vehicle (DOV)
(aka, the Lander Stack)**

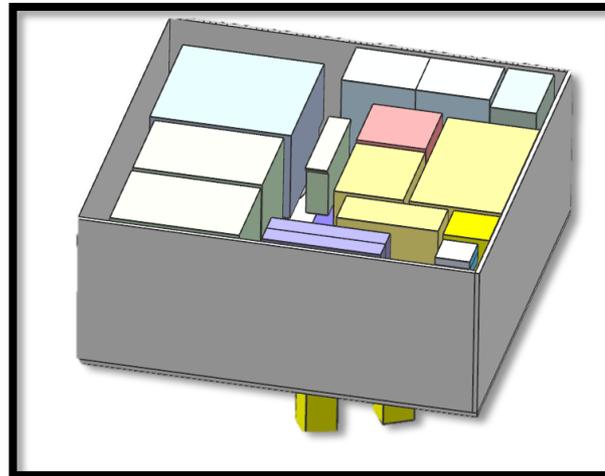


Lander
*On the surface
(modeled it with an ice sheet on "top")*

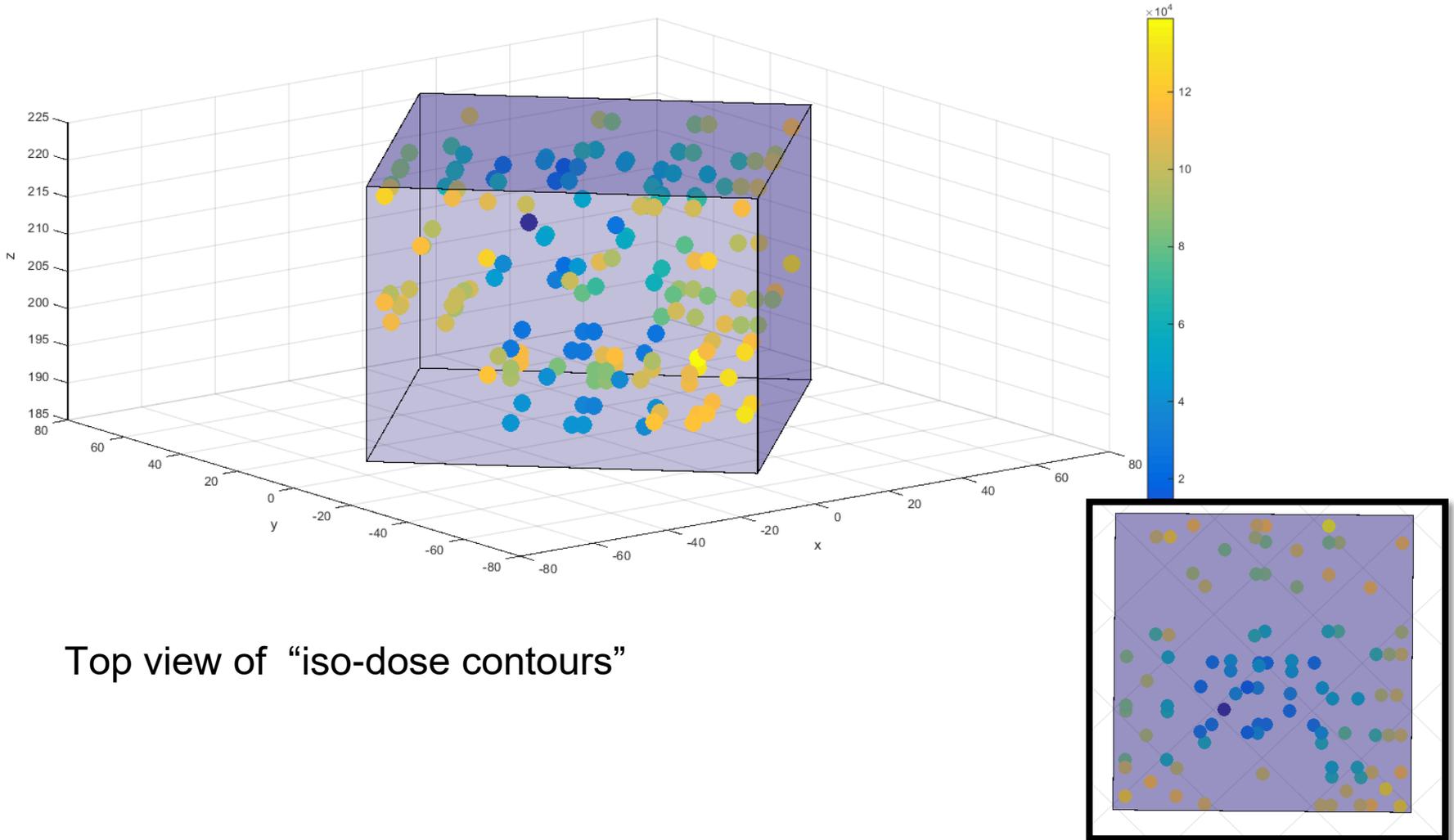
Total Ionizing dose (TID) simulations

methodology

- Detector points were located inside the vault's electronic boxes. (8 corners and 1 center point)
- Bottom and side panels were modified (by mass equivalent method)
- Top panel unchanged, the thickness is not uniform.



3D view of the “detector points” inside electronic boxes



Top view of “iso-dose contours”

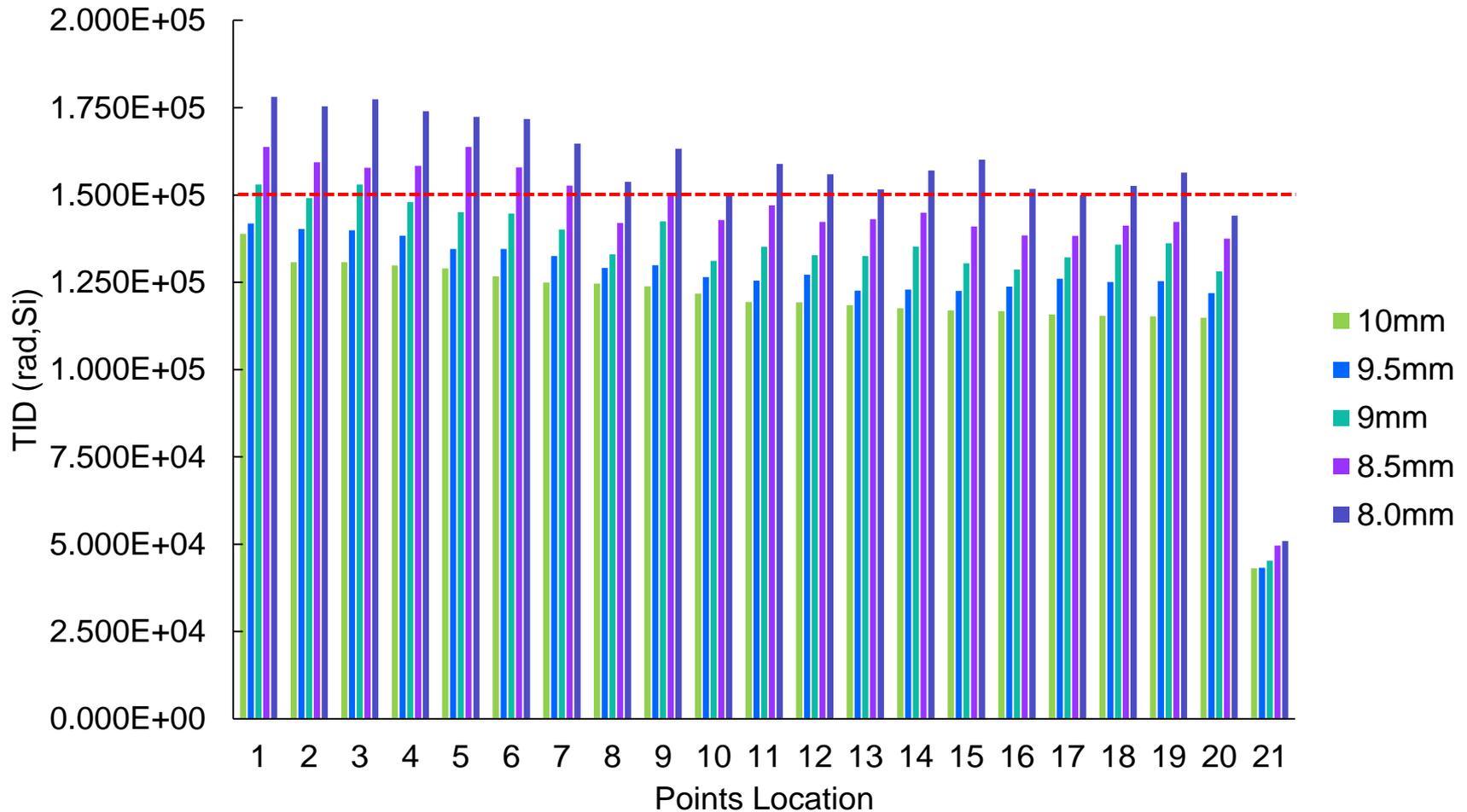
TID Summary table

For the 20 worst points and for the radio inside the vault

Location Name	Dose: 10 mm (rad, Si)	Dose: 9.5 mm (rad, Si)	Dose: 9 mm (rad, Si)	Dose: 8.5 mm (rad, Si)	Dose: 8 mm (rad, Si)
GAN SSPA1 C	1.39E+05	1.418E+05	1.53E+05	1.64E+05	1.78E+05
GAN SSPA1 C	1.31E+05	1.403E+05	1.49E+05	1.59E+05	1.75E+05
SAMPLECAM C	1.31E+05	1.399E+05	1.53E+05	1.58E+05	1.77E+05
SAMPLECAM CT	1.30E+05	1.383E+05	1.48E+05	1.58E+05	1.74E+05
COMPUTE1 C	1.29E+05	1.346E+05	1.45E+05	1.64E+05	1.72E+05
SAMPLECAM C	1.27E+05	1.345E+05	1.45E+05	1.58E+05	1.72E+05
SAMPLECAM C	1.25E+05	1.325E+05	1.40E+05	1.53E+05	1.65E+05
MTR CTRL C	1.25E+05	1.291E+05	1.33E+05	1.42E+05	1.54E+05
PYROPOWER C	1.24E+05	1.299E+05	1.42E+05	1.50E+05	1.63E+05
COMPUTE1 C	1.22E+05	1.265E+05	1.31E+05	1.43E+05	1.50E+05
SAMPLECAM C	1.19E+05	1.255E+05	1.35E+05	1.47E+05	1.59E+05
RAMAN C	1.19E+05	1.272E+05	1.33E+05	1.42E+05	1.56E+05
RAMAN C	1.18E+05	1.226E+05	1.32E+05	1.43E+05	1.52E+05
PLD GCMS C	1.18E+05	1.229E+05	1.35E+05	1.45E+05	1.57E+05
RAMAN C	1.17E+05	1.226E+05	1.30E+05	1.41E+05	1.60E+05
GAN SSPA1 C	1.17E+05	1.238E+05	1.29E+05	1.38E+05	1.52E+05
MTR CTRL CTR	1.16E+05	1.260E+05	1.32E+05	1.38E+05	1.50E+05
SAMPLECAM C	1.15E+05	1.251E+05	1.36E+05	1.41E+05	1.53E+05
GEOPHONE C	1.15E+05	1.254E+05	1.36E+05	1.42E+05	1.56E+05
COMPUTE1 CTR	1.15E+05	1.219E+05	1.28E+05	1.37E+05	1.44E+05
FRADIO2 C	4.31E+04	4.322E+04	4.53E+04	4.96E+04	5.09E+04

Summary of worst points TID

Dose for different shielding at 20 worst locations



Conclusions and Future work

- Dose estimates presented suggest that a wall thickness of ~8.5 mm is sufficient.
- Mass reduction of ~8 kg from the baseline mass estimate with 10 mm thick walls.
- Additional re-configuration is under process. Future shielding analyses are needed
- Spot shielding or modification can be made to specific electronic boxes if needed

Wall Thickness (mm)	Vault Walls Mass (kg)	# Boxes exceeding 150 krad
10.00	72.71	0
9.50	70.09	0
9.00	67.46	2
8.50	64.83	3
8.00	62.21	7



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