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The Radsetta Stone - Establishing a Common Environment Taxonomy Across Space Nuclear Technologies

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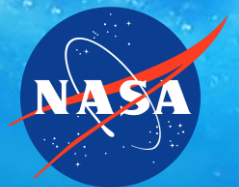
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“High temperature”

Application	Temperature [K]	Ref.
NTP – NERVA	3 - 3000	8
NEP – JIMO	3 - 1150	9
FSP – 2025	18 - 1100	4
Ambient – Space	3 - ???	
Ambient – Lunar	18 - 391	5
Ambient – Martian	134 - 310	10
Terrestrial PWR	293 - 500	7

“Long duration”

“Rad hard”

Application	Neutron fluence [n/cm ²]	Ref.
NTP – NERVA	2×10^{16}	2
NEP – JIMO	5×10^{10}	3
FSP – 2025	5×10^{14}	4
Ambient – Space	0	1
Ambient – Lunar (1 yr)	2×10^9	5
Ambient – Martian (1 yr)	5×10^7	6
Terrestrial PWR (1yr)	$\sim 5 \times 10^{20}$	7

What about:

Dose?

Chemical compatibility?

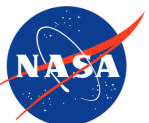
Linear energy transfer?

Exposure time?

Pressure?

Static/dynamic loads?

- How do we maintain nuance without overcomplicating communication?
- How do effectively communicate without oversimplification? TRL?



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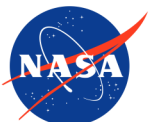
A customer's requirements



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Driven by environment definitions



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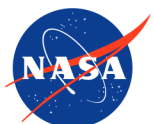
A supplier's capability



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Driven by technology capability



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- Identify customer overlaps
- Identify technology gaps
- Communication tool
 - Common taxonomy
 - Preserve nuance
 - Lightweight

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