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SUMMARY

In late 1966 an extensive series of radiation shielding measurements were made at the CERN Proton Synchrotron by experimenters from Lawrence Radiation Laboratory-Berkeley, Rutherford High Energy Laboratory, and CERN. Preliminary results from this experimental program have been presented elsewhere and a comprehensive report is in preparation.^{1,2,3}

Through the use of detectors with different neutron energy thresholds and spectral responses, we were able to deduce the neutron flux spectrum above the shielding at the CPS. A knowledge of the neutron spectrum allows one to calculate the dose for any particular weighting function he chooses, viz., the ICRP values that we used. A computer program, TELLY, was used to compute the flux and dose from the activation detector data. A major innovation was the use of a light pen and CRT for both trial input spectra and intermediate output spectra. In effect a continuous feedback loop existed with the health physicist as the human interface.

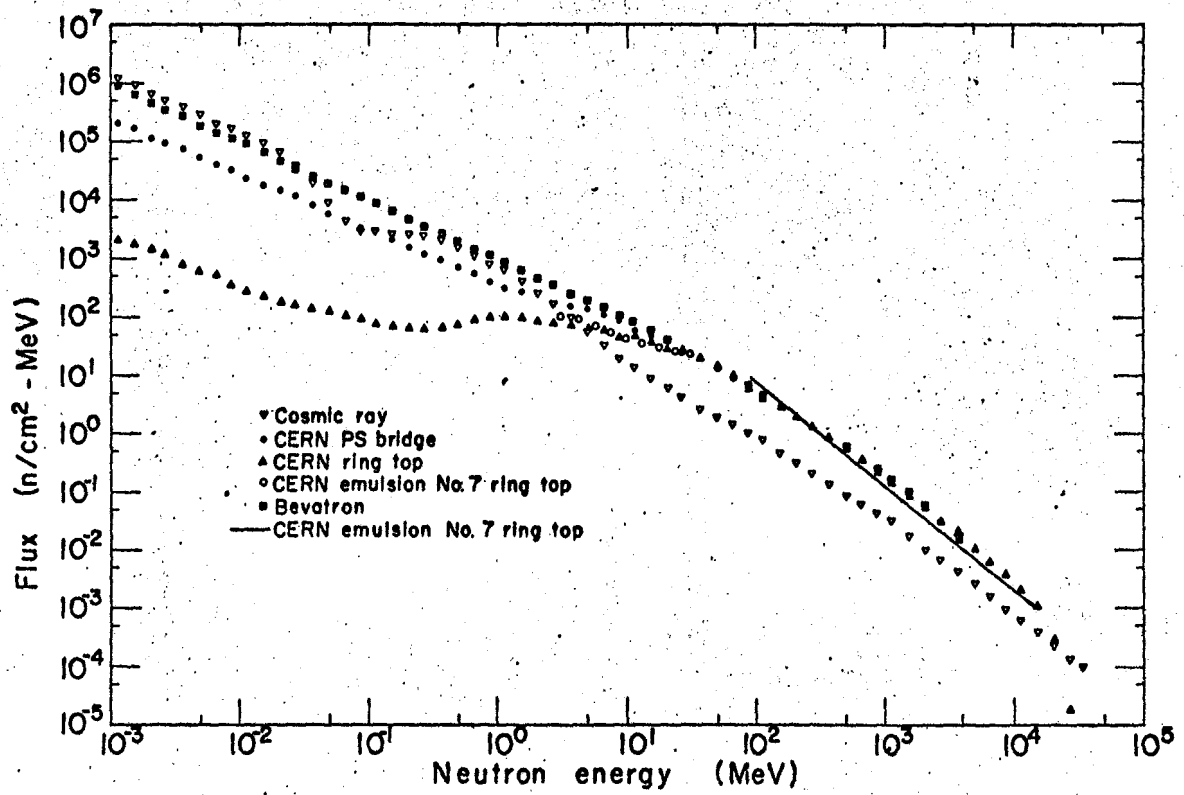
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The results of these procedures are shown for various locations. The shielding at the P.S. bridge is concrete, and under the ring top is earth with a high water content. The spectral difference is primarily due to this difference in hydrogen.

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Table I. Percentage Distribution of Neutron Dose; TELLY Program Results

Neutron Energy in MeV	Percentage of Dose from Neutrons Below Listed Energy				
	Ring Top	P.S. Bridge	Bevatron	Cosmic Rays	1/E
6×10^{-5}	—	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1
6×10^{-4}	—	7.6	7.0	7.9	6.9
6×10^{-3}	0.2	14	15	16	13
6×10^{-2}	0.4	22	25	29	19
6×10^{-1}	1.4	30	39	52	24
6×10^0	11	44	58	82	30
6×10^1	45	66	77	89	38
6×10^2	80	88	93	95	49
6×10^3	97	97	100	99	74
3.4×10^3	100	100	—	100	100
rem/neutron	6.53×10^{-8}	5.17×10^{-8}	4.68×10^{-8}	4.21×10^{-8}	7.44×10^{-8}



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Fig. 1. Various neutron-FLUX spectra.

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