



Spacecraft Charging Material Properties Database

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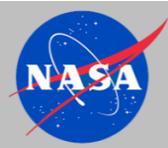
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Introduction – Spacecraft Charging

- Accumulation of excess negative charge generates potential differences between spacecraft ground and space (frame potential), between two points on the spacecraft surface or within materials (differential potential)
- An electrostatic discharge (ESD) results when electric fields associated with potential differences ($\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi$) exceed the dielectric breakdown strength of materials allowing charge to flow in an arc

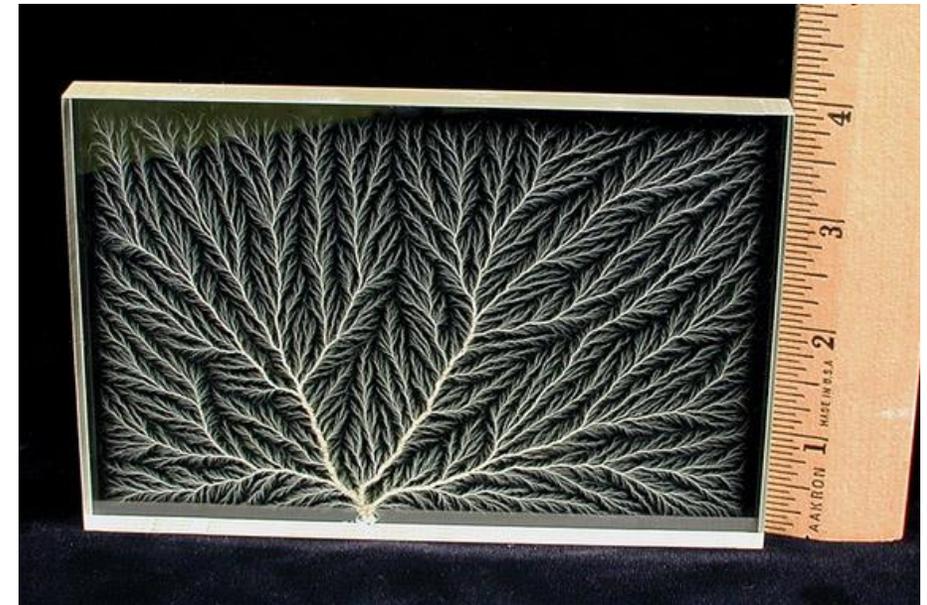
- Magnitude of damage depends on energy available to an arc

$$E = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$$

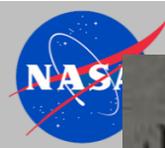
- Charging to a potential V depends on electrical properties of materials
 - Surface and volume resistivity
 - Dielectric constant
 - Secondary and backscattered electron yields, photoemission yields
 - Dielectric breakdown strength



ISS MMOD shield 1.3 μm chromic acid anodized thermal control coating (T. Schneider/NASA)

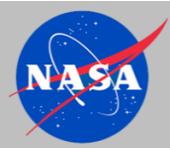


PMMA (acrylic) charged by ~ 2 to 5 MeV electrons



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Surface Charging

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- $+I_i(V)$ **incident ions**
- $-I_e(V)$ **incident electrons**
- $+I_{bs,e}(V)$ **backscattered electrons**
- $+I_c(V)$ **conduction currents**
- $+I_{e,se}(V)$ **secondary electrons due to I_e**
- $+I_{i,se}(V)$ **secondary electrons due to I_i**
- $+I_{ph,e}(V)$ **photoelectrons**
- $+I_b(V)$ **active current sources including charged article beams, thrusters**

and $J = \sigma E + k_{RIC} \left(\frac{dS}{dt} \right)^x$



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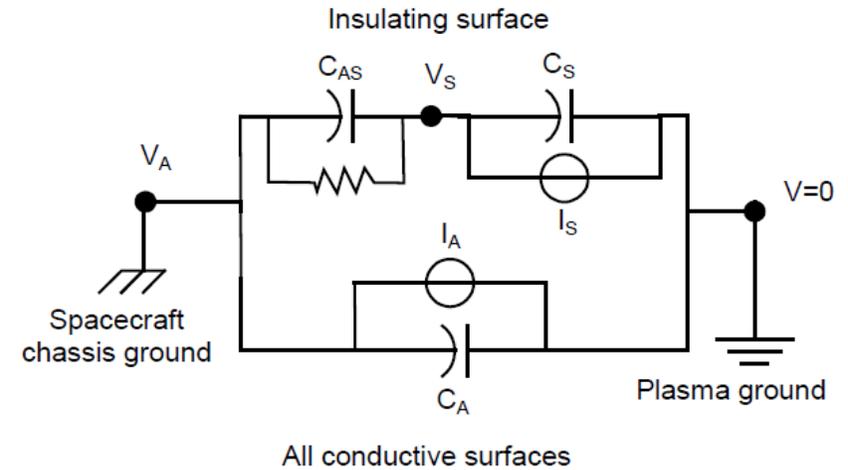
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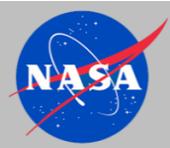
$$C_{AS} = \kappa \epsilon_0 \frac{S}{d} \sim S \times 10^{-6} F$$

$$C_A \sim C_S = 4\pi \epsilon_0 R \left(\frac{S}{4\pi R^2}\right) \sim \frac{S}{R} \times 10^{-11} F$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_A \dot{\Phi}_A + C_{AS}(\dot{\Phi}_A - \dot{\Phi}_S) &= I_A \\ -C_{AS}(\dot{\Phi}_A - \dot{\Phi}_S) + C_S \dot{\Phi}_A &= I_A \end{aligned}$$

$$C \dot{\Phi} = \mathbf{I}(\Phi)$$

[Davis and Mandell, 2015]



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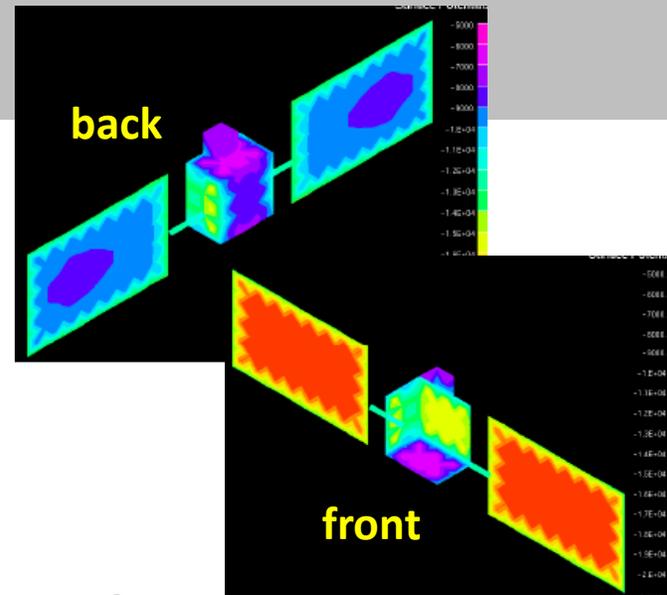
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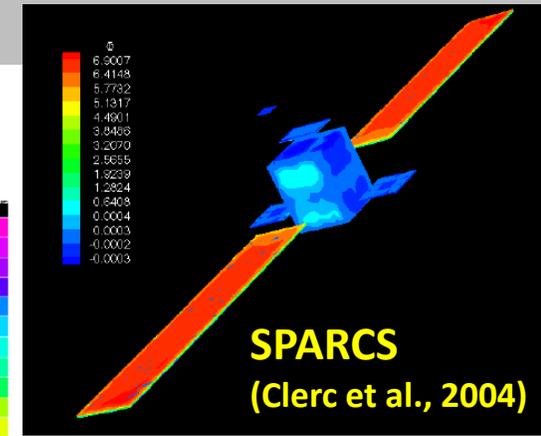
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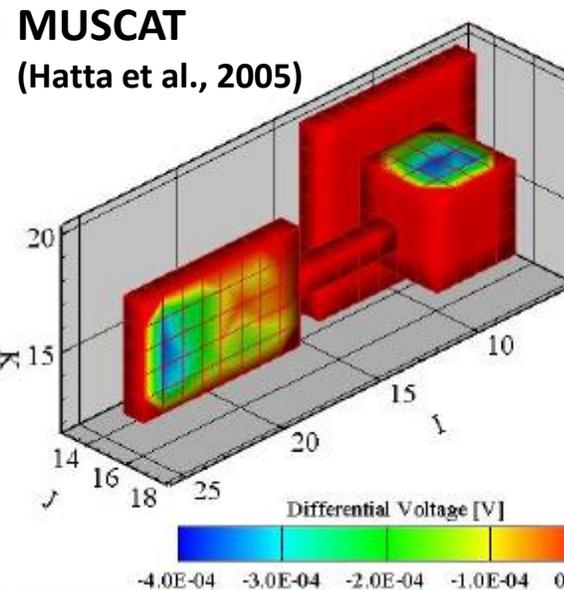
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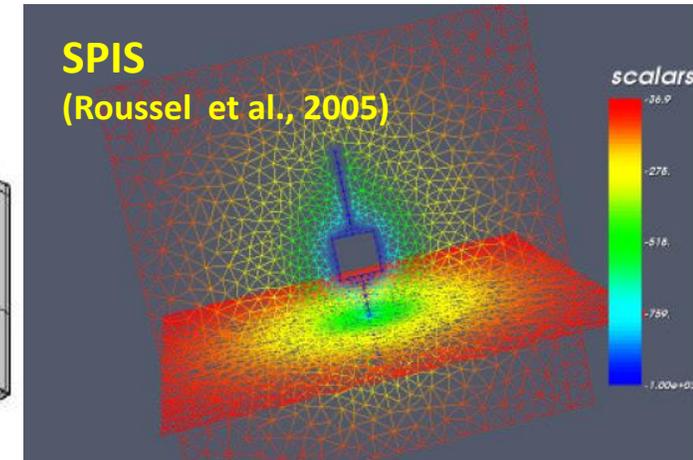
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(Neergaard et al., 2001)



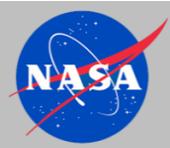
SPARCS
(Clerc et al., 2004)



MUSCAT
(Hatta et al., 2005)



SPIS
(Roussel et al., 2005)



Internal Charging

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- Radiation transport depends on material properties
 - Density
 - Atomic number
 - Atomic mass

Electrostatics

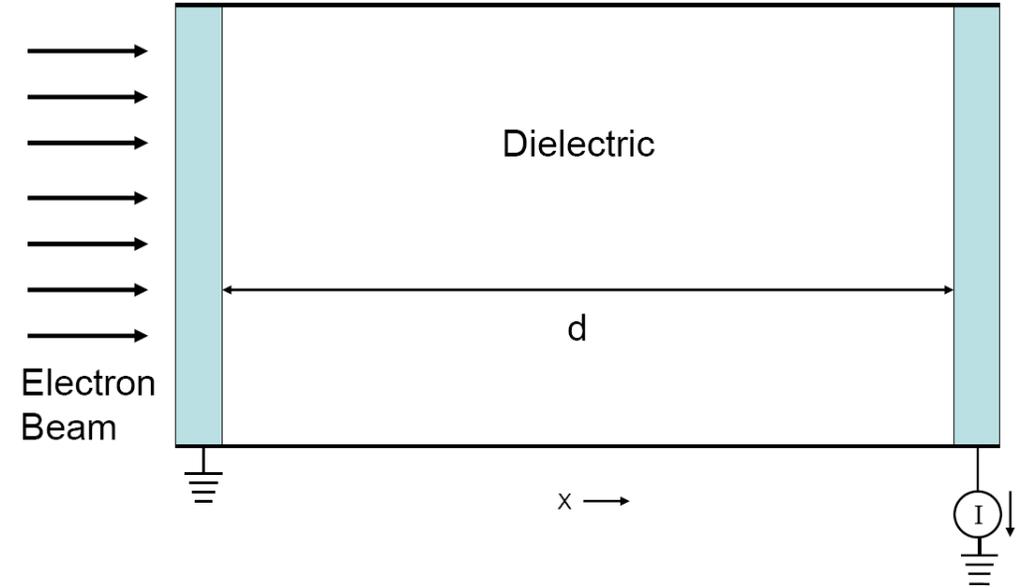
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$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\rho / \kappa \epsilon_0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}$$

where $J = J_{\text{conduction}} + J_{\text{radiation}}$

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 Conductor  Ampere meter. Arrow shows positive current direction.

[Jun et al. 2007]



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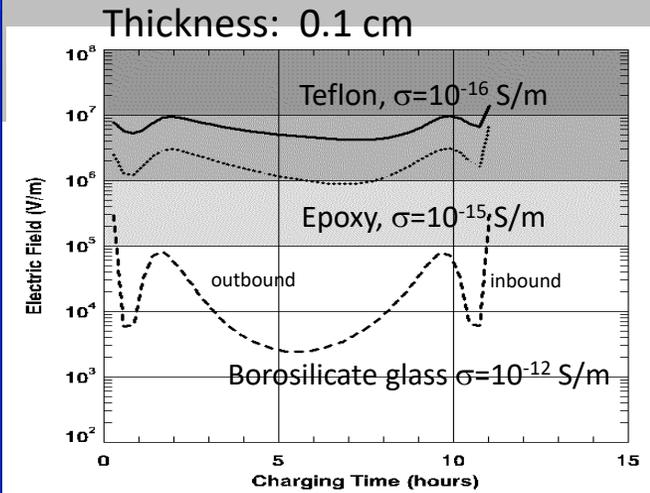
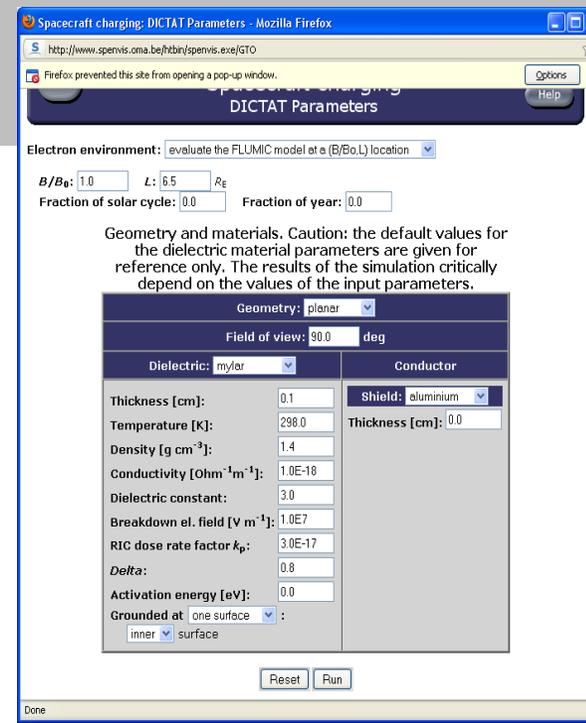
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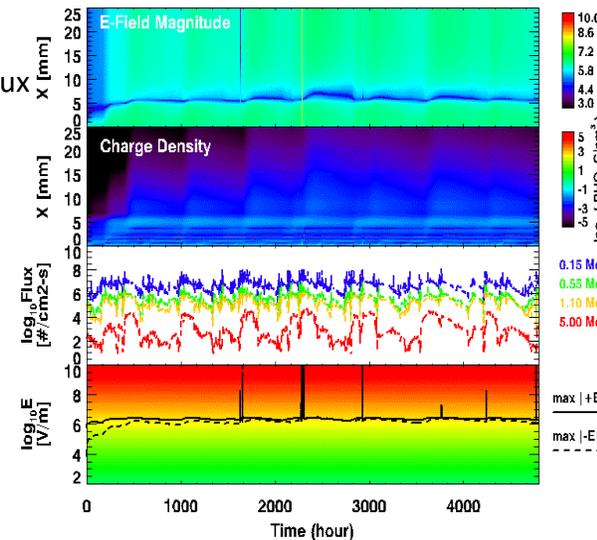


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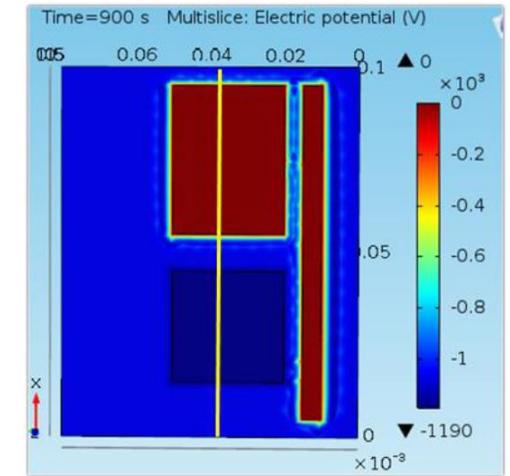
<http://www.spennis.oma.be/>

Charging current
Electron energy, flux
from LANL-01A

Material
PMMA
Z=6, A=12
~2.5 cm thick
 $\sigma \sim 1 \times 10^{-17}$ S/m
 $\kappa = 2.00$
 $\rho = 1.0$ g/cm³

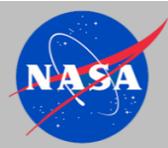


NUMIT (1-D model)



NUMIT 3-D

Kim et al., 2018



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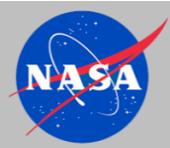
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- Database currently holds information on 49 materials
 - NASCAP default materials
 - Utah State University test results

The screenshot shows a web application interface for the SCMD Electrical Properties database. At the top, there are two buttons: "Electrical Properties" and "New Record". Below these is a header bar with a hamburger menu icon and the text "ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES". The main content area includes a "starts with:" dropdown menu set to "All", a "Filter By" dropdown, and a "Select All" button with a green checkmark. A list of materials is displayed, each with a checkbox and a blue link: "12 micron Teflon (FEP) on Al", "Aluminum", "Annealed Amorphous Carbon1", "Annealed Amorphous Carbon2", "Annealed Amorphous Carbon3", "Annealed Amorphous Carbon4", "Black Kapton", "Carbon Nanotube H19", "Carbon Nanotube H24", and "Carbon Nanotube L19". At the bottom, there is a pagination bar showing "page 1 of 5 (49 Records)", navigation buttons for "first", "prev", "next", and "last", and a list of page numbers "1 2 3 4 5".



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Aluminum

Electrical Properties

Properties

Common Name: Aluminum

Dielectric Constant: 1

Thickness: 0.001 m

Bulk Conductivity: -1 1/Ω m

Atomic Number: 13

Photocurrent: 4E-05 A/m²

Surface Resistivity: -1 Ω/sq

Atomic Weight: 26.98 AMU

Density: 2699 kg/m³

Material Classification: Conductor

Secondary Electron Yield

Max yield (delta max): 0.97

Primary electron energy (Emax): 0.3 keV

First coefficient Range 1: 154 Å

Exponent 1: 0.8

2nd Coefficient Range 2: 220 Å

Exponent 2: 1.76

Secondary Yield Due To Protons

Proton Yield: 0.244

Proton Max: 230 keV

Radiation Induced Conductivity (RIC)

RIC (power of): 1E-16 1/Ω m

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SCMD – Test Information

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- Information on test conditions and links to test reports

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MENU search here.. searches all records and documents. Q

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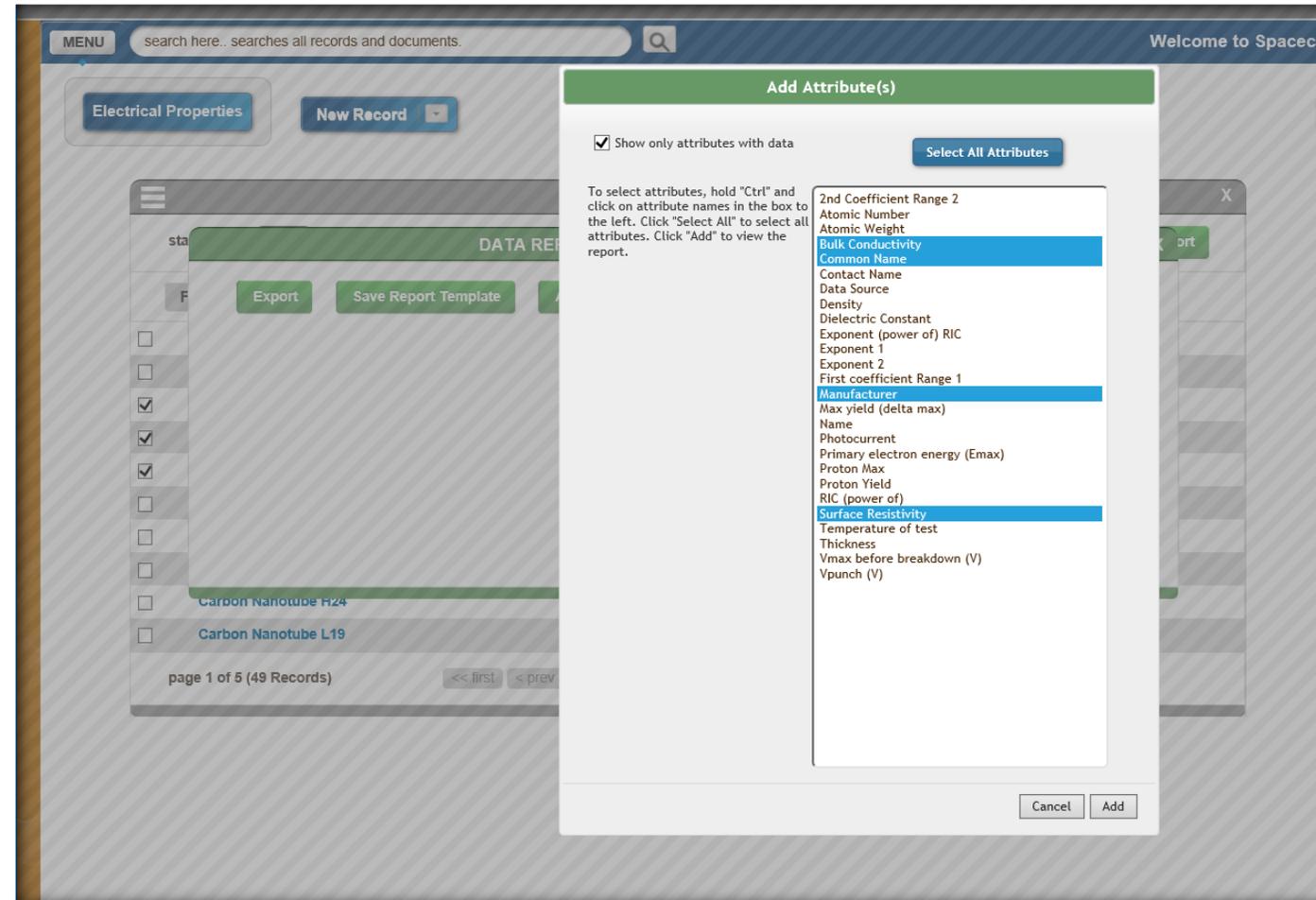
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- Template required to submit information to SCMD administrators
 - Excel[®] spreadsheet format
 - Input parameters must be in units given in spreadsheet
 - -9999 for no information or missing data

						Secondary Electron Yield			
Common Name	Manufacturer	Dielectric Constant	Thickness (m)	Bulk Conductivity (1/Ohm m)	Atomic Number	Max Yield (delta max)	Primary electron energy (Emax (keV))	First coefficient Range (A)	Exponent 1

- Input parameters
 - Dielectric constant
 - Secondary electron yield coefficients due to incident electrons and ions
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Spacecraft Charging Material Database Access

- Database is available on-line at the address <https://maptis.ndc.nasa.gov/scmd>
- SCMD is open to public use with free registration
 - Contact POCs for access request form
 - No export controlled or proprietary information allowed in the database
- Adding new materials
 - Material property contributions from the community are welcome and requested!
 - Template required to add materials, forward to POCs
- Please provide comments and suggestions for improvements to POCs!
- Point of contact (POC):
 - Linda Parker lparker@usra.edu
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