Monte Carlo Simulations of Occupational Radiation Exposure During X-ray Guided Interventional Cardiology Procedures

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Abstract

X-ray imaging is widely used as a diagnostic tool in many medical fields. Medical personnel can often reduce their exposure with distance and sufficient radiation protection, as they do not have to be close to the radiation field. Invasive cardiologists cannot take advantage of this. They must work close to the radiation field during multiple sessions throughout their career, exposing themselves to scatter radiation. Radiation shielding and lead clothing is used to reduce their dose. Monte Carlo (MC) simulations are the standard for calculating dose. FLUKA is a general-purpose tool that use the MC method to simulate particle transport and interactions with matter. These features make the program able to simulate and measure, amongst other quantities, absorbed dose and fluence.

The aim of this study is to evaluate the feasibility of using MC simulations through FLUKA to calculate and evaluate the dose given to the interventional cardiologists (operator) for different radiation shielding. An operation room at Haukeland University Hospital (HUS) used for interventional cardiac procedures was recreated in FLUKA and used during the simulations. Data from real procedures at the operation room was attained to recreate a realistic energy spectrum, beam placement, and spread of the radiation source.

The different radiation shielding had a definitive impact on the dose given to the operator according to the simulations. The defining feature of the setups was the inclusion of gaps between the in the different layers of shielding or the floor. Such gaps did result in almost ten times higher dose at some parts in the operator. A significant reduction of the dose was also observed when placing a lead blanket over the patient's body, outside the radiation field.

In conclusion, FLUKA is viable tool in assessing the relative effect of different shielding setups and how they relate to the dose given to the operator. It can recreate energy spectrums and beam geometries based on real data. To reduce the dose given to the operator, the focus should be to avoid gaps between shielding components or to add a lead blanket over the patient.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DAP	Dose Area Product
DSA	Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority
FLUKA	FLUktuierende KAskade
FPS	Frames Per Second
HUS	Haukeland University Hospital
kVp	Kilovolt Peak
LNT	Linear No Threshold
mAs	milliAmpere-seconds
MC	Monte Carlo
RDSR	Radiation Dose Structure Report

SNR Signal-to-Noise Ratio

1. Introduction and project aim

Invasive cardiac interventions use X-ray images as a diagnostic and guiding tool while operating. The images of the patient are essential to get an internal view of the patient as well as to guide their catheters, as the operators have no direct visuals to rely on during procedures. The patient is directly exposed to the radiation field, thus ionizing radiation, during procedures. Operators cannot always leave the patient while imaging. Then they are exposed to radiation through scatter radiation mostly due to Compton scattering [1]. Over 30,000 invasive cardiology procedures where preformed in 2019 in Norway [2]. The operators get a low, but cumulative dose over multiple procedures, unlike their patients, who receive a higher dose only a few times.

Two measures can be applied to reduce the dose received by the operators: reducing the imaging dose and shielding. The former option also reduces the image quality, while the latter involves adding lead shielding to themselves, the patient table and/or hanging it from the ceiling. Examples of worn protection are lead vests, skirts, hats, thyroid shields, and glasses. Adding more shielding to the patient table or X-ray equipment is limited by weight and accessibility to the patient. The shielding setup should ideally be easy to use and change during procedures. The shielding worn by the operators is heavy and warm. This results both in reduced dexterity, comfort and strain injures due to the extra weight. All this creates a trade-off between minimizing dose and strain injuries to the operator while maximizing movability and access to the patient.

Operators working interventional cardiology are required to wear dosimeters that are monitored by Norwegian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority. The dosimeters only measure the cumulative effective dose at a small area, but the radiation exposure may vary at different regions of the operator. That leads to single dosimeters and other point

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dose measurements cannot give a sufficiently detailed information of the effectiveness of different shielding measures.

The aim of this study was to investigate the feasibility of using Monte Carlo simulations through FLUKA to assess the dose given to the operator for different shielding arrangements. This will be done by examining the scored dose and fluence for each shielding setup. Knowing the effectiveness of different shielding arrangements allows invasive cardiologists to make informed decisions regarding shielding and develop good working routines considering trade-offs between their own protection and accessibility to the patient.

The dose distributions and photon fluence was studied through FLUKA, a software that performs Monte Carlo simulations for particle interactions, which is considered to be the gold standard for calculating dose. Creating a virtual operating room allows constant access, testing and allows for a large scope for manipulating the setup and radiation source without exposing any subjects to excess radiation.

2. Theory

2.1 Interventional cardiology

Interventional cardiology allows medical staff to diagnose and do coronary procedures without having to surgically open the patient's chest. This allows for interventions inside arteries and has a lower associated risk compared to similar surgical procedures like bypasses.

Angiography is an imaging technique used by interventional cardiologist to visualize blood vessels. This is done by adding a contrast agent into the patient's bloodstream, making it highly visible on X-ray images. Operators can inject the contrast agent only in the vessels they want to inspect by inserting a catheter, a narrow, flexible tube, into the patient's arteries and maneuver it to the arteries in question [3]. However, this requires the operators to remain at the patient's side when taking the X-ray images, exposing them to scatter radiation. Another common procedure in interventional cardiology is Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI). PCI involves treating narrowing of coronary arteries due to plaque. Using angiography, operators can diagnose and locate such narrow arteries. Once there, operators can widen the artery by inflating a balloon and/or place a stent keeping the artery in place [4].

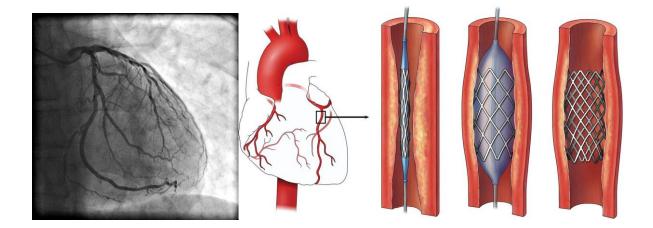


Figure 2.1 - (Left) Picture of a coronary angiogram [5]. (Right) Displays the process of widening blood vessel in a PCI [6].

The C-arm (depicted below) used in interventional cardiology has a variety of settings, such as field size and FPS. This study focuses mainly on its two different modes, fluoroscopy (fluoro), and stationary acquisition (acquisition). Fluoro mode gives a lower dose rate, with reduced images quality and often reduced framerate. The fluoro mode is used while orienting and positioning during procedures when a low image quality will suffice. Acquisition mode, also called cine, has a better signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and temporal resolution compared to fluoro mode. Improved image quality in X-ray images normally comes with an increased dosage, to both the operator and the patient. Better detectors, image processing, and other technological improvements can naturally improve the image quality without the associated increase in dose, however that will not be considered in this project. Higher temporal resolution is attained by increasing the frames per second, and image quality is highly dependent on the number of photons reaching the detector. The latter can be achieved by increasing the X-ray tube current and imaging time or increasing the X-ray tube voltage. Increasing the current results in more electrons hitting the anode and is proportionally related to the numbers of photons created. Increasing the voltage makes each electron produce more photons as they interact with the anode and increases the peak energy of photons created [7]. All forms of improving the image quality results in a higher dose given to the patient and the operators. This is something the operators must consider during procedures. The operators can minimize the dose given to the patient and themselves by using fluoro over acquisition mode and a lower FPS when the lower image quality and frame rate will suffice.

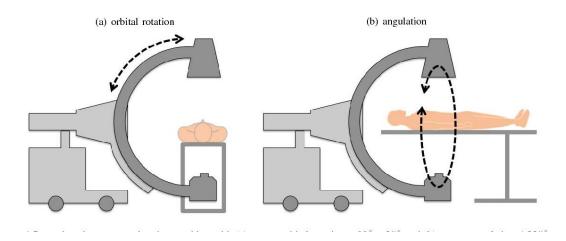


Figure 2.2 - This figure shows a C-arm (dark grey) and a patient lying on an operating table.

2.2 Radiation physics

2.2.1 Photons and energy ranges

Photons interact with matter through four mechanics: photoelectric effect, coherent (Rayleigh) scattering, incoherent (Compton) scattering and pair production. Pair production requires at least the energy of two times the mass of an electron multiplied with the speed of light squared. That energy, 1.022 MeV, is beyond the range of energies used this project. Coherent scattering does not contribute to given dose, as it is an elastic interaction between a photon and an electron and does not alter any chemical processes. It does cause scattering, thus introducing some noise to X-ray images. As seen in the figure below, it accounts for roughly 10% to 0.1% of the total mass attenuation coefficient in the 1-100 keV range. The mass attenuation coefficient of water is dominated by photoelectric interactions for the lower energies (up to circa 10 keV in water). Whereas incoherent (compton) interactions dominate from 50 keV and above in water.

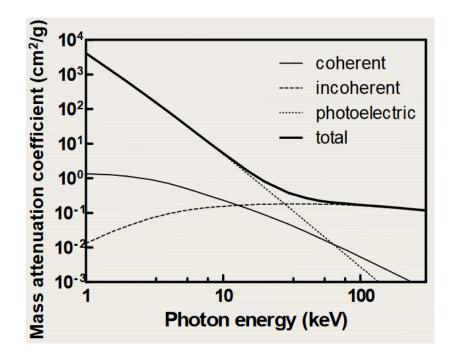


Figure 2.3 - Mass attenuation coefficient for water for photons. [8]

2.2.2 Photoelectric effect

Photoelectric effect is when a photon ejects an electron previously bound to an atom or ion, giving the electron all its energy while consuming the photon. This changes the electrical charge of the atom or ion, altering its chemical properties. The photoelectric effect is highly dependent on the electron density [7]. The probability of a photoelectric effect happening in water decreases with the energy (Figure 2.3).

2.2.3 Compton scattering

Compton scattering occurs when a photon collides with a charged particle. The interaction causes the photon to lose energy and change trajectory due to conservation of momentum and energy. The photon is not consumed during the process. The probability of compton scattering occurring increases with the 1-100 keV energy range. Compton scattering happens mainly with electrons in said energy range, and is therefore also highly dependent on the electron density [7]. The energy of the outgoing photon follows this relation:

$$E' = \frac{E}{1 + (E/m_e c^2)(1 - \cos \theta)}$$
(2.1)

E: Original photon energy, *E'*: New photon energy, m_e : mass of an electron, θ : change in direction

2.2.4 Photon attenuation

Photons do not have a finite range in matter, unlike charged particles. The intensity of a photon beam is reduced as they traverse matter. A narrow beam of monoenergetic photons follows this relationship [9].

$$dI = -\mu I dx \tag{2.2}$$

I is the intensity, μ is the linear attenuation coefficient and *x* is the distance traveled through the material. The linear attenuation coefficient can be normalized to mass attenuation coefficient by dividing by the material's density.

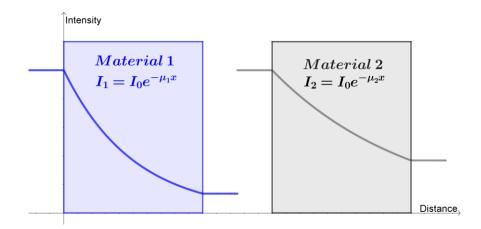


Figure 2.4: Illustration of attenuation of monoenergetic photons through different material where $\mu_1 > \mu_2$

Absorption edge is the increase of absorption rate of electrons at specific energies. It occurs at energy levels just above the binding energy of an electron. The k-edge corresponds to the energy required to eject an electron in the innermost shell, the k-shell. Higher shells also have absorption edges, but their energies are much lower and thus less relevant [7]. Iodine and Barium have k-edges at typical X-ray range (33 & 37 keV [10]) and are thus often used for contrast.

2.2.5 Hounsfield scale

The Hounsfield scale is a scale made to define how well X-rays propagates through different material, also called radiodensity. It is used to interpret and encode CT images. It is defined by setting the HU-value for water (0 HU) and air (-1000 HU) at standard temperature and pressure (0 °C, 1 kPa). The unit is calculated as shown below where μ is the linear attenuation coefficient. [11]

$$HU = 1000 \cdot \frac{\mu - \mu_{water}}{\mu_{water} - \mu_{air}}$$
(2.3)

2.2.6 Production of photons for medical application

An X-ray tube is used to generate X-rays. Electrons are heated up by a high voltage thought a filament called the cathode. The energy from the heat allows electrons to be released into the vacuum of the tube. The electrons are then accelerated toward a target, anode, by a large voltage difference between the anode and cathode. The anode is typically made from tungsten. The traversing electrons interact with the charged particles in the anode and create photons. At the anode, the electrons are slowed down and deflected, and excite the bound electrons at the anode. The former is called bremsstrahlung and creates a continuous energy spectrum of photons. The traversing electrons get an energy of eV, where e is the electron charge and V is the voltage difference between the anode and cathode. The maximum energy of a created photon is therefore eV, as a traversing electron can at most lose all its energy through one photon. The voltage is often in the kV-range, and the peak voltage is often called kilovolt-peak (kVp). The latter type of photon creation is when the traversing electrons excite the bound electrons. The bound electrons releases photons when they go back to a more stable energy level. The photon energies created correspond to the energy levels of the atom and is characteristic to each atom and are therefore called characteristic energy spectrum. These specific photon energy levels correspond to the absorption

edges discussed in 2.2.4. The X-ray field is then shaped by collimators, made uniform by a flattening filter to achieve desired field geometry [12].

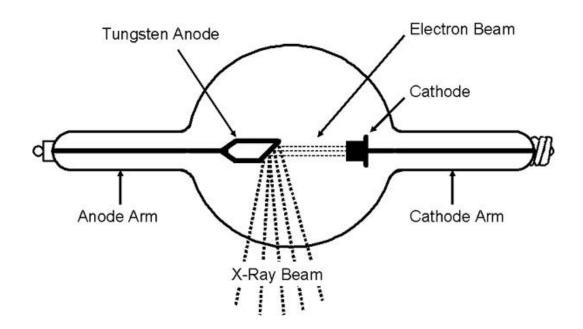


Figure 2.5 - Example of an x-ray tube [13]

2.3 Dosimetry

2.3.1 Kerma and Absorbed Dose

Kerma stand for Kinetic Energy Released per unit MAss. It is a measure of the combined kinetic energy (dE) of all charged particles freed by uncharged particles per units of mass (dm). Photons are the only uncharged particle that will be considered when using kerma in this study, not neutrons.

$$K = \frac{dE}{dm}$$

The SI units for Kerma is J/kg, where $1\frac{J}{kg} = 1 Gy$

Absorbed dose has the same units as kerma, $1\frac{J}{kg} = 1 Gy$, but they measure different quantities. The absorbed dose, D, is a measure of how much energy is deposited by ionizing radiation (dE) per unit of mass (dm).

$$D = \frac{dE}{dm} \tag{2.4}$$

Absorbed dose does not consider the type of radiation or the radiosensitivity of the absorbing tissue. [8]

2.3.2 Effective dose

Effective dose, E, sums the dose given and weighted by considering the type of ionizing radiation and the tissue's radiation sensitivity:

$$E = \sum_{T} w_T \sum_{R} w_R D_{T,R}$$
(2.5)

where w_T is the tissue weight, w_R is the radiation weight and $D_{T,R}$ is the absorbed dose given to a specific tissue, T, with radiation R. Effective dose is measured in Sv. 1 $\frac{J}{kg} =$ 1 *Sv*. Note that $\sum_T w_T = 1.[14]$ A list of tissue and radiation weights can be found below in table 2.1 and 2.2

	weighting factor, <i>w_R</i>
Photons, all energies	1
Electrons and muons, all energies	1
Neutrons, energy < 10 keV	5
10-100 keV	10
100 keV - 2 MeV	20
2 MeV - 20 MeV	10
>20 MeV	5
Protons, other than recoil protons, energy>2 MeV	5
Alpha particles, fission fragments, heavy nuclei	20

Table 2.1 - Radiation weighting factors (ICRP 1991b)

Radiation

Type and energy range

	weighting factor, <i>w_T</i>
Bone surfaces	0.01
Bladder	0.05
Breast	0.05
Colon	0.12
Gonads	0.20
Liver	0.05
Lungs	0.12
Esophagus	0.05
Red bone marrow	0.12
Skin	0.01
Stomach	0.12
Thyroid	0.05
Remainder	0.05
TOTAL	1.0

Table 2.2 - Tissue weighting factors (ICRP 1991b)

Tissue

Tissue

2.3.3 Dose Area Product

The dose area product (DAP) is used to monitor radiographic and fluoroscopy. It is a measure of how much dose the patient receives. It is calculated by multiplying the dose, D, with the beam area, A. Its most common units are $Gy \cdot cm^2$ [15].

2.4 Biological effects of radiation

The biological effect of radiation is divided into two categories, deterministic and stochastic. Deterministic effects cover acute radiation sickness because of high doses over a short period of time. Such acute radiation damage includes skin erythema, cataract, or epilation [16]. Stochastic effects are the increased chance of getting cancer and heritable defects. Doses received during medical imaging does not normally cause any deterministic effects. On the other hand, it is expected that stochastic effects can occur. A direct causal link between ionizing radiation and damage to hereditary material and later development of cancer can in principle be made. However, that is practically impossible due to the small scale, in which these interactions take place and possible long delay between cancer development and exposure. Therefore, a statistical approach is used to evaluate long term effects of ionizing radiation, however there are several factors that makes this approach difficult to apply to low doses. Firstly, people do not want to be given excess dose. Secondly, studies require a large number of subjects to account for other factors due to the low probability of an incident occurring. Thirdly, possibly causing numerous cancer cases, even for scientific purposes, is unethical. Thus, data of higher dose and dose rates from Hiroshima are used to model the increased cancer risk for lower doses as well. The most used model is the Linear No-Threshold Model [17]. This model assumes that the excess chance of developing cancer resulting from exposure to ionizing radiation follows a linear relation to the given dose. [9, 17]. For comparison, an average Norwegian citizen is estimated to receive a total dose of 5.2 mSv per year. [18]

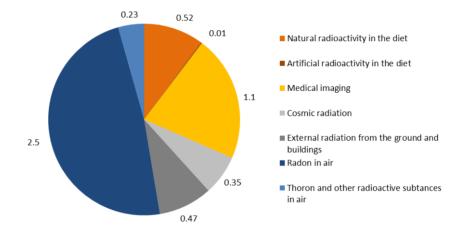


Figure 2.6 - Summary of the average radiation dose (mSv/year) received by the Norwegian population from various sources [18]

3. Methods

3.1 FLUKA

FLUKA version 2011.2x.8 was used for all MC simulations in this study. The simulation parameters are stored in what is called an input file, and the input files are further organized into card. The cards contain information regarding the simulation logic, specific physics settings, geometry, materials, scoring, and the radiation source. Each radiation shielding setup as well as the setup related to the air kerma measurements at HUS has its own input-file, but they share the same physics and radiation field geometry, and most of the geometry. Their differences consist of the inclusion and the placement of lead shielding, and different energy spectrums for the air kerma measurements. Each radiation shielding setup are farther discussed and visualized at chapter 3.4. All input files for the setups can be found at Appendix A Input files for other work in this study and other FLUKA related resources can also be found the appendix and are referenced at their respective chapters.

3.1.1 FLUKA settings

In FLUKA, a so-called default card must be chosen for each simulation to set the best particle transport settings accuracy given the problem. The default card was set to PRECISIOn. FLUKA stops simulating photons below a certain energy threshold. The PRECISIOn sets that at 100 keV for photons. Two EMFCUT cards were used to lower the threshold for all materials and regions to 1 keV as the X-ray machine at HUS operates in the 1-120 keV range. A GLOBAL card was also included to increase the default numbers of available regions one can define to 5000. This was done because of the large number of regions that was made when importing an CT-scan as discussed in the next chapter.

3.1.2 CT

To get an accurate representation for a human, a CT image was imported into FLUKA. The use of real patient imaging data in the form of CT was approved by Regional Committees for Medical and Health research Etheric (REC). The patient of said CT images gave an informed consent to the use of CT-images in this project. Flair has built in tools to view, prosses and create voxel-maps from DICOM-files of CT scans. The map is made by evaluating the Hounsfield value at each voxel, define regions for each continuous cluster with same HU-value and assign physical properties to each region accordingly. All these voxel-clusters are placed inside a box-formed region called voxel-cage. Due to how FLUKA handles geometry, no other object can be defined inside the VOXEL region. This results in some lead shielding being placed along the VOXEL-cage, rather than along the patient. Ideally both the patient and the operator would be a CT-scan, but FLUKA cannot use two voxel-cards at the same time. That results in only the patient being a CT-scan, favoring a realistic photon attenuation and scattering in the radiation field.

3.2 Scoring in FLUKA

FLUKA can obtain physical quantities, such as dose and fluence, from its simulations. Obtaining this information is called scoring. FLUKA has multiple scoring cards used to determine what, how and where FLUKA will access the wanted quantities. This project used the USRBDX card to score the energy spectrum immediately in front of the beam and USRBIN cards to score all fluence and dose over alle regions of interest.

3.2.1 Regions of interest

Two key regions were scored for each setup to evaluate the effect of the radiation shielding setups, the photon fluence across the whole room and the absorbed dose given to a box containing the cylindrical operator. A selected region between the operator and the radiation source was also chosen to evaluate the fluence in front of the operator,

and the dose scoring was used to assess the operator's skin dose. In addition, the energy spectrum of the beam at the radiation source was scored and used to validate the simulated energy spectrum.

The fluence scored in FLUKA was presented in four plots, three heat maps and one 1D-plot, to see how the photons spread across the operating room. The specific regions for each plot are depicted below.

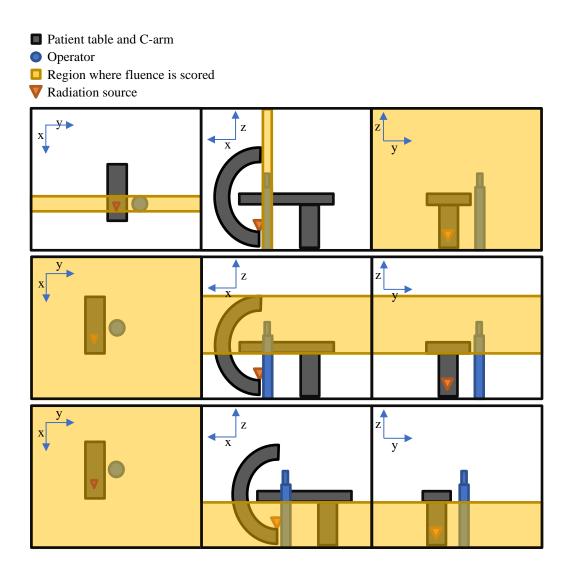


Figure 3.1 - Each row represent a different region used to plot the fluence and contain the same three different viewpoints. The overlaying yellow visualizes what specific region is used to score each plot. The viewpoint completely overlayed in yellow represents the same orientation the corresponding heat map.

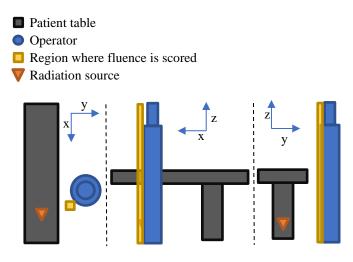


Figure 3.2 - This shows the operator (blue) and the scored area (yellow) in relation to the patient table (grey) from three different angles. The patient would lie the x-direction with the radiation source below the center of their chest.

As with the photon fluence, the dose was presented in heat maps and a 1D-plot. The region used for the 1D-plot is similar to the region for the 1D-fluence plot. However, the upper 30 cm of the scored region (150-180 cm height) is excluded. This upper region would contain both air and waters, while the everything below contains only water. This is because the cylinder representing the operator's head has a smaller radius than the rest of the cylinder-body. In summary, the upper region was omitted when evaluation of the operator's skin dose to avoid misunderstandings, as the dose given to different material combinations are not directly comparable. The dose distribution of said region is included in the 2D-plots.

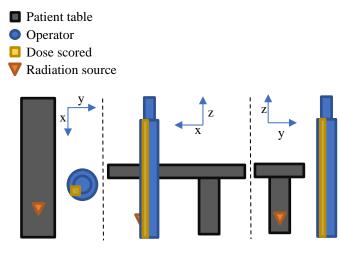


Figure 3.3 - This shows the region used to evaluate the skin dose to the operator in Figure 4.6. The patient would lie the x-direction with the radiation source below the center of their chest.

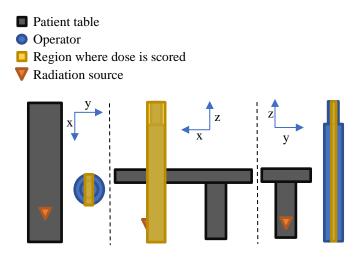


Figure 3.4 - This figures shows the selected region used to plot the coronal dose heat maps, Figure 4.7.

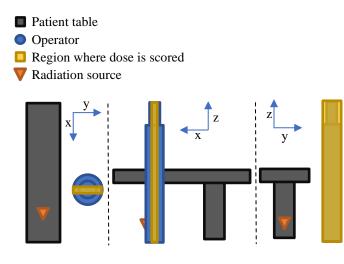


Figure 3.5 - This figures shows the selected region used to plot the sagittal dose heat maps, Figure 4.8.

3.2.2 Scoring H10 & H0.07

The operators in Norway are provided a personal dosimeter by DSA that records equivalent dose at both 10 mm and 0.07 mm soft tissue depth (H10 and H0.07) [16, 19]. That is difficult to score directly in FLUKA as one would need fine division to get those exact depths, thus reducing statistics at those regions. A method to obtain these quantities was therefore developed in this project. Fluence can be obtained from the standard scoring options in FLUKA. This can be converted to air kerma using table A.1 in ICRP 74, and air kerma can be converted to H10 and H0.07 separately with table A.24 and A.25 in ICRP 74 [20]. The energy intervals in the different tables do not overlap. Therefore, the coefficients from table A.24 and A.25 were linearly interpolated to match the energy levels in table A.1. The coefficients were then used to make a single conversion coefficient from fluence to H10 and H0.07 respectively for each energy level.

The FLUSCW-card and the accompanying script, fluscw.f, in Appendix C Fluscw.f is made to generally be able to weight scorings of fluence. The script was farther developed to import the coefficients and corresponding energy levels for both H10 and H0.07 conversions. The script only does the conversion, if the scoring bin ID matches the specified ID in the script. This makes it possible to specify if the fluence scored

will be converted to H10, H0.07 or neither for each scoring card. Testing in FLUKA showed that the conversion would only work correctly for one scoring card per ID. Subsequent scoring cards with the same ID would score 0 dose. This can be circumvented by checking for multiple IDs in the scrip's logic. For instance, the script could do the H10 conversion for bin ID 30 and 32, allowing a single scoring card with ID 30 and another single scoring card with ID 32 to perform the conversion.

3.3 Radiation source

The X-ray tube creates a range of photon energies rather than monoenergetic photons due to how they are made, as discussed in 0. The X-ray machine also changes the kVp and mAs according to the thickness of the patient and mode to ensure image quality as discussed in chapter 2.1. The script discrete.f is used in conjunction with FLUKA to create said spectrum and field geometry.

3.3.1 Beam angles

The C-arm at HUS has a range of possible beam angles. This is to allow the operators to find angles that give a clear view of where they are currently working. All X-ray equipment in Helse Vest, including the cat-labs at HUS, is connected to the local radiation database at HUS. The database automatically stores detailed information in the DICOM Radiation Dose Structure Report (RDSR) format. The RDSR stores multiple quantities, where the C-arm angle and mode, DAP, kVp, mAs and beam filtration are relevant for this study. This data was analyzed and processed by C. Davidsen in OpenREM, which is an open source program used to record patient dose. All simulations are based on the Anteroposterior (AP) projection, which is when the beam is placed directly under the isocenter. FLUKA can, by default, specify the position, direction, and spread of the radiation source. These simulations use the external script discrete.f in Appendix B to specify the beam spread as discussed in 3.3.2.

3.3.2 Field geometry

While at HUS, a typical field size was estimated to be a $10.8 \cdot 10.8 \text{ cm}^2$ cross section in the middle of the patient by measuring the image size during a procedure. The C-arm shapes the photon field with collimators (as discussed in 2.2.6). This is emulated by sending the photons with a random direction each primary. The distribution of possible angles is chosen to achieve the desired field size of 10.8 cm width within the patient. The selection of random angle and photon energy is handled by the script discrete.f. The law of large numbers ensures the correct energy spectrum and smooth distribution with enough primaries. The figure below illustrates this further. The input for the energy spectrum can be found in Appendix B and a scoring of the spectrum at chapter 4.1

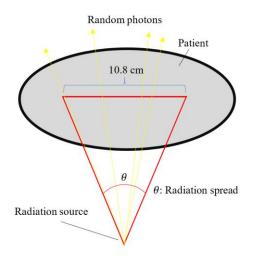


Figure 3.6: The beam direction is set to a random angle within the radiation spread (red) and sends one photon (yellow) with a random energy specified by the spectrum each primary.

3.3.3 Cumulative energy spectrum

The kVp and mAs varies to ensure a sufficient image quality, as mentioned in chapter 2.1. Different kVp results in different energy spectrums. A representative energy spectrum was created to compensate for the different energy spectrums over various procedures. This make it possible to evaluate the average dose given to operators over long-term rather than from one specific procedure and its spectrum. The cumulative

energy spectrum was made by making an energy spectrum for each kVp with SpekCalc. Each energy spectrum was then weighted by how much DAP was recorded for each respective kVp. Then the spectrums were weighted and added together, creating a cumulative energy spectrum. The kVp, corresponding DAP values and filtration values comes from the RDSR data automatically collected. The SpekCalc settings can be found in Figure 0.1. Each spectrum only varied the kVp. The RDSR database stores beam angle and mode. That makes it possible to create specific cumulative spectrums for each angle and C-arm mode separately. In summary, the cumulative spectrum made and used in this project is weighted by DAP, and only uses data from the beam angle AP and fluoro mode. Figure 3.7 below shows said spectrum.

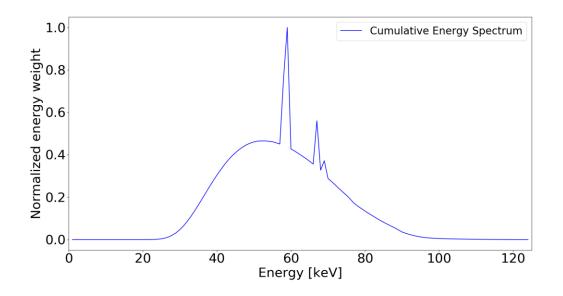


Figure 3.7: Plot of the cumulative spectrum weighted against DAP from the OpenREM data during procedures. Only data during fluoro mode and AP projection is used to create the weights.

3.4 Radiation shielding setups

Various radiation shielding setups were made in FLUKA to evaluate if FLUKA is a viable tool to study the effect of different radiation shielding setups. Measurements of shielding dimensions, C-arm and the X-ray guided operating room at HUS were done

to recreate it as accurately as possible in FLUKA. The radiation source is placed at the bottom end of the crescent shape. All specific details of the setups can be found in the input files. The walls, ceiling and floor were set to concrete. Concrete is not previously defined in FLUKA, and table 0.1 in the appendix shows the composition of concrete used in the simulations. Each setup ran 3,000,000,000 primaries each.

Object	Description	
A	Cylindrical operator made of water	
В	CT-scan of patient	
С	Various 0.5 mm lead shielding	
D	Patient table and table foot made from carbon	
Е	C-arm made from carbon	

Table 3.1: Describes all objects shown in Figure 3.8 to Figure 3.12

3.4.1 Full protection extended to floor - Lead Screen, Blanket, extended to Floor (SBF)

Setup SBF is made and an ideal. All lead protection is in contact with each other, creating a continuous layer for lead. This setup has all shielding components, the blanket over the patient, lead screen above the patient and lead screen attached to the side of the bed. The lead screen attached to the bed is extended to stop 1 cm above the floor, unlike all other setups, which have a gap of 15 cm

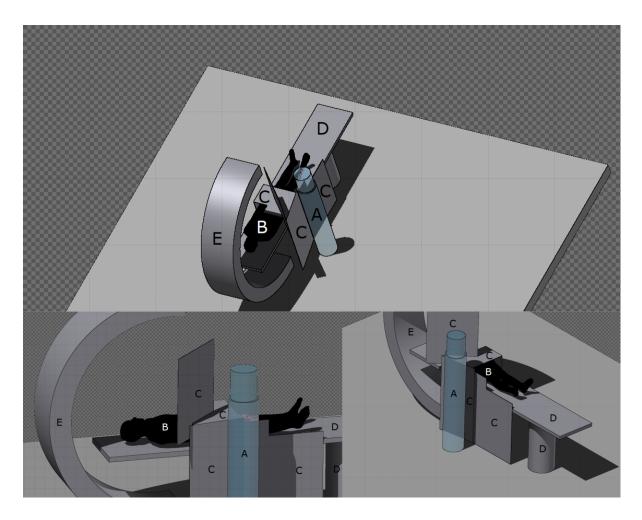


Figure 3.8 - Shows radiation shielding setup SBF from different perspectives. The walls and ceiling have been removed from the picture for a clearer view. Farther details of each region specified by a letter can be found in Table 3.1

3.4.2 Full protection - Lead Screen, Blanket (SB)

Setup SB is a typical setup for radiation shielding during cardiac intervention. It contains the same components as Setup SBF, the lead blanket over the patient, lead mounted to the table and lead screen, and there are no gaps between the components. The lead attached at the bed leaves a gap of 15 cm above the floor. This distinction from the previous setup can be seen at the bottom right in their respective figures, (Figure 3.8 and Figure 3.9).

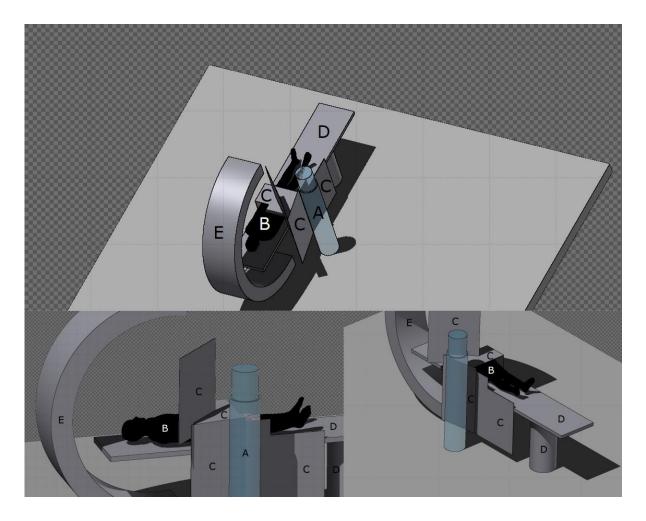


Figure 3.9 - Shows radiation shielding setup SB from different perspectives. The walls and ceiling have been removed from the picture for a clearer view. An explanation of each denoted figure can be found in Table 3.1.

3.4.3 Full protection with gap - Lead Screen, Blanket, Gap (SGB)

This is the first setup that has a gap. Setup SGB still contains all shielding components, but the lead shield over the patient is raised. That creates a gap between the lead blanket and the lead screen. It can be best seen in the lower left perspective in the figure below.

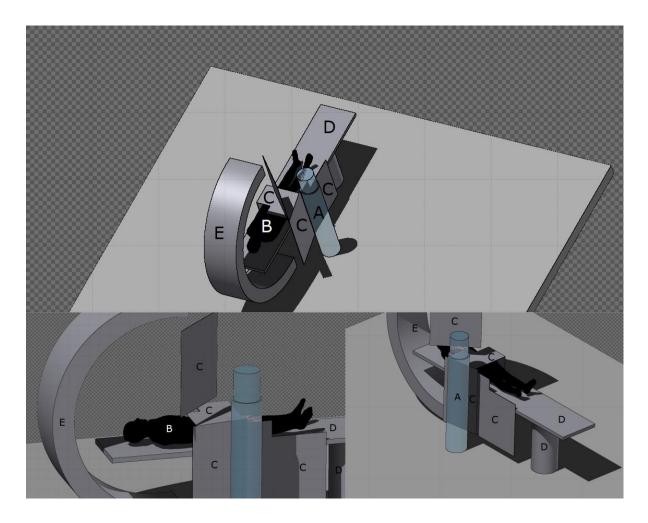


Figure 3.10 - Shows radiation shielding setup SGB from different perspectives. The walls and ceiling have been removed from the picture for a clearer view. An explanation of each denoted figure can be found in Table 3.1.

3.4.4 Gap without blanket - Lead Screen, Gap (SG)

The lead screen over the patient is still raised, and the lead blanket over the patient has been removed completely in Setup SG. The lead protection at the side of the bed remains in place.

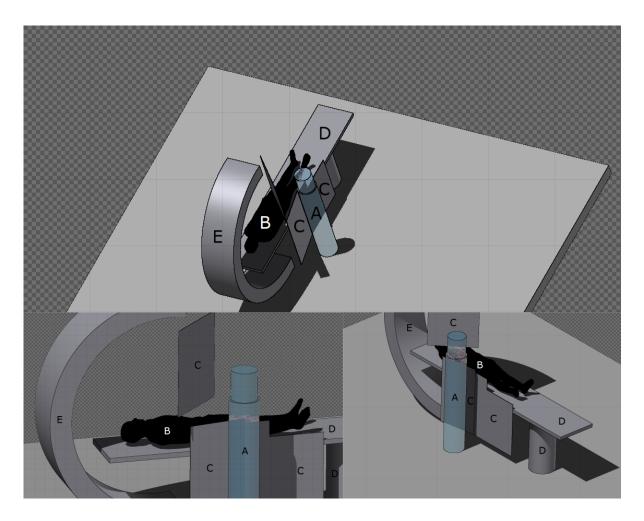


Figure 3.11 - Shows radiation shielding setup SG from different perspectives. The walls and ceiling have been removed from the picture for a clearer view. An explanation of each denoted figure can be found in Table 3.1.

3.4.5 No protection - Zero protection (Z)

All shielding components between the operator and the radiation source have been removed in Setup Z. The lead attached to the side of the table has been placed farther away from the radiation source.

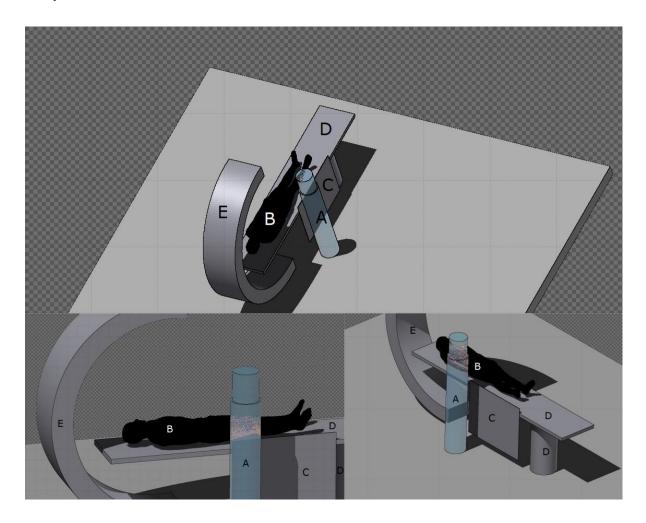


Figure 3.12 - Shows radiation shielding setup Z from different perspectives. The walls and ceiling have been removed from the picture for a clearer view. An explanation of each denoted figure can be found in Table 3.1.

3.5 Air kerma mesurements at HUS

Measurements of the dose rate was taken at HUS. This was done to be able to relate the dose scored in FLUKA to dose rates during procedures. The scaling factors can be seen in table 4.1 and 4.2. They were found by calculating the quotient between the dose rate at Haukeland and the dose scored in FLUKA. The air kerma measurements were taken with a RaySafe X2 Survey Sensor. The sensor is on an energy compensated silicon diode array [21]. A cylindrical phantom with a radius of 16 cm and length of 14.5 cm made of PMMA was placed in the radiation field to emulate a person scattering photons into the room. The detector was attached to a microphone stand and placed at three different locations close to where the operators would stand to ensure correct scaling near our regions of interest. The specific locations of the detector in space are shown and further specified in figure 3.13. Measurements for both fluoro and acquisition were taken at each detector placement. The C-arm was turned on a few seconds before the detector started to sample and turned off after it was finished to maintain a steady dose rate while recording. The kVp from each measurement was recorded. The average kVp for each C-arm mode was used to create a specific energy spectrum with. The lab's radiation shielding setup during the measurements and the PMMA phantom was recreated in FLUKA to have a similar dose distribution. The simulations were run with 100,000,000 primaries each and the input files for FLUKA and energy spectrum are included in 0The detector measures air kerma, whereas FLUKA scores absorbed dose. Air kerma and absorbed dose was assumed to be equal, as these energies produced by the C-arm are relatively low (5-120 keV).

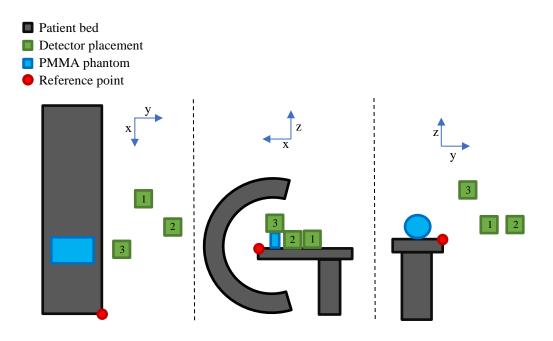


Figure 3.13 - Shows the detector placements relative to the corner of the table from two different points of view. A PMMA was used the measurements and simulations. The positions of the detector relative to the reference point in cm are: 1: (-126, 36, 24) - 2: (-83.5, 63, 24) - 3: (-51, -24, 40)

4. Results

4.1 Spectrum scoring

The energy spectrum was scored directly in front of the radiation source. This makes it possible to compare the scoring to the spectrums input data to validate the simulated simulations, specifically the discrete.f script. Details on how the cumulative spectrum is made is discussed in chapter 3.3.3. The bin size of the input data is 1 keV. The input spectrum was shifted 0.5 keV. This is equivalent to plotting each weight the input spectrum with its average energy. The scored spectrum (red) is aligns directly above the spectrum input data (blue).

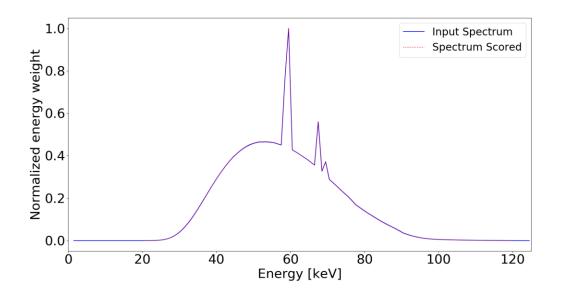


Figure 4.1 - A plot of the spectrum scored (red dots) directly in front of the operator. The input spectrum (blue lines) is added for comparison.

4.2 Fluence scoring

The photon fluence is the measure of particles per area. In this project fluence refers specifically to numbers of photons per square centimeter. The fluence is not necessarily directly correlated to dose, but it strongly correlates to dose and it gives an insight of

where the photons travel. The fluence was scored across the whole room. Certain cross sections across the whole room as well as the fluence in front of operator were used to evaluate the protection setups.

4.2.1 Fluence in front of the operator

A region between the operator and the source with the dimensions of roughly 6.6.180cm³ was used to evaluate the shielding setups. The fluence in this region is plotted below for each shielding setup. Setup Z has no shielding between the operator and the field and has higher fluence for all heights compare to all other setups. The fluence for Setup Z is 10 to 100 times higher than the fluence to Setup SBF, which is lowest. The fluence increases slightly to a height of 50 cm. The fluence decreases from that height, but has an increase from 80 to 115 cm. This is the height of the patient and patient table. Setup SB, SGB and SG have the same shielding below the patient table, 0.5 mm lead from the table to 15 cm above the floor. These setups also have similar fluence up to the height of 85 cm, where the patient table starts. The fluence for Setup SB continues to decrease to 150 cm. In Setup SGB, the lead screen mounted to the ceiling is raised 15 cm to create a gap in the shielding. The fluence for this setup starts increasing again and peaks at 150 cm. The fluence is almost 10 times higher than for Setup SB at SGB's peak. Setup SG maintains the raised lead screen and removes the blanket. Its fluence also increases to a local maximum at about a height of 150 cm, where it is more than 10 times higher than for Setup SB. The shielding in Setup SBF only differs from Setup SB in having the lead mounted to the patient table reach 1 cm above the floor. Setup SBF has the lowest fluence for all heights up to 175 cm. It has almost identical fluence to Setup SB for the last 15 cm.

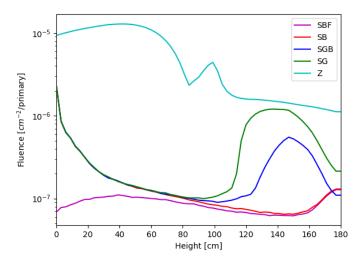


Figure 4.2 - Graph of the fluence in front of the operator at all heights for all radiation shielding setups. The scored region is $276 \le x < 282$, $-363 \le y < -357$, $0 \le z < 180$ (height) which is visualized in Figure 3.2.

4.2.2 Fluence across the operating room

Figure 4.3 show that the highest concentration of the photons is below the patient table. Setup SB to SG have a gap between the lead shielding and the floor. These plots show a large portion of photons escape through the gap close to the floor. The fluence drops two orders of magnitude as they traverse the operator. This suggest they attenuate, possibly delivering a large dose at the operator's feet. Setup SGB and SG both have a gap between the lead shielding above the patient. The fluence there is clearly higher, and the removal of the blanket further adds to the increased fluence, as seen in Setup SGB.

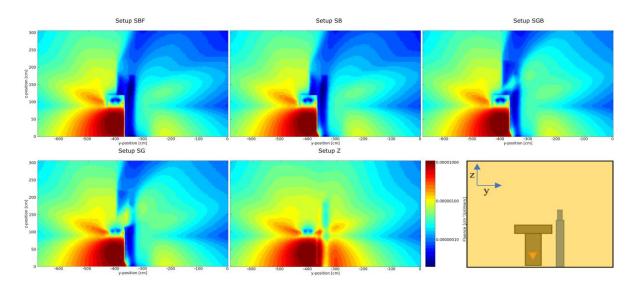


Figure 4.3 - This shows the fluence in the cross section going through the operator measured for each setup and a cross sectional view of the geometry of the plane. The first row in Figure 3.1 specifies the regions further.

There are three parts that block the fluence below the table (z<85 cm), the foot of the patient table (top), the operator and radiation shielding (top right), and the C-arm (bottom). However, the table foot and C-arm does not shield the operator. Setup SB to SG share the same shielding below the table, and their fluence distributions are alike. Setup SBF has the most shielding and lowest fluence in this region.

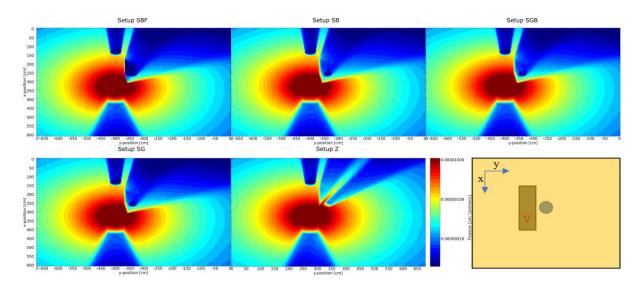


Figure 4.4 - This shows the fluence below the table ($0 \le z < 84$) for each setup and a cross sectional view of the geometry of the plane. The second row in Figure 3.1 specifies the regions further.

The shielding effect of the C-arm is also apparent above the table (z>85), but is not relevant to the operator in this region either. Both Setup SBF and SB have the lowest fluence at the operator. Introducing the gap in Setup SGB shifts the fluence gradients to the top right, increasing the fluence near the operator. Setup SG increases this trend further, thus increasing the fluence. The fluence near the operator is highest for the setup with least protection, Z.

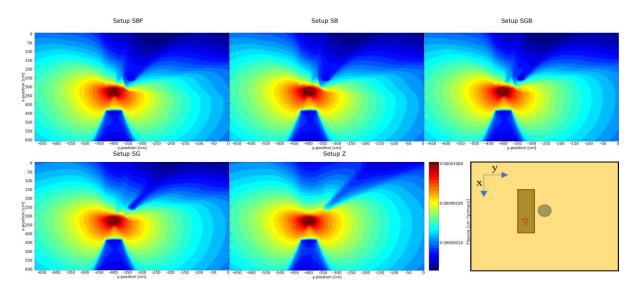


Figure 4.5 - This shows the fluence above the table ($84 \le z \le 252$) for each setup and a cross sectional view of the geometry of the plane. The third row in Figure 3.1 specifies the region used to score further

4.3 Dose scoring

The LNT-model assumes the excess cancer risk is proportional to the dose received. The dose given to the operator is therefore an important part of the simulations in this study. It allows for investigation into if and how the different shielding setups relate to different doses delivered to the operator. The operator's dose has been quantified in two different ways, heat maps of different cross sections of the operator and skin dose over different heights to the operator.

4.3.1 Skin dose

The dose scored varies more from neighboring heights than the fluence in figure 4.2. However, the dose trends are similar to that of the fluence for each setup. No radiation shielding (Setup Z) gives the highest dose for all heights with a local maximum at 100 cm height. Setup SB, SGB and SG all have the same dose at the heights 0-85 cm, where the patient table starts. The dose for Setup SB decreases from 85 cm and above. Both Setup SGB and SG have an increased dose from 110 cm and above, where SG has the highest dose. The dose has a higher relative increase when introducing a gap in the setup, compared to removing the patient blanket.

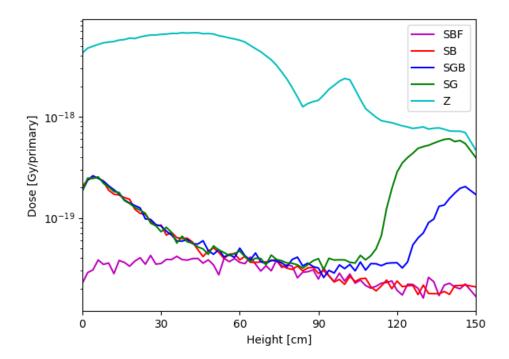


Figure 4.6 - Graph of the skin dose given to the operator at different heights for all radiation shielding setups. The region scored is $272 \le x < 274$, $-357 \le y < -355$, $0 \le z < 150$ (height) which is visualized in figure 3.3. Note that the plot stops at a height of 150 cm unlike the corresponding fluence map, as discussed in chapter 3.2.

4.3.2 Dose heat maps

The dose over this cross section is mainly given to the operator at its left side. There are two regions with higher noise, top left and right, and at the outer left and right edge. These regions are where the dose is scored over both water and air. The operator's dose is scored over a box-shaped region, while the operator is modeled as two water cylinders. The top corners are outside the smaller radius of the water cylinder modeling the head, thus containing air. The outmost edges also contain air and water, as the cylinder gets thinner than the box-region used to score. The dose on the left side below 120 cm are similar for all setups, excluding Setup Z. The operator gets a higher dose at a progressively larger area in the upper chest and neck region, as radiation protection is removed.

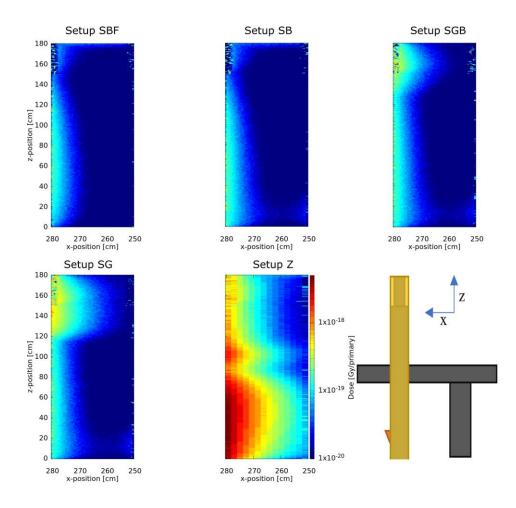


Figure 4.7 - Dose distribution to the operator over the coronal plane for all setups. The z-axis represents the height of the operator. This cumulative cross section was plotted for $-350 \le y < -340$. Setup Z has less resolution in the x-axis due to an error in the scoring card during its simulations.

The dose plots below contain the same region with increased noise as mentioned in the last paragraph. The operator gets a higher dose closer the radiation source, which is at the left side of plot. This closes to the patient bed and the radiation source. The same tendency of more dose in the upper chest and neck area can be found in the coronal plot of the dose above.

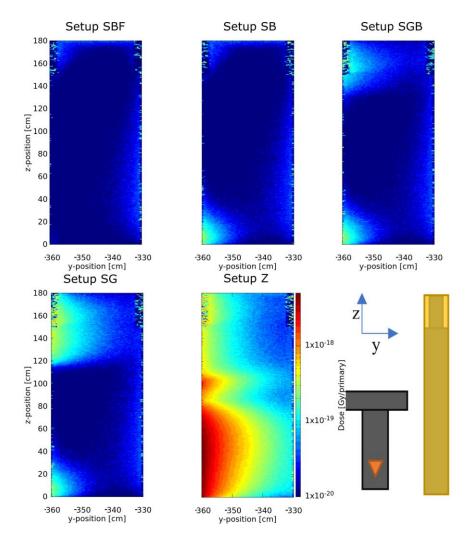


Figure 4.8 - Dose distribution to the operator over the sagittal plane for all setups. The z-axis represents the height of the operator. This cumulative cross section was plotted with $260 \le x < 270$

4.4 Dose rate mesurements at HUS

Air kerma measurements at HUS was done to relate simulated dose per primary photon to real dose rates. That would against allow for estimates of annual dose exposure. All data gathered at HUS and the specific FLUKA files done to simulate could be found at 0A visualization and specific information regarding detector placements can be found in chapter 0. The uncertainty of the dose scored in FLUKA is statistical and is presented in the scoring date after each simulation. The RaySafe X2 Survey Sensor provided four significant digits in its measurements. This means the total error of the scaling factor is dominated by the statistical uncertainty in FLUKA. The smallest and largest scaling factor for each placement was calculated as such:

 $Smallest \ scaling \ factor = \frac{Dose \ rate \ at \ HUS}{Dose \ scored \ in \ FLUKA + uncertainty}$

 $Largest \ scaling \ factor = \frac{Dose \ rate \ at \ HUS}{Dose \ scored \ in \ FLUKA - uncertainty}$

Table 4.1: Table comparing dose scored in FLUKA with dose rate measured
at Haukeland using the acquisition mode at 15 FPS

Acquisition mode	Dose scored in FLUKA [mGy/primary]	Uncertainty [mGy/primary]	Dose rate at HUS [mGy/s]	Smallest scaling factor [primary/s]	Largest scaling factor [primary/s]
Placement 1	7.2E-16	1E-16	0.00604	7.1E+12	1.0E+13
Placement 2	7.1E-16	9E-17	0.00674	8.5E+12	1.1E+13
Placement 3	2.0E-15	3E-16	0.00856	3.8E+12	5.0E+12

Table 4.2: Table comparing dose scored in FLUKA with dose rate measured at Haukeland using the fluoro mode at 7.5 FPS

Fluoro mode	Dose scored in FLUKA [mGy/primary]	Uncertainty [mGy/primary]	Dose rate at HUS [mGy/s]	Smallest scaling factor [primary/s]	Largest scaling factor [primary/s]
Placement 1	1.7E-15	2E-16	0.000798	4.3E+11	5.4E+11
Placement 2	1.0E-15	2E-16	0.000855	7.2E+11	1.0E+12
Placement 3	3.1E-15	2E-16	0.00112	3.4E+11	4.0E+11

There is no scaling factor that fits between the error for each mode respectively. The air kerma rate measured at Haukeland are more similar than the absorbed dose scored in FLUKA.

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The cumulative spectrum created based on data form AP orientation and the fluoro mode was created, and the energy spectrum scored in FLUKA is close to the spectrum specified by the input. The different shielding setups have a clear difference in dose given to and fluence near the operator. This supports the use of MC simulations in FLUKA to evaluate different shielding setups. Relating the dose/primary to real dose rates requires further examination into why the dose rates measured at HUS do not follow the dose distribution scored in FLUKA.

Spectrum Scoring

The scored spectrum matches the cumulative energy spectrum created. This is to be expected over this many (3,000,000,000) primaries. The spectrum was scored both ways. That increases the chances of scoring backscattering. This does not appear to have any significant effect in this. Backscattering could be a larger factor if denser matter were close to the radiation source. using different C-arm projections that are closer to the table.

Fluence scoring

Fluence in front of the operator

Fluence is not necessarily directly related to radiation dose. The dose depends on the energy spectrum, but the fluence and dose distribution in figure 4.2 and 4.6 follow the same trends for each setup. The different setups clearly have different fluence in front of the operator, making it possible to compare the setups considering the fluence. The fluence scored in front of the operator varies up to a factor of 100 times at the same position heights for different radiation protection setups. This does compare an unrealistic scenario of no shielding to an improved setup. It does, however, show the value of having shielding.

The largest deviation in fluence in the 1D-fluence plot is below the table. This is where the radiation source is, and the fluence heat map (Figure 4.3) show this is where most

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of the radiation is. Naturally, Setup Z with least protection sees the highest fluence. The legs also do not contain any vital organs and are less radiosensitive compared to organs in the upper body, according to the tissue weights in Table 2.2. However, operators still want to minimize the dose whenever possible. This lead protection is also not in the operator's main workspace and does not hinder the maneuverability as much as other radiation shielding, and it can be a continuous piece of lead, leaving no gaps. All this makes the shielding below the patient table easy to manage during procedures and less susceptible to improper use. Also, the shielding below appears to not only effect the fluence below the table. The 1D-fluence plot shows that Setup SBF has lower fluence up to a height of 175 cm, suggesting further value of shielding below the table. All this supports the value of making shielding below the table cover a larger area. The patient table's weight limit is the main limiting factor to this area of protection. Shielding thickness is not a parameter in this study, but thinner shielding that reaches the floor, could result in lower doses for the same shielding weight. One could also have a minimum requirement of shielding and add longer or thicker protection if the weight of the patients allows it.

Both setup SGB and SG have a gap between the layers of lead, but SG also lacks the blanket over the patient. The increase in fluence is larger when introducing the gap (Setup SB to SGB) than when the blanket is removed (Setup SGB to SG). This suggests the gap has a larger relative effect on the fluence than the blanket. The lead screen attached to the ceiling at HUS can attach flexible shielding at its lower end. This makes it easier to maintain a continuous layer of protection during procedures.

As with the other shielding discussed, increasing the blankets dimensions would reduce the fluence at the operator. It, too, adds to the total weight on the patient table. The lead blanket over the patient is also in the sterile zone. It is therefore required to be sterile too. This sets higher requirements to cleaning than for instance the shielding under the table. Increasing the size of the blanket could make it more difficult to sterilize and/or keep sterile. Setup SGB has the lowest fluence in the 1D-plot for the tallest 5 cm. Here it is important to emphasize that the lead screen is raised, not cropped, to create the gap. The elevated lead screen provides more protection at top of the operator. The same reduction trend at the top of the operator is seen in Setup SG too, which also have a raised lead screen. A thinner, taller lead screen could be beneficial for the same reasons as discussed for the shielding below the table.

Fluence across the operating room

Fluence is a useful measure to evaluate the spread of radiation through the room. This is because the fluence heat maps essentially show photon tracks. The radiation spread is visible as the fluence gradually decreases on the photon's path through the air or other medium.

Figure 4.3 illustrates that most radiation is below the patient table, and that the photon radiation get through the gap at waist heigh in SGB, SG and the gap at the floor in all, but SBF. This is to be expected. Interestingly, the different in fluence at the operator with and without the gap, meaning the difference between Setup SB and SGB, is less apparent in the yx-fluence heat map (Figure 4.5), compared to the other fluence plots and dose plots. This underlines the need to explore and view the shielding setups from multiple angles. The fluence gradient lines in 4.5 show that the fluence quickly rises to the left of the operator (immediately below on the plot), behind the shielding. This increase in fluence is largely independent of the gap and patient blanket. This suggest widening the screen would be the main way to reduce said increase in fluence.

Dose scoring

Skin dose

The operator's skin dose varies more than the fluence in front of the operator, especially where the dose is low. This is because of the low number of incidents, due to the radiation shielding. However, the dose-height trends for each setup is visible. The variance can naturally be improved by running more primaries and possible by evaluate the skin dose through different means. The method created to convert fluence to H10

and H0.07 needs the fluence in front of the operator, which has less statistical error. This conversion does however contribute to more uncertainties between its two conversion steps and interpolation.

The dose plots follow a similar trend as the fluence plots in front of the operator. This means the different shielding setups has the same reduction in the dose given to the operator as discussed considering the fluence in front of the operator. Dose is innately more interesting, when considering protection, as it is directly linked to increases cancer risk according to the LNT-model. This means that preventing the gap at the floor or between the lead shielding is important to reduce the operator dose.

Dose Heat Maps

The heat maps in figure Figure 4.7 shows that the operator receives a dose to their left for all setups. This suggest the radiation scatters around on the outside of the shielding and coincides with the discussion of figure 4.5. Once again, prioritizing the area of the shielding over thickness could be more weight efficient. The main distinction between the setups in these dose distributions is the dose given to the neck when introducing the gap between the blanket and screen. This further support the need for thyroid shields when the gap cannot be avoided. Figure 4.8 illustrates the same effect of the shielding as the skin dose (Figure 4.6). The expose at the operator's feet is mainly depended on the gab above the floor, and the gap and removal of the blanked both increase the given dose at the operator's upper chest and neck.

The outer left and right side and top right and top left side of each dose hate map has more noise. This is because these regions contain air. Photons attenuate less in in air compared to water, resulting in worse statistics. One can also argue that it makes these regions difficult to compare to the rest of the plots. However, the regions are small and localized, making the effects of the shielding visible. Such overlap will always be present, when using cylinder operators and box-shaped scoring regions. A possible future work around is to incorporate the H10 and H0.07 scoring and focus on those.

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Calibrations at HUS

There was not possible to find a single conversion coefficient for either fluoro or acquisition mode, also accounting for uncertainties. However, it is hard to find the definitive cause with only three detector locations. The error could be due to a combination of multiple elements. They fall into three main categories: mistakes in the dimensions in FLUKA, the materials used FLUKA and mistakes during measurements. Manufacturers do not want to reveal the exact composition of their products. This makes it difficult to have the correct material for some parts of the simulation. This cannot innately be improved.

More measurements should be taken, in order to find a calibration coefficient for each mode. Mistakes in the simulations dimensions and mistakes during measurements can be improved by more measurements at HUS in the form of additional placement and more per placement. The uncertainties in the simulations can be improved by running more primaries. The detectors' relatively small volume further supports the need for more primaries.

Finding a calibration coefficient is a prerequisite to evaluate shielding setups based on absolute dose. The dose scoring remains a relative quantity without the calibration from dose per primary to dose or dose per second. Evaluations based on a relative quantity is useful but limited. Relative dose comparisons tell you which setup is best, while absolute dose comparisons tell you which setups are good enough. Thus, a calibration is needed to conclude that for instance lead vests are not necessary with certain shielding setups.

Using FLUKA MC simulation to assess dose to operator

An advantage in using FLUKA simulations to assess the dose to the operator is that it is easier to add or make changes to the setup compared to a real setup. This allows for the exploration of many parameters. Some are discussed in chapter 5.1. Exploring more parameters will quickly add to run time, especially if the parameters are independent of each other This motivates a selective approach to parameters. Scoring in FLUKA

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can also easier evaluate multiple datapoints compared to measurements, giving a more detailed understanding of the dose and fluence distribution.

5. Future Work

5.1 Potential parameters

This study focused on the feasibility of using MC simulations to assess the dose given to operator by looking at different shield geometries. There are more potential shield protection setups that could be investigated, many which have been discussed in this study. However, one of the benefits with recreating the operating room is that it gives unlimited access and freedom to investigate many potential parameters.

The C-arm has two modes, fluoro and acquisition. As discussed, these modes have been developed with different utilization in mind. However, their main different in the simulations comes from their typically different energy spectrums. It would most likely be more useful to explore their differences after calibrations to assess absolute dose have been done.

The C-arm has a range of different beam angles. Beam angles could impact the expose of the operator directly by changing the radiation field. The effectiveness of the shielding could also be dependent on the angles. Such knowledge will allow operators to check if the hypothetical better angles give a sufficient view to operate without the need to change any of their radiation shielding. If that were the case, it would be an easy and cost-effective solution compared to changing or editing their existing equipment.

5.2 Incorperate H10 and H0.07

H10 and H0.07 are conventions for evaluate dose at 10 and 0.07 cm soft tissue depths respectively. Future work could go into incorporating said quantities to the simulation's tool for evaluating the operator's skin dose. They have advantages over simply scoring the dose. Operators and other professionals are familiar with these quantities because

H10 and H0.07 are established conventions. This makes them more relatable and easier to compare to other scientific works that uses the same quantities.

The H10 and H0.07 conversion methods developed in this study rely on fluence scoring. The fluence in front of the operator had better statistics than the skin dose. This opens the possibility to be able to reduce the number of primaries required to get the desired precision, saving run time. Reducing the run time has two immediate benefits, lowers the entry point to do a study and it leaves room to use the saved time to other work.

5.3 Edit CT to include shielding rather than placing it around protection

A limiting factor in this study was the inability to add materials into the voxel-cage. The geometry of the lead shielding close to the patient had to be approximated to avoid overlapping with the voxel-cage. It is possible to edit the CT-scans. This would allow for the shielding to exist within the voxel-cage as a part of the imported CT-scan itself. This be a step toward a more realistic simulation, and in turn more realistic results from the simulation.

5.4 Having both operator and patient as CT-scans

All simulations of the shielding setups were made with a patient as an imported CTscan, while the operator was estimated as cylinders. This is because of FLUKA cannot innately run a simulation with two CT-scan at the same time. A possible way around this would be to divide the operating room into two sperate parts. Each part containing the patient or the operator. One would simulate the patient's half first and record the radiation on the border entering the other half. The other half would then be simulated with the recorded radiation. Importing a CT-scan to represent the operator could also be the first step toward a more complete evaluation of effective dose. It would be easier to define different organs and compensate for their radiosensitivity. Future Work

5.5 Linking scoring to real life dose

The simulations in FLUKA are limited to relative dose comparisons by itself, which has been used for most parts of this study. There were done calibration measurements in this study to relate dose per primary to dose rate. As mentioned, such calibration would help to validate the simulations, but more work would have to be done to do this comparison. In addition, being able to assess real dose rates would allow conclusion such as if certain shielding setups reduced the dose rate enough to let operators remove some or all their worn protection. Removing worn protection would not only be a quality of life improvement, but also reduce associated strain injuries.

Conclusion

Conclusion

The goal of this study was to explore the feasibility of using FLUKA simulations to evaluate the operator's received radiation dose during interventional cardiology procedures. The effects on operator dose from different radiation shielding setups was investigated though FLUKA simulation. An operating room was recreated in FLUKA and five different radiation shielding setups were implemented for said room. Data from real procedures were used to define the beam characteristics and create an energy spectrum that considers varying defining features. The fluence and dose were scored for each setup to evaluate the dose given to the operator. The scored data from the simulation indicates that avoiding gaps between the shield components and/or the floor is crucial in reducing the dose given to the operator. Having a lead blanket over the patient also has an advantageous shielding effect according to the simulations. The ability to evaluate these results suggests that Monte Carlo simulations through FLUKA is a viable tool to evaluate the relative effectiveness of radiation shielding. This opens for further exploration of parameters and their relation to the operator's dose. The current results also allow for informed decisions when comparing radiation shielding setups. Measurements in the operating room and specific FLUKA simulations were made to relate the scored dose in FLUKA to real dose rates. The measurements and simulations did not yield sufficiently good results to get do a reliable conversion between dose per primary and dose per second. With new and more extensive measurements, such a conversion would make it possible to extend the relative dose and fluence from the simulations done in this study to absolute dose rates received by the operator, including annual and career long estimates of dose exposure. The MC simulations could be used to investigate the potential for reducing the operator's personal protection equipment. Overall, the work performed in this thesis shows that MC simulations has the potential to provide detailed information about shielding effectiveness, far beyond what can be achieved through measurements in the lab alone and can become a useful tool in radioprotection for X-ray guided medicine.

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Appendix A FLUKA input files

Atomic composition of concrete used in FLUKA Table 0.1: Atomic composition of concrete used in FLUKA with a density of

Table 0.1: Atomic composition of concrete used in FLUKA with a density of $2.05 \frac{g}{cm^3}$

Element	Proportion
Carbon	0.23
Oxygen	0.40
Silicon	0.12
Calcium	0.10
Hydrogen	0.10
Magnesium	0.02

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TITLE							
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* Define the l	beam po	sition					
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* Needed for the source script							
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* Sets energy	thresho	ld					
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* Sets energy threshold							
EMFCUT	-1E-06	6 1E-6		BEDSCF	r voz	KE3143	
* Needed for	fluscw_	flu.f					
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* Operator's lead vest RCC opVest 265. -345. 40. 0.0 0.0 110. 15.3 * Operator's head RCC opHead 265. -345. 150. 0.0 0.0 30. 13. **END** 5 +bedSki3|bedSki2| (leadBla -leadBla1 -leadBla2 -stopBla) **BEDSCR** 5 +leadScr -leadBla LEADSCR * Lead end 5 +wallsMid -wallsIn WALLSMID * Carbon start BED 5 +bed|bedFoot * Carbon end MACH 5 +machOut -machStop -machIn OP 5 +opBody |opHead * Concrete start ROOF 5 + fR - roof5 +wallsOut -wallsMid WALLSOUT WALLSIN 5 +wallsIn -room * Concrete end FLOOR 5 + fR + floor* Air start 5 +room -VOXEL -(bed|bedFoot) -detFront -(opBody|opVest|opHead) -ROOM (+machOut -machStop -machIn) -((bedSki3|bedSki2) |(leadBla leadBla1 -leadBla2 -stopBla)) -(leadScr -leadBla) 5 +opVest -opBody **OPVEST** * Air end 5 +detFront DETFRONT 5 +void -fR VOID BLKBODY 5 +blkbody -void **END GEOEND** * Create concrete with the compound card below MATERIAL 2.05 CONCRETE COMPOUND 23. CARBON 40. OXYGEN **12. SILICONCONCRETE** COMPOUND 12. CALCIUM 10. HYDROGEN 2. MAGNESIUCONCRETE CARBON **ASSIGNMA** BED MACH **ASSIGNMA** LEAD BEDSCR WALLSMID ASSIGNMA WATER OP ROOM DETFRONT ASSIGNMA AIR ASSIGNMA AIR VOXEL

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* -y->z (Max) * z->x (Min) **ROT-DEFI** 104. 90. 90. 379.5 -118.85 184.rotPat **GEOBEGIN COMBNAME VOXELS** 0.0 0.0 0.0 rotPat Pat 0 0 SPH blkbody 0.0 0.0 0.0 100000. * Vacuum around the room SPH void 0.0 0.0 0.0 10000. * Outer cylinder creating the C-arm RCC machOut 330.5 - 376.5 129. 0.0 - 55. 0.0 122. * Inner cylinder creating the C-arm RCC machIn 330.5 - 376.5 129. 0.0 - 55. 0.0 100. * Stops the C-arm, creating a crescent shape YZP machStop 315.5 * The main room RPP room 0.0 613. -681. 0.0 0.0 306. * Defines the roof XYP roof 306. * Defines the floor XYP floor 0.0 * Adds concrete around the room RPP fR -4. 617. -685. 4. -20. 326. * Outer layer of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsOut -4. 617. -685. 4. 0.0 306. * Mid layer of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsMid -2.1 615.1 -683.1 2.1 0.0 306. * Inner leaver of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsIn -1.9 614.9 -682.9 1.9 0.0 306. * Region infront of the detector RPP detFront 325. 335. -409. -399. 30. 30.00001 * Lead skirt mounted to the bed RPP bedSki 176. 256. -374. -373.5 15. 98. * Lead skirt mounted to the bed RPP bedSki2 231. 256. -374. -373.5 89. 115. \$start_transform rotSki RPP bedSki3 0.0 0.5 -59. 0.0 15. 119.35 \$end_transform \$start_transform rotScr * Lead skirt mounted to the ceiling RPP leadScr 0.0 0.5 -72. 0.0 135. 224. \$end_transform PLA stopBla 0.176327 -1. 0.0 256. -373.5 90. * Patient bed

RPP bed 75.5 392.5 -434. -374. 85. 90. * Foot of the bed RCC bedFoot 145. -404. 0.0 0.0 0.0 85. 19. * Operator's body RCC opBody 265. -345. 0.0 0.0 0.0 150. 15. * Operator's lead vest RCC opVest 265. -345. 40. 0.0 0.0 110. 15.3 * Operator's head 265. -345. 150. 0.0 0.0 30. 13. RCC opHead **END** * Lead start BEDSCR 5 +bedSki3|bedSki|bedSki2 5 +leadScr LEADSCR * Lead end WALLSMID 5 +wallsMid -wallsIn * Carbon start 5 +bed|bedFoot BED * Carbon end MACH 5 +machOut -machStop -machIn OP 5 +opBody |opHead * Concrete start ROOF 5 +fR -roof 5 +wallsOut -wallsMid WALLSOUT 5 +wallsIn -room WALLSIN * Concrete end FLOOR 5 + fR + floor* Air start 5 +room -VOXEL -(bed|bedFoot) -detFront -(opBody|opVest|opHead) -ROOM (+machOut -machStop -machIn) -(bedSki3|bedSki1bedSki2) -leadScr 5 +opVest -opBody **OPVEST** * Air end DETFRONT 5 +detFront 5 + void - fRVOID 5 +blkbody -void BLKBODY END GEOEND * Create concrete with the compound card below MATERIAL 2.05 CONCRETE COMPOUND 23. CARBON **12. SILICONCONCRETE** 40. OXYGEN COMPOUND 12. CALCIUM **HYDROGEN** 2. 10. MAGNESIUCONCRETE ASSIGNMA CARBON BED MACH BEDSCR WALLSMID ASSIGNMA LEAD

ASSIGNMA WATER OP ROOM DETFRONT ASSIGNMA AIR ASSIGNMA AIR VOXEL ASSIGNMA **CONCRETE** ROOF FLOOR **ASSIGNMA** VACUUM VOID ASSIGNMA BLCKHOLE BLKBODY RANDOMIZ 1. START 40000000. **STOP** Setup Z * Increases maximum regions GLOBAL 5000. TITLE Lab 2 - Haukeland - Fluoro, AP, Setup Z * Set the defaults for precision simulations **DEFAULTS** PRECISIO * Define the beam characteristics BEAM -8E-05 0.0 0.0 PHOTON * Define the beam position 330. -404. 30. 0.0 0.0 **BEAMPOS** * Needed for the source script SOURCE * Sets energy threshold 1E-6 0.0 VACUUM AIR **PROD-CUT** EMFCUT -1E-06 * Sets energy threshold **BEDSCR VOXE3143** EMFCUT -1E-06 1E-6 * Needed for fluscw_flu.f 3. 0.0 0.0 **USERWEIG** * Fluence over the whole room **USRBIN** 10. PHOTON -21. 613. 0.0 306.FluRoom **USRBIN** 0.0 -681. 0.0 204. 227. 102. & * Dose over the whole room **USRBIN** 10. DOSE -21. 613. 0.0 306.DoseR 0.0 -681. 0.0 204. 227. 102. & USRBIN * Spectrum infront of the beam **USRBDX** 101. -22. DETFRONT ROOM 1.ESpet USRBDX 0.000124 0.000001 124. & * Dose given to the patient **USRBIN** 10. DOSE -23. 372.5 -379.5 118.8DosePat **USRBIN** 184. -428.2 90. 377. 98. 58. & * Dose given to the operator **USRBIN** 10. DOSE -24. 280. -330. 150.DoseOp **USRBIN** 250. -360. 0.0 60. 60. 360. & * Hp(10.0) - Check1

USRBIN 10. DOSE -29. 266.5 -360. 150.D 263.5 147. USRBIN -361. 1. 1. 1. & * Hp(10.0) - Check2 **USRBIN** 10. DOSE-EQ -29. 266.5 -360. 150.D-EO USRBIN 263.5 -361. 1. 147. 1. 1. & * Hp(10.0) - Check3 **USRBIN** 10. PHOTON -29. 266.5 -360. 150.Flu **USRBIN** 263.5 -361. 147. 1. 1. 1. & * Hp(10.0) * Must be BIN 30 **USRBIN** PHOTON -30. 266.5 -360. 150.Hp10 10. 1. USRBIN 263.5 -361. 147. 1. 1. & * Rotates the lead sceen hanging from the ceiling -135. -480.8326 84.8528 0.0rotScr **ROT-DEFI** 1. * Rotates the lead wall on the floor (Unused) **ROT-DEFI** 60.70.0961894421.410162 rotWall 2. * Rotates the lead skirt mounted to the bed **ROT-DEFI** 3. -100. -412.7720 -187.1664 rotSki * Rotates the patient * -x -> y (Max) * -y - z (Max) * z->x (Min) **ROT-DEFI** 104. 90. 90. 379.5 -118.85 184.rotPat **GEOBEGIN COMBNAME** VOXELS 0.0 0.0 0.0 rotPat Pat 0 0 SPH blkbody 0.0 0.0 0.0 100000. * Vacuum around the room SPH void 0.0 0.0 0.0 10000. * Outer cylinder creating the C-arm RCC machOut 330.5 - 376.5 129. 0.0 - 55. 0.0 122. * Inner cylinder creating the C-arm RCC machIn 330.5 - 376.5 129. 0.0 - 55. 0.0 100. * Stops the C-arm, creating a crescent shape YZP machStop 315.5 * The main room RPP room 0.0 613. -681. 0.0 0.0 306. * Defines the roof XYP roof 306. * Defines the floor XYP floor 0.0 * Adds concrete around the room -4. 617. -685. 4. -20. 326. RPP fR * Outer layer of the wall to add lead inside

RPP wallsOut -4. 617. -685. 4. 0.0 306. * Mid layer of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsMid -2.1 615.1 -683.1 2.1 0.0 306. * Inner leaver of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsIn -1.9 614.9 -682.9 1.9 0.0 306. * Region infront of the detector RPP detFront 325. 335. -409. -399. 30. 30.00001 * Lead skirt mounted to the bed 165. 270. -374. -373.5 15. 98. RPP bedSki * Patient bed RPP bed 75.5 392.5 -434. -374. 85. 90. * Foot of the bed RCC bedFoot 145. -404. 0.0 0.0 0.0 85. 19. * Operator's body 265. -345. 0.0 0.0 0.0 150. 15. RCC opBody * Operator's lead vest RCC opVest 265. -345. 40. 0.0 0.0 110. 15.3 * Operator's head RCC opHead 265. -345. 150. 0.0 0.0 30. 13. END BEDSCR 5 +bedSki * Lead end WALLSMID 5+wallsMid -wallsIn * Carbon start 5 +bed|bedFoot BED * Carbon end 5 +machOut -machStop -machIn MACH 5 +opBody |opHead OP * Concrete start ROOF 5 + fR - roof5 +wallsOut -wallsMid WALLSOUT WALLSIN 5 +wallsIn -room * Concrete end 5 + fR + floorFLOOR * Air start 5 +room -VOXEL -(bed|bedFoot) -detFront -(opBody|opVest|opHead) -ROOM (+machOut -machStop -machIn) -bedSki **OPVEST** 5 +opVest -opBody * Air end DETFRONT 5 +detFront VOID 5 + void - fRBLKBODY 5 +blkbody -void END

GEOEND

* Create concrete with the compound card below 2.05 MATERIAL **CONCRETE** COMPOUND 23. CARBON 40. OXYGEN **12. SILICONCONCRETE** COMPOUND 12. CALCIUM 10. **HYDROGEN** 2. MAGNESIUCONCRETE ASSIGNMA CARBON BED MACH **ASSIGNMA** LEAD BEDSCR WALLSMID ASSIGNMA WATER OP **ROOM DETFRONT** ASSIGNMA AIR VOXEL ASSIGNMA AIR CONCRETE ROOF ASSIGNMA **FLOOR** ASSIGNMA VACUUM VOID BLCKHOLE BLKBODY ASSIGNMA RANDOMIZ 1. START 40000000. **STOP** Setup SBF * Increases maximum regions **GLOBAL** 5000. TITLE Lab 2 - Haukeland - Fluoro, AP, SBF * Set the defaults for precision simulations DEFAULTS PRECISIO * Define the beam characteristics 0.0 **BEAM** -8E-05 PHOTON 0.0 * Define the beam position 330. 30. 0.0 0.0 **BEAMPOS** -404. * Needed for the source script SOURCE * Sets energy threshold **EMFCUT** -1E-06 1E-6 0.0 VACUUM AIR **PROD-CUT** * Sets energy threshold **EMFCUT** -1E-06 1E-6 **BEDSCR VOXE3143** * Needed for fluscw flu.f 3. **USERWEIG** 0.0 * Fluence over the whole room 10. PHOTON -21. **USRBIN** 613. 0.0 306.FluRoom **USRBIN** 0.0 -681. 0.0 204. 227. 102. & * Dose over the whole room -21. **USRBIN** 10. DOSE 613. 0.0 306.DoseR **USRBIN** 0.0 -681. 0.0 204. 227. 102. & * Spectrum infront of the beam **USRBDX** 101. -22. DETFRONT 1.ESpet ROOM

USRBDX 0.000124 0.000001 124. & * Dose given to the patient -23. -379.5 **USRBIN** 10. DOSE 372.5 118.8DosePat USRBIN 184. -428.2 90. 377. 98. 58. & * Dose given to the operator -24. 280. -330. **USRBIN** 10. DOSE 150.DoseOp USRBIN 250. -360. 0.0 60. 60. 360. & * Hp(10.0) - Check1 -29. 266.5 -360. **USRBIN** 10. DOSE 150.D **USRBIN** 263.5 -361. 147. 1. 1. 1. & * Hp(10.0) - Check2 **USRBIN** -29. 10. DOSE-EQ 266.5 -360. 150.D-EQ 1. **USRBIN** 263.5 -361. 147. 1. 1. & * Hp(10.0) - Check3 10. PHOTON -29. 266.5 -360. USRBIN 150.Flu 1. **USRBIN** 263.5 -361. 147. 1. 1. & * Hp(10.0) * Must be BIN 30 PHOTON **USRBIN** 10. -30. 266.5 -360. 150.Hp10 263.5 -361. 147. 1. 1. USRBIN 1. & * Rotates the lead sceen hanging from the ceiling -135. -480.8326 84.8528 **ROT-DEFI** 1. 0.0rotScr * Rotates the lead wall on the floor (Unused) 2. 60.70.0961894421.410162 **ROT-DEFI** rotWall * Rotates the lead skirt mounted to the bed **ROT-DEFI** 3. -100. -412.7720 -187.1664 rotSki * Rotates the patient * -x - y (Max)* -y - z (Max) * z->x (Min) **ROT-DEFI** 104. 90. 90. 379.5 -118.85 184.rotPat **GEOBEGIN COMBNAME** VOXELS 0.0 0.0 0.0 rotPat Pat 0 0 SPH blkbody 0.0 0.0 0.0 100000. * Vacuum around the room SPH void 0.0 0.0 0.0 10000. * Outer cylinder creating the C-arm RCC machOut 330.5 - 376.5 129. 0.0 - 55. 0.0 122. * Inner cylinder creating the C-arm RCC machIn 330.5 - 376.5 129. 0.0 - 55. 0.0 100. * Stops the C-arm, creating a crescent shape YZP machStop 315.5 * The main room

RPP room 0.0 613. -681. 0.0 0.0 306. * Defines the roof XYP roof 306. * Defines the floor XYP floor 0.0 * Adds concrete around the room RPP fR -4. 617. -685. 4. -20. 326. * Outer layer of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsOut -4. 617. -685. 4. 0.0 306. * Mid layer of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsMid -2.1 615.1 -683.1 2.1 0.0 306. * Inner leaver of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsIn -1.9 614.9 -682.9 1.9 0.0 306. * Region infront of the detector RPP detFront 325. 335. -409. -399. 30. 30.00001 * Lead skirt mounted to the bed 176. 256. -374. -373.5 1. 98. RPP bedSki * Lead skirt mounted to the bed RPP bedSki2 231. 256. -374. -373.5 89. 115. \$start_transform rotSki RPP bedSki3 0.0 0.5 -59. 0.0 1. 119.35 \$end transform \$start_transform rotScr * Lead skirt mounted to the ceiling RPP leadScr 0.0 0.5 -72. 0.0 105. 194. \$end_transform * Lead blanket over the patient RPP leadBla 260. 310. -428.7 -350. 90. 119.35 RPP leadBla1 260. 310. -428.2 -350. 90. 118.85 RPP leadBla2 295. 310. -428.7 -405. 90. 119.35 PLA stopBla 0.176327 -1. 0.0 256. -373.5 90. * Patient bed RPP bed 75.5 392.5 -434. -374. 85. 90. * Foot of the bed RCC bedFoot 145. -404. 0.0 0.0 0.0 85. 19. * Operator's body RCC opBody 265. -345. 0.0 0.0 0.0 150. 15. * Operator's lead vest 265. -345. 40. 0.0 0.0 110. 15.3 RCC opVest * Operator's head RCC opHead 265. -345. 150. 0.0 0.0 30. 13. END BEDSCR 5 +bedSki3|bedSki2| (leadBla -leadBla1 -leadBla2 -stopBla) 5 +leadScr -leadBla LEADSCR

* Lead end WALLSMID 5 +wallsMid -wallsIn * Carbon start BED 5 +bed|bedFoot * Carbon end 5 +machOut -machStop -machIn MACH OP 5 +opBody |opHead * Concrete start 5 +fR -roof ROOF WALLSOUT 5 +wallsOut -wallsMid WALLSIN 5 +wallsIn -room * Concrete end 5 + fR + floorFLOOR * Air start ROOM 5 +room -VOXEL -(bed|bedFoot) -detFront -(opBody|opVest|opHead) -(+machOut -machStop -machIn) -((bedSki3|bedSki2) |(leadBla leadBla1 -leadBla2 -stopBla)) -(leadScr -leadBla) **OPVEST** 5 +opVest -opBody * Air end DETFRONT 5 +detFront 5 +void -fR VOID 5 +blkbody -void **BLKBODY END GEOEND** * Create concrete with the compound card below MATERIAL 2.05 CONCRETE COMPOUND 23. CARBON 40. OXYGEN **12. SILICONCONCRETE** COMPOUND 12. CALCIUM **HYDROGEN** 10. 2. MAGNESIUCONCRETE ASSIGNMA CARBON BED MACH LEAD BEDSCR WALLSMID ASSIGNMA ASSIGNMA WATER OP ASSIGNMA AIR ROOM DETFRONT ASSIGNMA AIR VOXEL ASSIGNMA **CONCRETE** ROOF **FLOOR** ASSIGNMA VACUUM VOID BLCKHOLE BLKBODY ASSIGNMA RANDOMIZ 1. **START** 40000000. STOP

Appendix B discrete.f

***\$ CREATE SOURCE.FOR *COPY SOURCE** * *___ source ___* * SUBROUTINE SOURCE (NOMORE) INCLUDE '(DBLPRC)' **INCLUDE** '(DIMPAR)' INCLUDE '(IOUNIT)' * *_____* * * Copyright (C) 1990-2006 by Alfredo Ferrari & Paola Sala * * * All Rights Reserved. * * * * * * * New source for FLUKA9x-FLUKA200x: * * Created on 07 january 1990 by Alfredo Ferrari & Paola Sala * * Infn - Milan * * by Alfredo Ferrari * * Last change on 03-mar-06 * * * This is just an example of a possible user written source routine. * note that the beam card still has some meaning - in the scoring the * * maximum momentum used in deciding the binning is taken from the * * beam momentum. Other beam card parameters are obsolete. * * * *_____* * INCLUDE '(BEAMCM)' INCLUDE '(FHEAVY)' INCLUDE '(FLKSTK)' INCLUDE '(IOIOCM)' INCLUDE '(LTCLCM)' INCLUDE '(PAPROP)' INCLUDE '(SOURCM)' INCLUDE '(SUMCOU)' * LOGICAL LFIRST

* c defining and saving spectrum arrays DIMENSION ENEPOI(0:1000), ENEPRO(0:1000), ENECUM(0:1000), SUMME(0:0) SAVE ENEPOI, ENEPRO, ENECUM, SUMME c saving spectrum dimension SAVE IMAX * SAVE LFIRST DATA LFIRST / .TRUE. / *_____ _____* * * * * **BASIC VERSION** * * *_____ _____* NOMORE = 0* +_____* * | First call initializations: IF (LFIRST) THEN * | *** The following 3 cards are mandatory *** TKESUM = ZERZER LFIRST = .FALSE.LUSSRC = .TRUE. * | *** User initialization *** CALL OAUXFI('spectrum.dat',LUNRDB,'OLD',IERR) c reading spectrum DO I=0,1000 READ(LUNRDB,*,END=1972) ENEPOI(I),ENEPRO(I) IMAX=I **ENDDO** STOP ' spectrum reading uncomplete!' 1972 CONTINUE c Breiten feststellen SUMME(0)=ZERZER DO I=0,IMAX SUMME(0)=SUMME(0)+ENEPRO(I) **ENDDO** DO I=0,IMAX ENEPRO(I)=ENEPRO(I)/SUMME(0) **ENDDO** c building cumulative spectrum ENECUM(0)=ENEPRO(0)

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DO I=1,IMAX
    ENECUM(I)=ENECUM(I-1)+ENEPRO(I)
   ENDDO
    ENECUM(IMAX)=ONEONE
  END IF
* |
* +-----*
* Push one source particle to the stack. Note that you could as well
* push many but this way we reserve a maximum amount of space in the
* stack for the secondaries to be generated
* Npflka is the stack counter: of course any time source is called it
* must be =0
  NPFLKA = NPFLKA + 1
* Wt is the weight of the particle
  WTFLK (NPFLKA) = ONEONE
  WEIPRI = WEIPRI + WTFLK (NPFLKA)
* Particle type (1=proton....). Ijbeam is the type set by the BEAM
* card
* +-----*
* | (Radioactive) isotope:
  IF ( IJBEAM .EQ. -2 .AND. LRDBEA ) THEN
    IARES = IPROA
    IZRES = IPROZ
    IISRES = IPROM
    CALL STISBM ( IARES, IZRES, IISRES )
    IJHION = IPROZ * 1000 + IPROA
    IJHION = IJHION * 100 + KXHEAV
    IONID = IJHION
    CALL DCDION ( IONID )
    CALL SETION ( IONID )
* |
* +-----*
* | Heavy ion:
  ELSE IF ( IJBEAM .EQ. -2 ) THEN
    IJHION = IPROZ * 1000 + IPROA
    IJHION = IJHION * 100 + KXHEAV
    IONID = IJHION
    CALL DCDION ( IONID )
    CALL SETION (IONID)
    ILOFLK (NPFLKA) = IJHION
* | Flag this is prompt radiation
   LRADDC (NPFLKA) = .FALSE.
* |
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* | Normal hadron:
   ELSE
    IONID = IJBEAM
    ILOFLK (NPFLKA) = IJBEAM
* | Flag this is prompt radiation
    LRADDC (NPFLKA) = .FALSE.
   END IF
* |
* +-----*
* From this point .....
* Particle generation (1 for primaries)
   LOFLK (NPFLKA) = 1
* User dependent flag:
   LOUSE (NPFLKA) = 0
* User dependent spare variables:
   DO 100 \text{ ISPR} = 1, MKBMX1
    SPAREK (ISPR,NPFLKA) = ZERZER
100 CONTINUE
* User dependent spare flags:
   DO 200 ISPR = 1, MKBMX2
    ISPARK (ISPR,NPFLKA) = 0
200 CONTINUE
* Save the track number of the stack particle:
   ISPARK (MKBMX2,NPFLKA) = NPFLKA
   NPARMA = NPARMA + 1
   NUMPAR (NPFLKA) = NPARMA
   NEVENT (NPFLKA) = 0
   DFNEAR (NPFLKA) = +ZERZER
* ... to this point: don't change anything
* Particle age (s)
   AGESTK (NPFLKA) = +ZERZER
   AKNSHR (NPFLKA) = -TWOTWO
* Group number for "low" energy neutrons, set to 0 anyway
   IGROUP (NPFLKA) = 0
с
c sampling from the normalized cumulative spectrum
   XYZ=FLRNDM(XYZ)
   DO I=0,IMAX
    IF(XYZ.LT.ENECUM(I)) THEN
      GOTO 1973
    END IF
   ENDDO
   STOP ' I did a big mistake'
1973 CONTINUE
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- c the sampled energy lies in the bin I (between ENEPOI(I-1) and ENEPOI(I))
- c now determining the energy inside the bin I according to a linear spectrum ESAMPLE=ENEPOI(I)
- Kinetic energy of the particle (GeV)
 CALL FLNRRN (RGAUSS)
 TKEFLK (NPFLKA) = ESAMPLE
- * Particle momentum
 PMOFLK (NPFLKA) = SQRT (TKEFLK (NPFLKA) * (TKEFLK (NPFLKA)
 & + TWOTWO * AM (IONID)))
- * Cosines (tx,ty,tz) CALL FLNRR2 (RGAUS1, RGAUS2)
- * TXFLK (NPFLKA) = UBEAM+0.2*RGAUS1
- c XRAN = FLRNDM()*1.4-0.7
- c YRAN = FLRNDM()*1.4-0.7 TXFLK (NPFLKA) = UBEAM+FLRNDM()*0.144-0.072 TYFLK (NPFLKA) = VBEAM+FLRNDM()*0.144-0.072
- * TYFLK (NPFLKA) = WBEAM
- c TZFLK (NPFLKA) = -SQRT(1-XRAN**2-YRAN**2) TZFLK (NPFLKA) = SQRT (ONEONE - TXFLK (NPFLKA)**2 & - TYFLK (NPFLKA)**2)
- * Polarization cosines: TXPOL (NPFLKA) = -TWOTWO TYPOL (NPFLKA) = +ZERZER TZPOL (NPFLKA) = +ZERZER
- Particle coordinates
 CALL FLNRR2 (RGAUS1, RGAUS2)
 - XFLK (NPFLKA) = XBEAM
 - YFLK (NPFLKA) = YBEAM
 - ZFLK (NPFLKA) = ZBEAM
- * Calculate the total kinetic energy of the primaries: don't change IF (ILOFLK (NPFLKA) .EQ. -2 .OR. ILOFLK (NPFLKA) .GT. 100000)
 & THEN

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TKESUM = TKESUM + TKEFLK (NPFLKA) * WTFLK (NPFLKA)
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ELSE IF (ILOFLK (NPFLKA) .NE. 0) THEN

TKESUM = TKESUM + (TKEFLK (NPFLKA) + AMDISC (ILOFLK(NPFLKA)))

& * WTFLK (NPFLKA)

ELSE

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TKESUM = TKESUM + TKEFLK (NPFLKA) * WTFLK (NPFLKA)
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END IF

RADDLY (NPFLKA) = ZERZER

- * Here we ask for the region number of the hitting point.
- * NREG (NPFLKA) = ...
- * The following line makes the starting region search much more

* robust if	* robust if particles are starting very close to a boundary:				
CALL	CALL GEOCRS (TXFLK (NPFLKA), TYFLK (NPFLKA), TZFLK (NPFLKA)				
)					
CALL (GEOREG (XFLK ((NPFLKA), YF	LK (NPFLKA), ZFLK (1	NPFLKA),	
&	& NRGFLK(NPFLKA), IDISC)				
* Do not cl	* Do not change these cards:				
CALL (CALL GEOHSM (NHSPNT (NPFLKA), 1, -11, MLATTC)				
NLATI	NLATTC (NPFLKA) = MLATTC				
CMPATH (NPFLKA) = ZERZER					
CALL S	CALL SOEVSV				
RETUR	'N				
*===	End	of	subroutine	Source	

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END

spectrum.dat

0.000001	0
0.000002	0
0.000003	0
0.000004	4.75887E-57
0.000005	1.73953E-29
0.000006	1.76656E-16
0.000007	9.31083E-10
0.000008	6.31952E-06
0.000009	1.50706E-40
0.00001	3.84041E-30
0.000011	2.06889E-22
0.000012	1.25325E-16
0.000013	4.72659E-12
0.000014	1.07456E-08
0.000015	4.35279E-06
0.000016	0.000477811
0.000017	0.018665387
0.000018	0.354860803
0.000019	3.876051053
0.00002	27.37251319
0.000021	135.5420133
0.000022	527.545115
0.000023	1622.8543
0.000024	4256.749721
0.000025	9524.021782
0.000026	19006.89928
0.000027	33752.44435
0.000028	57457.07926
0.000029	87321.20332

0.00003	127273.7733
0.000031	175323.6075
0.000032	232328.3448
0.000033	296244.4347
0.000034	367611.8193
0.000035	442235.4645
0.000036	519780.6896
0.000037	597478.5417
0.000038	676130.9814
0.000039	750571.4949
0.00004	823904.1787
0.000041	890828.8294
0.000042	955518.5932
0.000043	1013409.8
0.000044	1066784.921
0.000045	1110167.982
0.000046	1150802.769
0.000047	1183981.5
0.000048	1212799.13
0.000049	1233484.923
0.00005	1249129.318
0.000051	1259973.124
0.000052	1261000.361
0.000053	1261806.196
0.000054	1257531.968
0.000055	1252278.345
0.000056	1237356.955
0.000057	1222004.812
0.000058	2065370.101
0.000059	2713317.636
0.00006	1158927.836
0.000061	1132468.655
0.000062	1101590.73
0.000063	1070069.512
0.000064	1038500.827
0.000065	1002283.946
0.000066	965910.6545
0.000067	1520247.664
0.000068	888039.227
0.000069	1008368.032
0.00007	782466.0934
0.000071	739893.4879
0.000072	697335.0112
0.000073	650659.7676

0.000074	608587.2089
0.000074	566168.4316
0.000076	518239.0847
0.000077	464832.6256
0.000078	429923.7513
0.000079	396466.931
0.00008	364665.6289
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0.000118	608.7652587
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0.00012	2.150127048
0.000121	1.859413647
0.000122	1.57525501
0.000123	1.144955926
0.000124	0.564481429

SpekCalc settings

Selected Spectrum:		
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Peak Energy (T0)	: 54 keV	
Minimum Energy (hvMin)	: 6 keV	5 Unsaved1 - 54kVp 30deg 1000Air 0Be 0AI 0.4Cu 0Sn 0W 0Ta 0Ti 0C 0Wa x10
Energy Bin (Dhv)	: 1 keV	[
Theta (th)	: 30 Degree	
Air Thickness (t_Air)	: 1000 mm	
Beryllium Thickness (t_Be)	: 0 mm	
Aluminium Thickness (t_Al)	: 0 mm	
Copper Thickness (t_Cu)	: 0.4 mm	-
Tin Thickness (t_Sn)	: 0 mm	3
Tungsten Thickness (t_W)	: 0 mm	
Tantalum Thickness (t_Ta)	0 mm	
Water Thickness (t_Wa	: 0 mm	Ser -
Titanium Thickness (t_Tij	: 0 mm	+ + + + + + + + + + + + + +
Graphite Thickness (t_C)	: 0 mm	- Ver
N	0.68 (0.68 default)	
F		
Comment		1 -
1st HVL (AI): 4.31	mm Mean Energy: 41.9 keV	
2nd HVL (AI): 4.74	mm Effective Energy (Al): 39.2 keV	
HVL1/HVL2 (AI): 0.910	- Effective Energy (Cu): 39,5 keV	
1st HVL (Cu): 0.153	mm	
2nd HVL (Cu): 0.178	mm	10 20 30 40 50
HVL1/HVL2 (Cu): 0.862		Energy [keV]
Bremsstrahlung output	3.287 µGy/mAs @ 1 meter	
Characteristic output:	0 µGy/mAs @ 1 meter	Calculate View Data

Figure 0.1 - Picture showing the settings used to calculate each energy spectrum later used to weight it by DAP. The only variance was the Peak Energy, which was cycled through for all kVp.

Appendix C fluscw_flu.f

*\$	CREATE FLUSCW.FOR					
*0	COPY FLUSCW					
*		*				
*=	==				fluse	cw
==				======	;	*
*		*				
	DOUBLE PRECISION FUNCTION	ON FLUSCW (IJ	, PLA	, TXX	,TYY ,	

& TZZ, WEE, XX, YY & ZZ , NREG , IOLREG, LLO , & NSURF) INCLUDE '(DBLPRC)' INCLUDE '(DIMPAR)' INCLUDE '(IOUNIT)' * _____* * * * by Alfredo Ferrari & Paola Sala * * Copyright (C) 1989-2005 * * All Rights Reserved. * * New version of Fluscw for FLUKA9x-FLUKA200x: * * * * !!! This is a completely dummy routine for Fluka9x/200x. !!! * !!! The name has been kept the same as for older Fluka !!! * * !!! versions for back-compatibility, even though Fluscw !!! * * !!! is applied only to estimators which didn't exist be- !!! * !!! fore Fluka89. !!! * * !!! User developed versions can be used for weighting !!! * **!!!** flux-like quantities at runtime !!! * * * * Input variables: * * * * Ij = (generalized) particle code (Paprop numbering) * * Pla = particle laboratory momentum (GeV/c) (if > 0),* * or kinetic energy (GeV) (if < 0) * * Txx,yy,zz = particle direction cosines* * Wee = particle weight * * * Xx, Yy, Zz = position* Nreg = (new) region number* Iolreg = (old) region number* Llo = particle generation * Nsurf = transport flag (ignore!) * * * * Output variables: * * * Fluscw = factor the scored amount will be multiplied by * * Lsczer = logical flag, if true no amount will be scored * * regardless of Fluscw * *

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* * Useful variables (common SCOHLP): * * * * Flux like binnings/estimators (Fluscw): ISCRNG = 1 --> Boundary crossing estimator * * ISCRNG = 2 --> Track length* binning * ISCRNG = $3 \rightarrow \text{Track}$ length * estimator * ISCRNG = 4 --> Collision density estimator * * * ISCRNG = 5 --> Yieldestimator * * JSCRNG = # of the binning/estimator * * *_ _____* * INCLUDE '(SCOHLP)' INCLUDE '(USRBIN)' !Access IPUSBN (bin number) INCLUDE '(TRACKR)' !Access photon energy DOUBLE PRECISION EMIN(50), EMAX(50), WGT1(50), WGT2(50) **INTEGER NLINE** *_____* LOGICAL LFIRST SAVE LFIRST DATA LFIRST / .TRUE. / IF (LFIRST) THEN LFIRST = .FALSE.CALL OAUXFI('../tablea1.dat', 95, 'OLD', IERR) READ(95, *) !Skip first line NLINE = 0DO NLINE = NLINE + 1READ (95, 3, END=10) EMIN(NLINE), EMAX(NLINE), WGT1(NLINE), & WGT2(NLINE) 3 FORMAT(F12.8,F12.8,F12.8,F12.8) **ENDDO** CLOSE(UNIT=95) 10 CONTINUE **ENDIF** FLUSCW = ONEONE

LSCZER = .FALSE.

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IF(IPUSBN(JSCRNG).EQ.-30) THEN ! If bin 30
                   ! Loop through the table until energy interval is found
 DO I=1, NLINE
  IF (ETRACK .GE. EMIN(I) .AND. ETRACK .LT. EMAX(I)) THEN
  FLUSCW = WGT1(I)
   RETURN
  ENDIF
 ENDDO
ENDIF
IF (IPUSBN(JSCRNG).EQ.-31) THEN
                  ! Loop through the table until energy interval is found
 DO I=1, NLINE
  IF (ETRACK .GE. EMIN(I) .AND. ETRACK .LT. EMAX(I)) THEN
   FLUSCW = WGT2(I)
   RETURN
  ENDIF
 ENDDO
ENDIF
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RETURN

*	End	of	function	Fluscw
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END

tablea2.dat

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Emin	Emax	10	007		
0 0.	0000125	6.68E-	-14 7.	04E-12	
0.0000125	5 0.00001	175 8.	23E-13	3.06E-	-12
0.0000175	5 0.00002	25 1.0)2E-12	1.76E-	12
0.000025	0.00003	5 8.0	1E-13	8.87E-1	3
0.000035	0.00004	5 6.3	9E-13	6.19E-1	3
0.000045	0.00005	5 5.7	0E-13	5.27E-1	3
0.000055	0.00007	5.46	5E-13	4.96E-1	3
0.00007	0.00)009	5.84E-	13 5.32	2E-13
0.00009	0.000125	6.71	E-13	6.19E-1	3
0.000125	0.00015	9.62	2E-13	9.09E-1	3

Appendix D **Beam angles**

1e+05 Random samples from a total of 784154 fluoro or aquisitions

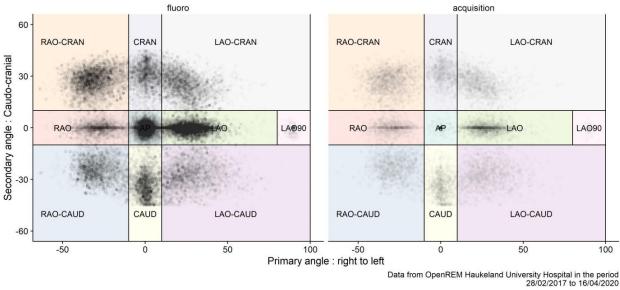


Figure 0.2 - Chart showing projections of interest and how they are defined. 10⁵ random samples plotted were chosen as a compromise between having enough to see a structure and few enough to maintain a greyscale to indicate density.

	Primary angle			Secondary angle		
Projection	Mean	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max
AP	0.33	-10.00	10.00	-0.23	-10.00	10.00
CAUD	0.38	-9.96	9.99	-33.04	-45.50	-10.01
CRAN	0.77	-9.99	9.99	30.98	10.01	46.60
LAO	27.03	10.01	80.00	-0.41	-9.99	9.95
LAO-CAUD	27.92	10.00	99.11	-27.47	-46.60	-10.00
LAO-CRAN	23.94	10.00	87.41	24.96	10.00	45.48
LAO90	89.32	80.20	96.60	-1.00	-9.69	7.56
RAO	-28.53	-76.50	-10.01	-0.25	-9.99	9.99
RAO-CAUD	-28.07	-87.20	-10.00	-24.27	-45.00	-10.00
RAO-CRAN	-30.68	-80.28	-10.00	27.30	10.00	46.50

Table 0.2: List of means, minimums and maximums for both primary and secondary angle for all projections.

Appendix E H10 & H0.07 conversion coefficients

Table 3 - Table containing the conversion coefficients from photon fluence to H0.07

Photon Energy [MeV]	Conversion coefficient [Sv·cm ²]
0.01	7.04E-12
	3.06E-12
0.015	3.00E-12
0.02	1.76E-12
0.03	8.87E-13
0.04	6.19E-13
0.05	5.27E-13
0.06	4.96E-13
0.08	5.32E-13
0.1	6.19E-13
0.15	9.09E-13
0.2	1.23E-12
0.3	1.84E-12
0.4	2.42E-12
0.5	2.96E-12
0.6	3.46E-12

0.8	4.13E-12
1	5.24E-12

Table 4 - Table containing the conversion coefficients from photon fluence to H10

[MeV]	[Sv·cm ²]		
0.01	6.69E-14		
0.015	8.24E-13		
0.02	1.03E-12		
0.03	8.02E-13		
0.04	6.39E-13		
0.05	5.70E-13		
0.06	5.47E-13		
0.08	5.84E-13		
0.1	6.72E-13		
0.15	9.63E-13		
0.2	1.28E-12		
0.3	1.89E-12		
0.4	2.46E-12		
0.5	2.99E-12		

Photon	Energy	Conversion coefficient
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0.6	3.48E-12
0.8	4.39E-12
1	5.22E-12
1.5	6.99E-12
2	8.54E-12
3	1.11E-11
4	1.35E-11
5	1.57E-11
6	1.79E-11
8	2.23E-11
10	2.67E-11

Appendix F Calibrations at HUS

Measurements

Table 5 - Table of the air kerma measurements made at HUS to calculate the coefficients to convert dose/primary simulated in FLUKA to real dose rates from the C-arm at HUS.

	X-ray				Dose rate	Dose	
Placement	FPS	Field size	C-arm mode		[mGy/s]	[mGy]	Duration
1	15	20		Ac	0.006037	0.05909	10.56
1	15	20		Ac	0.006037	0.08648	15.45
1	7.5	20		F	0.0007929	0.01165	20.97
1	7.5	20		F	0.0008024	0.01173	21.18
2	15	20		Ac	0.006743	0.09943	15.93
2	15	20		Ac	0.006746	0.1003	16.05
2	7.5	20		F	0.0008547	0.009772	16.38
2	7.5	20		F	0.0008554	0.009698	16.11
3	15	20		Ac	0.008572	0.1267	15.96
3	15	20		Ac	0.008555	0.1236	15.60
3	7.5	20		F	0.001126	0.01245	15.87
3	7.5	20		F	0.001121	0.01271	16.14

Fluoro mode input file

* Increases m	aximum re	pions					
GLOBAL		510115					
TITLE	5000.						
	aland						
Lab 3 - Hauk							
* Set the defa	ults for pre-	cision sir	nulation	S			
DEFAULTS					PREC	ISIO	
* Define the l	beam charad	cteristics					
BEAM	-8E-05		0.0	0.0	PHO	OTON	
* Define the l	beam positi	on					
BEAMPOS	330.5	404.	30.	0.0	0.0		
* Needed for	the source a	script					
SOURCE							
* Sets energy	threshold						
EMFCUT	-1E-06	1E-6	0.0 BI	CKHO	LE A	AIR	PROD-CUT
* Sets energy	threshold						
*EMFCUT	-1E-06	1E-6	C	PBOD	Y VOX	E3143	
* Sets energy	threshold						
EMFCUT	-1E-06	1E-6	PH	ANTON	M BLK	BODY	
* Fluence over	er the whole	room					
USRBIN	10. PH	OTON	-21.	613.	681.	306.Flu	uRoom
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* Stops the C-arm, creating a crescent shape YZP machStop 315.5 * The main room RPP room 0.0 613. 0.0 681. 0.0 306. * Defines the roof XYP roof 306. * Defines the floor XYP floor 0.0 * Adds concrete around the room -4. 617. -4. 685. -20. 326. RPP fR * Outer layer of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsOut -4. 617. -4. 685. 0.0 306. * Mid laver of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsMid -2.1 615.1 -2.1 683.1 0.0 306. * Inner leaver of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsIn -1.9 614.9 -1.9 682.9 0.0 306. * Region infront of the detector RPP detFront 325.5 335.5 399. 409. 30. 30.00001 \$start transform rotScr #if 0 RPP leadScr 0.0 0.5 0.0 78. 125. 214. #endif \$end_transform \$start_transform rotWall #if 0 RPP leadWall 0.0 0.5 0.0 70. 0.0 181. #endif \$end_transform RPP bedSki 197. 270. 373.5 374. 18. 93. \$start transform rotSki RPP bedSki3 0.0 0.5 0.0 62. 18. 130. \$end transform * Lead skirt mounted to the bed RPP bedFlap 344.5 361. 266. 266.5 28. 93. * Patient bed 75.5 392.5 374. 434. 85. 90. RPP bed * Foot of the bed RCC bedFoot 145. 404. 0.0 0.0 0.0 85. 19. #if 0 * Operator's main body 295. 345. 0.0 0.0 0.0 150. 15. RCC opBody #endif #if 0 * Operator's lead vest

RCC opVest 295. 345. 40. 0.0 0.0 110. 15.5 #endif #if 0 * Operator's head RCC opHead 295. 345. 149. 0.0 0.0 31. 13. #endif **END** PHANTOM 5 +phantom #if 0 * Water start/stop 5 +opBody|opHead **OPBODY** #endif #if 0 * Lead start **OPVEST** 5 +opVest -opBody #endif #if 0 * Lead starts (temp) LEADWALL 5 +leadWall #endif #if 0 5 +leadScr LEADSCR #endif #if 0 * Air start ROOM1 5 +room -leadScr -leadWall -(bed|bedFoot) -(opVest|opHead|opBody) detFront -(+machOut -machStop -machIn -floor) -(bedSki3|bedSki) -VOXEL #endif BEDSCR 5 +bedSki3|bedSki * Lead end WALLSMID 5 +wallsMid -wallsIn * Carbon start 5 +bed|bedFoot BED * Carbon end 5 +machOut -machStop -machIn -floor MACH * Concrete start 5 +fR -roof ROOF 5 +wallsOut -wallsMid WALLSOUT 5 +wallsIn -room WALLSIN * Concrete end 5 + fR + floorFLOOR * Air start ROOM 5 +room -(bed|bedFoot) -detFront -(

+machOut -machStop -machIn -floor) -(bedSki3|bedSki) -phantom * Air end DETFRONT 5 +detFront VOID 5 +void -fR 5 +blkbody -void **BLKBODY END GEOEND** * Create concrete with the compound card below 2.05 MATERIAL CONCRETE **COMPOUND** 23. CARBON 12. SILICONCONCRETE 40. OXYGEN COMPOUND 12. CALCIUM **HYDROGEN** 10. 2. MAGNESIUCONCRETE WATER OPBODY OPBODY *ASSIGNMA ASSIGNMA CARBON BED MACH BEDSCR WALLSMID ASSIGNMA LEAD ROOM DETFRONT ASSIGNMA AIR **CONCRETE** ROOF FLOOR ASSIGNMA ASSIGNMA VACUUM VOID ASSIGNMA BLCKHOLE BLKBODY *ASSIGNMA VOXEL AIR **ASSIGNMA** PMMA PHANTOM RANDOMIZ 1. **START** 1200000. **STOP** Fluoro mode spectrum data

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2.95e-05	2.579779e+6
3.05e-05	2.785932e+6
3.15e-05	2.964487e+6
3.25e-05	3.119201e+6
3.35e-05	3.247397e+6
3.45e-05	3.352264e+6
3.55e-05	3.430098e+6
3.65e-05	3.487725e+6
3.75e-05	3.525565e+6
3.85e-05	3.546379e+6
3.95e-05	3.550468e+6
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4.15e-05	3.521132e+6
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7.75e-05	1.088388e+6
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Acquisition mode input file

* Increases maximum regions 5000. GLOBAL TITLE Lab 2 - Haukeland - Kalibrering * Set the defaults for precision simulations DEFAULTS PRECISIO * Define the beam characteristics 0.0 BEAM -8E-05 0.0 **PHOTON** * Define the beam position 342. 30. 0.0 0.0 **BEAMPOS** 404. * Needed for the source script SOURCE * Sets energy threshold EMFCUT -1E-06 1E-6 0.0 VACUUM AIR **PROD-CUT** * Sets energy threshold -1E-06 PHANTOM BLKBODY **EMFCUT** 1E-6 * Fluence over the whole room -21. 681. 306.FluRoom **USRBIN** 10. PHOTON 613. 204. 102. & 227. **USRBIN** 0.0 0.0 0.0 * Dose given to the patient

-23. 423. ***USRBIN** 10. DOSE 372. 124.DosePat 184. 374. 95. 376. ***USRBIN** 98. 58. & * Dose given to the operator DOSE ***USRBIN** 10. -24. 310. 360. 180.DoseOp ***USRBIN** 280. 330. 0.0 60. 60. 360. & * Spectrum infront of the beam -22. DETFRONT **USRBDX** 101. ROOM 1.ESpet **USRBDX** 0.000115 1.05E-05 200. & * Calibration dose DOSE -25. **USRBIN** 10. 268.9 341. 117.4Det1 **USRBIN** 264.1 335. 110.6 1. 1. 1. & * Calibration dose **USRBIN** DOSE -25. 314. 117.4Det2 10. 311.4 **USRBIN** 306.6 308. 110.6 1. 1. 1. & * Calibration dose DOSE **USRBIN** -25. 343.9 353. 133.4Det3 10. 339.1 347. 126.6 USRBIN 1. 1. 1. & * Rotates the lead sceen hanging from the ceiling 95.-395.43646234.427509 **ROT-DEFI** 0.0rotScr 1. * Rotates the lead wall on the floor **ROT-DEFI** 60.70.0961894421.410162 2. rotWall * Rotates the lead skirt mounted to the bed **ROT-DEFI** 95.-396.10887236.376321 rotSki 3. * Rotates the patient * -x - y (Max) * -y - z (Max)* z->x (Min) **ROT-DEFI** 104. 90. 90. -428. -118.85 184.rotPat **GEOBEGIN COMBNAME** $0 \ 0$ * Phantom for calibrations RCC phantom 334. 404. 106. 15. 0.0 0.0 16. SPH blkbody 0.0 0.0 0.0 100000. * Vacuum around the room SPH void 0.0 0.0 0.0 10000. * Outer cylinder creating the C-arm RCC machOut 330.5 376.5 110. 0.0 55. 0.0 122. * Inner cylinder creating the C-arm 330.5 376.5 110. 0.0 55. 0.0 100. RCC machIn * Stops the C-arm, creating a crescent shape YZP machStop 315.5 * The main room 0.0 613. 0.0 681. 0.0 306. RPP room * Defines the roof

XYP roof 306. * Defines the floor XYP floor 0.0 * Adds concrete around the room -4. 617. -4. 685. -20. 326. RPP fR * Outer layer of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsOut -4. 617. -4. 685. 0.0 306. * Mid layer of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsMid -2.1 615.1 -2.1 683.1 0.0 306. * Inner leaver of the wall to add lead inside RPP wallsIn -1.9 614.9 -1.9 682.9 0.0 306. * Region infront of the detector RPP detFront 325.5 335.5 399. 409. 30. 30.00001 RPP bedSki 197. 270. 373.5 374. 23. 98. \$start transform rotSki RPP bedSki3 0.0 0.5 0.0 62. 23. 98. #if 0 RPP bedSki4 0.0 0.5 0.0 62. 23. 135. #endif \$end_transform * Lead skirt mounted to the bed RPP bedFlap 344.5 361. 266. 266.5 28. 95. * Patient bed RPP bed 75.5 392.5 374. 434. 85. 90. * Foot of the bed RCC bedFoot 145. 404. 0.0 0.0 0.0 85. 19. **END** PHANTOM 5 +phantom BEDSCR 5 +bedSki3|bedSki * Lead end WALLSMID 5 +wallsMid -wallsIn * Carbon start BED 5 +bed|bedFoot * Carbon end MACH 5 +machOut -machStop -machIn -floor * Concrete start ROOF 5 +fR -roof 5 +wallsOut -wallsMid WALLSOUT WALLSIN 5 +wallsIn -room * Concrete end 5 + fR + floor**FLOOR** * Air start ROOM 5 +room -phantom -(bed|bedFoot) -detFront -(+machOut -machStop -machIn -floor) -(bedSki3|bedSki)

* Air end DETFRONT 5 +detFront VOID 5 + void - fR5 +blkbody -void BLKBODY END GEOEND * Create concrete with the compound card below **MATERIAL** 2.05 **CONCRETE** COMPOUND 23. CARBON 40. OXYGEN **12. SILICONCONCRETE** COMPOUND 12. CALCIUM 10. **HYDROGEN** 2. MAGNESIUCONCRETE PMMA PHANTOM ASSIGNMA ASSIGNMA CARBON BED MACH LEAD BEDSCR WALLSMID ASSIGNMA ASSIGNMA AIR ROOM DETFRONT ROOF ASSIGNMA CONCRETE FLOOR VOID ASSIGNMA VACUUM ASSIGNMA BLCKHOLE BLKBODY RANDOMIZ 1. **START** 10000000. **STOP** Acquisition mode spectrum data 1.12e-05 2.872436e-21 1.22e-05 9.969762e-16 1.31999999999999999e-05 2.179257e-11 1.42e-05 3.618909e-8 1.5199999999999998e-05 0.0000116 1.62e-05 0.0010676 1.7199999999999998e-05 0.037039 1.82e-05 0.6455703 1.92e-05 6.600818 2.02e-05 44.31073 2.12e-05 212.8196 2.22e-05 803.3241 2.3199999999999998e-05 2430.293 2.42e-05 6259.192 2.52e-05 13864.73 2.62e-05 27347.78 2.72e-05 48697.59

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Appendix G HUS_eclipse_materials.inp

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* Schneider parametrisation of HU to materials
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* This file should be used together with the dicom/material.inp

* Based on the work of Andrea Mairani 16. 32.066 MATERIAL 2.0 **SULFUR** MATERIAL 15. 30.973761 2.2 PHOSPHO MATERIAL 17. 35.4527 0.0029947 **CHLORINE** 19. 39.0983 MATERIAL 0.862 POTASSIU * MIXTURE : HU<-1020 MATERIAL 0.HU<-1020 0.001 COMPOUND -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 ARGONHU<-1020 1.7418 4.2759 0.10914 3.3994 STERNHEI 10.5961 HU<-1020 MAT-PROP 85.7 HU<-1020 * MIXTURE : HU=-1017.5 MATERIAL 0.001 0.HU<-1015 COMPOUND -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 ARGONHU<-1015 * MIXTURE : HU=-1012.5 MATERIAL 0.001 0.HU<-1010 COMPOUND -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 ARGONHU<-1010 * MIXTURE : HU=-1005 0.001 MATERIAL 0.HU<-1000 -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 COMPOUND ARGONHU<-1000 * MIXTURE : HU=-997.5 MATERIAL 0.001 0.HU<-995 COMPOUND -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 ARGONHU<-995 * MIXTURE : HU=-991.5 MATERIAL 0.001 0.HU<-988 COMPOUND -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 ARGONHU<-988 * MIXTURE : HU=-981.5 MATERIAL 0.001 0.HU<-975 COMPOUND -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 ARGONHU<-975 * MIXTURE : HU=-974 MATERIAL .003012097 0.HU<-972 -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 COMPOUND ARGONHU<-972 * MIXTURE : HU=-970 MATERIAL .00703629 0.HU<-967

COMPOUND -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 ARGONHU<-967 * MIXTURE : HU=-965 MATERIAL 0.0120665 0.HU<-962 COMPOUND -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 ARGONHU<-962 * MIXTURE : HU=-956 MATERIAL 0.021121 0.HU<-950 COMPOUND -0.755 NITROGEN -0.232 OXYGEN -0.013 ARGONHU<-950 * MIXTURE : HU=-944.5 MATERIAL .032690524 0.HU<-938 COMPOUND -0.103 HYDROGEN -0.105 CARBON -0.031 NITROGENHU<-938 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-938 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.003 CHLORINE -0.002 POTASSIUHU<-938 * MIXTURE : HU=-932 .045266129 MATERIAL 0.HU<-925 -0.103 HYDROGEN -0.105 CARBON COMPOUND -0.031 NITROGENHU<-925 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-925 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.003 CHLORINE -0.002 POTASSIUHU<-925 * MIXTURE : HU=-923 MATERIAL .054320565 0.HU<-920 COMPOUND -0.103 HYDROGEN -0.105 CARBON -0.031 NITROGENHU<-920 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-920 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.003 CHLORINE -0.002 POTASSIUHU<-920 * MIXTURE : HU=-917 .060356855 0.HU<-913 MATERIAL -0.103 HYDROGEN -0.105 CARBON COMPOUND -0.031 NITROGENHU<-913 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-913 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.003 CHLORINE -0.002 POTASSIUHU<-913 * MIXTURE : HU=-907 MATERIAL .070417339 0.HU<-900

-0.103 HYDROGEN COMPOUND -0.105 CARBON -0.031 NITROGENHU<-900 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-900 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.003 CHLORINE -0.002 POTASSIUHU<-900 * MIXTURE : HU=-883 MATERIAL 0.0945625 0.HU<-865 COMPOUND -0.103 HYDROGEN -0.105 CARBON -0.031 NITROGENHU<-865 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-865 -0.003 SULFUR -0.003 CHLORINE -0.002 POTASSIUHU<-COMPOUND 865 * MIXTURE : HU=-848 MATERIAL .130277218 0.HU<-830 -0.103 HYDROGEN COMPOUND -0.105 CARBON -0.031NITROGENHU<-830 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-830 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.003 CHLORINE -0.002 POTASSIUHU<-830 * MIXTURE : HU=-765 MATERIAL 0.213276 0.HU<-700 -0.103 HYDROGEN COMPOUND -0.105 CARBON -0.031 NITROGENHU<-700 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-700 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.003 CHLORINE -0.002 POTASSIUHU<-700 * MIXTURE : HU=-600 MATERIAL 0.379274 0.HU<-500 COMPOUND -0.103 HYDROGEN -0.105 CARBON -0.031 NITROGENHU<-500 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-500 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.003 CHLORINE -0.002 POTASSIUHU<-500 * MIXTURE : HU=-310 MATERIAL 0.699219 0.HU<-120 COMPOUND -0.103 HYDROGEN -0.105 CARBON -0.031NITROGENHU<-120 COMPOUND -0.749 OXYGEN -0.002 SODIUM -0.002 PHOSPHOHU<-120

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COMPOUND -0.094 HYDROGEN -0.207 CARBON -0.062 NITROGENHU<120 COMPOUND -0.622 OXYGEN -0.006 SODIUM -0.006 SULFURHU<120 COMPOUND -0.003 CHLORINE HU<120 * MIXTURE : HU=160 MATERIAL 1.118720 0.HU<200 COMPOUND -0.095 HYDROGEN -0.455 CARBON -0.025 NITROGENHU<200 COMPOUND -0.355 OXYGEN -0.001 SODIUM -0.021 PHOSPHOHU<200 -0.001 SULFUR -0.001 CHLORINE COMPOUND -0.001 POTASSIUHU<200 -0.045 CALCIUM COMPOUND HU<200 * MIXTURE : HU=250 0.HU<300 MATERIAL 1.171370 -0.089 HYDROGEN -0.423 CARBON -0.027 COMPOUND NITROGENHU<300 COMPOUND -0.363 OXYGEN -0.001 SODIUM -0.030 PHOSPHOHU<300 COMPOUND -0.001 SULFUR -0.001 CHLORINE -0.001 POTASSIUHU<300 COMPOUND -0.064 CALCIUM HU<300 * MIXTURE : HU=350 1.229870 MATERIAL 0.HU<400 COMPOUND -0.082 HYDROGEN -0.391 CARBON -0.029 NITROGENHU<400 COMPOUND -0.372 OXYGEN -0.001 SODIUM -0.039 PHOSPHOHU<400 -0.001 COMPOUND -0.001 SULFUR -0.001 CHLORINE POTASSIUHU<400 COMPOUND -0.083 CALCIUM HU<400 * MIXTURE : HU=450 MATERIAL 1.288370 0.HU<500 COMPOUND -0.076 HYDROGEN -0.361 CARBON -0.030 NITROGENHU<500 COMPOUND -0.380 OXYGEN -0.001 SODIUM -0.047 PHOSPHOHU<500 -0.002 SULFUR -0.001 CHLORINE COMPOUND -0.001 MAGNESIUHU<500 -0.101 CALCIUM HU<500 COMPOUND * MIXTURE : HU=550 MATERIAL 1.347210 0.HU<600 -0.071 HYDROGEN -0.335 CARBON -0.032 COMPOUND NITROGENHU<600 COMPOUND -0.387 OXYGEN -0.001 SODIUM -0.054 PHOSPHOHU<600 COMPOUND -0.002 SULFUR -0.001 MAGNESIU -0.117 CALCIUMHU<600 * MIXTURE : HU=650

MATERIAL 1.407254 0.HU<700 COMPOUND -0.066 HYDROGEN -0.310 CARBON -0.033 NITROGENHU<700 COMPOUND -0.394 OXYGEN -0.001 SODIUM -0.061 PHOSPHOHU<700 COMPOUND -0.002 SULFUR -0.001 MAGNESIU -0.132CALCIUMHU<700 * MIXTURE : HU=750 MATERIAL 1.467299 0.HU<800 COMPOUND -0.061 HYDROGEN -0.287 CARBON -0.035 NITROGENHU<800 -0.400 OXYGEN -0.001 SODIUM -0.067 PHOSPHOHU<800 COMPOUND COMPOUND -0.002 SULFUR -0.001 MAGNESIU -0.146 CALCIUMHU<800 * MIXTURE : HU=850 MATERIAL 1.527344 0.HU<900 COMPOUND -0.056 HYDROGEN -0.265 CARBON -0.036NITROGENHU<900 COMPOUND -0.405 OXYGEN -0.001 SODIUM -0.073 PHOSPHOHU<900 COMPOUND -0.003 -0.002 MAGNESIU SULFUR -0.159CALCIUMHU<900 * MIXTURE : HU=950 MATERIAL 1.587388 0.HU<1000 **HYDROGEN** COMPOUND -0.052 -0.246 CARBON -0.037 NITROGENHU<1000 COMPOUND -0.411 OXYGEN -0.001 SODIUM -0.078PHOSPHOHU<1000 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.002 MAGNESIU -0.170CALCIUMHU<1000 * MIXTURE : HU=1050 MATERIAL 1.638699 0.HU<1100 COMPOUND -0.049 HYDROGEN -0.227 CARBON -0.038 NITROGENHU<1100 COMPOUND -0.416 -0.001 OXYGEN SODIUM -0.083 PHOSPHOHU<1100 COMPOUND -0.003 SULFUR -0.002 MAGNESIU -0.181CALCIUMHU<1100 * MIXTURE : HU=1150 MATERIAL 1.686941 0.HU<1200 COMPOUND -0.045 HYDROGEN -0.210 -0.039 CARBON NITROGENHU<1200 SODIUM COMPOUND -0.420 **OXYGEN** -0.001 -0.088PHOSPHOHU<1200 COMPOUND SULFUR -0.003 -0.002 MAGNESIU -0.192CALCIUMHU<1200

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Appendix H HUS_eclipse_calibrationcurve.mat

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