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## SUMMARY

This contract final report discusses the development of analytic procedures and computer codes for the prediction of weight optimized radioisotope thermoelectric generator shields for unmanned spacecraft operating 'in vacuo'. An optimization code - - $\mathrm{S} \varnothing \mathrm{SC}$ 。 designed to determine shield optimum weights and dimensions with respect to specified criterion fast neutron plus gamma photon fluxes, is described. The code employs a combination of analytic, albedo and Monte Carlo techniques. A theoretical discussion and example predicted shield data are given as well as a proposed verifying experiment design.

This final report, prepared for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, by NUS CORPORATION, under Contract NAS5-11649, describes the analytic procedures and computer codes developed for prediction of weight optimized radiation shields for an unmanned spacecraft operating 'in vacuo'. The design of an experiment, to furnish data for comparison with and verification of predicted design is also presented.

Analytic procedures and computer code logic have been combined to predict optimum weight shields for the protection of scientific experiments from the radiation fields of on-board radioisotope thermoelectric generators, during unmanned spacecraft missions. The optimum weight shield was determined as that exposing the science payload to a specified neutron plus gamma photon integral radiation number flux, when added to the spacecraft scattered radiation contribution. The angular-energy transport of radiation was obtained by an integrated combination of analytic, albedo and Monte Carlo techniques. This approach was considered as the most advantageous compromise for spacecraft engineering design purposes as opposed to the sole use of either a costly Monte Carlo calculation or a less accurate analytic approximation. The spacecraft assumed for the present study is presented schematically in Figure 1 .

The work effort was specifically oriented to the radiation field at the energetic particle experiment package indicated in the spacecraft configuration of Figure 1, spacecraft general dimensions, deployment distances and materials were obtained from preliminary design drawings furnished by NASAGSFC. The radioisotope thermoelectric generators (RTG's) were assumed to be plutonium-oxide fueled, viz. the SNAP-27.

A shield optimization study code $-\cdots-$ S $\emptyset S C$ was designed and developed to determine the shield material minimum thickness and weight required to limst the spacecraft mission experiment package to a specified radiation flux exposure, eg. $\leq 10$ particles $/ \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$. The incident criterion flux was taken as the sum of gamma photons and neutrons either transmitted by the shield or scattered by the spacecraft structure. Code $\mathrm{S} \varnothing \mathrm{SC}$ predicts shield requirements for the case of gamma photons, according to a combination of analytic transmission theory, the Monte Carlo transport method, the albedo technique (backscattering theory) and the single scattering approximation method. It employs three component sub-codes for this determination, namely: XEST NUGAMI and ALB.

Although code S $\varnothing$ SC is provisionally designed to evaluate fast neutron transport in a manner similar to that for gamma photons, photon transport was emphasized in this stage of the NASA program. The code is presently designed to evaluate neutron transport using relaxation theory methods. This course for the case of the SNAP-27 was based on the fact that the RTG total neutron emission rate in the axially perpendicular direction was reported as being $5.7 \times 10^{7} \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{sec}^{(1)}$. This is in good agreement with, but less than an earlier NUS estimate of $1.0 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{sec}$ reported in NUS-600 ${ }^{(2)}$. Taking the gamma photon dose rate as one-tenth of the neutron dose rate and allowing for dose-to-flux conversion as well as spectral distribution gives an integrated RTG emitted photon source of $\sim 1,0 \times 10^{9} \mathrm{\gamma} / \mathrm{sec}$, or approximately ten times that for neutrons. Data obtained late in the work program indicated a $y / n$ flux ratio of 1.8 and 18.0 for axial and radial emission respectively The 1.8 ratio indicates the neutron transport in the shield should be examined by a more exact method such as Monte Carlo.

Section 2 of this report presents the theory and logic on which code S $\varnothing$ SC is based. Section 3 presents a description of the code and the necessary users input and output information. Section 4 presents a proposed design for a verifying laboratory experiment. Section 5 consists of a summary and conclusion with respect to the work reported. A brief review of the basic gamma photon and fast neutron physics required, is given in Appendix I. while Appendix II recaps the basis of the Monte Carlo technique used.

## 2. THEORETICAL DESCRIPTION

### 2.1 Introduction

The radiation field emitted by an encapsulated plutonium oxide radioisotope thermoelectric generator (RTG) assembly consists primarily of an anisotropic polyenergetic distribution of gamma photons and fast neutrons. If RTG assemblies are boom mounted on a spacecraft ${ }_{s}$ as depicted in Figure $l_{\text {, }}$ then boom mounted science experiments packages may be exposed to excessive radiation fields. This radiation interference may be reduced by shielding the RTG ${ }^{\text {s }}$. If the spacecraft scattered radiation is not excessive then shadow shields may be used to reduce RTG radiation fluxes at the experiment to a criterion (acceptable) level. For a given shielding material the shield dimensions and thus weight, are optimized when the criterion flux is obtained. Further optimization may be obtained through judicious selection of materials and their deployment. In the event that the spacecraft scattered flux is excessive then additional RTG side shielding or geometrical redeployments must be considered.

In this report section the theoretical considerations of a method for determining the dimensionally and thus weight, optimized shield, consistent with the criterion flux condition, are presented. The discussion is restricted to the theory underlying the code developed for rapid predictions -... code $\mathrm{S} \varnothing \mathrm{SC}$; the code is described in Section 3.

The procedures developed use Monte Carlo technique, the albedo technique ${ }_{\beta}$ single scatter approximation to best advantage to obtain an iterative solution of a basic transport relationship. Since code $S \varnothing$ SC uses a modified version of the Monte Carlo code NUALGAM (3) ${ }^{(3)}$ the theory underlying the Monte Carlo code is reproduced in Appendix II, with revisions, from reference (3) . This section then is concerned with the components and 'solution ${ }^{8}$ of the basic transport expression. Although the discussion is general ${ }_{g}$ the emphasis is given to
photon transport, as stated in Section 1. It is proposed that neutron transport be evaluated in an analogous fashion in the future. In this regard neutrons are considered in the review of the transport relationship.

### 2.2 Theoretical Discussion

For the purposes of this section the complex spacecraft configuration shown in Figure 1 is redrawn schematically in Figure 2. Only one RTG source is indicated and the mission experiment package is referred to as a detector In addition, the spacecraft body is replaced by a simpler geometry and the boom-arms omitted.

The radiation number flux at a detector distant $r_{0}$ from a source $S\left(E_{0}\right)$, of neutrons or gamma photons $E_{O}$, as in Figure 2, without a shadow shield, may be defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{D}\left(E_{D}\right)=\phi \alpha\left(E_{\alpha}\right)+\phi_{0}\left(E_{0}\right) . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\phi \alpha\left(E_{\alpha}\right)= & \phi \alpha_{S}\left(E_{\alpha_{S}}\right)+\phi \alpha^{R}\left(E_{\alpha R}\right), \\
\phi \alpha_{S}\left(E_{\alpha_{S}}\right)= & \text { the primary radiation number scattered to the } \\
& \text { detector by the area } A \text { composed of material } j, \\
& \text { distant } r_{1} \text { and } r_{2} \text { from the source and detector, } \\
& \text { respectively, }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\phi \alpha^{R}\left(E_{\alpha R}\right)= & \text { the 'area A'-originating reaction product flux } \\
& \text { reaching the detector, } \\
= & 0, \text { for gamma photons as the primary radiation, } \\
& \text { excepting photoneutron interactions }(y, n), \\
\phi_{0}\left(E_{0}\right)= & \text { the uncollided primary radiation number reach- } \\
& \text { ing the detector. }
\end{aligned}
$$

The energy arguments signify that the detected flux consists of radiation of primary energy $E_{O}$, scattered energies $E_{\alpha_{S}}\left(<E_{O}\right)$ and reaction product energies, $E_{R}$. The subscript a refers to the spacecraft structure as a secondary source, eg. scattering, i.e. to albedo fluxes.

The number flux reaching the detector with a shadow shield, composed of material i, as indicated in Figure 2, may be defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{D}\left(E_{D}\right)=\phi \alpha\left(E_{\alpha}\right)+\phi_{a}\left(E_{0} ; E_{a}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$\phi_{a}\left(E_{o} ; E_{a}\right)=$ the shield attenuated flux,

$$
=\phi_{a}\left(E_{0}\right)+\phi_{a}\left(E_{a}\right),
$$

$\phi_{\mathrm{a}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{O}}\right)=$ the number flux transmitted by the shield without interaction,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\phi_{a}\left(E_{a}\right)= & \phi_{a s}\left(E_{a s}\right)+\phi_{a p}\left(E_{a p}\right)+\phi_{a R}\left(E_{a R}\right), \\
\phi_{a s}\left(E_{a s}\right)= & \text { the shield forward scattered radiation number } \\
& \text { flux reaching the detector, } \\
\phi_{a p}\left(E_{a p}\right)= & \text { the gamma photon number flux resulting from } \\
& \text { pair production interactions in the shield, } \\
= & 0, \text { for incident photon energies } E_{0} \leq 1,02 \mathrm{MeV}, \\
= & 0, \text { for incident neutrons, } \\
\phi_{a R}\left(E_{a R}\right)= & \text { the shield-originating reaction product number } \\
& \text { flux reaching the detector, e.g. gamma photons } \\
& \text { resulting from }(n, \gamma) \text { interactions, } \\
= & 0, \text { generally, for gamma photons as the primary } \\
& \text { radiation, excepting such as photoneutron inter- } \\
& \text { actions, i.e. }(\gamma, n) \text {. }
\end{aligned}
$$

For fast neutrons as the primary incident radiation, the number flux terms $\phi \alpha_{R}\left(E_{\alpha_{R}}\right)$ and $\phi_{\mathrm{a}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{aR}}\right)$ in Equation (1) and (2) refers to all product radiations, eg. neutrons, gamma photons, alphas, protons, depending on the reaction probabilities for each.

The number flux terms in Equations (1) and (2) may be estimated either from a combination of analytic relationships and published empirical data or from experiment, either numerical analogue, ie. Monte Carlo method or the conventional laboratory kind. The sole use of the Monte Carlo method is considered as being uneconomical and unjustified. A laboratory experiment is planned for the future by NASA-GSFC as part of the overall program. The present work is thus confined to number flux predictions obtained by analytic methods and by published empirical data and judicious use of Monte Carlo techniques.

Neglecting the reaction product number flux terms for the present, the detector incident number flux may be written as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{D}\left(E_{D}\right)=\phi_{a}\left(E_{o}\right)+\phi_{a}\left(E_{a}\right)+\phi_{\alpha_{S}}\left(E_{\alpha s}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

For a normally incident parallel radiation flux $\phi_{0}\left(E_{0}\right)$, the uncollided number flux transmitted through a shield of thickness L and reaching the detector, is obtained as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{a}\left(E_{0}\right)=\phi_{0}\left(E_{o}\right) e^{-\mu\left(E_{0}\right) \cdot L} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mu\left(E_{0}\right)= & \text { the total linear attenuation coefficient of the shield } \\
& \text { material for radiation of energy } E_{0} ; \text { the } \\
& \text { notation } \Sigma \text { is generally used for neutrons. }
\end{aligned}
$$

The ratio of the shield total-to-uncollided transmitted flux is referred to as "build-up". The build-up factor may thus be defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
B\left(E_{O}, L\right)=\frac{\left.\phi_{a}\left(E_{0}\right)+\phi_{a}\left(E_{a}\right)=\frac{\phi_{a}\left(E_{0}, E_{a}\right)}{\phi_{a}\left(E_{0}\right)} . . . E_{0}\right)}{} . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The total shield transmitted flux at the detector may be obtained from Equations (4) and (5) as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{a}\left(E_{0} ; E_{a}\right)=B\left(E_{O}, L\right) \cdot \phi_{0}\left(E_{0}\right) \cdot e^{-\mu\left(E_{0}\right) \cdot L} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

if the build-up factor is known.
Although energy and dose build-up factors may be obtained for gamma photons $(4,5)$ and to a lesser degree for fast-neutrons they pertain in almost all cases to semiinfinite single-materialmposition shields. For small finite shields, $1 . e$. shadow shields, and number flux requirements as opposed to energy and dose recourse
to either a laboratory experiment or a Monte Carlo study is a prerequisite. In the present work a Monte Carlo evaluation is underway for gamma photons and proposed for fast-neutrons.

For a spectrum of incident source particle energies the shield transmitted flux is obtained by integration as

$$
\begin{align*}
\Phi_{a}\left(E_{a}\right) & =\int_{0}^{\infty} \phi_{a}\left(E_{o}, E_{a}\right) d E_{o}  \tag{7}\\
& =\sum_{k=1}^{q} \phi_{a}\left(E_{o k}, E_{a}\right) \Delta E_{k} \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

For a stratified or homogenous shield composed of materials, each of thickness $\ell_{1}$, Equation (8) may be rewritten

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Phi_{a}\left(E_{a}\right)=\sum_{k=1}^{q} \phi_{0}\left(E_{o k}\right) \quad B\left(E_{0}, l_{i}\right) e^{-\mu_{i}\left(E_{o k}\right) l_{i}},  \tag{9}\\
& =\sum_{k=1}^{q} \phi_{o}\left(E_{o k}\right) \cdot B\left(E_{o}\right)_{m_{i=1}}^{m} e^{-\mu_{i}\left(E_{o k}\right) \cdot \ell_{i}}, \tag{10}
\end{align*}
$$

where

- $B\left(E_{O}\right)_{m}=$ the build-up factor for the composite shield of $m$ materials and incident radiation of energy $E_{0}$, and given geometry,
i $=$ material identity index,
$k=$ energy group index,
$\mathrm{q}=$ number of energy groups.
The uncollided number flux in the foregoing equations may be determined from a relationship of the kind

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{0}\left(E_{0}\right)=\phi_{0}\left(E_{0} r_{0}\right)=S\left(E_{0}\right) \cdot G\left(r_{0}\right) \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
S\left(E_{O}\right)= & \text { source emission rate for radiation of } \\
& \text { energy } E_{O^{\prime}} \\
G\left(r_{0}\right)= & \text { the geometry relationship for a source-to- } \\
& \text { detector distance } r_{0} .
\end{aligned}
$$

For example, for an isotropically emitting point source and $r_{0} \gg$ detector lateral extent, the geometry factor is

$$
\begin{equation*}
G\left(r_{o}\right)=\left(4 \pi r_{o}^{2}\right)^{-1} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Extended source and detector geometries may be evaluated according to the 'Point-Kernel Method' ${ }^{(4)}$.

The number flux term, $\phi_{\alpha S}\left(E_{\alpha S}\right)$ in Equation (3), resulting from primary gamma photons scattered by an area $A$, as in Figure 2 , may be redefined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{\alpha, s}\left(E_{\alpha S}\right)=\int_{A} \phi_{\alpha s}\left(E_{0}, \theta_{0} \theta_{0}, \varphi_{i} r_{1}, r_{2}, t ; i\right) d A \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$d A=$ the differential scattering area,
$\theta_{\mathrm{O}}=$ the angle between the incident radiation direction and the outward normal of area $d A$.
$\theta \quad=$ the angle between the emergent (scattered) radiation direction and the outward normal of area dA ,
$\varphi \quad=$ the azimuth angle of scattering in the plane of area $A$,
$r_{1}=$ the distance between the source and the area $d A_{s}$
$r_{2}=$ the distance between the area $d A$ and the detector,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{t}= & \text { the thickness of the scattering material at area } \mathrm{dA}, \\
& \text { measured along the inward normal to } \mathrm{dA}, \\
\mathrm{i}= & \text { the identity index of the material of which } \mathrm{dA} \\
& \text { is a part. }
\end{aligned}
$$

For a spectrum of source particle energies the energy integrated flux, $\Phi_{\alpha \mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\alpha_{\mathrm{S}}}\right)$, may be obtained by an integration similar to that of Equations (7) and (8), as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Phi_{\alpha^{S}}\left(E_{\alpha S}\right)=\int_{0}^{\infty} \phi_{\alpha S}\left(E_{\alpha S}\right) d E_{o} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

The flux term in the integrand of Equation (13) may be defined according to albedo theory as $(4,6)$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{\alpha S}\left(E_{\alpha S}\right)=\phi_{0}\left(E_{0}, r_{1}\right) \cdot \frac{\cos \theta_{0} \cdot d A \cdot \alpha\left(E_{0}, \theta_{0}, \theta, \phi, t ; i\right)}{r_{2}{ }^{2}} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$\alpha\left(\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{O}}, \theta_{\mathrm{O}}, \theta, \varphi, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{i}\right)=$ the angular differential number current albedo with respect to the noted arguments (defined for Equation (13)), ${ }^{(4,6)}$
$\phi_{0}\left(E_{0}, r_{1}\right) \quad=$ number flux incident on area $d A$,
$=S\left(E_{0}\right) \cdot G\left(r_{1}\right), C . f$, Equation (ll).

The assumption underlying the use of the albedo technique for complex geometry analysis is that the scattered radiation particles emerge from the scattering medium surface at a point close to their point of entry. This assumption is generally justified ${ }^{(4)}$, eg. the separation distance between
entry and exit for one-half of all escaping gamma photons has been found to be less than one mean-free-path (for incident energy $E_{O}$ ). Photon scattering from very thin or laterally small structures of volume $V$, may be alternately predicted by the single-scattering approximation method ${ }^{(7)}$. from the relationship

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{\varphi}_{\alpha S S}=\int_{V} \phi_{0}\left(E_{0} \cdot r_{1}\right) \cdot \frac{N_{e} \cdot \sigma_{K N}\left(E_{O}, \theta_{S}\right) d V}{r_{2}{ }^{2}} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{e}}= & \text { the scattering material electron density per } \\
& \text { cubic centimeter, } \\
\sigma_{\mathrm{KN}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{O}}, \theta_{\mathrm{S}}\right)= & \text { the Klein-Nishina angular-energy intensity } \\
& \text { distribution function }(4), \text { for photons of } \\
& \text { energy } \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{O}} \text { and scattering angle } \theta_{\mathrm{S}}, \\
\theta_{\mathrm{S}} \quad & \text { the argle between the primary and scattered } \\
& \text { photon directions. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Equation (15) may be solved if values for the number albedo are known. The albedo may be determined by either a laboratory experiment or a Monte Carlo treatment. For gamma photons, recently developed modification of the moments method has been reported as a potential source of albedo data ${ }^{(8)}$. In the present work, experimental albedo data ${ }^{(9,10)}$, and empirical relationships in accord with both experimental and Monte Carlo results $(4,6,11,12)$, were used for gamma photons. A similar approach is proposed for the case of fast-neutrons.

Since weight is the product of volume and density, the weight optimization of an axially symmetric shadow shield of specified composition may be considered as an optimization of shield thickness, $I_{\text {min }}$, such that
$\phi_{D}\left(E_{D}\right)_{\gamma}{ }_{n} \leq C$, where $C$ is a specified criterion, eg, 10 particles $/ \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$. The optimum; or minimum weight of a right-cylindrical shield of radius $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}}$, may be obtained as

$$
\begin{align*}
W_{\min } & =\pi R_{S}^{2} L_{\min } \cdot \rho  \tag{17}\\
& =\pi R_{S}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathrm{m}} \ell_{i_{\min }} \cdot \rho_{i} \tag{18}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\rho_{\mathrm{i}} & =\text { the density of shield material } \mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{g}} \\
\rho & =\text { the weighted density of the shield, } \\
& =\text { the shield material actual density if } \mathrm{m}=1
\end{aligned}
$$

The total number flux reaching the detector for the case of a polyenergetic source, is obtained from Equation (2) doubly integrated over primary and secondary energies, as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Phi_{D}=\int_{E_{D}} \Phi_{D}\left(E_{D}\right)_{\gamma^{\prime} n^{\prime}} d E_{D}=\int_{E_{0}, E \alpha} \phi_{\alpha}\left(E_{\alpha}\right)_{\gamma^{\prime} n^{\prime}} d E_{o} d E_{\alpha}+\int_{E_{0}, E_{a}} \phi_{a}\left(E_{o} ; E_{a}\right)_{\gamma} d E_{o} d E_{\alpha}+ \\
& +\int_{E_{0}, E_{a}} \phi_{a}\left(E_{o} ; E_{a}\right)_{n} d E_{o} d E_{\alpha} \quad . \tag{19}
\end{align*}
$$

where the subscripts $y$ and $n$ denote gamma photons and fast neutrons. The use of the albedo and build-up factor concepts is tantamount to an integration over $E_{\alpha}$ and $E_{a}$, respectively.

Equation (19) may be further redefined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
F=\int_{E_{o}, E_{a}} \phi_{a}\left(E_{o} ; E_{a}\right)_{y} d E_{o} d E_{a}+\int_{E_{o}, E_{a}} \phi_{a}\left(E_{o} ; E_{a}\right)_{n} d E_{o} d E_{a} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& F=\int_{E_{D}} \phi_{D}\left(E_{D}\right)_{\gamma^{\prime} n^{\prime}}{ }^{2} E_{D} \int_{E_{0}, E_{\alpha^{\prime}}} \phi_{\rho^{\prime}}\left(E_{\alpha}\right) \gamma^{\prime} n^{d E_{o} d E_{\alpha}}  \tag{21}\\
& =C-\int_{E_{O}, E_{\alpha}} \phi_{\alpha}\left(E_{\alpha}\right) \gamma_{\mathrm{n}}{ }^{d E_{O}} \mathrm{dE}_{\alpha} \quad . \tag{22}
\end{align*}
$$

The flux terms in Equation (20) may be obtained from Equations (10) and (13) and $L_{\min }$ obtained by an iterative solution. For example, for a single material shield exposed to a monoenergetic source of neutrons and photons. Equation (20) reduces to

$$
\begin{equation*}
F=\phi_{0}\left(E_{O}\right)_{\gamma} B\left(E_{0}\right)_{\gamma} e^{-\mu\left(E_{O}\right) \gamma^{L}}+\phi_{0}\left(E_{0}\right)_{n} B\left(E_{O}\right)_{n} e^{-\mu\left(E_{O}\right) \cdot L} \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

The foregoing theoretical discussion has presumed a knowledge of gamma photon and fast neutron interaction phenomena. Such phenomena and the relevant interaction physics are summarily reviewed in the Appendix In. In addition, a familiarity with the solution of radiation transport problems by means of the Monte Carlo method is presumed; the reader is referred to the references in this regard $(13,14)$.

The second term in the right-side of Equation (20) is defined by Equation (2) . It includes the shield originating neutron-reaction product flux $\phi_{a R}\left(E_{a R}\right)$ 。 as yet not discussed in any detail. Although the flux $\phi_{a R}\left(E_{a R}\right)$ reaching the detector, may be predicted by means of either a laboratory experiment or a Monte Carlo code evaluation, it may be estimated for the case of reaction product gamma photons such as result from fast neutron inelastic scatters or absorptions in an axially symmetric shadow shield, as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{a R}\left(E_{a R}\right)=\int_{0}^{L} g \cdot G\left(r_{\ell}\right) \cdot \Sigma_{\gamma}\left(E_{o}\right) \cdot \phi_{0}\left(E_{o}\right)_{n} \cdot\left(1-e^{-\lambda T}\right) \cdot e^{-\sum T o t}\left(E_{o}\right) \ell \quad e^{-\mu\left(E_{a R}\right)(L-\ell)_{d} \ell} \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
g= & \text { the cross-section area of the axially symmetric } \\
& \text { shadow shield, }
\end{aligned}
$$

|  | $=\pi R_{S}^{2}$ ，for a cylindrical shield． |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\ell$ | $=$ the distance from the shield face at the source to the differential volume g．de（see Figure 3）， |
| $G\left(r_{\ell}\right)$ | $=$ the geometry factor for distance $r_{\ell}, C . f$. Equation（1l）。 |
| $\mathrm{r}_{\ell}$ | $=$ the distance from the differential volume g．d to the detector（see Figure 3）， |
| $\sum_{y}\left(E_{0}\right)$ | $=$ the linear attenuation coefficient of the shield material for fast－neutrons of energy $E_{0}$ ，for production of gamma photons， |
| $\sum_{\text {Tot }}\left(E_{0}\right)$ | $=$ the total linear attenuation coefficient of the shield material for fast－neutrons of energy $E_{0}$ 。 |
| $\phi_{0}\left(E_{0}\right)_{n}$ | $=$ the shield normally and parallel incident flux of fast neutrons of energy $E_{0}$ 。 |
|  | $=\phi_{0}\left(E_{0},\left(r_{0}-r_{\ell}\right)\right)_{n}$, C．f．Equation（11）， |
| $\ldots\left(E_{a R}\right)$ | $=$ the total linear attenuation coefficient of the shield material for reaction product gamma photons of energy $E_{a R}$ ． |
| $\lambda$ | $=$ the radioactive decay constant of the reaction－ produced or compound nucleus， |
| $T$ | $=$ the duration of exposure to the neutron flux． |

For inelastic scattering the decay constant in Equation (24) is relatively large and thus

$$
\begin{equation*}
1-\mathrm{e}^{-\lambda \tau} \approx 1.0 \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

This is also true for activation where the product $\lambda . T$ is large.
Considering again the primary radiation emitted by the sources, a modified form of Equation (24), where $g, \ell, r_{\ell}$ and the exponent $\mu\left(E_{a R}\right)(I-\ell)$ are replac. ed by $\mathrm{dA}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{r}_{2}$ and $\mu\left(\mathrm{E}_{\alpha \mathrm{R}}\right)$.t respectively, may be defined as

$$
\phi_{\alpha \mathrm{R}}\left(E_{\alpha \mathrm{R}}\right)=\int_{0}^{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{dA} \cdot G\left(r_{2}\right) \cdot \Sigma \cdot \gamma\left(E_{0}\right) \cdot \phi_{\mathrm{O}}\left(E_{0}, r_{1}\right)_{\mathrm{n}}\left(1-\mathrm{e}^{-\lambda T}\right) \mathrm{e}^{-\Sigma_{\mathrm{TOt}}\left(E_{0}\right) \mathrm{t}} \cdot \mathrm{e}^{-\mu\left(E_{\alpha R}\right) \mathrm{t}} \mathrm{dt},(26)
$$

to estimate the spacecraft structure reaction product 'albedo', $\alpha_{R}$ for prediction of fluxes, $\phi_{\alpha R}\left(E_{\alpha} R\right) ; \alpha R$ is analogous to $\alpha$ of Equation (15) for $\left(\theta_{0}, \theta, \varphi\right)=(0,0,0)$. This albedo, valid for normal incidence and emergence, may be used as in Fquation (29) of Section 3.2, to estimate the angular differential albedo. Primary and secondary energy integrations of Equations (24) and (26) are as defined for Equation (20).

The shadow shield as a secondary source of both photons and neutrons, ie. scattered and reaction product radiation, has been discussed. Scattering to the detector may be accounted for either by the use of the build-up factor concept or a Monte Carlo analysis and reaction product radiation intensity may be predicted by the use of Equation (24) or a Monte Carlo analysis.

In addition to being a second order source, the shield may also be consid. ered a third order source, ie. primary radiation interacting in the shield may produce secondary radiation which in turn may interact with the spacecraft structure to yield a third order flux at the detector.

The detected flux resulting from such interactions in the spacecraft structure may be predicted in accord with either Equations (15), (16) or (26) and
discussions thereto, providing the shield-originating flux $\phi_{0}\left(E_{a R}, r_{1}\right.$ shield $)=$ $\phi_{0}\left(E_{a R}, r_{l s}\right)$, is known and substituted for $\phi_{0}\left(E_{0}, r_{1}\right)$. The night-cylindrical shield originating flux in the axially perpendicular direction, may be estimated as
$\dot{\varphi}_{O}\left(E_{\exists R}{ }^{r} r_{l S}\right)=\int_{0}^{L} f\left(R_{S}, r_{l s}, E_{a R}\right) \cdot \Sigma_{\gamma}\left(E_{O}\right) \cdot \phi_{0}\left(E_{O}\right)_{n}\left(l-e^{-\lambda T}\right) \cdot e^{-\sum_{T O t}\left(E_{O}\right) l_{d \ell}, ~(27)}$ where the function $f\left(R_{S}, r_{1 s}, E_{a R}\right)$, valid for $\ell \ll r_{1 s}$, takes the shield self absorption into account. This function is defined for the cylinder as

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(R_{s_{1}} r_{1 s}, E_{a R}\right)=\frac{q}{2 \pi} \int_{0}^{\beta} \quad d \beta \int_{y_{1}}^{y_{2}} \frac{e^{-\mu\left(E_{a R}\right)\left(y-y_{1}\right)}}{y} d y \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{y}_{1} & =\mathrm{r}_{1 \mathrm{~s}} \cos \beta-\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}} \cos \psi \\
\mathrm{y}_{2} & =\mathrm{r}_{1 \mathrm{~s}} \cos \beta+\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{s}} \cos \psi \\
\psi & =\pi-\sin ^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathrm{r}_{1 \mathrm{~s}} \sin \beta}{\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{S}}}\right) \\
\mathrm{y} & =\text { integration variable; a distance, } \\
\beta & =\text { integration variable, an angle, } \\
\beta_{1} \quad= & \text { the limit, } \sin ^{-1}\left(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{S}} / \mathrm{r}_{1 \mathrm{~s}}\right) \\
\mathrm{r}_{1 \mathrm{~s}} \quad & =\text { the shield-to-spacecraft 'area dA' distance; } \\
& \text { analogous to } r_{1} \text { (see Figure 3). }
\end{aligned}
$$

For reasons of clarity the fluxes discussed in this report section are schematically summarized in Figure 3.

## 3. CODE SøSC DESCRIPTION

### 3.1 Introduction

This report section describes the general logic, user information and preliminary results obtained using code $\mathrm{S} \varnothing \mathrm{SC}$, a spacecraft shield optimizing study code, a code written in the FORTRAN-IV language for the IBM-360/91 digital computer. Code S $\varnothing$ SC consists of three distinct component code complexes: XEST, NUGAMI and ALB. Code XEST predicts approximate shield dimensions based on analytic methods. Code NUGAMI predicts shield buildup factors for final shield dimensions, by the Monte Carlo method. Code ALB determines flux intensities resulting from scattering by the spacecraft. structure, based on the albedo technique and/or the single scatter approximation.

The code may be optionally run to evaluate spacecraft scattering only or instead to optimize the shadow shield, neglecting spacecraft scattering. Thus if the scatter contribution is already known then it may be input instead of calculated and the shield optimization carried out.

Code S $\varnothing$ SC logic is presented in Section 3.2. Code S $\varnothing$ SC consists of a main controlling program --- MAIN, a shield thickness prediction program --- XEST, a complex geometry scatter flux program --- ALB, and a Monte Carlo buildup factor calculating program --- NUGAM1. Development work on these programs focussed on gamma photon transport as noted in Section 1 of this report. Neutron transport was coded according to 'removal theory ${ }^{8}{ }^{8}{ }^{15}$ )。

### 3.2 Code Logic

MAIN executes input and final output operation. Details of the input-output are given in Section 3.3.3. The main programs call ALB to determine $F$ for Equation (20). It calls XEST to estimate an approximate thickness value. $\mathrm{L}_{\min _{e}}$ for Equation (20). The Monte Carlo code, NUGAM1, is called to
determine buildup factors corresponding to the estimated value of $I_{m i n}$ e Using the thus determined values of F and the buildup factors, the code solves Equation (18) for the optimum thickness $\mathrm{L}_{\min }$ by iteration. It will optionally recall NUGAM1 to determine the deviation of the buildup factors for $L_{\min }$ from those for $L_{\min }{ }_{e}$. If this deviation exceeds a tolerance value the code will reiterate. Iteration may be arrested at any loop number specified by the user. Code $\mathrm{S} \varnothing \mathrm{SC}$ logic is summarized in Figure 4.

Code ALB determines the angular-energy integrated flux scattered to the detector by the spacecraft complex structural components illuminated by primary source radiation. Code ALB consists of an albedo package and a generalized geometry package. In its present form the albedo package is only coded for gamma photons because of the lack of fast neutron differential number albedo data. It is proposed to generate fast neutron data according to the Monte Carlo technique, in the future.

The albedo routines in code ALB determine the scattered energy integrated flux $\phi_{\alpha S}\left(E_{\alpha S}\right)$ defined by Equation (13). The main calling program carries out the integration over primary source energies. The gamma photon number current albedos defined by Equation (15) were obtained from the relationship

$$
\begin{align*}
& \alpha\left(E_{0}, \theta_{0}, \theta, \varphi_{1}, i\right)=\alpha\left(E_{0}, 0,0,0, \infty ; i\right) . f\left(\theta_{0}\right) \cdot \cos \theta \cdot g(t),  \tag{29}\\
& =\alpha\left(E_{o} ; i\right) . f\left(\theta_{0}\right) \cdot \cos \theta \cdot g(t) \quad . \tag{30}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\alpha\left(E_{o} ; i\right)= & \text { the angular differential number current albedo } \\
& \text { for gamma photons perpendicularly incident } \\
& \left(\theta_{0}=0\right) \text { and emergent }(\theta=0) \text { from scattering } \\
& \text { material i, ie. } 180^{\circ}\left(=\theta_{\mathrm{s}}\right) \text { backscatter, } \\
\mathrm{g}(\mathrm{t}) \quad & \text { a function to account for reduced backscattering } \\
& \text { from a material of finite thickness } \mathrm{t}, \\
\mathrm{f}\left(\theta_{\mathrm{O}}\right) \quad= & \text { a function to account for the albedo behaviour } \\
& \text { with change in } \theta_{0} .
\end{aligned}
$$

From reference (16), the azimuthal dependence may be defined in terms of $A_{0} \theta_{0}$ and the total scattering angle $\theta_{S}$, as
where

$$
\varphi=\cos ^{-1}\left[\frac{\cos \theta_{s}+\cos \theta_{0} \cos \theta}{\sin \theta \sin \theta_{0}}\right]
$$

$\theta_{\mathrm{s}}=$ the angle between the incident and emergent photon
vectors, i.e., the scattering angle.

The present version of code ALB assumes $(9,10,12)$

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(\theta_{0}\right)=\operatorname{Cos} \theta_{0} \tag{31}
\end{equation*}
$$

and ${ }^{(11)}$

$$
\begin{align*}
g(t) & =\alpha\left(E_{0}, t ; i\right) / \alpha\left(E_{0} ; i\right)  \tag{32}\\
& =1-e^{-c t} \tag{33}
\end{align*}
$$

where $c$ is a constant such that $g(t)=0.99$, for $t=2 \lambda\left(E_{0}\right)_{i} \lambda\left(E_{0}\right)$ is the mean-free-path in material i for photons of energy $E_{0}$. Code ALB uses scattering angle $\theta_{S}$ to eliminate the albedo dependence on azimuth $\varphi$, in accord with the method of reference (16).

Experimentally measured values for the perpendicular differential number current albedo $\alpha\left(E_{o} ; i\right)$, obtained from references $(9,10)$, were encoded。 For fast neutrons, Monte Carlo data from reference (12) was used for preliminary evaluations.

The code ALB geometry routines require that the spacecraft structure be defined in terms of the spatial coordinates of simple geometrical shapes, e.g. cylinders, tubes, boxes, slabs, etc. These shapes allow the flat-stded cylindrical spacecraft body, boom-arms, antennae ${ }_{8}$
science platforms, etc, to be accounted for, Coordinates are specified with respect to a reference Cartesian coordinate frame as shown in Figure 5. The Cartesian frame may be located arbitrarily but the spacecraft vertical axis is suggested for the Z-axis of the frame. From an engineering standpoint, coordinates may be readily obtained from preliminary or final design drawings. The code determines whether the radiation illuminated surfaces are visible to the detector. It subdivides cylindrical regions radially into planar strips for albedo determinations. The dimensions of the strips are determined as a function of the specific cylinder radius with respect to distance from source and detector. The lateral extent of all plane areas is subdivided into dimensions which are small relative to distance from source and detector. Cylindrical scattering may be optionally carried out according to either the albedo or single scatter methods. Booms are evaluated using the single scatter technique. Wall thickness must be specified for all volume geometries; solids may be specified by taking the wall thickness equal to the radius for a cylinder or the half-breadth in the case of a box.

Code XEST determines the value of $L_{\text {min }}$ satisfying equation (20) and thus obtains $W_{\min }$ of equation (17), or the $\ell_{\mathrm{i}}^{\mathrm{min}}$ of equation (18). Although specifically designed for the purpose of shadow shield optimization it is coded for larger shields. Code XEST solves equation (20) by the technique of iteration. For the first iteration the code assumes a build -up factor of unity to determine $L_{\min _{e}}$ (1). For the second iteration a Monte Carlo buildup factor based on $L_{\min _{e}}$ (1) and calculated by NUGAMI is used to iterate $\mathrm{L}_{\min _{e}}{ }^{(2)}$. Iteration is arrested when

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|\left(L_{\min _{e}}^{(h)}-L_{\min _{e}}(h-1) / L_{\min _{e}}(h) \leq \varepsilon\right. \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \epsilon=\text { preassigned tolerance } \\
& h=\text { iteration number }
\end{aligned}
$$

### 3.3 CODE OPERATING INFORMATION

### 3.3.1 General

Code S $\varnothing$ SC is written in FORTRAN-IV for the NASA-GSFC IBM-360/91 digital computer. It may be run on any IBM-360 with sufficient core size, ie . the present version requires bytes, ( 4 bytes/word). There are no Sense Switch or special tape requirements. Input formats are standard FORTRANIV, as given in any IBM or CDC Fortran manual; the code has been designed with a view to ease of translation for use on other than IBM computers . Input/output tapes are presently coded as LI and L $\varnothing$ equal to 5 and 6 , respectively, at the beginning of MAIN. A code listing is given in Appendix III.

Section 3.3.2 defines the constants appearing in the various subroutines throughout the code. Input card details, order, formats, restrictions and location are given in Section 3.3.3. Card numbers are encircled and defined in the order in which they are read by the code. A sample input listing is presented in Appendix IV. Code output is reviewed in Section 3.3.4. Section 3.3.5 is a discussion of the results obtained with code S $\varnothing$ SC. Appendix $V$ is a sample output listing. It corresponds to the sample input of Appendix IV. Debug type output may be obtained by input of card (3). The user is cautioned with respect to profusion of output under this option - - a trial using sample data is recommended first. The code S $\varnothing$ SC input data card deck consists of twenty-two (22) types of cards, referred to as Card (1), Card (2). etc. If the type requires more than a single card the reference is made to Card set $\bigcirc$.

Code NUGAM1 determines the angular energy transport of gamma photons in a finite cylindrical shield. It was derived from an existing Monte Carlo source self-absorption code --.- NUALGAM; developed for NASA-GSFC by NUS Corporation, and described in NUS-536 ${ }^{(3)}$. This code follows photon transport and considers pair-production, Compton scattering and photoelectric interaction phenomena. A description of this code is given in Appendix II. In code NUGAMI, the shield may be composed of a single material of simple or complex composition or stratifications i.e. "discs" of simple or complex composition, including vacuum. The code is presently designed for either an axial point or plane parallel source but may be readily adapted to other distributions. Similarly, the code may be readily modified to allow the study of annular-cylindrical shields, rectangular slabs, etc.

The source spectral distribution may consist of a large number of photon energy groups. In order to reduce costly Monte Carlo evaluation at each energy the code may be restricted to user selected energy groups in the energy domain. Intermediate energy evaluations over the source spectrum are obtained by quadratic interpolation.

Code NUGAM1 may be used to determine angular differential forward buildup for gamma photons. Preliminary studies with this code, which may be either called by code $S \varnothing S C$ or used as a separate code, have revealed that the forward buildup factor for the shadow shields is less than that to be expected for a large (semi-infinite) shield, in agreement with qualitative argument.

### 3.3.2 Code Constants

The constant 0.51097 is required for energy conversion from MeV to the unit of electron rest mass. This value appears in subroutines DC $\varnothing \mathrm{MP}$, GENSIG, ØUTPUT, SINGSC SPECTM, and XEST.

The constants PYE, RADAP and CMPI are coded in MAIN and communicated by $C \varnothing M M \varnothing N / C \emptyset N S T /$ and $C \varnothing M M \varnothing N / C \varnothing R D S /$. They are defined as PYE $=$ $\pi=3.14159$, RADAP $=$ factor for conversion of angles from degrees to radians, CMIP = factor for conversion from cm to inch.

The Avogadro number, $0.6023 \times 10^{24}$, is used in subroutines GENSIG and NENSIG。

The constant value $0.28183 \times 10^{-12} \mathrm{~cm}$ used in subroutine CIGMA is the classical electron radius, $r_{0}$.

The constant value $0.49895 \times 10^{-24}$ used in subroutine SIGMA is equal to $2 \pi r_{O}{ }^{2}$ 。

The experimental albedo data used in subroutine ALBED $\varnothing$ are given in reference (9). The number albedos $D A \varnothing \mathcal{N}_{s}$, the corresponding energies EE and the atomic number MN of the scattering medium are coded in the DATA statements in ALBED $\varnothing$.

The value 0.69314718 in subroutine INDEX is the natural logarithm of 2 . Gamma photon and fast neutron cross-sections input data may be taken directly from the references ( $17,18,19,20,21,22$ ) .
NAME COLUMN FORMAT DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR USE

Card ( 1 (single card to define the problem case path; 1814; MAIN)
(NPATH (I), 18) 1-4, 5-8, etc. 14

Execution path options (see Figure 6 for specific integer values)

Card (1)-1 (single card; 6F10.4; MAIN)

| XS | 1-10 | F10.4 | Cartesian coordinates ( $x, y, z$, of the source geometric center (inches)*. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YS | 11-20 | Fl0.4 |  |
| ZS | 21-30 | F10.4 |  |
| XD | 31-40 | F10.4 | Cartesian coordinates ( $x, y, z$ ) of the point detector eg. science package (inches)*。 |
| YD | 41-50 | F10.4 |  |
| 2D | 51-60 | F10.4 |  |
| RADIUS | 61-66 | F6. 3 | Radius of shield (inches). |
| DIST | 67-72 | F6.3 | Source to shield distance (inches). |

*The reference Cartesian frame (and its origin) are located by the user as described in Section 3.2.

Card (2) (single card; 3I 5, F10.5; MAIN)

| NE | 1-5 | I5 | Number of gamma source spectrum energy increment midpoints $(\leq 20)$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NG | 6-10 | I5 | Input card option signal: =0, gamma source only, ie. input card sets (3) and (4). $=1$, neutron source only, ie. input card sets 5 and 6 . $=2$, gamma and neutron source, ie. input cards sets (3) through (6). |


| NAME | COLUMN | FORMAT | DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR USE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NNE | 1.1-15 | I5 | Number of fast neutron source spectrum energy increment midpoints ( $\leq 20$ ) 。 |
| INE | 16-20 | I5 | Number of equal energy intervals in escape spectrum from in the range 0 to $E E(N E)(\leq 25)$. |
| $\mathrm{N} \varnothing \mathrm{PT}$ | 21-25 | I5 | Option for intermediate output $=0$, no intermediate output, $\pm 0$ intermediate output and NGAMA set equal to 100 . |
| NRAND | 26-30 | I5 | Initial random number (must be odd number and different for each job submitted) |
| $N \nsim E S$ | 31-35 | I5 | Number of indices (and history multipliers) in card set (2)-1 and $-2 ; \leq I N E$. |
| ALL $\varnothing$ WF | 36-42 | F7. 4 | Total number flux allowed at the detector, $(\gamma+\mathrm{n}) / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$. |
| ECT | 43-49 | F7. 4 | Low energy cut-off ( MeV ) . |
| ARREST | 50-56 | F7. 4 | The iteration arresting criterion $\epsilon$, as in Equation (34) and Figure 4; a fraction. |
| TANDEM | 57-63 | F7. 4 | The number of tandem sources, ie. final data is multiplied by TANDEM, eg. $=2$ for configuration of Figure 1 . |
| FRG | 64-70 | F7. 4 | Gamma photon source axial-to-radial emission ratio; axial is in source-to-detector direction. |


| NAME | COLUMN | FORMAT | DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR US |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| FRN | $71-77$ | F7.4 | Fast neutron source axial-to- <br> radial emission ratio. |
| Card Set $2-1$ (single card input only if NE $>4 ; 20 I 4 ;$ MAIN) |  |  |  |

Card Set 2 - (single card; 20F4.0; MAIN)
HGAMA (1) 1-4
F4. 0

NGAMA (2) 5-8

HGAMA (NØES)
F4. 0
Multiplier for obtaining the number of Monte Carlo histories (in thousands) to be generated at the selected energy index $L E(1)$; eg. HGAMA(1) $=3.0$ generates 300 3000 histories.

Ditto
for $L E(2)$
Ditto for LE(NOES)
NAME COLUMN FORMAT DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR USE

Card Set (3)( (NE/12) + 1 cards*: 12F6.2; MAIN)

| EE(1) | F6. | F6.2 | Gamma photon source spectrum <br> energy at first (lowest energy) <br> increment mid-point (MeV). |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $E E(2)$ | $1-6$ | $F 6.2$ | Ditto <br> for second energy |
| $E E(12)$ | $7-12$ | $F 6.2$ | Ditto <br> for twelfth energy |
| $E E(N E)$ | - | $F 6.2$ | Ditto <br> for NE energy |

*NE/12 = 0 if NE $<12$; $=1$ if $12 \leq N E<24$; etc. This iteger meaning applies throughout Section 3.3.

Card Set (4) (NE/7)+1 cards; 7F10.3; MAIN)

| SS(1) | 1-10 | F10.3 | Gamma pho pic emissio ing to energ second). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SS(2) | 11-20 | F10.3 | Ditto <br> for $\operatorname{EE}(2)$ |
| - |  |  |  |
| SS(7) | 61-70 | F10.3 | Ditto <br> for EE(7) |
| - |  |  |  |
| SS(NE) | - | F10.3 | Ditto |
|  |  |  | for EE(NE) |



Card ( 7 (single card; 12; ALB)
$\mathrm{N} \varnothing \mathrm{RF} \quad 1-2 \quad \mathrm{I} 2$
Number of spacecraft scattering structural members in the problem model, ie defines the number of times card sets (8) through (15) are to be repeated; card sets

| NAME | COLUMN | FORMAT | DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR USE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (11) through (13) not input the M value repeated (structual material unchanged). |
| Card 8) (single card; A22; ALB) |  |  |  |
| STRUCT | 1-8 | "A8" | Alphanumeric name of spacecraft scattering member geometry, eg. BOOM, CYLINDER, etc. |
| PØINT | 9-16 | "A8" | Alphanumeric name of spacecraft scattering member identi fier or label, e.g. M-F. |
| RMAT | 17-22 | "A6" | Alphanumeric name of spacecraft scattering member material, eg. IRON, LEAD, etc. |

Card (single card; II, I4, 2I5, 3F10.5; ALB)

NNNN I Il

M
2-5

IP
6-10
I5
I4

The number of spacecraft scattering member material elements, eg. $=2$ for $\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$. (assumed $=1$ if input omitted)

Atomic number of spacecraft scattering material.

Number of Cartesian coordinate points required to describe spacecraft scattering member, eg. $=2$ for cylinder. (see Figure 5).

Spacecraft scattering member geometry identifier:
$=0$, plane
= 1 , boom arm or cylinder $=2$. rectangular box structure

| NAME | COLUMN | FORMAT | DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR USE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | - |
| T2 | 16-25 | F10.5 | Spacecraft scattering member thickness for plane or outer radius for cylinder or boom (inches). |
| T1 | 26-35 | F10.5 | Spacecraft scattering member inner radius for cylinder or boom; not required for plane (inches). |
| Tb | 36-45 | F10.5 | Photon scattering method option: <br> 干 0 , albedo method <br> $=0$, single scattering method if $\mathrm{IK}=0$ orl. |
| NT | 46-50 | I5 | Single to signify the direction of the outward normal for plane (see Figure 5) $=+1$, if origin $(0,0,0)$ of Cartesian frame is within material defined by surface $=-1$, if origin outside (and thus "viewing") the plane <br> $=0$ or blank, if $I K=0$ (i.e. not a plane). |
| Card S | $(\mathrm{IP} / 3)+1$ | ; 9F8.5; |  |
| X(1) | 1-8 | F8.5 | Cartesian coordinates ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}$, ) of first point required to des- |
| $\mathrm{Y}(1)$ | $9-16$ | F8.5 | cribe location of spacecraft scattering member (inches)*. |
| Z(1) | 17-24 | F8.5 | (See IP of Card Set (9) and Figure 5) 。 |
| - |  |  |  |
| - |  |  |  |
| *The order of input of the coordinates must be clockwise "viewing" each surfact from "outside" the volume; the input order for surfaces may be arbitrary . |  |  |  |


| NAME | COLUMN | FORMAT | DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR USE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| X (IP) | - | F8. 5 | Cartesian coordinates ( $x, y, z$ ) of $I^{\text {th }}$ coordinate point requir- |
| Y(IP) | - | F8.5 | ed to describe location of spacecraft scattering member (inches). |
| $\mathrm{Z}(\mathrm{IP})$ | - | F8. 5 | (see IP of Card Set (9) and Figure 5) . |

Card (single card; 3I5; GENSIG) (See Figure 7)
NINT
1-5
I5

ILめW
6-10
I5

I5

Gamma photon cross-section table parameter; ${ }_{2}$ NINT energy intervals/group.

Cross-section table parameter; $2^{I L D W}$ is lowest energy bound of table ( $m_{0} c^{2}$ units).

Cross-section table parameter; $2{ }^{\mathrm{IHIGH}}$ is highest energy bound of table ( $\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{c}^{2}$ units).

The number of energies for which cross-section data to be input.

The density of the medium element for which cross-section data to be input ( $\mathrm{gm} / \mathrm{cc}$ ) .

The atomic number of the medium element for which cross-section data to be input.

The atomic weight of the medium element for which cross-section data to be input.
NAME COLUMN FORMAT DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR USE

Card Type (13) ((ME/3) + 1 cards; 9E8.3; GENSIG)

| $E(1)$ | 1-8 | E8. 3 | First (lowest) energy for input of cross-section data (MeV). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SIGPE(1) | 9-16 | E8.3 | Photoelectric cross-section for energy $E(1)$, (barns/atom) . |
| SIGPP(1) | 17-24 | E8.3 | Pair-production cross-section for energy $\mathrm{E}(1)$, (barns/atom) . |
| E(2) | 25-32 | E8.3 | Similar to E(1) |
| SIGPE(2) | 33-40 | E8.3 | Similar to SIGPE(I) |
| SIGPP(2) | 41-48 | E8.3 | Similar to SIGPP(1) |
| $E(3)$ | 49-56 | E8.3 | Similar to E(1) |
| SIGPE(3) | 57-64 | E8.3 | Similar to SIGPE(1) |
| SIGPP(3) | 65-72 | E8.3 | Similar to SIGPP(1) |
| E(4) | 1-8 | E8.3 | Similar to E(1) |
| $E(\mathrm{ME})$ | - | E8. 3 | Highest energy for input of cross-section data ( MeV ) 。 |
| SIGPE(ME) | - | E8.3 | Photoelectric cross-section for energy $E$ (ME) (barn/atom). |
| $\operatorname{SIGPP}(\mathrm{ME})$ | - | E8.3 | Pair-mproduction cross-section for energy $E(M E)$ (barn/atom). |

NAME COLUMN FORMAT DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR

Card (14) and Card Set (15) are not input in the present code version. They will be input in a future version for neutron scattering calculations. Although they are not input (and the code does not expect them) they are detailed.

| NN | 1-2 | I2 | Number of energies for which fast neutron cross-sections are input. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DENSTY | 3-12 | F10.5 | Density as in Card (12) |
| AT $\triangle$ MND | 13-22 | F10.5 | Atomic number as in Card (12). |
| ANDA ${ }^{\text {N }}$ | 23-32 | F10.5 | Atomic weight as in Card (12). |
| Card Set (15) ( $\mathrm{NN} / 3$ ) + 1 cards; 9F7.2; NENSIG) |  |  |  |
| ENN(1) | 1-7 | F7. 2 | First (lowest) energy for input of fast neutron cross-section (MeV) . |
| XSN(1) | 8-14 | F7. 2 | Fast neutron total cross-section for energy ENN(1) (barn/atom) . |
| XAN(1) | 15-21 | F7.2 | Fast neutron scattering crosssection for energy ENN(1) (barn/atom) . |
| XAN(3) | 57-63 | F7.2 | Fast neutron scattering crosssection for energy ENN(3) (barn/atom). |


| NAME | COLUMN | FORMAT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | | DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE OR |
| :--- |
| ENN(NN) |
| XSN(NN) |

Card (16) (single card; 'A 80'; MAIN)
TTTLE 1-80 'A80'

Card 17 (single card; I5; MAIN)
NOM I-5 I5
5

Card (18) (single card; 9(F5.2,I2); MAIN)

| RA(1) | $1-5$ | F5.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NELE(1) | $6-7$ | I2 |
| $\vdots$ |  |  |
| $\vdots$ |  |  |
| RA(NODM) | $57-61$ | F5.2 |
|  |  |  |
| NELE(NDM) | $62-63$ | I2 |

Shield layer thickness fraction with respect to shield total thickness; for first (l at source end of shield) layer.

Number of elements in first shield layer.

Shield layer thickness fraction with respect to shield total thickness; for last (NØM) shield layer.

Number of elements in shield layer $\mathrm{N} \varnothing \mathrm{M}$.

ZZ（1，1）
$\operatorname{DENSY}(1,1)$
－
－

ZZ（NめM，NELE（NめM））

Atomic number of first shield layer， first elemental component．

Density in first shield layer of material $Z Z(1,1)$ elemental component．

Density in $N \not \subset M$ shield layer of material ZZ（NめM，NELE（NめM）） elemental component．

## Card Set 20 （GENSIG）

Consists of Card Set（11）repeated once to define energy variables for the shield．

## Card Set 21）（NENSIG）

Consists of Card（12）and Card Set（13）to define shield photon cross－sections， repeated for each shield element and each layer，i．e．．Cards（12）and（13）， input as a pair，$N$ times，where

$$
N=\sum_{\mathrm{I}=1}^{\mathrm{ND} M} \operatorname{NELE}(\mathrm{I})
$$

## Card Set 22（NENSIG）

Similar to Card（14）and Card Set（15）to define shield fast neutron cross－ sections，repeated for each shield and each layer，i．e．，Cards（14）and（15）， both input， N times，where

$$
N=\sum_{I=1}^{N D M} N E L E(I)
$$

The remainder of this section consists of comments and additional explanation of the input just described. Only those items which it is felt require special treatment will be discussed.

NPATH (I): The option values input on Card (1)route the code as shown in Figure 6. New values must be input for each shield case being studied. At present only the first seven (7) options are used by the code; the remainder NPATH (8) to NPATH (18) are spare for future use.
$X S, Y S, Z S, X D, Y D, Z D, R A D I U S, D I S T:$
The first six items input on Card (1) -1 define the geometric center of the source on tandem source pair and the point detector. The input values are relative to the location of the Cartesion axes and origin chosen by the user. All coordinates unput are similarly referenced. The items RADIUS and DIST correspond to $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{S}}$ and $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{OS}}$ defined in Figures 2 and 3, respectively.

INE, NØRP, NRAND, ALLØWF, ECT, ARREST, FRG, FRN: The shield escape distribution is catergorized into an energy spectrum of INE groups. NØPT allows the user to obtain a profusion of code intermediate output, if $\neq 0$, however only 100 Monte Carlo histories are traced in this event. Repeated use of the same input value of NRAND will result in identical results, hence the instruction that arbitrary but differing values be input for a sequence of runs and run sets. The NASA-GSFC IBM-360 random number generating code requires that NRAND be an odd number. ALL $\varnothing W F$ is equivalent to the specified criterion flux, $C$, defined preceeding Equation (17). $C=10.0$ in the present report examples. Monte Carlo histories are terminated for photons whose energy is degraded below ECT. ECT should be input such that it is $\geq 2^{I L} \varnothing \mathrm{~W}$ (see Figure 7). In the present work examples ECT was taken as 0.1 MeV . Monte Carlo computer time is
generally increased by decreasing ECT. Buildup factor iteration, as in Figure 4 is arrested according to un ut value of the fraction, ARREST, which corresponds to $\mathbb{E}$ in Figure 4 and Equation (34). Taking Figure 8 as an example the axial-to-radial emission, ratios FRG and FRN are obtained as 0.0833 and 0.804 , respectively

NE, LE(I), N $O E S$, HGAMA(I); if the source spectrum contains a large number of energy groups, e.g. $\mathrm{NE}=18$, the Monte Carlo evaluation is carried out at the user selected group indices ( $\mathrm{LI}(\mathrm{I}$ ) , $\mathrm{I}=1, \mathrm{~N} \varnothing \mathrm{ES}$ ) and intermediate values quadratically interpolated, e.g. evaluation may be requested at $\operatorname{LE}(\mathrm{I})=1,5,7,9,15$ and 18 where $\mathrm{N} \varnothing \mathrm{ES}+6$ (the number of indices). Since transport intensity is a function of energy for a given material, the number of Monte Carlo histories per energy index may be varied through i input of HGAMA(I), e.g. for the above HGAMA(I) might be $=5,4,3,2,2$, and 1 which corresponds to $5000,4000,2000$ and 1000 histories.
$\mathrm{N} \varnothing \mathrm{RF}, \mathrm{M}:$ card sets (8) through (15) are input $\mathrm{N} \varnothing \mathrm{RF}$ times after input of card (7) (NØRF)。 Since card sets (11), (12) and (13) are cross sections for scattering items defined by cards (8). (9) and (10) and thus may be the same for many sequentially input items, their (11) - (13) input is emitted for repeating value of $M$. For example, if three aluminum and two iron structural members defined by five repeats of cards (8). (9) and (10) then in turn, $M=13,13,13, \underline{26}, 26$, and (11) through (13) input twice (for the underlined M ) .
$X(I), Y(I), Z(I), I P, I K, T 2, T 1, T B, N T:$ References to Figure 5 is recommended. The coordinates of the corners of each geometry defining the scatter structure model are specified by $\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I}), \mathrm{Y}(\mathrm{I})$, and $\mathrm{Z}(\mathrm{I})$ 。 For a triangular or quadrilateral plane area, the number of corners $I P=3$ and 4 , respectively. IP $=24$ for a box structure; 4 corners/face for six faces. For a box or quadrilateral plane the angles
subtended by the sides are arbitrary. For a cylinder (or boom tube) only the coordinates of the axial ends are specified, and thus IP $=2$; the inner and outer radii are specified per T1 and T2 respectively. T2 specifies wall thickness for a plane or box. Since a cylinder and a plane may be optionally analyzed by either the albedo or single scatter technique, the decision is specified through the value of TB. In order to define the "exterior" side of planar media the direction of the outward normal is specified ( + ) or $(-)$ per $N T= \pm 1$. The user must determine whether the origin $(0,0,0)$ is "inside or outside" of the planar medium. If the origin is inside the medium then $N T=+1$, else $=-1$. It is pointed out that the code automatically subdivides cylinders radially and axially into elemental areas which are small relative to the distance from either source or detector; this is necessary to maintain validity of inverse square relationships. The shapes allowed by the code may be combined to generate other geometries. e.g. a cone may be represented as isosceles plane area triangles in contact on each side.

NINT, IL $\varnothing \mathrm{W}$, IHIGH: the cross-section table generated by subroutine GENSIG consists of (IHIGH - ILØW) energy groups, each containing $2{ }^{\text {NINT }}$ sub-intervals. The total number of subintervals, over all groups is equal to $1+$ (IHIGH - IL $\varnothing \mathrm{W}$ ) 2 NINT. The energy width of each sub-interval within any given group is the same and equal to $2^{\mathrm{N}-1}\left(2^{\mathrm{IL} \varnothing \mathrm{W}} / 2^{\mathrm{NINT}}\right)$, where N is the group interval number, beginning at $N=1$, the lowest group. The energy bounds of group 1 are $2^{I L \varnothing W}$ and $2^{I L \varnothing W+1}$. The energy bounds of group $N$ are $2^{\text {IHIGH-1 }}$ and 2 IHIGH . The energy unit pertinent to this entire explanatory comment is $\mathrm{moc}^{2}(=.51097 \mathrm{MeV})$. An illustration of this comment is given in Figure 7 。 The relationship of the cross-sections generated with respect to ECT are also indicated. It should be noted that ECT $\geq 2^{\text {IL } \wp W \text { W }}$

NELE, DENSTY, ATOMND, ANDAW: where the source medium consists of only a single element, e.g. Fe, the earlier descriptions are considered adequate. Where the source consists of such as a compound then further clarification is now given:

Card types (12) and (13) (or (14) and (15) for spacecraft (read as 19 through 22 for shield) must be repeated for each element in the compound, e.g. for $\mathrm{Sm}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ input data for Sm and for O . Continuing with $\mathrm{Sm}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ as the example, NELE $=2$, to indicate two elements ( Sm and O ); AT $\varnothing$ MN $\varnothing$. ANDAW are input as $62.0,150.35$ and $8.0,16.0$, respectively. Only the input values of DENSTY need reflect the number of atoms of Sm and O in $\mathrm{Sm}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$. DENSTY is determined as

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { DENSTY })_{\mathrm{Sm}} & =\frac{2 * \text { ANDAW } / \mathrm{Sm}}{\text { ANDAW } / \mathrm{Sm}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}} \quad * \operatorname{DENSTY} / \mathrm{Sm}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \\
& =\frac{2 * 150.35}{348.7} * 1.51=1.302
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\text { DENSTY } / O=\frac{3 * 16}{348.7} * 1.51=0.208
$$

ME, SIGPE, SIGPP, E: the cross-section data required for input on card type(13) may be obtained from the references (17-21). The number of valuesets input from energy $E$ (1) to $E(M E)$, need only encompass the energy range $2^{I L \varnothing W}$ to 2 IHIGH , with spacing as per the references. The code generates its own cross-section table using logarithmic interpolation. A table of $E$, SIGPE, SIGPP is given in Appendix VI of reference (3).

RA(I), NELE(I): the shield may be defined as having laminar layers (R(I), $I=1 . N \varnothing M)$ and each lamination may have NELE(I) elemental components . $R A(I)$ is a fractional length, e.g. if the shield length $=L$ and $R A(1), R A(2)$ and RA(3) are $=0.1,0.2$ and 0.7, then the lamination lengths, in the source to detector direction are lengths $0.1 \mathrm{~L}, 0.2 \mathrm{~L}$ and 0.7 L . The code determines the optimum value of $L$. Each lamination $I_{\varepsilon}$ may have elemental composition $\operatorname{NELE}(\mathrm{I}) \mathrm{e} . \mathrm{g} . \operatorname{NELE}(\mathrm{l}), \operatorname{NELE}(2)$ and $\operatorname{NELE}(3)=2,1$ and 1 , for a three layer $\mathrm{LiH}+\mathrm{Fe}+\mathrm{Pb}$ shield.

### 3.3.4 Code Output

Throughout the discussion in this section, reference to the Sample Code Output listing of Appendix V is necessary and understood. Output which is adequately defined by headings is either not discussed or mentioned only briefly. Output pages are referred to by means of the encircled letters A, $B, C$, etc.
(A) This page consists of the input gamma spectrum and/or neutron spectrum data and the flux at the detector for each energy interval.
(B) This page consists of the albedo and single scatter information for each input scattering item (e.g. spacecraft structural member or component).

The total (integrated) scattered flux at detector is also given.
(C) This page consists of shield information: source energy groups, shield material composition, buildup factors, direct and attenuated fluxes as well as the estimated thickness and weight. Initial output of this page for each shield is for buildup factors of unity.
(D) The values on this page are as input according to Section 3.3.3. with a number of exceptions, namely:

1. ESCAPE SPECTRUM ENERGIES (MC**2) - photons escaping from the source cylinder are terminally categorized within these energy bounds.
2. ESCAPE SPECTRUM ANGLES (RADIANS) - photons escaping from the source cylinder are terminally categorized within solid angles defined by the escape angles. Zero angle is defined along the + Z-axis in the direction "source to detector".
(E) These page(s) consist of the terminal results of unscattered photon escapes categorized as a function of source energy. The source photon energies are identified obviously for each table, as are the escape angles and solid angles (both in radians). The other columns are identified as follows:
3. NUMBER - the number of photons escaping between angle $A_{i}$ and $A_{i+1}$ ie. in the noted solid angle; based on $4 \pi$ space.
4. NUMBER/STER - the number of photons escaping between angle $\bar{A}_{i}$ and $A_{i+1}$. per steradian.
5. FRACT/STER - the number of photons escaping between angle $A_{i}$ and $A_{i+1}$. per steradian per total number of source photon histories initiated.
6. PAIR PHOT $\varnothing$ NS - the number of pair photons escaping between angle $A_{i}$ and $A_{i+1}$.
7. UNSCATTERED ESCAPES - the total number of source photons escaping without a single collision, ie. the sum of item 1 above is given at the bottom of each table.
8. NUMBER AV/STER - the average number of escaping photons per steradian, ie. the sum of item 1 divided by $4 \pi$.
9. PAIR PHOTON ESCAPES - the total number of unscattered pair photons escapes, ie. the sum of item 4.
10. NO PP IN FWD CONE the total number of unscattered pair photon escape in the forward 10 degree cone. Note: in this discussion 'forward' 10 degree cone excludes shield side escapes ie. forward face escapes only.
(F) These page(s) consist of the terminal results of scattered photon escapes categorized according to escape energy interval tables. The escape interval energies, angles and solid angles are identified obviously. The remaining columns are analogous to E above, except for the following:
11. SCATTERED ESCAPES-the total number of source photons escaping after one or more scatterings is given at the bottom of each table, analogous to C4, above.
12. P.E.ABSORPTIONS-the total number of source photons "lost" to photoelectric abosrption.
13. NO.IN FWD CONE/STER-the scattered photon escapes in the the forward 10 degree cone; number per steradian.
(G) The output on this page consists largely of summarization of the data in $E$ and $F$ above. Initial and Cut-off energies are in MeV units. The TOTAL NO. OF COLLISIONS does not refer to a terminal classification and is thus only of either statistical or incidental interest. The termination table consists of the following:
14. ENERGY - the number of histories terminated through scatter reducing the photon energy below the input cut-off energy (ECT) threshold. Such terminations are considered as absorptions.
15. WEIGHT - the number of histories terminated through the weight being reduced to less than the termination threshold value (coded as $10^{-5}$ ). Such terminations are regarded as absorptions.
16. ESCAPE - the number of histories terminated through TOTAL UNSCATTERED ESCAPE plus TOTAL SCATTERED ESCAPE, ie. the sum of items 5 and 6 listed below .

3A. TOTAL ESCAPING FRACTION - excaping fraction per history, ie. item 3 divided by the total number of histories.
4. ABSORBED $(1 .+2 .+7$.$) - the number of histories termi-$ nated through ENERGY plus WEIGHT plus PHOTOELECTRIC ABSORPTION, ie., the sum of items 1,2 and 7.
5. TOTAL UNSCATTERED ESCAPES - this is item E4 repeated.

5A. TOTAL UNSCATTERED FRACTION - item G5 per history.
6. TOTAL SCATIER ESCAPES - the number of scattered es caping photons summed over all escape energies.

6A. TOTAL SCATTERED ESCAPE FRACTION - item G6 per history.
7. PHOTOELECTRIC ABSORPTION - the number of photoelec trically absorbed photons summed over all energies.
8. PAIR PRODUCTION PHOTONS - the total number of 0.51 annihilation photons originating in pair production interactions.
9. TOTAL ESCAPES IN FWD 10 - DEG CONE - total escapes through forward 10 degree cone and summed over all energies.
10. TOTAL IN FWD CONE/STER - item G9 per steradian.
11. TERMINATION PAIR PHOTONS_-this termination table categorizes the fate of the shield pair produced photons.
12. TALLY CHECK-this item should equate to the total number of photon histories.

Page sets $D, E, F$ and $G$ are output for each input index $L E(I)$ and iteration, i.e. N $\varnothing E S$ times for each iteration, e.g. if 3 iterations then $D, E, F$ and G are output 3* NØES times. At the end of each iteration i.e. every NØES set of $D, E, f$ and $G$, page $C$ is repeated. The last page $C$ output is the final result for each shield problem and is thus noted. The final results on page C consist the gamma photon and fast neutron source spectra as well as the corresponding iterated buildup factors and detectable attenuated fluxes. The note of change of flux as a function of shield length is tabulated for four shield lengths in the "length-vicinity" of the criterion flux. The first length value: the table is the predicted
optimum obtained by quadratic interpolation remaining three values. The optimum shield length $L$, weighted density $\rho$ and total weight, $W$, are given. The total structural scattered and shield attenuated fluxes calculated by the code are also output, as are the same values corrected for the number of spacecraft symmetric sources or cource tandems, eg. in the example in Appendices IV and V, TANDEM $=2.0$, corresponding to the two Fondem sets shown in Figure l. Thus although the code calculated scattered and attenuated fluxes of 0.608 and by TANDEM $=2$ to equate to $\mathrm{ALL} \varnothing \mathrm{WF}=10.0$ when summed, ie . the values become 1.216 and 8.784 particles $/ \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ second.

### 3.3.5. Discussion

Sample results obtained with the $S \varnothing S C$ code are reviewed in this report section. They assume the typical unmanned spacecraft as in Figure 1. The dimensions of this craft were obtained either directly or by scaling NASA-GSFC preliminary design drawings.

The sample calculations assumed four (4) SNAP-27 RTG's, each five (5) years aged and of 1575 thermal watt capacity. The RTG's were taken as being in tandem pairs as in Figure 1. The science experiment package was located 6.87 meters from the RTG's. The unshielded direct and energy integrated number fluxes at the experiment package were taken as 25.2 $\gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$ and 13.5 neutrons/ $\mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$ per tandem pair of RTG's; these values were obtained from NASA source data. Fluxes in the axially perpendicular direction (radial) were taken as 12.0 and 1.25 times those in the axial direction. The fluxes assumed at a distance of 6.87 meters from RTG tandem pair are shown in Figure 8.

The spacecraft structure scattered flux at the science package was predicted by the code as being 1.22 particles $/ \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$, for the four RTG's. The Code $S \varnothing S C$ predictions for 8.04 cm diameter optimum weight shields, per RTG tandem pair and the noted materials, were:

| LiH | Al | Fe | Pb |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1651 | 1932 | 2451 | 2617 | grams |
| $(3.64$ | 4.26 | 5.40 | 5.75 | lbs $)$ |

A two lamination shield of total length 10.56 cm , made up of 1.056 cm Pb (nearest source) and 9.504 cm Al requires a shield weighing 1900 gm . This is 32 gm less than an Al shield and 3.4 cm shorter in length. A laminar shield of Pb and $\mathrm{LiH}_{8}$ in the same length fractions, 0.1 and 0.9 , reduced
the optimum weight to 1580 gm for a length of 16.59 cm compared with 39.5 cm for a LiH shield. A reversal of the shield material order from 0.1 $\mathrm{Pb}+0.9 \mathrm{LiH}$ to $0.9 \mathrm{LiH}+0.1 \mathrm{~Pb}$, in the direction: source to detector, led to a weight reduction from 1580 to 1550 gms . Although two laminations of the same materials (e.g. $\mathrm{Pb}-\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{Pb}-\mathrm{Al}$ ) generally did not.

Figure 9 shows the weight of a LiH +Pb shield as a function of the ratio of LiH length to total shield length. The optimum weight shield is seen to be given for a ratio of 0.92 (i.e. $0.92 \mathrm{LiH}+0.08 \mathrm{~Pb}$ ). The optimum is obtained for a slope of zero. The dashed curve in Figure 8 indicates the change in total length of the LiH +Pb shield. At a length ratio of 0.92 the total length is $<50 \%$ of the 'all' LiH shield; at a weight ratio of 0.83 (weight $\approx 1600 \mathrm{gm}$ ) the total length is reduced by a factor of $\sim 3$. Thus this curve, obtained by running code $S \varnothing S C$, allows a best compromise between optimum weight and shield length to be chosen; this may be important in a spaceflight mission launching where volume is a prime consideration.

When only gamma photons were considered high atomic numbered material gave the most favorable results. For the sample case, ignoring neutrons i.e. photons only, tungsten and tin shields weights were predicted as 1567 and 1903 gm 。

The sample problem output given in Appendix $V$ indicates, on page type $C$, the range of the buildup factors for the case of the $0.9 \mathrm{LiH}+0.1 \mathrm{~Pb}$ shield. They can be seen to range from 1.0 to 1.08 , as compared with 1.0 to 1.15 for $0.1 \mathrm{~Pb}+0.9 \mathrm{LiH}$; for Pb only, the factor ranged from 1.0 to 1.33 . The buildup factor behaviour in the shadow shield is quite different from the expected for a semi-infinite or bulk, shield. Photons and even neutrons, have a high probability of escaping after one or more scatters. This coupled with the low
probability of being scattered to the distant detector accounts for the values being only some 10 or $20 \%$ above unity. Only radiation escaping through the shield face closest to the detector were considered as possible contributors to the buildup factor

From the sample problems run and reported herein and as substantiated by earlier determinations reported in NUS-600 ${ }^{(2)}$, the assumed spacecraftpayload design yields an energy and particle integrated flux at the payload which is $\sim 10 \%$ scatter and $\sim 90 \%$ shield attenuated. This supports the approximated approach to the scatter problem which is designed into Code SøSC .

Code $S \varnothing S C$ determinations of the scattered flux at the science experiment i.e. at the detector, although based on albedo and single-scatter techniques which are, of course, approximate, allow the inclusion of all structural detail. The direct and complete Monte Carlo approach to the scatter problem would be prohibitively complex and costly and would still only provide a good approximation. The Monte Carlo approximation may be inferred from the fact that even in simple geometries Monte Carlo predictions frequently deviate $10 \%$ to $50 \%$ from good experimental data.

Calculations reported in NUS $-600^{(2)}$ indicated relatively good agreement between single scatter and albedo predictions for geometries where material was either relatively thin or where such as tube members were being considered. Sample evaluations from NUS - 600 are reproduced in Appendix VI of this present report.

The design of an experiment to verify the predictions of code $S \varnothing S C$, is outlined in this report section. The experiment is required to verify both the spacecraft scattered and shield transmitted radiation fluxes as well as the optimum shield weight and configuration. Although the experiment must necessarily be carried out in a terrestrial laboratory and thus be influenced by such as air and laboratory structural material interactions as opposed to the ideal in-vacuo environment of deep space, these effects can generally be corrected for

Referring to Figure 3, the experiment must provide data to substantiate predictions of flux: $\quad \phi_{\alpha}\left(E_{\alpha}\right)+\varnothing_{a}\left(E_{o} ; E_{a}\right)$ as well as give optimum shield length, L. The experiment should be carried out for both gamma photons and neutrons. In order to carry out the experiment for an actual spacecraft with $\mathrm{PuO}_{2}$ fuelled RTG sources, the spacecraft, RTG's and a suitable detection system are required to be located in a suitable laboratory. Assuming the availability of these items the experiment becomes very straight forward. Such an experiment requires an efficient detector for fast neutrons in the presence of a relatively high gamma photon field, e.g. a liquid organic scintillator such as NE-213 or -218* which allow pulse shape discrimination for detected photon rejection to be accomplished. The gamma photons will be most efficiently detected by a thallium-activated sodiumiodide scintillation detector. The detection capabilities and necessary subsequent analysis for both of these detector types with respect to the proposed experiment, have been adequately described in NUS $-486^{(32)}$.

In the likely event that an actual spacecraft is unavailable for an experiment a mock-up may be fabricated using "everyday" materials of composition, dimension and mass closely similar to that of a spacecraft. Again laboratory neutron and gamma sources may be judiciously substituted for an actual RTG assembly.

[^0]However, accepting the fact that a mock-up experiment will verify code S $\$ 8 \mathrm{SC}$ data, leads to the obvious idea of simplifying the mock-up. For example, the use of a small number of typical structural component mock-ups will suffice for comparison of experimental data with code predictions for the same configuration. Shield transmission may be studied experimentally by the use of axially located and adjacent thin discsin various quantities and material combinations. This approach to the experiment allows its economical implementation in a conventional laboratory. It requires the availability of the necessary detectors and an associated multichannel pulse-height analyzer as well as neutron and gamma photon sources of known emission strength.

Figure 10 (a) shows a source, detector, shield and scatterer located in the geometry of a proposed experiment. Although the distances $r_{0}, r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ should be chosen such as to model the experiment after the actual spacecraft configuration, dependence on source strength and detection statistics will generally dictate their actual dimensions. For example, since shield attenuation factors will generally be studied in the range 0.2 to 0.02 a source strength, $S_{O} \sim 1.0 \mathrm{mC}$, is desirable to yield a statistically good detector count rate for $r_{0}=1$ meter; inverse-square law considerations allow strength to be determined for other values of $r_{0}$. Removal of the shield will yield detector count rates larger in accord with the noted attenuation factors. The flux scattered to the detector by the spacecraft mock-up member, of area $A$, will be less than that along path $r_{0}$ in the ratio $r_{0}^{2} /\left(r_{1}{ }^{2} \cdot r_{2}{ }^{2}\right)$ for geometrical reasons, assuming total reflection at $A$. Since reflection will be far from total, being instead expressed by the differential albedo (see Section 3.2.) and since the actual value of the area $A$ is also a factor, it will be necessary to use a source strength $S_{\alpha} \gg S_{0}$, for this experiment phase. Actual source strengths $S_{o}$ and $S_{\alpha}$ may be varied to some extent by choice of counting duration.

Referring to Figure 10 (a), and assuming sources $S_{o}$ and $S_{\alpha}$, the experiment may be carried out as follows:

I using source $S_{\alpha}$, detect radiation transmitted by a shield of length $L$ and scattering from an area $A$. Increasing $L$ incrementally the detector will eventually detect only radiation scattered by area A. In this manner $\varnothing_{\alpha}\left(E_{\alpha}\right)$ is experimentally obtained after background subtraction and spectral unfolding analysis. The choice of shield material for this phase is not critical since only elimination of direct radiation is a requirement. Background is determined by repeating the experimental counting for the "infinitely thick" shield with the scattering area $\AA$ removed. It is recommended that the area $A$ be located away from laboratory structure throughout the experiment. The methods noted here are very similar to those successfully employed in the research of reference ( 10 ) excepting that radiation beam collimation will be as indicated in Figure 10 (a)。

II using a source $S_{0}$ which is identical to $S_{\alpha}$ in all respects except emission strength, scattered flux may be taken as $=\left(S_{O} / S_{\alpha}\right) \cdot \chi_{\alpha}\left(E_{\alpha}\right)$, for the shield phase of the experiment; this assumes the presence of area $A$. Since area $A$ is not necessary for this phase of the experiment, the geometry of Figure $10(\mathrm{~b})$ is proposed. In Figure $10(\mathrm{~b})$, the detector is shielded from radiation other than that transmitted by the shield. The detector response function is obtained by counting source radiation with the shield removed; this takes detector shielding and collimation effects into account. For a given shield composition and length the transmitted radiation flux $\varnothing_{a}\left(E_{0} ; E_{a}\right)$ is obtained. If code $S \varnothing S C$ is run for $S_{O}, r_{O}$ and this flux as the criterion flux and ALB is omitted then comparison of the computed shield with the experiment shield may be carried out. Laminated shield verifications may be studied in the same manner.

Although the above experiment description calls for reduction of radiation counts to particle fluxes, approximate results may be obtained without reduction if the researcher is cognizant of detector response as a function of energy.

## 5. SCMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Analytic procedures and computer codes have been developed for the prediction of weight optimized radioisotope thermoelectric generator shields to protect science experiments for unmanned spacecraft operating in deep space. The analytic procedures, presented in Section 2.2, sonsist of iteratively solving the basic transport relationship after first determining the spacecraft scattered flux component. The transport relationship is solve Grough the use of the Monte Carlo technique and analytic approximation. The scattered flux is obtained through the use of albedo, single scatter and analytic techniques.

A FOR' 1 N IV IBM-360/91 digital computer code package --- S $\varnothing$ SC was desigaed and developed to carry out the prediction of optimum shield weights and dimensions. This code uses all of the developed procedures to best advantage. In addition to its designed application of shield design for protection of science experiments it may be used to either design shadow shields or to map radiation scattering for general application.

In addition to the technique and code development, an experiment to evaluate piedicted data has been presented. This experiment, outlined in section 4, is proposed for future effort. The anticipated spectrometry data to be obtained from the experiment may je readily analyzed with the aid of the spectral analysis codes CUPED ${ }^{(33)}, C U N D D^{(3)}$ and $S \varnothing S C$ developed by NUS for NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center .

It is proposed that a future work program consider the incorporation into code s $\varnothing \mathrm{SC}$, of $\mathfrak{a}$ Monte Carlo neutron transport routine. It is alsc proposer that code S $\varnothing$ SG be modified to tal. 3 neutron scattering from the spacecraft structure into account. Consideration should also be given tc ile production of secondary radiation in the shield as a result of neutron interactions, e.g. actiration gamma photons. It is proposed that gamma pf $\operatorname{ton}$ transport results - - - albedos , single scattering and buildup factors - - - obtained in the work scope being
developed by NUS for NASA-GSFC under contract NAS5-11781, be incorporated into $S \not \subset S C$ to the extent necessary and appropriate

It is concluded that code S $\emptyset S C$ and its encoded techniques provide a useful addition to the field of spacecraft radiation transport. The code makes a valuable engineering tool available for both preliminary and final craft engineering design.

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FIGURE 1
TYPICAL UNMANNED SPACECRAFT


FIGURE 2
SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF SPACECRAFT SHOWING RTG SOURCE, SHIELD AND DETECTOR ARRANGEMENT



SCHEMATIC DEFINITION OF GAMMA PHOTON AND NEUTRON FLUXES


Figure 4



FIGURE 6



FIGURE 8

## SOURCE TERM FLUXES AT 687 cm FROM TANDEM RTG's



FGURE 9

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { WEIGHT AND LENGTH OF LiH + Pb SHIELD } \\
& \text { AS A FUNCTION OF LH TO LiH + Pb LENGTH RATIO } \\
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\end{aligned}
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## APPENDIX I

INTERACTION PHYSICS REVIEW

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In their passage through a medium, photons interact with the electrons and nuclei of atoms in their path. These phenomena form the basis both for their detection and for the deposition of their energy. A discussion of the kind and effect of these interactions as they pertain to the present work is given in this report section (23-27)

There are four kinds of basic gamma photon interaction processes (27) of which only two are relevant in the present work, namely:
a) interaction with atomic electrons,
b) interaction with the electric field surrounding nuclei or electrons.

The effect of (a) may be either scattering or absorption; the latter is the Photoelectric Effect. The scattering may be either one of the two types:

1. Compton inelastic scattering (incoherent), or
2. Rayleigh elastic scattering (coherent).

The effect of (b) is the disappearance of the photon and the creation of an electron-pair; this phenomenon is referred to as the Pair Production Effect.

A brief discussion of these four microscopic phenomena, and their macroscopic attenuating effect on a beam of photons, follows under the headings:
A) Photoelectric Effect
B) Compton Scattering
C) Rayleigh Scattering
D) Pair Production
E) Attenuation

## A. Photoelectric Effect

At relatively low photon energies the most probable effect of an interaction is absorption of the incident photon by an electron of the traversed medium followed by ejection of that electron and emission of either characteristic X-rays or "Auger electrons" as explained below. This phenomenon, called the Photoelectric Effect, results in the complete disappearance of the incident photon:

In order that total absorption may take place, and momentum be conserved, the interacting electron must be initially bound, in which case the residual atom recoils. The most tightly-bound electron, with respect to the incident photon energy, has the greatest probability of absorbing the photon. The interaction cross-section is a maximum when the photon energy Ey, is just equal to the electron binding energy; it decreases gradually as Ey increases, and decreases sharply as Ey decreases. The most tightly-bound electron in an atom is in the K-shell; it accounts for in excess of $80 \%$ of the photoelectric absorptions, with the L-shell accounting for most of the remainder. The energy of the ejected electron, or photoelectron as it is usually called, is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{e}=h v_{o}-E_{e b},(\mathrm{MeV}) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& h v_{o}=\text { incident photon energy }(\mathrm{MeV}) . \\
& \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{eb}}=\text { electron binding energy }(\mathrm{MeV}) .
\end{aligned}
$$

The energy $E_{e b}$ is carried away from the atom by radiation emitted as the inner shell vacancy is filled by an outer shell electron, such radiation is referred to as Characteristic X-rays. If the X-rays interact with an outer shell electron as they leave the atom, they will be absorbed and the absorbing electron emitted instead -m an Auger electron. The nuclear decay processes of internal conversion and electron capture may also
lead to the emission of characteristic X-rays; so also will the absorption of beta particles.

The photoelectric effect does not lend itself easily to explicit theoretical calculation. Determinations of its cross-sections are usually based on a combination of empirical treatments which vary according to the energy range under consideration. It is the practice of most researchers to make use of tabulations for $\sigma_{P E}$, the photoelectric cross-section.

## B. Compton Scattering Effect

As the wavelength of gamma photons decrease and their photon energy increases, their behaviour tends towards that of a particle and their identity with a wave diminishes. The region of this transition corresponds to the Compton scattering "threshold." This threshold, not sharplydefined, is entered upon gradually as $h u_{0} \rightarrow m_{o} c^{2},(=0.51 \mathrm{MeV})$, where $m_{o}$ equals the rest mass of the electron. Viewed as solid bodies, the photon and the electron have comparable "masses." As the Compton effect becomes significant, the photoelectric effect significance diminishes.

Compton scattering may be considered as an inelastic collision between an incident photon and a "free" electron of the medium; the collision is analogous to that of billiard ball mechanics. The electron may be thought of as free to recoil on the basis of $h v_{0} \gg E_{e b}$, as a result of which the incident photon may transfer a portion of its momentum and energy. The consequence of the collision is a scattered photon of energy $h v_{1}$, travelling in a new direction and at an angle $\theta$ with the original photon direction, and a recoiling electron of energy $E_{e}$ making an angle $\psi$ with the incident photon direction. $\theta \max =180^{\circ} ; \psi \max =90^{\circ}$.

The angular and energy relationships of these statements may be expressed as:

$$
\begin{align*}
& E_{\gamma_{1}}=\frac{E_{\gamma_{0}}}{1+\frac{E_{\gamma_{o}}}{m_{o} c^{2}}(1-\cos \theta)}, \mathrm{MeV}  \tag{2}\\
& E_{e}=E_{\gamma_{o}}-E_{\gamma_{1}}  \tag{3}\\
& E_{\gamma}=h u, M e V  \tag{4}\\
& \cot \psi=\left(1+\alpha_{o}^{\prime}\right) \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{E}_{\gamma_{0}}=\text { incident photon energy, } \mathrm{MeV} . \\
& \mathrm{E}_{\gamma_{1}}=\text { scattered photon energy, } \mathrm{MeV} . \\
& \theta=\begin{array}{l}
\text { angle between incident and scattered } \\
\\
\text { photon directions. }
\end{array} \\
& \psi=\begin{array}{l}
\text { angle between incident photon and } \\
\psi
\end{array} \\
& \text { recoil electron directions. }
\end{aligned}
$$

For convenience in the remainder of this section the following conventional short form is used:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{0}^{\prime}=\frac{E_{\gamma_{0}}}{m_{0} c^{2}}, \quad \alpha_{1}^{\prime}=\frac{E_{\gamma_{1}}}{m_{0} c^{2}} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

The differential "collision" cross-section for the scattering of photons into a given solid angle $d \Omega$ at a particular angle $\theta$ is given by the KleinNishina formula, as

$$
d \sigma=\frac{r_{e}^{2}}{2} d \Omega\left\{\frac{\left(1+\cos ^{2} \theta\right)}{\left[1+\alpha_{o}^{\prime}(1-\cos \theta)\right]^{2}}\right\} \times\left\{1+\frac{\alpha_{o}^{2}(1-\cos \theta)^{2}}{\left(1+\cos ^{2} \theta\right)\left[1+\alpha_{o}^{\prime}(1-\cos \theta)\right]}\right\}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{d} \sigma & =\text { differential cross-section, } \mathrm{cm}^{2} / \text { electron } \\
\mathrm{d} \Omega & =2 \pi \sin \theta \mathrm{~d} \theta, \text { the differential solid angle } \\
\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{e}} & =\text { "classical electron radius, } \frac{e^{2}}{\mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{c}^{2}} \\
& =2.818 \times 10^{-13} \mathrm{~cm}
\end{aligned}
$$

Equation (7) assumes the incident photons to be unpolarized. It indicates that for large $\alpha_{o}^{\prime}$, scattering is predominantly in the forward cone. As $\alpha_{0}^{\prime} \rightarrow 0$, and $\cos \theta \rightarrow 1$, we see

$$
\begin{equation*}
d \sigma \rightarrow \frac{r_{e}^{2}}{2}\left(1+\cos ^{2} \theta\right) d \Omega \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

From Equation (2) equation (7) may be rewritten in terms of energy

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d \sigma}{d \alpha_{1}^{\prime}}=\frac{\pi r_{e}^{2}}{\alpha_{o}^{\prime 2}}\left\{\frac{2}{\alpha_{0}^{\prime}}-\frac{2}{\alpha_{1}^{\prime}}+\frac{1}{\alpha_{0}^{\prime 2}}+\frac{1}{\alpha_{1}^{\prime 2}}-\frac{2}{\alpha_{0}^{\prime} \alpha_{1}^{\prime}}+\frac{\alpha_{0}^{\prime}}{\alpha_{1}^{\prime}}+\frac{\alpha_{1}^{\prime}}{\alpha_{0}^{\prime}}\right\} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

for

$$
\alpha_{0}^{\prime} \geqslant \alpha_{1}^{\prime} \geqslant \frac{\alpha_{0}^{\prime}}{\left(1+2 \alpha_{0}^{\prime}\right)}
$$

The integration of Equation (9) over all scattered energies yields the total Compton scattering cross-section per electron, $\sigma_{C S},:$

$$
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{\mathrm{CS}}= & 2 \pi r_{e}^{2}\left\{\frac{1+\alpha_{0}^{\prime}}{\alpha_{o}^{\prime 3}}\left[\frac{2 \alpha_{o}^{\prime}\left(1+\alpha_{o}^{\prime}\right)}{1+2 \alpha_{o}^{\prime}}-\ln \left(1+2 \alpha_{o}^{\prime}\right)\right]+\right. \\
& \left.+\frac{\ln \left(1+2 \alpha_{o}^{\prime}\right)}{2 \alpha_{o}^{\prime}}-\frac{1+3 \alpha_{0}^{\prime}}{\left(1+2 \alpha_{0}^{\prime}\right)^{2}}\right\} \tag{10}
\end{align*}
$$

The total Compton scattering cross-section per atom is given by $Z \cdot \sigma_{C s}$, where $Z$ is atomic number.

## C. Rayleigh Scattering Effect

In Compton scattering the atomic electrons are assumed to be unbound. This assumption is only valid at photon energies which are large with respect to the electron binding energy. A low energy photon may be elastically scattered by a tightly bound atomic electron, with the atom as a whole absorbing the recoil momentum. A bound electron has a "mass" which is equivalent to that of its atom. The energy transferred to the atom is small, and so the scattered photon proceeds with a relatively unaltered energy and only a slightly altered direction. This effect is known as the Rayleigh or small-angle scattering effect. Since all the electrons in a given atom behave similarly, Rayleigh scattering is coherent. Because all the atoms of a given solid may be packed regularly, the effect may extend to the electrons of different atoms. When the scattering angle, $\theta_{\mathrm{R}} \simeq 0$, the scattering will be in phase, i,e constructive interference. As $\theta_{R}$ increases the tendency
is towards destructive interference and so the scattered photons will be found concentrated mainly in a narrow forward cone, and to a lesser extent in other discrete directions. This may be realized from consideration of the photon wavelength, and the atomic radius, analogous to Bragg reflection. This behaviour differs from Compton scattering, where the independence of the electrons precludes the liklihood of interference.

The transition from Rayleigh scattering to Compton scattering is smooth with increasing energy, $\mathrm{E}_{\gamma_{0}}$. The Rayleigh scattered photon does not have a unique energy as a function of scattering angle, having instead an energy distribution peaked at a value close to that given by Equation (2).

## D. Pair Production Effect

At photon energies of approximately 1.0 MeV the predominant interaction phenomenon is Compton scattering. As $\mathrm{E}_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}_{O}}$ is increased considerably above this energy the photon may interact with the electric field surrounding either a nucleus or an electron. The photon will be absorbed and replaced by a pair of electrons, a positron and a negative electron. This effect is called Pair Production.

The cross-section for pair production in the field of an orbital electron is negligible until $\mathrm{E}_{\gamma_{0}} \geqslant 4 \mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{c}^{2},(=2.04 \mathrm{MeV})$. Nuclear pair production, however, has a cross-section which begins at the photon threshold energy $2 \mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{c}^{2},(=1.02 \mathrm{MeV})$, and increases rapidly thereafter.

The electron pair share and carry away the energy in excess of that required for their creation, as kinetic energy; this may be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(E_{e^{-}}+E_{e^{+}}\right)=E_{\gamma_{o}}-2 m_{o} c^{2} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

The free positron is quickly annihilated by a negative electron after its kinetic energy has been dissipated. The annihilation yields a randomly oriented pair of back-to-back photons, each with an energy of $m_{o} c^{2}$. The electron pair are distributed mainly in the forward direction with the average angle of "deflection" being expressed by $m_{o} c^{2} / E_{e}$. For $2 \mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{c}^{2}<\mathrm{E}_{\psi_{0}}<4 \mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{c}^{2}, \sigma_{\mathrm{pp}} \propto \mathrm{z}^{2}$.

## E. Attenuation

The passage of a beam of photons through a medium is characterized by their interactions with the atoms of that medium. This leads to a reduction in the number of uncollided primary photons at a depth. The reduction is referred to as the attenuation of the incident photon number.

The discussion on interactions has shown that the total microscopic energy dependent çross-section for a particular interaction process occurring, is given by either $\sigma_{P E},{ }^{Z . \sigma_{C S}}, \sigma_{R S}$ or $\sigma_{P P}$. The total cross-section $\sigma_{\text {TOT }}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\gamma_{0}}\right)$, for "some" process occurring, is then given by the sum of the partial cross-sections as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{\mathrm{TOT}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\gamma_{\mathrm{o}}}\right)=\sigma_{\mathrm{TOT}}=\sigma_{\mathrm{PE}}+\mathrm{Z} \cdot \sigma_{\mathrm{CS}}+\sigma_{\mathrm{RS}}+\sigma_{\mathrm{PP}} \cdot\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \text { atom }\right) \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which a total macroscopic cross-section per cm of path may be defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{\mathrm{TOT}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\gamma_{0}}\right)=\mu_{\mathrm{TOT}}=N \sigma_{\mathrm{TOT}} \quad\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

and similarly

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{\mathrm{PE}}=N \sigma_{\mathrm{PE}} ; \mu_{\mathrm{CS}}=N Z \sigma_{\mathrm{CS}} ; \mu_{\mathrm{RS}}=N \sigma_{\mathrm{RS}} ; \mu_{\mathrm{PF}}=N \sigma_{\mathrm{PP}} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
N= & \frac{\rho \times A_{v}}{M} ; \text { (atoms present/cc) } \\
& \text { assuming one type of atom only. } \\
\rho= & \text { density of medium, (gm/cc). } \\
A_{V}= & \text { Avogadro number, (atoms } / \mathrm{mole}) ; 6.023 \times 10^{-23} \\
M= & \text { atomic or molecular weight. }
\end{aligned}
$$

The inverse of Equation (13) is defined as the mean free path, $\ell{ }_{\text {TOT' }}$ for a photon prior to interaction, i.e.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ell_{\mathrm{TOT}}=\frac{1}{\mu_{\mathrm{TOT}}},(\mathrm{~cm}) \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

Similarly $\ell_{R E}, \ell_{C S}, \ell_{R S}$, and $\ell_{P P}$ may be defined from Equation (14). The total macroscopic cross-section is generally referred to as the total linear attenuation coefficient.

The number of normally incident photons per $\mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$ in a parallel beam which penetrate a thickness $x$ of a homogeneous medium without interaction, is given by the exponential law as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varnothing(x)=\varnothing(0) e^{-\mu x}\left(\gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}\right) \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\varnothing(0)= & \text { number of photons } / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec} \text { incident at } \mathrm{x}=0 . \\
\varnothing(\mathrm{x})= & \text { number of photons } / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\text { sec emerging at } \mathrm{x} . \\
\mu= & \begin{array}{l}
\text { cross-section appropriate to the interaction } \\
\\
\\
\quad \text { effect under consideration; energy dependent. }
\end{array} \quad-79-
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus, it follows that the probability of uncollided photon transmission through a thickness x is given by p , where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{p}=\frac{\not \supset(\mathrm{x})}{\not \supset(0)}=e^{-\mu \mathrm{TOT}^{\mathrm{x}}} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equation (18) is in agreement with Equation (4) of Report-Section (2.2).
Similarly the probability of some kind of interaction occurring in path length x is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\epsilon_{\mathrm{TOT}}(\mathrm{x})=(1-\mathrm{p})=\left(1-e^{\mu_{\mathrm{TOT}}} \mathrm{x}\right) \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equations and assume a normally incident parallel or collimated, photon beam. In practice this can only be nearly achieved by narrow-geometry restrictions. For the case of a poorly collimated or uncollimated photon beam it is necessary to introduce a factor to express the increase of the photon number flux at x over the valued predicted by Equation (3.4.17). This factor, known as a number Build-Up Factor, $B(x)$, may be defined as.

$$
\begin{equation*}
B(x)=\frac{\text { Total Number Flux at } x}{\text { Uncollided Flux at } x} \geq 1.0 \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is in agreement with Equation (5) of Report-Section (2.2)
Energy and dose build-up factors may be similarly defined.
That $\mu$ is a function of both incident photon energy, $E_{\gamma_{0}}$, and the properties of the traversed medium is apparent from the discussions of sub sections (A-D) and equations (12) to (15) . It follows then, that any property, including $B(x)$ which is dependent on $\mu$, is similarly dependent on $E_{\gamma_{0}}$.

## II FAST NEUTRON INTERACTION PHENOMENA

Neutrons interact with the nuclei of traversed matter through the mechanism of nuclear force. An interaction is generally referred to as either having scattered or absorbed the incident neutron. The probability of either scattering or absorption varies as a function of the incident neutron energy and the atomic number of the target nuclide, the dependence on atomic number being general and such that for each isotope there is a unique probability, or cross-section $(2,28,29)$.

Perhaps the most convenient and systematic manner of describing neutron interactions consists of invoking the "compound nucleus" concept. According to this concept all interaction modes result in the formation of an intermediate reaction product - a compound nucleus - formed by an absorption of the incident neutron. Symbolically this may be represented as

$$
1^{n^{\circ}+} Z^{X^{A}} \longrightarrow\left(Z^{Y^{A}+1}\right) *
$$

where, $1 n^{\circ}$ is the incident neutron, $X^{A}$ the target nucleus before interaction and $Z^{Y^{A}+1}$ the compound nucleus formed by the interaction. The asterisk denotes that the compound nucleus will, in general, be left in an excited state for a finite period of time. The energy of the compound nucleus includes both the binding energy and/or part of the kinetic energy of the incident neutron. This energy excess over that of $Z^{X^{A}}$, distributed in a complex fashion among the nucleons, will cause the compound nucleus system to seek its state of lowest permissible energy in a characteristic "relaxation time", typically about $10^{-20}$ to $10^{-12}$ seconds.

The laws of quantum mechanics allow only those reactions to take place which obey certain rigid energy and momentum relationships. This obedience is observed with respect to the available excitation energy of the incident neutron and the distribution of energy levels in the target nucleus, as well as with respect to the symmetry requirements of the interaction,
e. g. parity, baryon number, charge conservation, statistics.

In accord with the compound nucleus concept, scattering and absorption of an incident neutron may be defined in terms of whether or not the compound nucleus emits a neutron during de-excitation. Further and more important, scattering may be separated into two kinds - elastic and inelastic. In elastic scattering the compound nucleus emits a kinetic energy degraded neutron in a very short relaxation time $<10^{-20}$ seconds, and is itself left in exactly the same internal energy state as before the interaction. In inelastic scattering the compound nucleus emits a neutron of partially or totally degraded kinetic energy and is itself left in an internal energy state above that of $\mathrm{X}^{\mathrm{A}}$; the excess energy is evolved by emission of one or more gamma photons. The degradation of the neutron kinetic energy by scattering is referred to as thermalization. The compound nucleus may be de-excited by emission of particles other than neutrons, such as alphas and betas accompanied by gamma photons in which case neutron absorption is said to have resulted.

The interaction processes reviewed above are summarized:
(i) Elastic Scattering, $(n, n)$ ——A neutron of reduced kinetic energy is emitted by the short-lived compound nucleus which is left in an unexcited state. Kinetic energy is transferred to recoil the target nucleus. In the case of hydrogen target nuclei, for which energy transfer is a maximum, recoil protons result.
(ii) Inelastic Scattering, $\left(n, n^{\prime}\right) \longrightarrow$ A neutron of reduced kinetic energy is emitted by the compound nucleus. The compound nucleus is deexcited by gamma photon emission.
(iii) Radiative Capture, $(\mathrm{n}, \gamma)$ ——The compound nucleus formed by absorption of an incident neutron is de-excited by relatively high energy gamma photon emission.
(iv) Charged Particle Emission, $(n, p),(n, d),(n, \alpha)$ ———The compound nucleus formed by absorption of an incident neutron is de-excited by emission of a charged particle such as a proton, deuteron or alpha, accompanied by gamma photons.
(v) Fission, ( $\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{f})$ ——The compound nucleus formed by absorption of an incident neutron breaks into two ionizing fission fragments, and one or more energetic neutrons, accompanied by gamma photon emission. Fission is most probable in heavy nuclei of odd mass number and less so in heavy nuclei of even mass number. It can occur either as the result of an externally incident neutron or as a consequence of quantum mechanical leakage through the Coulomb barrier, ie., spontaneous fission.
(vi) Other Reactions, $(x, n),(y, n) —$ Two interaction processes which give rise to neutron emission and thus which must be identified are ( $\alpha, \mathrm{n}$ ) and $(\gamma, \mathrm{n})$ phenomena in the plutonium-oxide source and its immediate environment. The first reaction proceeds when the energy of an alpha particle exceeds the energetic threshold and Coulomb repulsion barrier for the reaction, and is thus significant only for plutonium alphas ( $\sim 5.5 \mathrm{meV}$ ) incident on light-target nuclei such as beryllium. The second reaction, photo-neutron formation, results from the interaction of high energy gamma photons with light nuclei such as are present in plutonium-oxide as impurities. High energy photons are present in the $\mathrm{PuO}_{2}$ source through ( $\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{f}$ ) reactions and the decay of the $\mathrm{T} \ell^{208}$ daughter of the $\mathrm{Pu}^{236}$ isotope present in plutonium oxide.

## APPENDIX II

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF SUBPROGRAM NUGAMI
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Code NUGAM1 derived from NUALGAM ${ }^{(3)}$, is programmed to predict differential and integral energy-angular fractional gamma photon number transport in cylindrical media geometries. It employs the Monte Carlo technique of following and catagorizing a large number of photons from "birth to death". Yt uses random number and probability theory combined with known interaction distributions to determine such as source and collision site spatial location, as well as trajectory energy and direction throughout each history.

After n interaction events in the source medium, photon number state may be characterized as

$$
\begin{equation*}
N_{n}=N\left(E_{n}, \theta_{n}, \Phi_{n}, x_{n}, y_{n}, z_{n} ; E_{m}, \theta_{m}, \Phi_{m}, x_{m}, Y_{m}, z_{m}\right), \tag{I}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{E} & =\text { photon energy } \\
\theta & =\text { polar angle } \\
\Phi & \doteq \text { azimuth angle } \\
\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z} & =\text { Cartesian co-ordinates } \\
\mathrm{n} & =\text { subscript to denote } \mathrm{n}^{\text {th }} \text { event } \\
\mathrm{m} & =\mathrm{n}-1, \text { a subscript; } 0,1, \ldots, \mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{n}, \ldots \\
0 & =\text { subscript to denote photon history origin, i.e. "zero interaction, }
\end{aligned}
$$

which describes the spectrum at the arbitrary point $P_{n}\left(x_{n}, y_{n}, z_{n}\right)$. If interaction site $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{n}}$ is outside the boundaries of the cylinder of height h and radius $p$, and $P_{m}$ is within, then the fate of the photon is deemed as escape, and
so tallied by the code. If an escape is recorded at $P_{n}$ where $P_{m}=P_{0}$, then the photon escape energy is unaltered and identical with the initial or birth energy. A typical escape history is indicated in Figure II-1, where escape is shown between $\mathrm{P}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{P}_{3}$. The code employs Cartesian co-ordinates and direction cosines to determine trajectory between interactions.

Although Equation (1) and Figure II-1 characterize photon history state, terminal escape classification is computed with respect to space co-ordinates $\left(0,0, \frac{h}{2}\right)$. If a detection band about the $Z$-axis is assumed at a great distance from the source cylinder then all photons escaping from any point on the source boundary and striking the band may be considered as having the same Z-axis directional cosine. If the detection band subtends the solid angle $d \Omega$ at $\Omega\left(0,0, \frac{h}{Z}\right)$ then, the photon escape state may be characterized as

$$
\begin{equation*}
N=N\left(E, \Omega_{0}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
E=\text { photon escape energy }
$$

In Equation (2) the understood arguments and subscripts are omitted. Multiplying by differentials in energy and solid angle, the differential angularenergy photon number escape spectrum is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
d N(E, \Omega)=N(E, \Omega) d E d \Omega \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

keeping in mind that

$$
\begin{equation*}
d \Omega=\operatorname{Sin} \theta d \theta d \Phi \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$\theta=$ polar angle between escape vector and Z-axis; $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$
$\Phi=$ azimuth angle of escape vector; $0 \leqslant \Phi \leq 2 \pi$.

Substitution of Equation (4) into Equation (3) and integration over energy and angle between desired limits gives the total photon number escaping from the source. The geometry for photon history escape clas sification is illustrated in Figure II-2.

The co-ordinates of the source point $P_{o}$, within the source cylinder are chosen by random number selection as

$$
\begin{align*}
& z_{0}=R_{i} \cdot h \\
& d_{0}=\rho \sqrt{R_{i}+1}  \tag{5}\\
& \Phi_{0}=\left(2 R_{i+2}-1\right) \pi
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{d}_{0}=\left(\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{O}}^{2}+\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{O}}^{2}\right)^{1 / 2} \\
& \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}=\text { denotes a sequence of pseudo random numbers. }
\end{aligned}
$$

The initial direction cosines of the source history are determined similarly by random number selection as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathrm{w}=2 \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}+3-1, \\
& \mathrm{u}=\cos \left[\left(2 \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}+4}-1\right) \pi\right]  \tag{6}\\
& \mathrm{v}=\cos \left[\left(2 \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}+4}-1\right) \pi\right]
\end{aligned} \begin{aligned}
& \left(1-\mathrm{W}^{2}\right) 1 / 2 \\
& \left(1-\mathrm{W}^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}
\end{align*}
$$

The direction cosines $u, v, w$, correspond to co-ordinates ( $x_{O}, Y_{0}, z_{0}$ ) of Equations (5).

Source photons are initiated with a probability of existence or weight $W$, equal to 1.0 . This weight is reduced after each interaction by the ratio of the scattering to total cross-section. Thus photons are not lost to absorption unless their reducing weight drops below an assigned value, $10^{-5}$ in NUGAM1. Photons may be lost to absorption if their degraded energy drops below an input threshold value.

The path length between interactions, $l$, is a function of energy and material composition. It may be determined according to the Monte Carlo technique as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ell=\ell_{1}+\ell_{2}+\cdots+\ell_{\mathrm{j}-1}+\lambda_{\mathrm{j}}^{-1}\left(-\log _{\mathrm{e}}^{R_{\mathrm{i}}}-\left(\lambda_{1} \ell_{1}+\lambda_{2} \ell_{2}+\cdots+\lambda_{\mathrm{jr}} \ell_{\mathrm{j}-1}\right)\right) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$\ell_{j}=$ actual path length of photon in medium region $j$
$\lambda=$ total mean free path for a photon of given energy in a given medium $j$.

Energy deposition within the source cylinder at the $n^{\text {th }}$ interaction site is determined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{n}=\frac{W_{m}}{\sigma_{t}}\left(E_{m}\left(\mu_{p p}+\mu_{p e}\right)+\mu_{s}\left(E_{m}-E_{n}\right)\right) \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
W_{m}= & \text { weight after } m^{\text {th }} \text { interaction } \\
E= & \text { photon energy } \\
\mu= & \text { macroscopic interaction cross-section } \\
\text { pp,pe,s,t }= & \text { subscripts to identify pair production, photoelectric } \\
& \text { scattering and total cross-sections }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\mu_{\mathrm{t}}=\mu_{\mathrm{pp}}+\mu_{\mathrm{pe}}+\mu_{\mathrm{s}}
$$

The macroscopic cross-sections $\mu_{p p}$ and $\mu_{p e}$ are determined from the microscopic cross-sections $\sigma_{p p}$ and $\sigma_{p e}$ input to code NUGAM1, in accord with the well known relationship

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu=A o \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} \frac{o i \sigma i}{A_{i}}, \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A_{0}=\text { Avogadro number; } 0.6023 \times 10^{24} \\
& \rho=\text { material or element density } \\
& A=\text { material or element atomic weight } \\
& i=\text { subscript to denote summation for elements, kinds } \mathrm{l} \text { to } \mathrm{k}
\end{aligned}
$$

The total macroscopic Compton scattering cross-section per atom is obtained from Equation (9) and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{S_{i}}=Z_{i} \cdot \sigma_{e s} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where
$Z_{i}=$ material or element atomic number
$\sigma_{e s}=$ total microscopic Compton scattering cross-section per electron .

The scattering cross-section $\sigma_{e s}$ is obtained from the Klein-Nishina relationship as

$$
\begin{gather*}
\sigma_{\mathrm{es}}=2 \pi r_{o}^{2}\left[\frac{2}{E^{2}}+\frac{1+E}{(1+2 E)} 2+\ln (1+2 E)\left(\frac{E^{2}-2 E-2}{2 E^{3}}\right)\right]  \tag{11}\\
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\end{gather*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& r_{\mathrm{O}}=0.28183 \times 10^{-12} \mathrm{~cm} \\
& \mathrm{E}=\text { photon energy in } \mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{c}^{2}(=\cdot 51097 \mathrm{MeV}) \text { units. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Direction and energy after a scattering are governed by the angular differential form of the Klein-Nishina distribution, with energy related to direction by the Compton scattering relationship ${ }^{(13)}$. Code NUGAM1 selects scattering angle and energy in accord with the method outlined by Kahn in reference (30) .

At photon energies greater than $2 \mathrm{~m}_{\circ} \mathrm{c}^{2}(=1.02 \mathrm{MeV})$ pair production results. The code temporarily stores the parent photon characteristics and initiates a daughter photon with isotropically selected direction and energy $m_{o} c^{2}$ ( $=0.51097 \mathrm{MeV}$ ). The daughter is attributed twice the parent weight in order to simulate an actual photon pair. Upon termination of the daughter history, the parent history is recontinued.


Figure 11 - 1
Typical Photon Escape History


Figure II- 2
Photon History Escape Classification Geometry

## APPENDIX III

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## APPENDIX IV

CODE S $\varnothing$ SC SAMPLE INPUT DATA LISTING




## APPENDIX V

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## APPENDIX VI

SUMMARY OF NUS-600 DETAIL EVALUATION

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Sample results obtained with the S $\varnothing \mathrm{SC}$ component codes are reviewed. They consist of shield thickness and weight evaluations for assumed typical SNAP-27 RTG source strengths and spectral distributions. Example results obtained for the scattering from spacecraft structural members are presented, and the significance of various factors discussed.

The calculations described in this Appendix are generally based on a RTG gamma photon emission distribution similar to that of the Martin Cronus ${ }^{(32)}$ (thermal loading of 4100 watts) normalized to a total emission of $1 \times 10^{9}$ $\lambda / \mathrm{sec}$. The RTG fast neutron emission distribution was based on SNAP-27-1 reported data from reference (l); a source emission rate of $5.7 \times 10^{8} \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{sec}$ was assumed. For both fast-neutrons and gamma photons, axial and axially perpendicular emission rates were taken as identical, although this is not true in fact. This assumption was necessitated by the lack of actual encased RTG source data in the early phase of the work program. The assumed source emission spectrum is given in Table VI-1 for gamma photons and in Table VI-2 for fast neutrons.

The typical spacecraft for which the calculations were carried out is that of Figure 1 (section 2.1 of this report). The dimensions of this spacecraft were obtained from NASA-GSFC preliminary drawings. Figure VI-1 shows a schematic outline of the spacecraft for the discussions in this section.

Gamma photon cross-section data were taken from references (17) through (21). Neutron cross-section data were obtained from reference (22).

The Table VI-1 source spactrum is that for a three (3) year old $\mathrm{PuO}_{2}$ SNAP-27 as opposed to the five (5) year $\mathrm{PuO}_{2}$ used in section 3.3.5 of this report. Calculations in reference (32) indicate that the total gamma emission rate increases by a factor of $\sim 4$ over the first 18 years. Table VI-3, reproduced from the reference, indicates that the energy groups 0.2 to 0.3 , and 2.0 to 3.0 MeV are the most critical, e.g, the 2.0 to 3.0 MeV group ( 2.62 MeV ThC") increases by a factor of more than 100 in the first 10 years. This age effect on shielding requirements was not studied during this report period because of lact of reliable source data.

The scattering of source gamma photons to the detector by aluminum boom tubing proximate to the source (or the detector) was investigated. The boom axis was assumed as perpendicularly bisection a $16^{\prime \prime}$ long unit ( $1 \gamma / \mathrm{sec}$ ) source of 0.75 MeV photons. The calculations assumed a line source and a single scattering model for a boom tube volume of $0.79 \mathrm{cc} / \mathrm{cm}$. The results of the calculations are shown in Figure VI-2 along with the calculation geometry. In the figure it may be seen that the calculations considered boom tubing coming as close as 10 cm to the source whereas GSFC drawings indicated actual closest point of boom as 25 cm distant. The detector-incident flux scattered by a typical boom, boom (1,2) in Figure VI-1, is obtained from Figure VI- 2 after integration over $r$, between 25 and 80 cm , as $\phi_{\alpha \mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\alpha}\right)=1.3 \times 10^{11}$ $\gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$-sec. Assuming boom (1,2) as typical, where $r_{1}$ ranges from 25 to 80 cm , i.e. a length of 55 cm , the total scattered flux from 6 such booms ( 6 per side) and 4 sources would be $\sim 3 \times 10^{-10} \mathrm{\gamma} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$. If the actual source strength are taken as $10^{9} \gamma / \mathrm{sec}$, then < total flux of $\sim 0.3 \mathrm{\gamma} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$ is obtained. The use of the single scattering model as opposed to the albedo method for boom structure calculations, was investigated. A 1 cm length of 1 inch diameter aluminum boom was considered as located 100 cm from both a point source and a detector, with source and detector 141 cm apart. For
$E_{0}=0.75 \mathrm{MeV}$, a unit source ( $1 \mathrm{\gamma} / \mathrm{sec}$ ), a boom wall thickness of 0.04 inches and a boom volume $0.79 \mathrm{cc} / \mathrm{cm}$, the calculated fluxes at the detector were
and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \phi_{\alpha \mathrm{S}}\left(E_{\alpha}\right)=3.6 \times 10^{-12}, \gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec} \\
& \phi_{\alpha \mathrm{SS}}\left(E_{\alpha}\right)=6.4 \times 10^{-12}, \gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}
\end{aligned}
$$

The difference in these calculations diminishes if it is assumed, in the case of the albedo result, that photons penetrating the relatively thin (0.04") tube frontal wall may be backscattered from the tube interior wall surface ie, if either the wall thickness or scattering area is doubled for the calculation, then

$$
\phi_{\alpha S}\left(E_{n}\right)=7.0 \times 10^{-12}, \gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}
$$

This result indicates a very good agreement between the single scatter and albedo methods for small finite geometries.

A similar calculation for a large iron cylinder, in the physical position of the spacecraft cupola, was also carried out. The cylinder dimensions were taken as $20^{\prime \prime} \times 38.5^{\prime \prime} \times 0.5^{\prime \prime}$ (dia. x lt. x thickness). A unit source of 0.75 MeV photons was assumed. The source, detector and cupola were locate located per the spacecraft dimensions.

$$
\psi_{\alpha \mathrm{S}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\alpha}\right)=2.4 \times 10^{-9} \gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}
$$

and

$$
\phi_{y \mathrm{ss}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\alpha}\right)=2.7 \times 10^{-9} \gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}
$$

The same configuration for an aluminum cylinder of 1 inch wall thickness, gave a single scatter flux of

$$
\phi_{\alpha \mathrm{SS}}\left(E_{\alpha}\right)=1.8 \times 10^{-9} \gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}
$$

Taking an actual cupola "flat", A, as in Figure VI-1, with the dimensions $13.2^{\prime \prime} \times 25.5^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime}$ (width $\times 1 t . \times$ thickness ) and assuming the material to be aluminum, the albedo and single scatter fluxes were determined as

$$
\phi_{\alpha_{\mathrm{S}}}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\alpha}\right)=1.8 \times 10^{-10}, \gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}
$$

and

$$
\phi_{\alpha_{S}}\left(E_{\alpha}\right)=1.9 \times 10^{-10}, \gamma / \mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}
$$

The above calculations were based on a single RTG source of 1 photon/sec, and $E_{O}=0.75$.

Figures VI-3 and VI-4 are sodium-iodide scintillation detector spectra reproduced from reference ( ). They indicate the energy distribution of backscattered photons as a function of $t, \theta_{S}$ and $\theta_{0}$, respectively, for graphite as the backscattering material. The prominent peak in these spectra corresponds to single scatter the 'arrow-indicated' peak corresponds to double scatter and the continuum represents multiple scatter.

If this photon scattering is considered significant enough to require shielding ( $\sim C$, the criterion flux) then such shielding would be a minimum weight if designed to attenuate the scattered photons as opposed to the primaries. Figures VI-3 and VI-4 show that the scattered photon energies will generally be in the range, 0.10 to 0.5 MeV , and thus can be readily attenuated by a relatively thin and thus low weight, shield located at the detector.

Examples of energy-integrated shield-scattered photon angular distributions are presented in Figure VI-5. The angular categorization in this figure is referenced to the shield geometric center. The distributions were deter-
mined by an early version of the Monte Carlo subprogram: NUGAM1. The current code version additionally determines the photon distribution to which the detector is specifically exposed, i.e., photons escaping from the side of the shield cannot intercept the detector.

FIGURE VI-1
SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF SPACECRAFT
SHOWING SPECIFIC STRUCTURAL MEMIERS


FIGUREVI-2
BOOM SCATTER INTENSITY AS A FUNCTION OF SOURCETO-BOOM DISTANCE



> NaI(T1) Scintillation Spectra Showing Gamma Photon Scatter Distribution as a Function of Incident-Angle, $\theta_{0}$


Assumed SNAP-27 Gamma Photon Emission Spectrum
Based On Martin Cronus Data ${ }^{(32)}$

| Energy <br> Interval <br> $(\mathrm{MeV})$ | Assumed <br> Energy <br> $(\mathrm{MeV})$ | Photon Emission <br> Rate |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0.044-0.2$ | 0.15 | $6.54 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $0.2-0.3$ | 0.24 | $6.87 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $0.3-0.4$ | 0.311 | $7.88 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $0.4-0.5$ | 0.414 | $7.86 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $0.5-0.6$ | 0.583 | $8.03 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $0.6-0.7$ | 0.650 | $7.33 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $0.7-0.8$ | 0.766 | $2.26 \times 10^{8}$ |
| $0.8-0.9$ | 0.851 | $1.40 \times 10^{8}$ |
| $0.9-1.0$ | 1.00 | $6.65 \times 10^{6}$ |
| $1.0-1.2$ | 1.10 | $1.87 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $1.2-1.4$ | 1.40 | $1.73 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $1.4-1.6$ | 1.59 | $7.71 \times 10^{6}$ |
| $1.6-1.8$ | 1.63 | $1.63 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $1.8-2.0$ | 1.90 | $1.54 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $2.0-3.0$ | 2.61 | $1.07 \times 10^{8}$ |
| $3.0-4.0$ | 3.50 | $3.03 \times 10^{5}$ |
| $4.0-5.0$ | 5.50 | $9.10 \times 10^{3}$ |
| $5.0-6.0$ |  | $3.01 \times 10^{4}$ |

## TABLE VI-2

## SNAP-27-1 Fast Neutron Emission Spectrum ${ }^{(1)}$

| Energy <br> Interval <br> $(\mathrm{MeV})$ | Neutron Emission Rate <br> $(\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{MeV}-\mathrm{sec})$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| $0-1.0$ | $5.06 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $1.0-3.0$ | $4.16 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $3.0-4.0$ | $1.79 \times 10^{7}$ |
| $4.0-5.0$ | $3.56 \times 10^{6}$ |
| $5.0-6.0$ | $1.90 \times 10^{6}$ |
| $6.0-8.0$ | $4.50 \times 10^{5}$ |
| $8.0-10.0$ | $1.14 \times 10^{5}$ |

Energy
Interval ( $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{MeV}-\mathrm{sec}$ )
$5.06 \times 10^{7}$
$4.16 \times 10^{7}$
$1.79 \times 10^{7}$
$3.56 \times 10^{6}$
$1.90 \times 10^{6}$
$4.50 \times 10^{5}$
$1.14 \times 10^{5}$

Energy Integrated Emission Rate $=5.7 \times 10^{7} \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{sec}$.

TABLE VI-3
Reproduced from Reference ${ }^{(32)}$
Gamma spectra, photons/ $\mathrm{cm}^{2}-\mathrm{sec}$ for RTG at various times after plutonium separation (Normalized to 1.0 for energy interval $0.5-1.0 \mathrm{MeV}$ at 18 years)

| Energy <br> $(\mathrm{MeV})$ | 0 year | 1 year | 5 year | 10 year | 18 year |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0.04-0.5$ | 0.12 | 0.16 | 0.56 | 0.90 | 1.0 |
| $0.5-1.0$ | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.33 | 0.35 |
| $1.0-2$ | 0.096 | 0.096 | 0.096 | 0.096 | 0.096 |
| $2-3$ | 0.003 | 0.018 | 0.18 | 0.32 | 0.37 |
| $3-5$ | 0.0003 | 0.0003 | 0.0003 | 0.0003 | 0.0003 |
| $5-7$ | 0.00003 | 0.00003 | 0.00003 | 0.00003 | 0.00003 |




[^0]:    * NE - 213 and NE -218 are organic liquid scintillators manufactured by: Nuclear Enterprises, Inc., San Carlos, California。

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    $7 \Delta=7 R+T P \Delta T H * F A G R$
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