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## 1<sup>st</sup> Seminar on Electronics Under Harsh Environment

Space Radiation Hazards, Radiation Hardness Assurance

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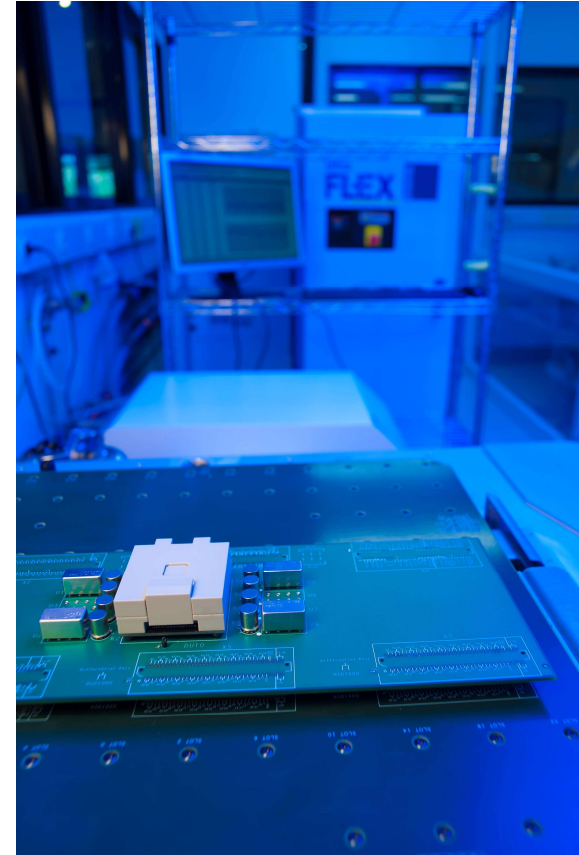
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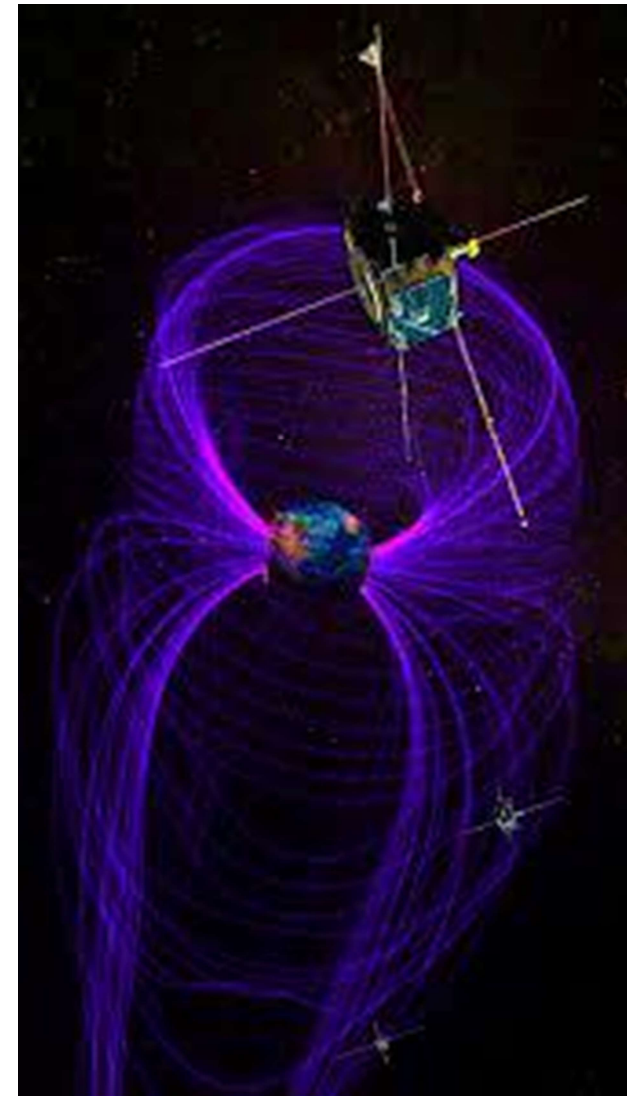
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# Is the radiation environment a problem for electronics?

1. Counters installed on the Explorer 1 and Explorer 3 missions detected particles and the presence of a severe radiation environment in the fifties, demonstrating the presence of energetic particles as part of the space environment.
2. The first lost satellite due to radiation effects was (TELSTAR, 1963). A general system failure, which was associated with a combination of radiation effects: human (nuclear test at high altitude) and natural.
3. In the 70s and early 80s were made different studies:
  - ✓ Identifying satellites damages due to cosmic rays,
  - ✓ Defects and failures were found in high altitude avionics,
  - ✓ and also, devices malfunction due to alpha particles coming from the material used in its manufacturing (plastic encapsulated).

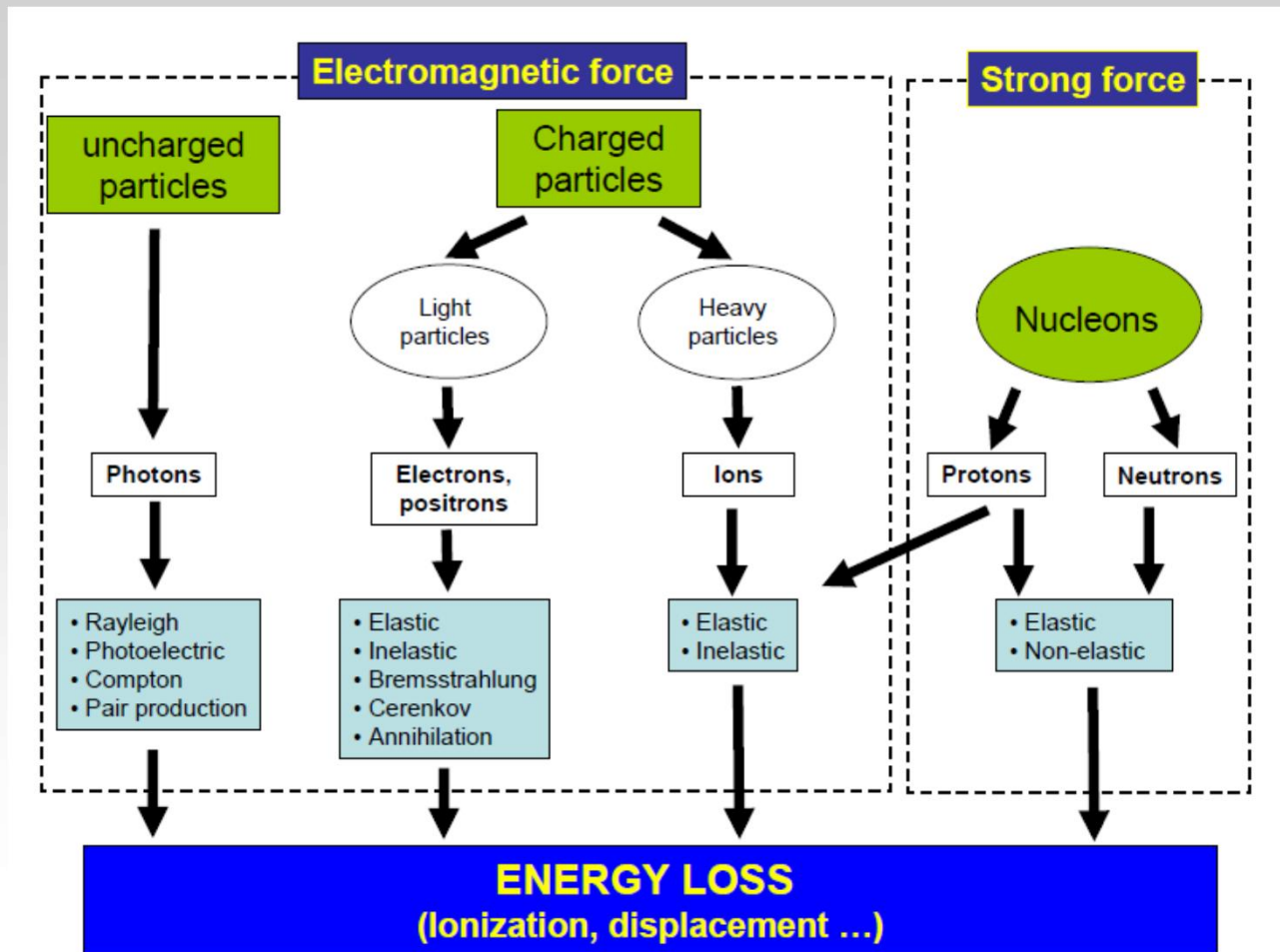
**The answer is yes. Radiation can degrade the electronic device performances.**

# Types of physical interactions.

Force	Range of the force (m)	Relative Strength	At play in
Gravitational	$\infty$	$10^{-38}$	Astrophysics
Weak	$10^{-18}$	$10^{-5}$	Nuclear decay
Electromagnetic	$\infty$	$\alpha = 1/137$	Radiation matter interaction
Strong	$10^{-15}$	1	

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# Radiation – Matter Interaction.



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# Radiation – Matter Interaction.

Particles	Processes	Secondary particles	Main effect for microelectronics
Photons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rayleigh</li> <li>•Photoelectric</li> <li>•Compton</li> <li>•Pair production</li> </ul>	e-, e+, photons	Ionization
Electrons, positrons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Elastic</li> <li>•Inelastic</li> <li>•Bremsstrahlung</li> <li>•Cerenkov</li> <li>•Annihilation</li> </ul>	e-, e+, photons	Ionization
Ions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Elastic</li> <li>•Inelastic</li> </ul>	Ions, e-	Ionization and Displacement
Nucleons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Elastic</li> <li>•Nonelastic</li> </ul>	Ions, photons, nucleons (pions ...)	Ionization and Displacement

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# Space Radiation Environment

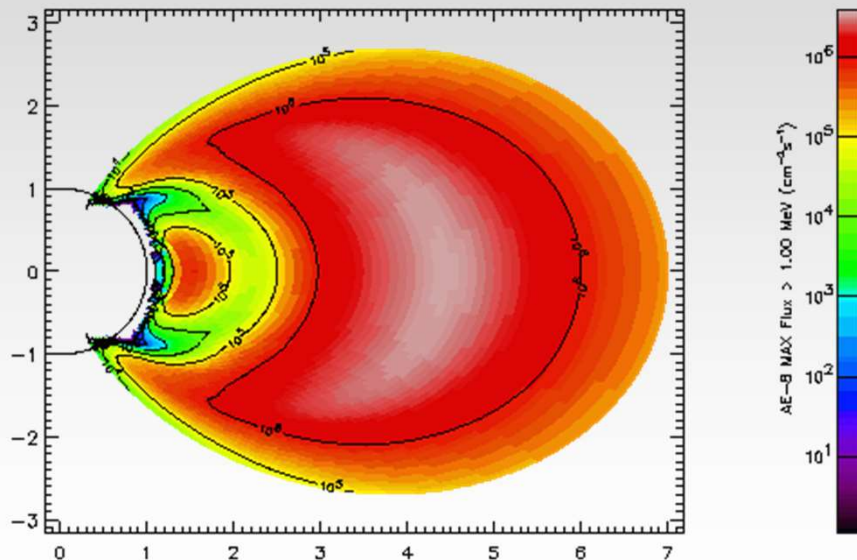
The main sources of energetic particles (ionizing radiation) in space mainly are:

- protons and electrons trapped in the Van Allen radiation belts
- heavy ions trapped in the magnetosphere
- protons and heavy ions from the sun: solar flares, ...
- cosmic or galactic ray protons and heavy ions (from outside the solar system: 85% Protons, 14% Alpha particles, 1% Heavy ions).



# Space Radiation Environment

## Electron Belt

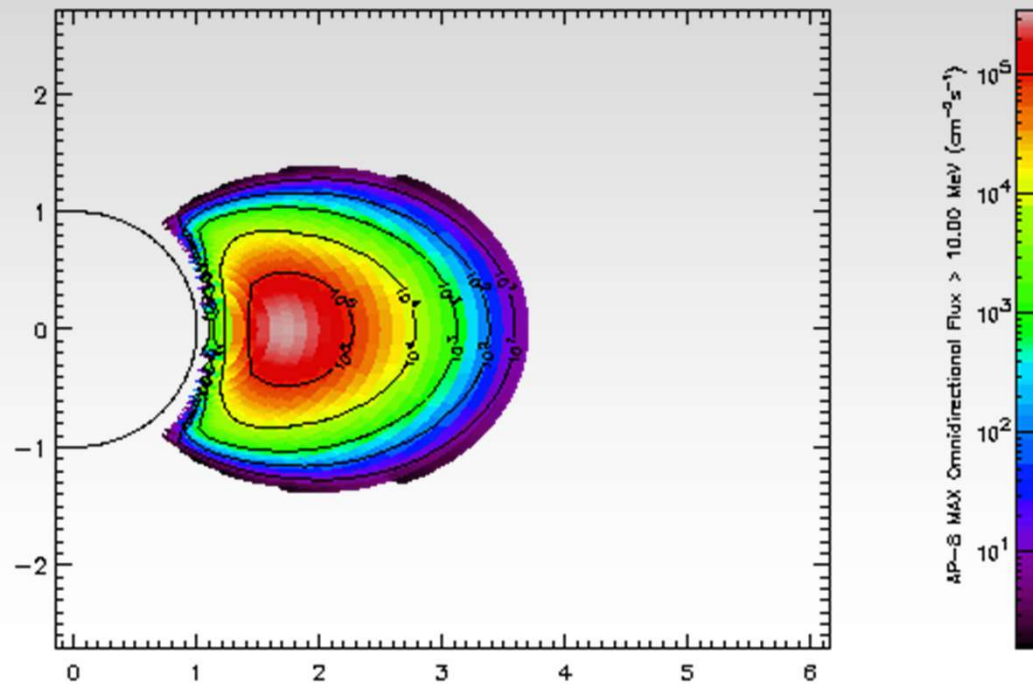


The electron belt is composed by two parts, the low-energy electron belt, that actually overlaps the volume of space occupied by the proton belt, and that has electrons with approximately 1 - 5 MeV, and the high-energy electron belt, that is located further out. Electrons in this Outer Belt carry higher energy values reaching levels of several tenths of MeV

Iso-flux lines of trapped proton belt. From AP-8 MAX (SPENVIS)

# Space Radiation Environment

## Proton Belt

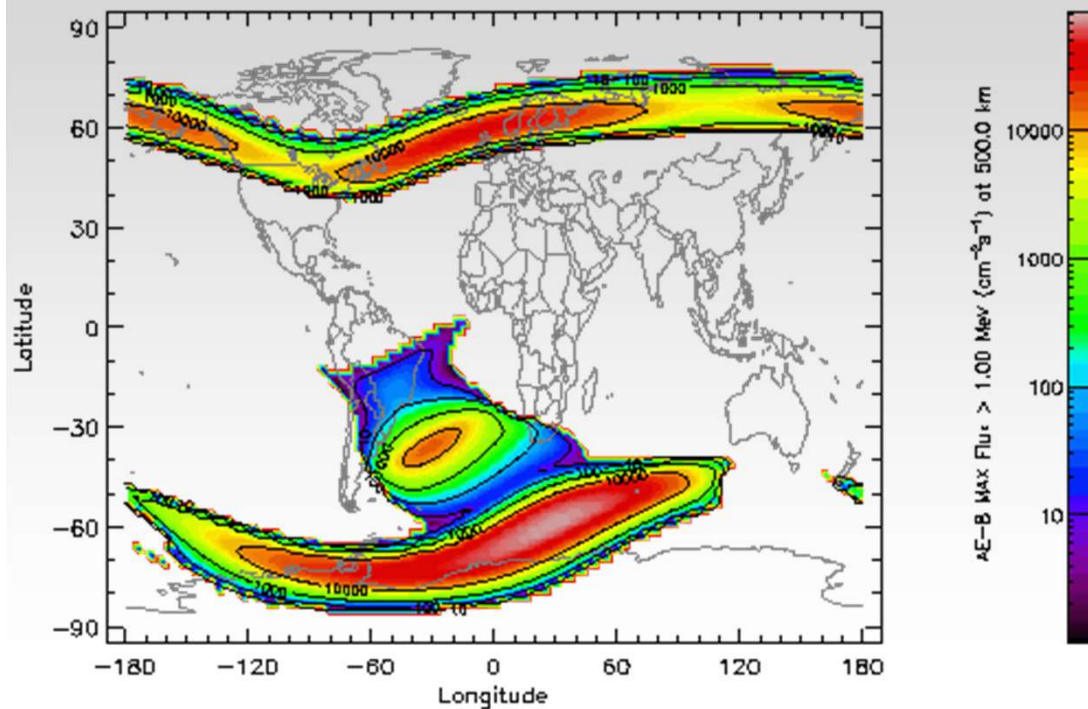


The proton belt is located from about 500 kilometers above Earth's surface and extends to 13,000 km. This Inner Belt contains protons with energies greater than 100 MeV

Iso-flux lines of trapped electron belt. From AP-8 MAX (SPENVIS)

# Space Radiation Environment

## South Atlantic Anomaly

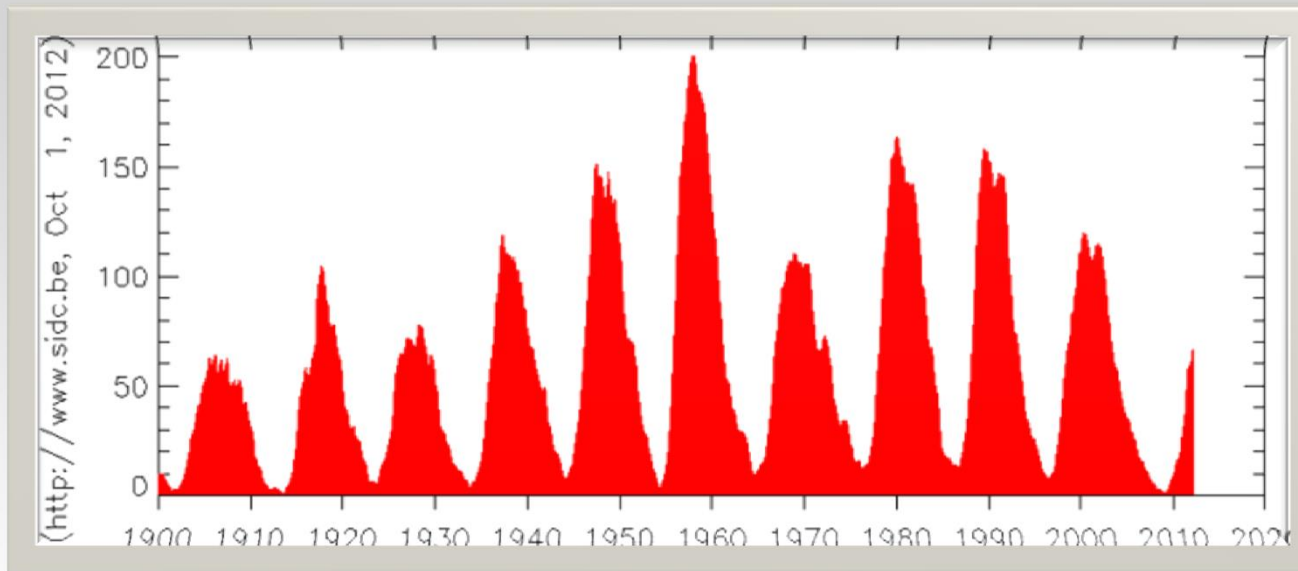


Due to the fact that the dipole axis of the Earth's geomagnetic field is offset from the Earth's axis of rotation by approx.  $11^\circ$  and is displaced by approx. 500 km. The result is that the radiation belts go down to a low altitude over the South Atlantic area.

South Atlantic Anomaly. From AP-8 MAX (SPENVIS)

# Space Radiation Environment

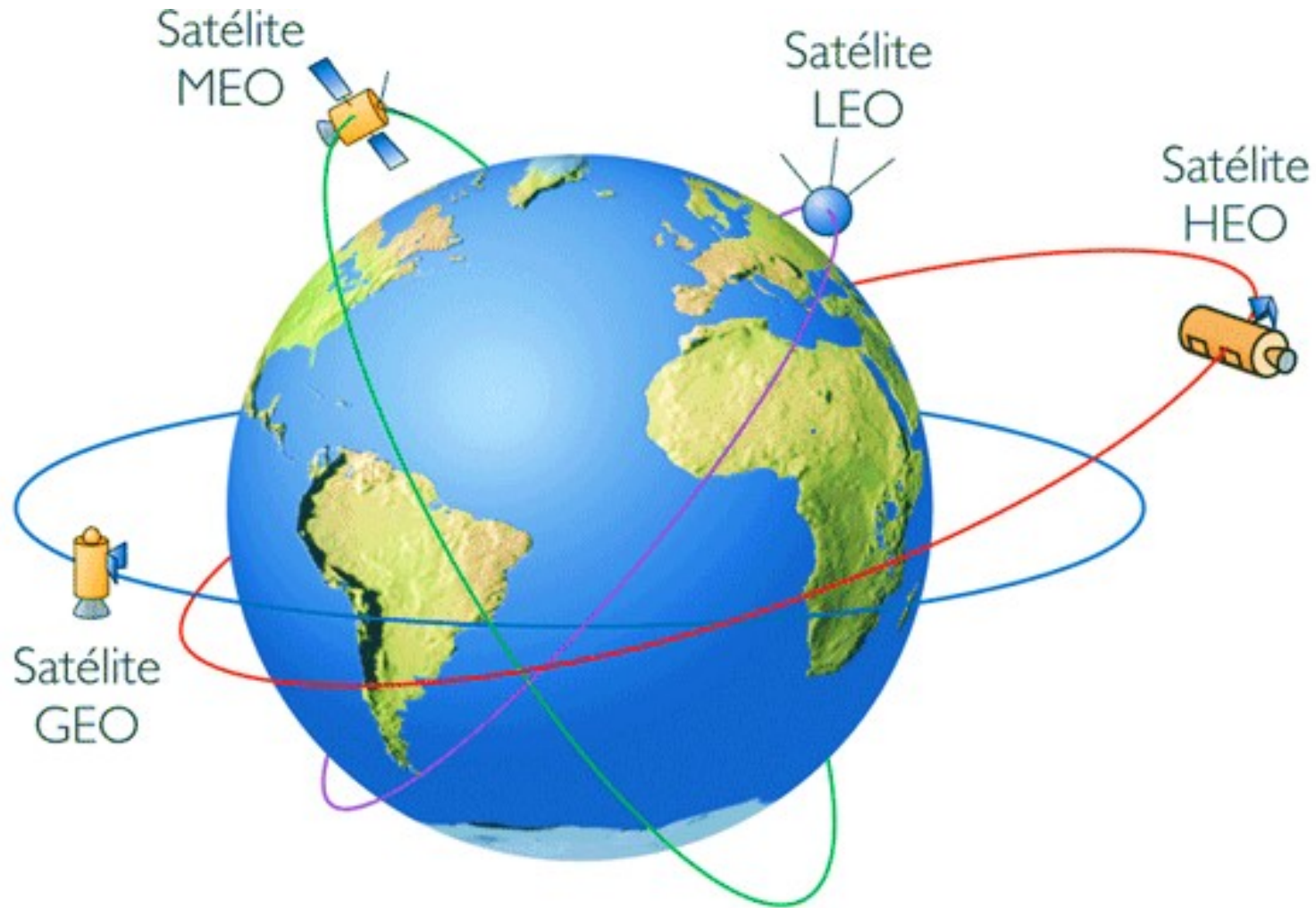
## Solar Flares



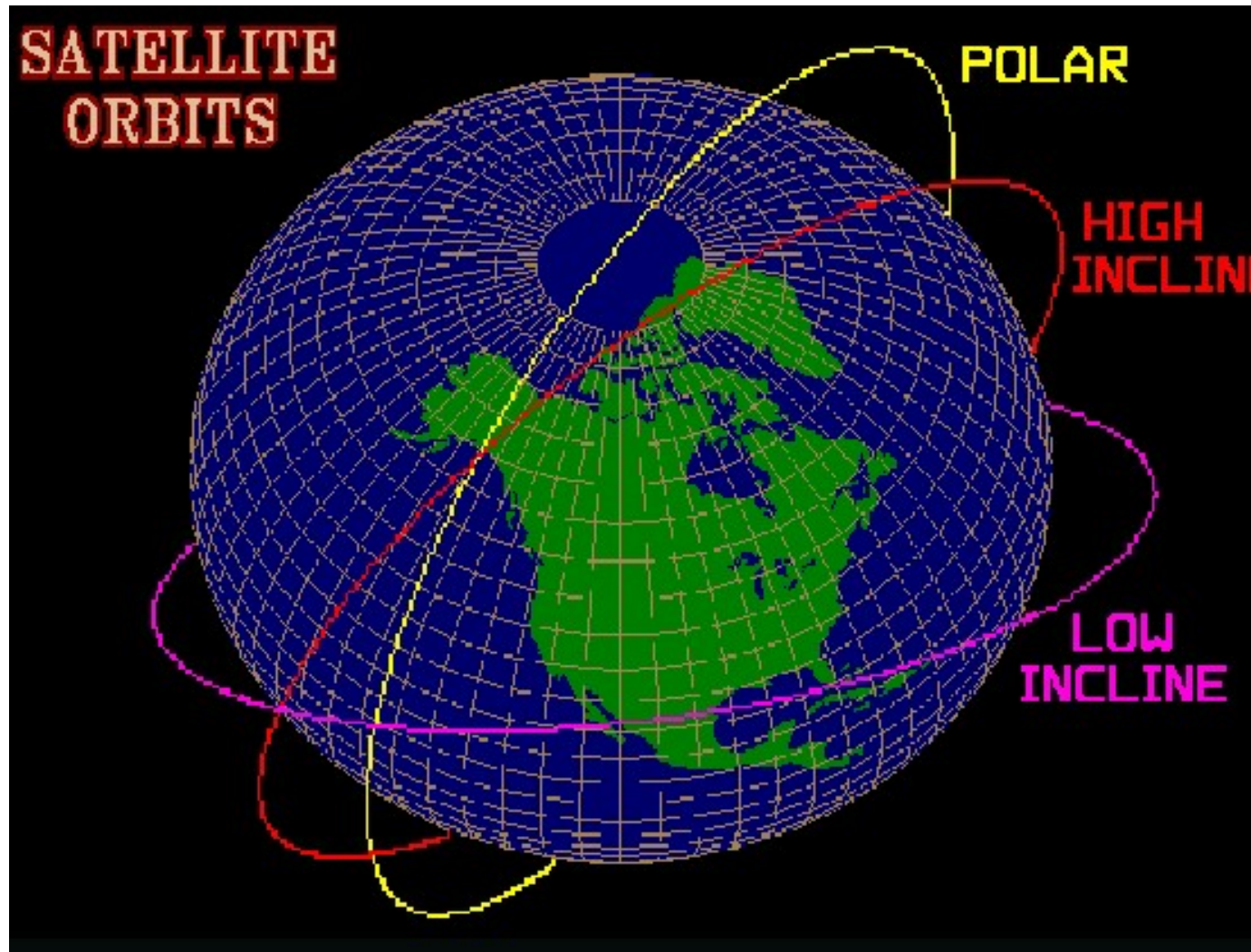
The cycle length varies from 9 to 13 years, with approximately 7 years of maximum solar activity and 4 with a minimum.



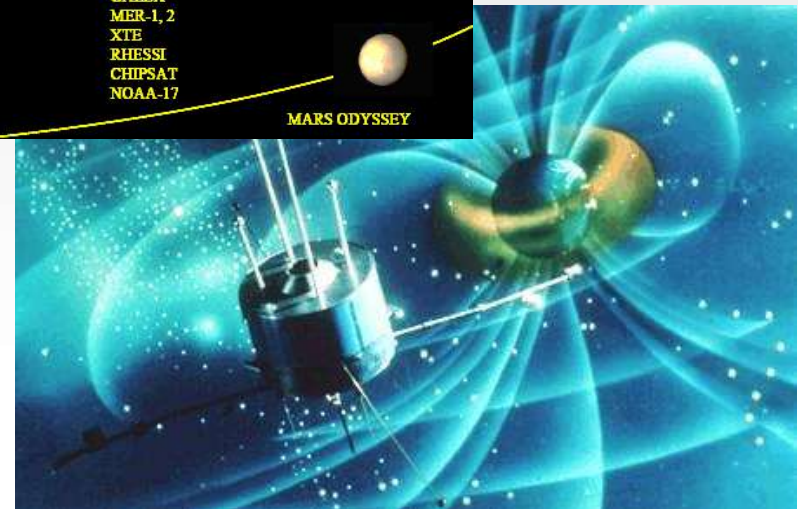
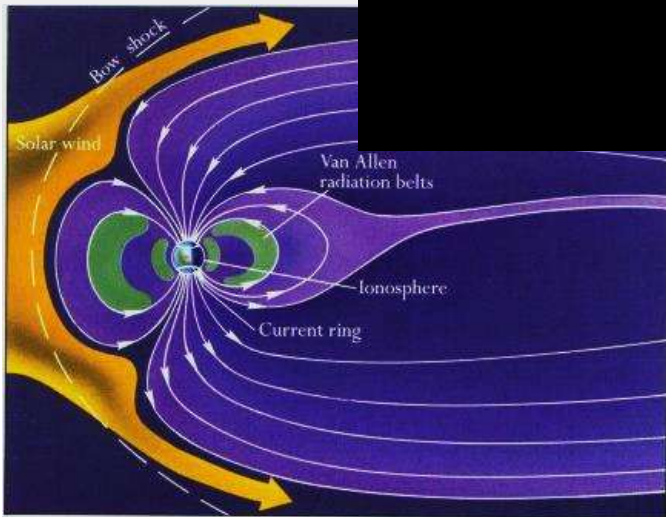
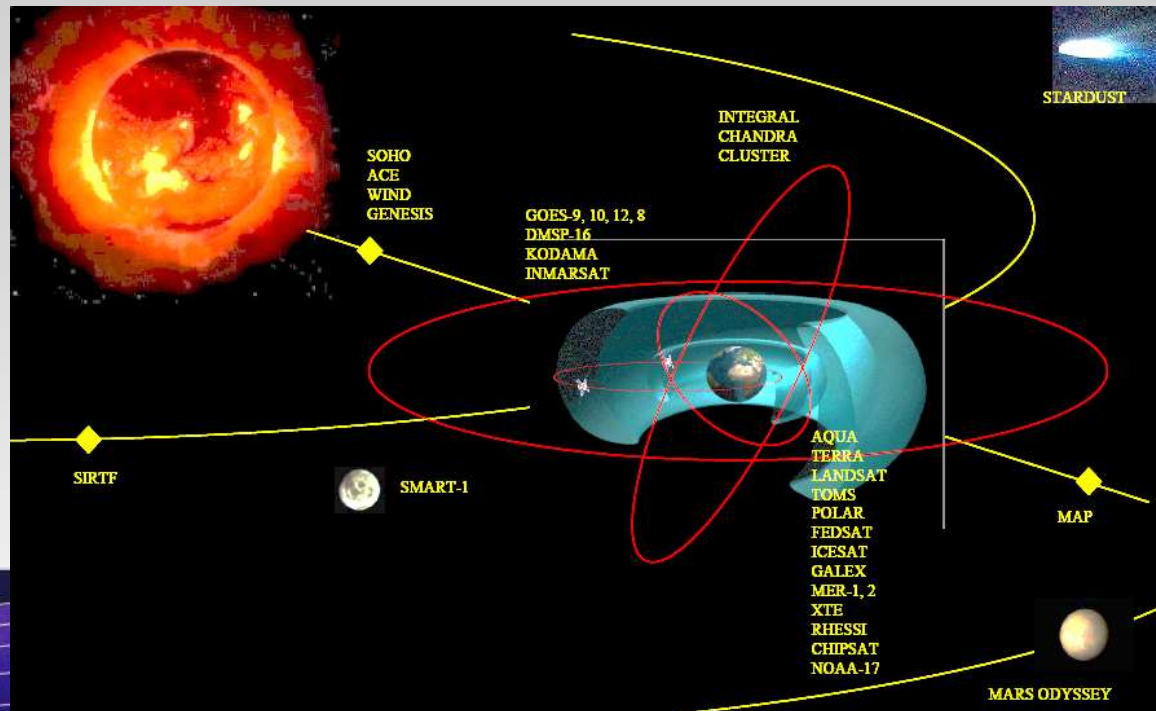
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# Space Radiation Environment



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# Space Radiation Environment. ORBITS

**Exposure to radiation from a space mission is determined by its orbit: latitude and altitude, along with the duration of the mission.**

**A) LEO (Low Earth Orbit). Orbiting the Earth at a distance <1000 km.**

1. (200 to 500 km) and inclination ( $<28^\circ$ ) produce low exposures  $<1$  krad / year. Very low TID degradations TID and occasionally by SEU.
2. Orbits of low altitude (200 to 1000 km) and high inclination ( $> 28^\circ$ ) exposures occur typically  $<10$ Krad/year. (IRIDIUM)

**C) MEO (1000 - 4000Km)**

TID from 100 krad to Mrad per year. The geomagnetic shielding is reduced and the satellites are within Van Halen belts. SEU is likely. GPS

Tipycal MEO with high altitude (20.000km aprox) are Glonass, GPS and Galileo)

**D) Geo Orbit (35.800Km)** They are exposed to less than 10Krad per year but is very prone to SEU by not having the protection of the magnetosphere environment. It is used by some commercial and military satellite communications, etc. (METEOSAT, etc.)

**F) Others:** (elliptical orbits in general quite far from the Earth at perigee), solar orbits, interplanetary missions, etc.

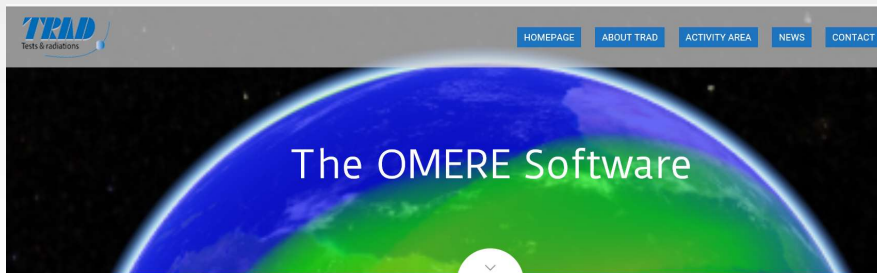


# Space Radiation Environment. Tools

Mission radiation is determined by its: latitude, altitude, mission life, orbit – multi orbit, using software tools like: **OMERE**:

❑ SPENVIS

❑ OMERE



OMERE is a freeware dedicated to space environment and radiation effects on electronic devices. This tool is developed by TRAD with the support of the CNES, based on the requirements of our partners: THALES ALENIA SPACE, AIRBUS DEFENSE & SPACE, ONERA, CEA, ESA.

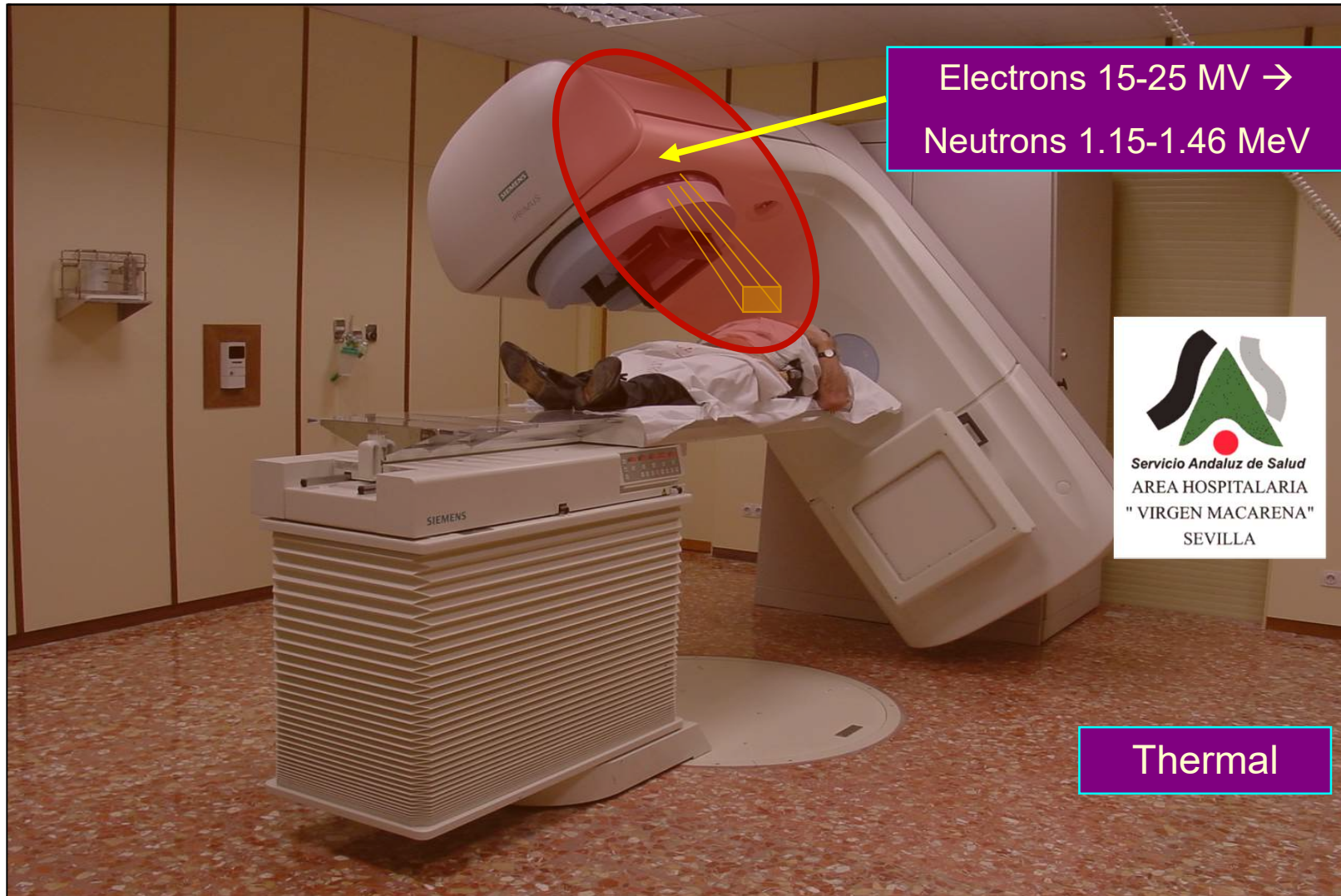
OMERE computes the space environment in terms of particle fluxes and radiation effects on electronic devices in terms of dose, displacement damage, single event effects and solar cell degradation.

Developed for industrial needs, OMERE is an efficient tool allowing to easily perform accurate radiation analyses.

It is used worldwide and includes the standard (ECSS-10-04) environment models:

- RADIATION ENGINEERING
- THE FASTRAD® SOFTWARE
- THE OMERE SOFTWARE
- ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS TESTING
- MATERIAL TESTING

# Radiotherapy Radiation Environment.

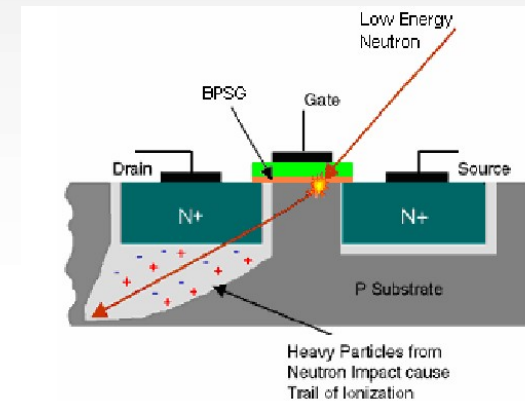
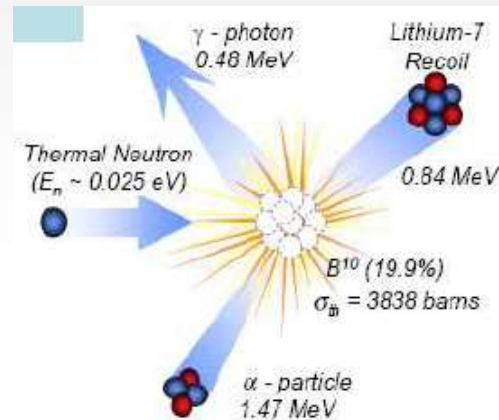
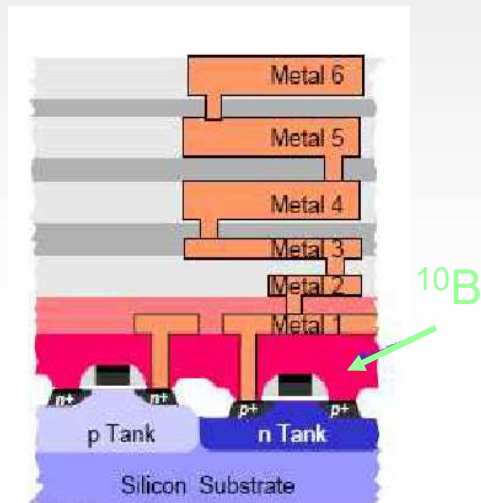


# Radiotherapy Radiation Environment.

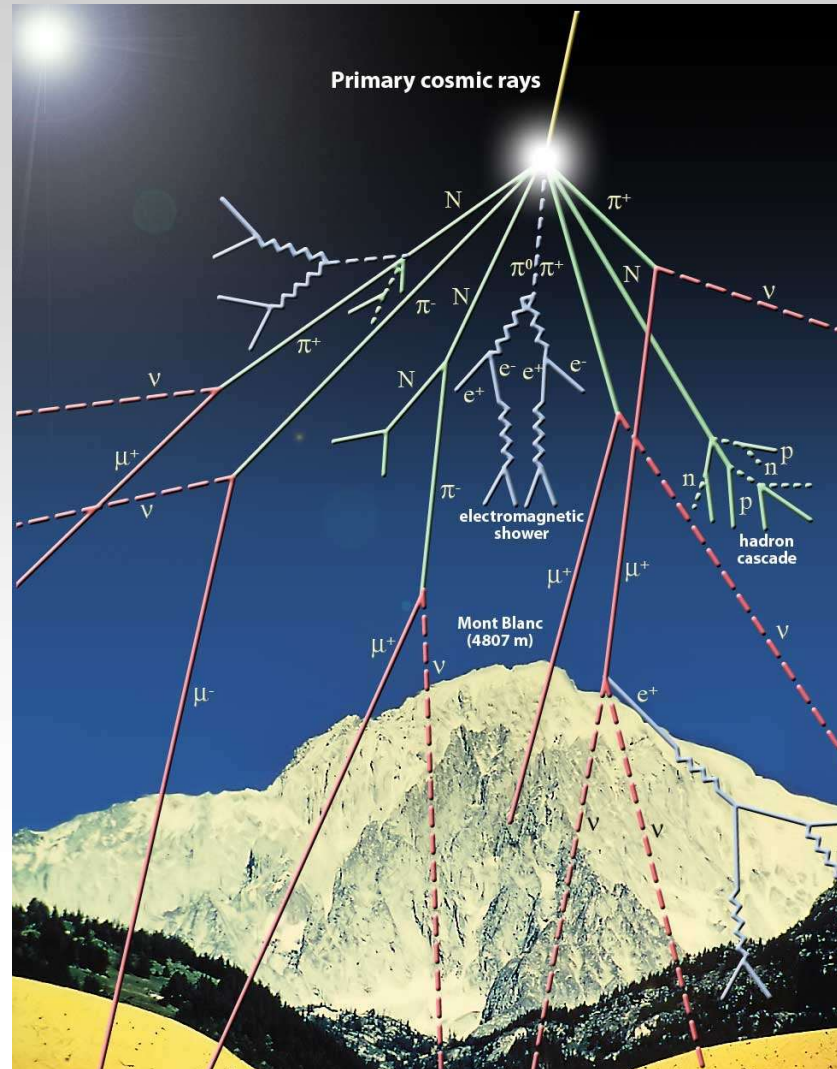
## Solid State detector



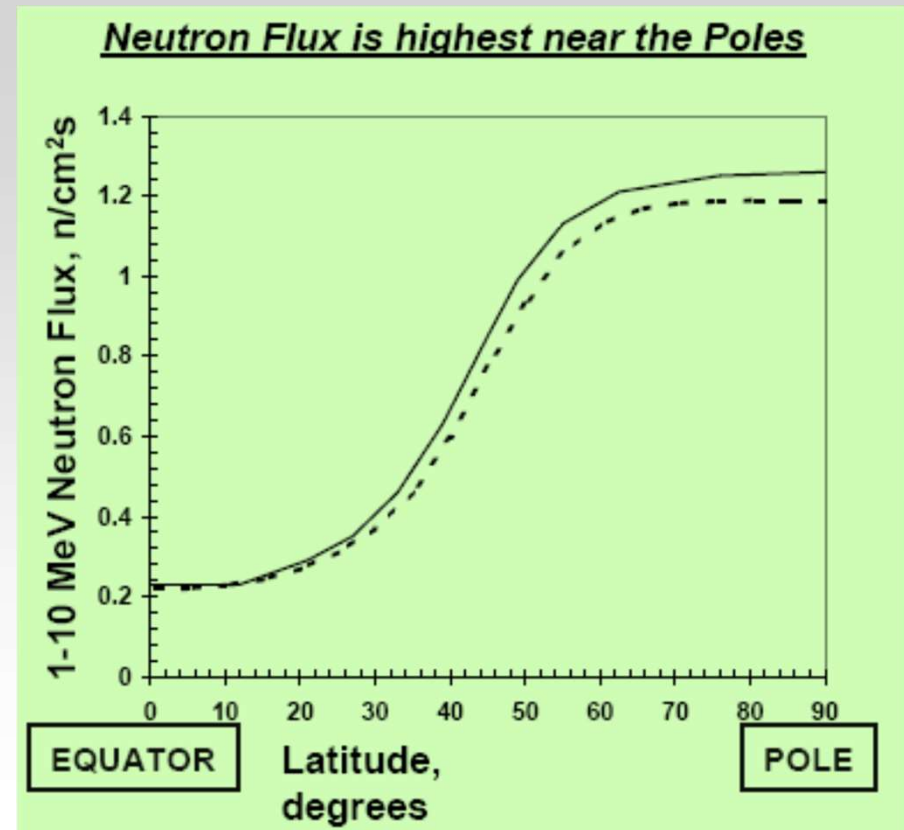
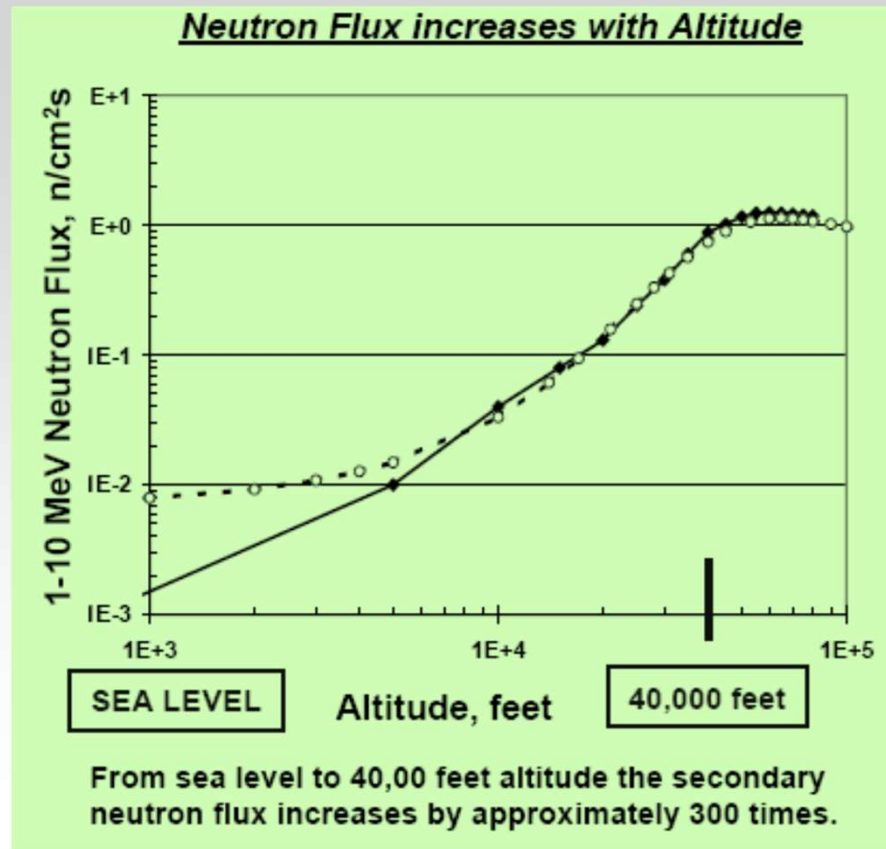
## SRAM memories



# Ground and Avionic Radiation Environment.



# Effect of the radiation into electronic devices: Total dose (TID)



R. Edwards, C. S. Dyer and E. Normand, "Technical Standard for Atmospheric Radiation Single Event Effects (SEE) on Avionics Electronics", 2004 IEEE Radiation Effects.

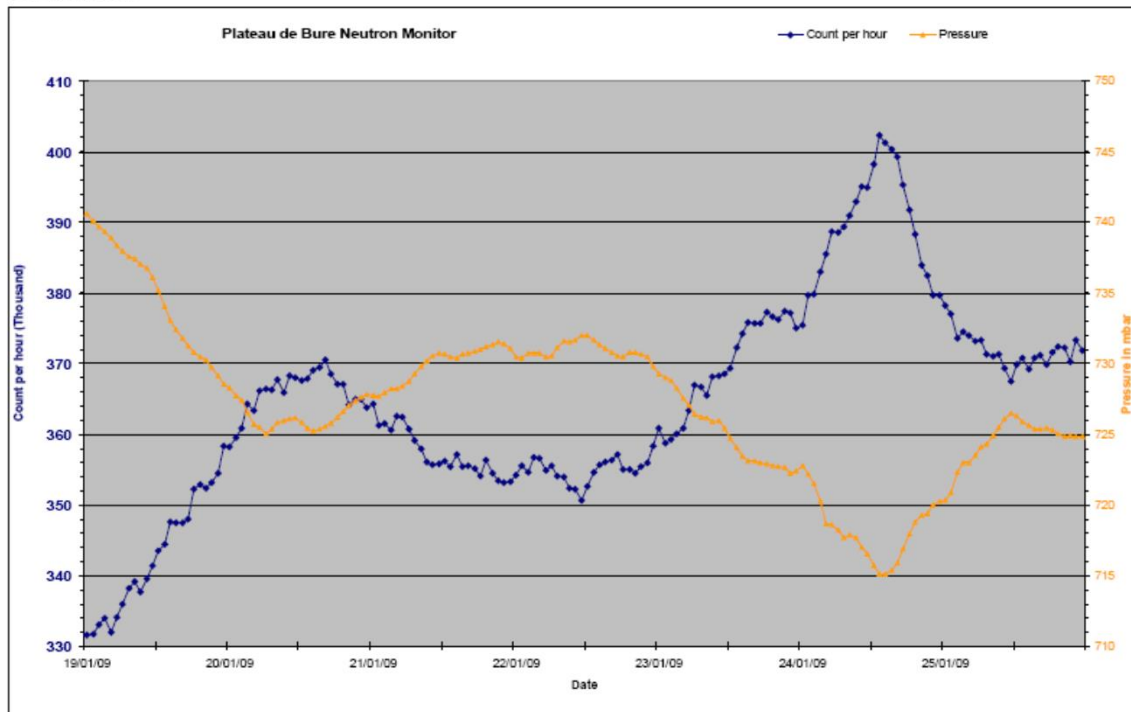
# Ground and Avionic Radiation Environment.

## Plateau de Bure Neutron Monitor (PdBNM) at ASTEP the 26/01/2009

Report Date: 19/01/2009 to 26/01/2009

Measure Location: POM2 Cupola, Plateau de Bure (Altitude 2555m)

### Comments



A relationship between the atmospheric air pressure and the neutron flux has been observed. A decrease of the air pressure is linked with an increase of the recorded neutron flux at ground level.

Provided by the Altitude SEE Test European Platform (ASTEP) and by IM2NP-CNRS Laboratory, Marseille, France ([www.astepeu.com](http://www.astepeu.com)).

# Total Ionization Dose Effects (TID) .

## Basic concepts. Ionization.

**Ionization: Process of removing electrons from atoms.**

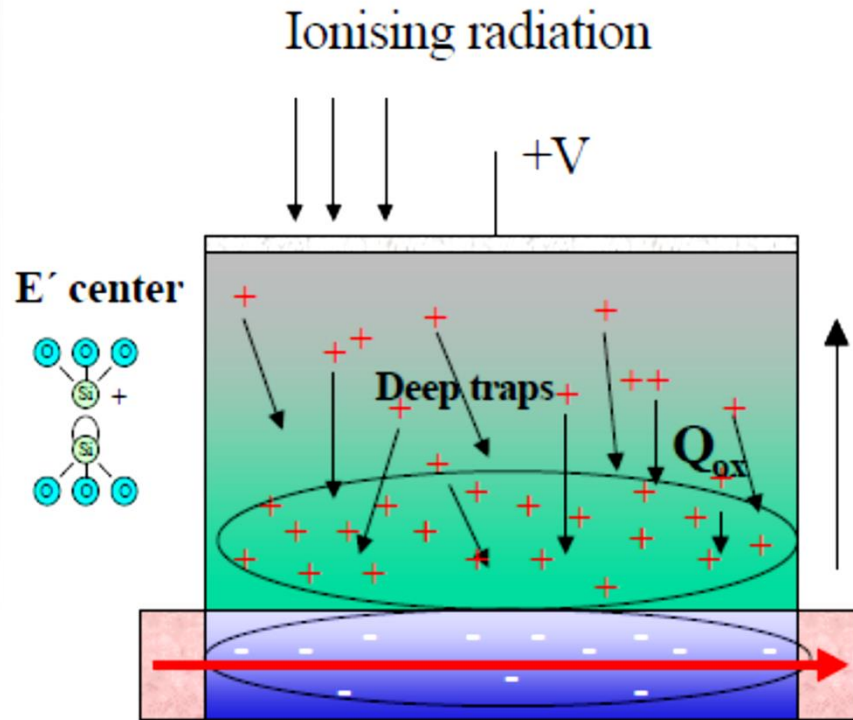
*The creation of electron-hole pairs in the material causes:*

- *Transient effects in the device bulk active area*
- *Long term effects in oxides*

**Consequence: Alteration of the electrical characteristics for electronic devices.**

# Total Ionization Dose Effects (TID) .

## Charge trapping in the oxide



- 1- Ionization  $\text{SiO}_2$
- 2- Creation of e-h pairs
- 3- Recombination
- 4- Transport
- 5- Build up of charge/defects
- 6- Device degradation

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# Total Ionization Dose Effects (TID) .

## Effects in Bipolar devices

The passivation oxide layer (protection) is thicker than in CMOS

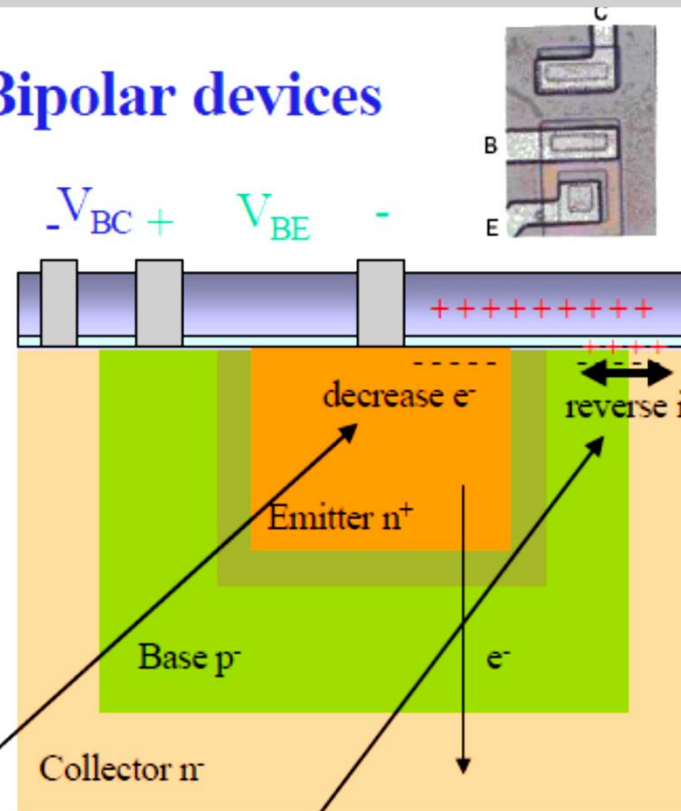


*Process similar to MOS devices:  
Charge trapping + Interface States*

$$I_E = I_C + I_B$$

Main effects

- Gain degradation ( $\beta$  or  $h_{FE}$ )
- Leakage



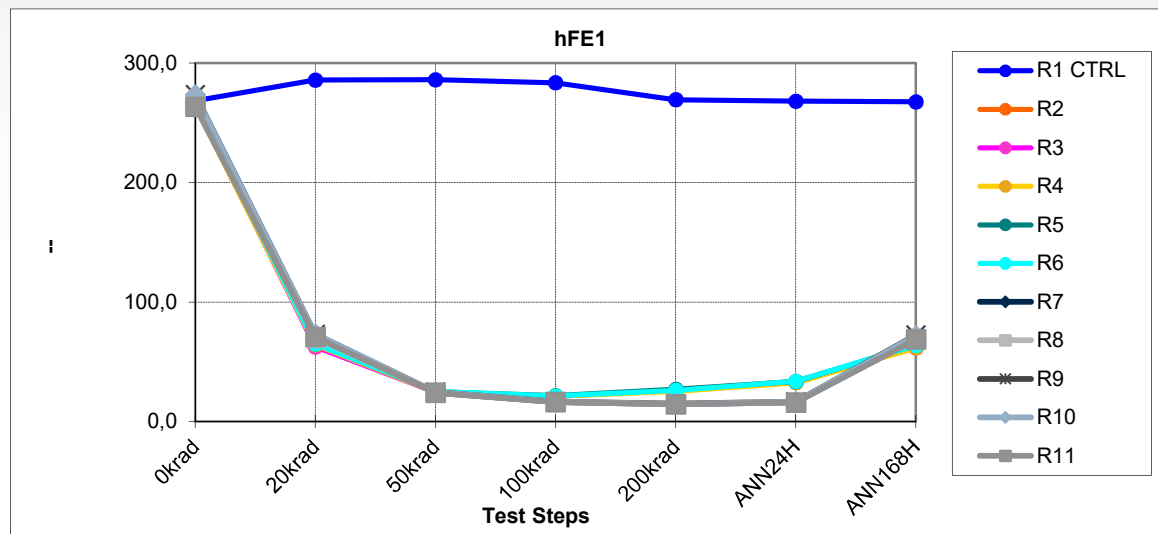
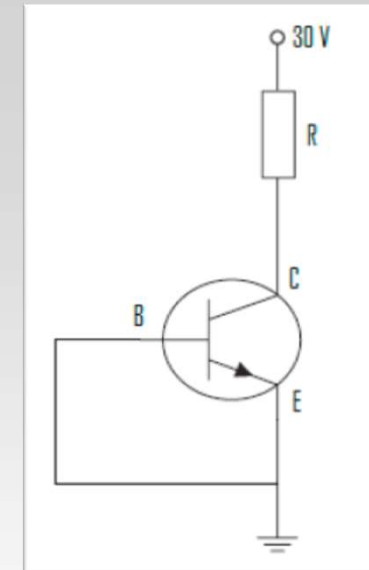
Lower-quality oxide  $\Rightarrow$  Greater Damage

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# Radiation Test (TID) EXAMPLE I.

## ATN-RR-369 (NPN GENERAL PURPOSE TRANSISTOR – BC 847B)

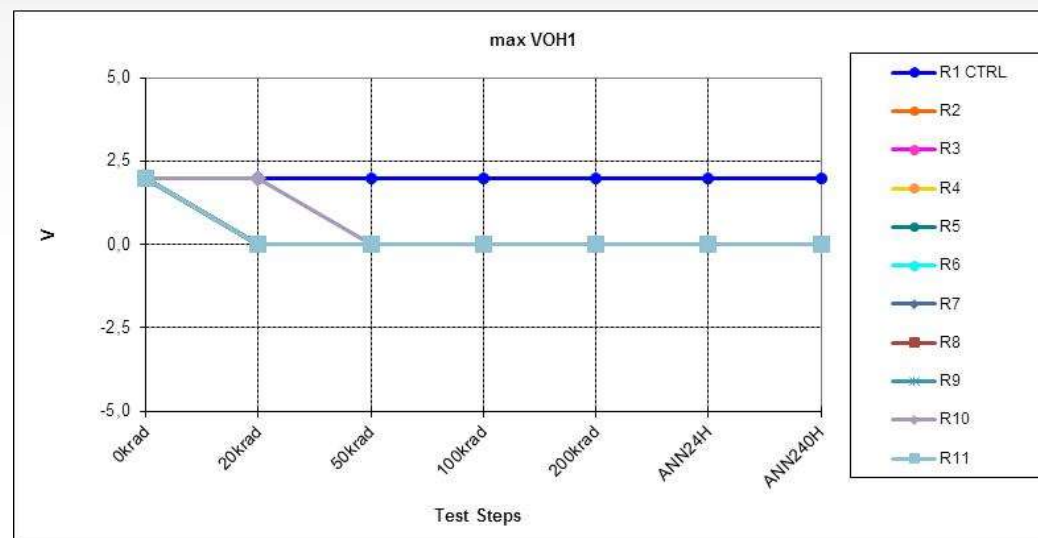
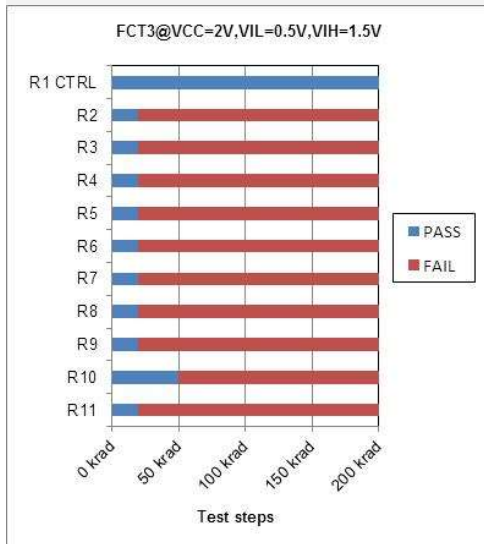
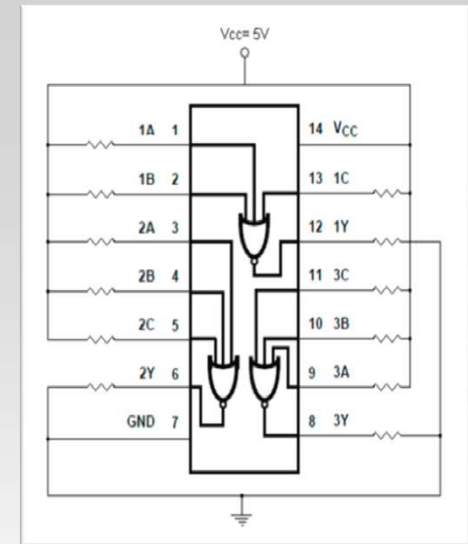
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ACCEPTANCE DIFFUSION	--	RAD. FACILITY	RADLAB (SEVILLE, SPAIN)	
ACCEPTANCE LOT	--	RADIATION SOURCE	$^{60}\text{Co}$	ENERGY 1.33 / 1.17 MeV
IRRADIATION TEST	5 BIASED, 5 UNBIASED	IRRADIATION UNITS	10 + 1 CONTROL	
ANNEALING TEST	5 BIASED, 5 UNBIASED	DOSE RATE	203.14 rad (Si)/h	
IRRADIATION MEAS.	REMOTE TEST.	INTEREST TEST LEVEL	N/Av	
RADIATION PLAN	DLIB-ATN-RP-004 Iss.1	MAXIMUM TEST LEVEL	200 krad (Si)	



# Radiation Test (TID) EXAMPLE II.

## ATN-RR-371 (TRIPLE 3-INPUT NOR GATE – CD74HC27M)

EVALUATION	X	TEST HOUSE	ALTER TECHNOLOGY TUV NORD S.A.U. (SEVILLE, SPAIN)	
ACCEPTANCE DIFFUSION	--	RAD. FACILITY	RADLAB (SEVILLE, SPAIN)	
ACCEPTANCE LOT	--	RADIATION SOURCE	$^{60}\text{Co}$	ENERGY 1.33 / 1.17 MeV
IRRADIATION TEST	5 BIASED, 5 UNBIASED	IRRADIATION UNITS	10 + 1 CONTROL	
ANNEALING TEST	5 BIASED, 5 UNBIASED	DOSE RATE	216.65 rad (Si)/h	
IRRADIATION MEAS.	REMOTE TEST.	INTEREST TEST LEVEL	N/Av	
RADIATION PLAN	DLIB-ATN-RP-003 Iss 1	MAXIMUM TEST LEVEL	200 krad (Si)	



# Total Ionization Dose Effects (TID). ELDRS Effect

ATN has performed an **“ENHANCED LOW-DOSE RATE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS”** under ESA contract to assess the dose rate effect on Linear Bipolar Devices.

Function	Part Type
Converter	AD565AT
Voltage Reference	AD584S / REF02AJQMLR
Amplifier	LMH6702JF-QMLV / OP-27A / OP-470A
Optocoupler	OLH249 / OLH449 / 66183-105
Comparator	PM139XMQLR
Transistor	SOC5551HRB
PWM	UC1525BJQMLV / UC1825J / UC1843 / UC1846J-SP

# Total Ionization Dose Effects (TID). ELDRS Effect

<b>Level of Interest</b>	100 krad(Si)
<b>Dose rates</b>	Range of 36 rad(Si)/h versus Range of 360 rad(Si)/h
<b>Energy</b>	1.33/1.17 MeV
<b>Radiation Source</b>	Cobalt-60
<b>Proposed Steps</b>	5 krad(Si), 10 krad(Si), 20 krad(Si), 35 krad(Si), 50 krad(Si), 100 krad(Si), ann24h, ann168h
<b>Bias distribution</b>	50% bias and 50% unbiased

# Total Ionization Dose Effects (TID). ELDRS Effect

Function	Part Type	Manufacturer	Worst Case	
			Bias	Dose Rate
Converters	AD565AT	Analog Devices	OFF	ELDR
Voltage Reference	AD584S	Analog Devices	OFF	-
Voltage Reference	REF02AJQMLR	Analog Devices	OFF	-
Amplifier	LMH6702JF-QMLV	Texas Instrumt.	-	-
Amplifier	OP-27A	Analog Devices	OFF	-
Amplifier	OP-470A	Analog Devices	OFF	-
Optocoupler	OLH249	Isolink	OFF	-
Optocoupler	OLH449	Isolink	OFF	-
Optocoupler	66183-105	Micropac	OFF	-
Comparators	PM139XMQMLR	Analog Devices	ON	-
Transistor	SOC5551HRB	ST Micro.	-	ELDR
PWM	UC1525BJQMLV	Texas Instrumt.	-	-
PWM	UC1825J	Texas Instrumt.	-	-
PWM	UC1843	Texas Instrumt.	ON / OFF	-
PWM	UC1846J-SP	Texas Instrumt.	ON /OFF	-

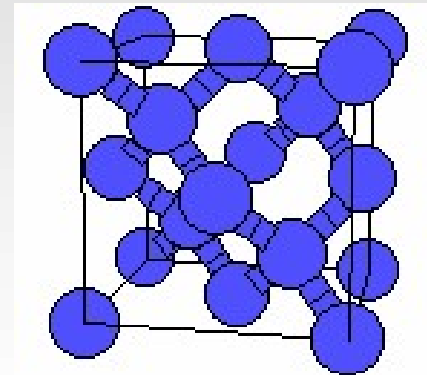
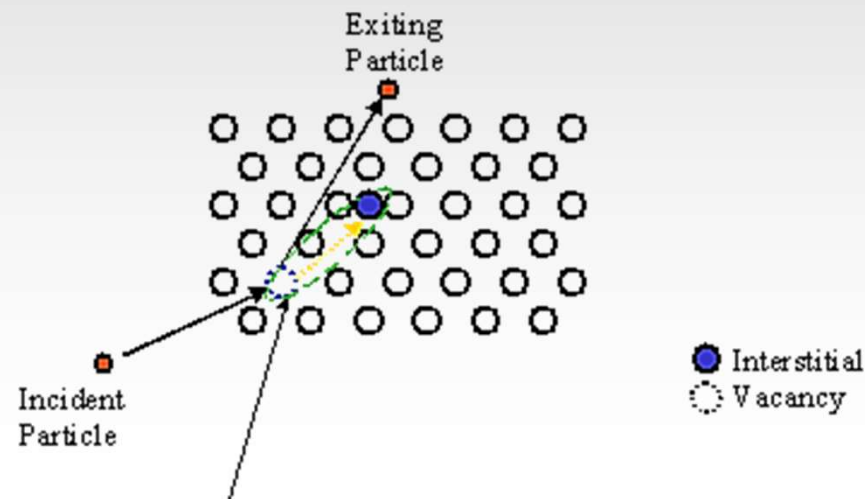
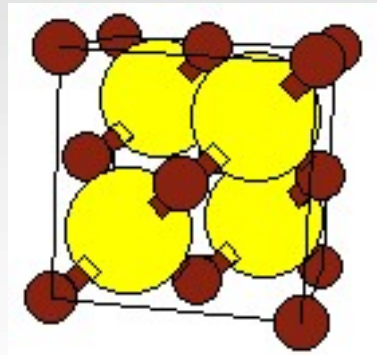
# Total Ionization Dose Effects (TID). ELDRS Effect

## STUDY CONCLUSIONS:

- Not significant dose rate dependency on most items.
- Lack of correlation with current published data, maybe due to manufacturer efforts to enhance immunity to ELDRS.
- OFF condition: systematic worst case.
- PM139: ON biasing as worst case condition.
- PWM's: a specific pattern cannot be identified, depending on the parameter.

# Displacement Damages (DD).

The effect is caused due to degradation / loss of the crystal structure of the material. This requires that the incident radiation has mass (ions, protons, neutrons, ..).



A Frenkel pair consists of a vacancy and an interstitial atom.



# Displacement Damages (DD).

- **Detectors show their dark current increases and their spectral response decreases.**
- **Transfer efficiency of CCDs is lowered.**
- **CCDs, APSs and photodiodes show temporal fluctuations in the dark current.**
- **LEDs experience a decrease of their emitted optical power and a degradation of their emission spectrum.**
- **Laser diodes exhibit an increase of their threshold current.**
- **Current Transfer Ratio of optocoupler is lowered.**
- **Solar cell efficiency is decreased.**

# Displacement Damages (DD).

Technology category	Sub-category	Effects
General bipolar	BJT	$h_{FE}$ degradation in BJTs, particularly for low-current conditions
	diodes	Increased leakage current increased forward voltage drop
Electro-optic sensors	CCDs	CTE degradation, Increased dark current, Increased hot spots, Increased bright columns Random telegraph signals
	APS	Increased dark current, Increased hot spots, Random telegraph signals Reduced responsivity
	Photodiodes	Reduced photocurrents and response Increased dark currents Shunt resistor, NEP, Linearity, rise/fall time [Gil08]
	Photo transistors	$h_{FE}$ degradation Reduced responsivity Increased dark currents Spectral response, rise/fall time
Light-emitting diodes	LEDs (general)	Reduced light power output I(V) curves
	Laser diodes	Reduced light power output Increased threshold current
Opto-couplers		Reduced current transfer ratio Emitter-collector saturation voltage [Gil08]
Solar cells	SiliconGaAs, InP etc	Reduced short-circuit current Reduced open-circuit voltage Reduced maximum power
Optical materials	Alkali halidesSilica	Reduced transmission

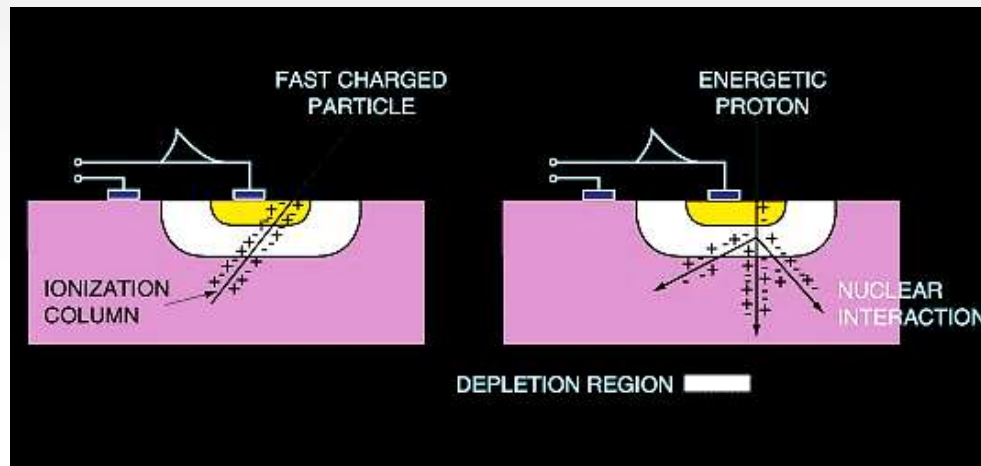
Displacement Damage Test Guidelines Development T. Nuns Onera (ESA / CNES Final Presentation Days 2017)

# Single Event Effect (SEE).

When a high energy particle interacts with a semiconductor device, it leaves an ionized track behind, generating a perturbation area.

Depending on a set of circumstances, this perturbation can derive in many negative effects:

- a transient in the device output,
- a bit flip in a memory cell,
- a destructive latch-up,
- burn-out, especially in high-power transistors, etc.

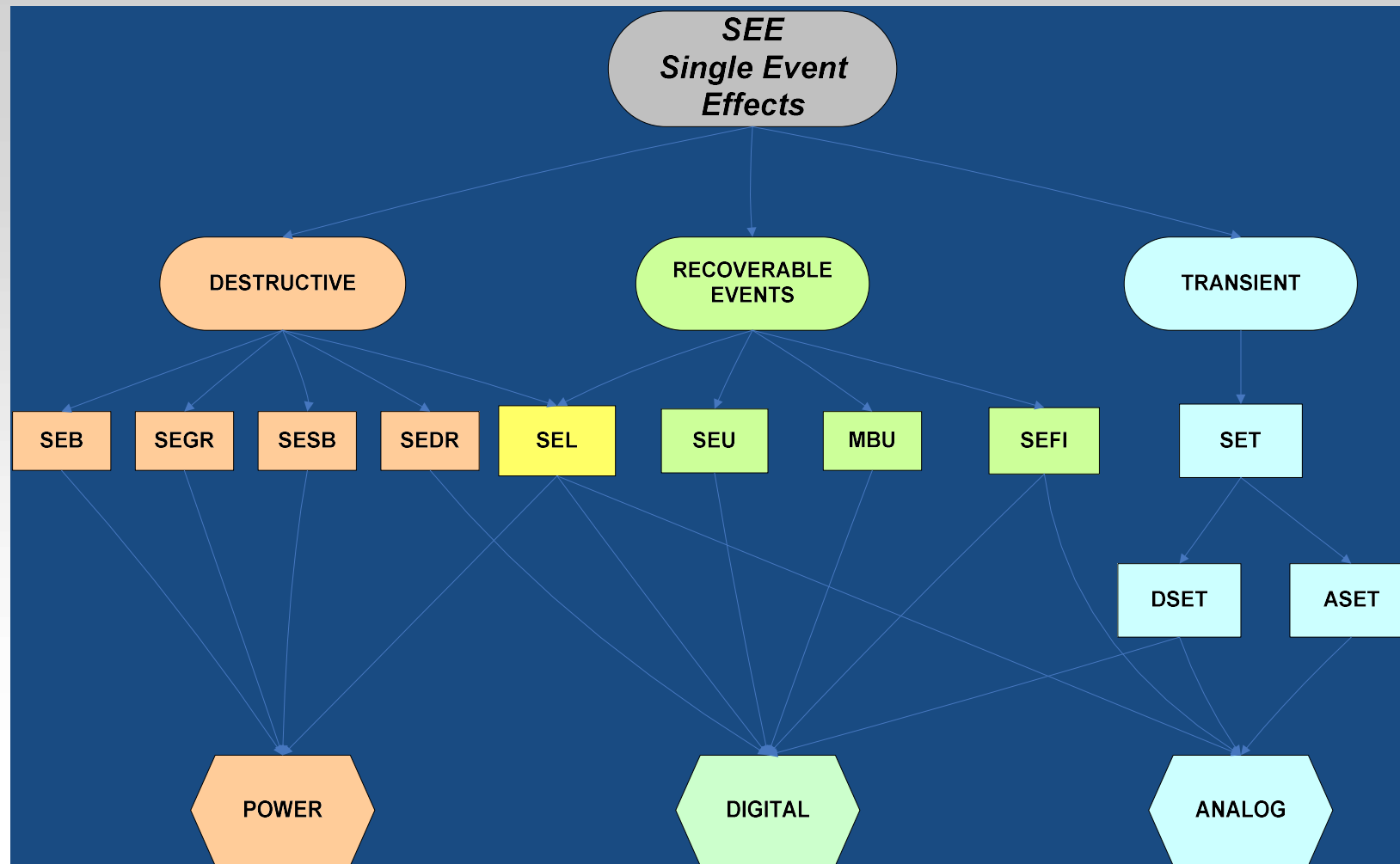


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"Spacecraft anomalies due to  
radiation environment in space,"  
*NASDA/JAERI 2nd International  
Workshop on Radiation Effects of  
Semiconductor Devices for Space  
Applications*

# Single Event Effect (SEE). Types.

		Dest.	Brief Description	Affected devices
<b>SEU</b>	Single Event Upset	N	Corruption of the information stored in a memory element.	Memories, latches in logic devices.
<b>MBU</b>	Multiple Bit Upset	N	Several memory elements corrupted by a single strike	Memories, latches in logic devices.
<b>SEFI</b>	Single Event Functional Interrupt	N	Loss of normal operation.	Complex devices with built-in state/control sections.
<b>SET</b>	Single Event Transient	N	Pulse response of certain amplitude and duration.	Analog, mixed signal devices
<b>SED</b>	Single Event Disturb	N	Momentary corruption of the information stored in a bit.	combinational logic, latches in logic devices
<b>SHE</b>	Hard Error Event	N	Unalterable change of state in a memory cell.	Memories, latches in logic devices.
<b>SEL</b>	Single Event Latch-up	Y	Unexpected high current generation.	CMOS, BiCMOS
<b>SESB</b>	Single Event Snapback	Y	Unexpected high current generation.	N-Channel Power MOSFET, SOI
<b>SEB</b>	Single Event Burnout	Y	Destructive burn-out.	BJT,
<b>SEGR</b>	Single Event Gate Rupture	Y	Rupture of the gate dielectric.	Power MOSFETs
<b>SEDR</b>	Single Event Dielectric Rupture	Y	Rupture of the dielectric layer.	Non-volatile NMOS, FPGA, linear devices, ..

# Single Event Effect (SEE).



# Single Event Effect (SEE).

Parameters affecting the SEE radiation behavior:

- Critical Charge (the amount of charge needed to be injected to change the cell's logic state).
- Sensitive Geometry. The volume in which the deposited charge is effective to generate a device perturbation.
- Number of elements.

Technology Node (nm)	Sensitive Volume (Si) $\mu^3$	Critical Charge (Si) fC
250	0.245	8
130	0.025	2,5
90	0.02	1,2
65	0.0035	0,8

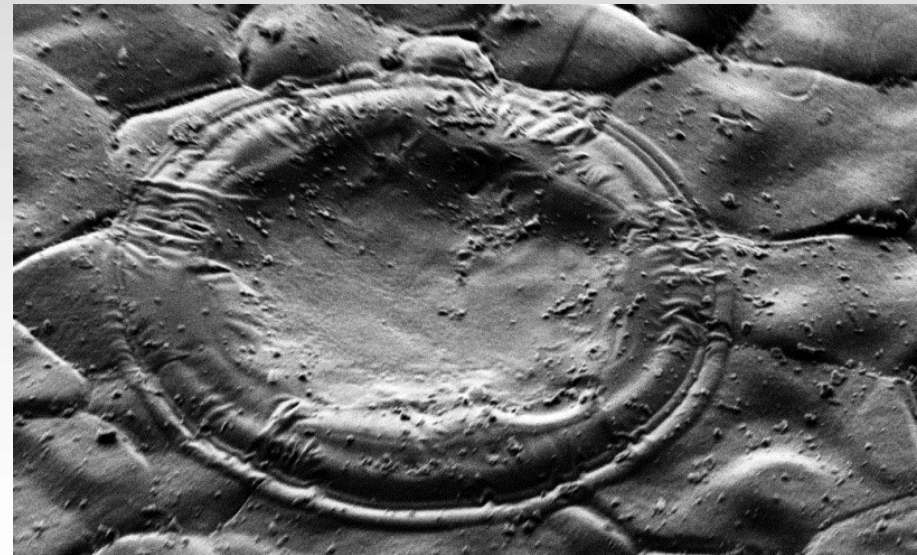
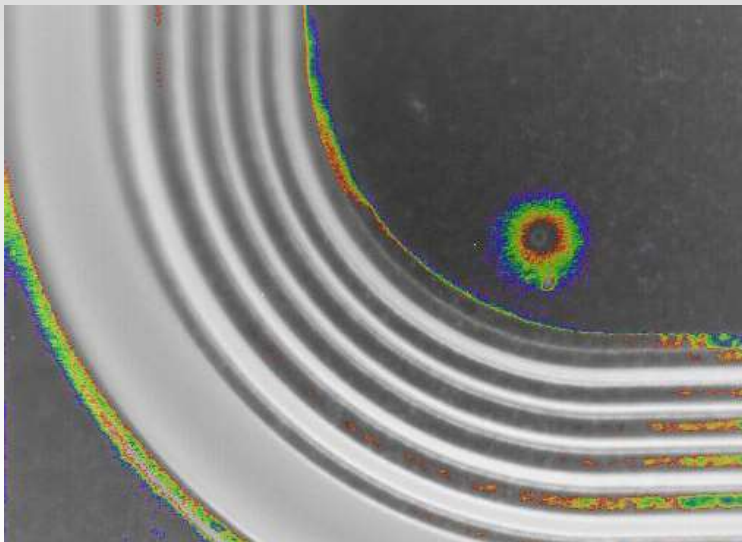
P. Roche, G. Gasiot, K. Forbes, V. O'Sullivan, V. Ferlet, "Comparisons of Soft Error Rate for SRAMs in Commercial SOI and Bulk Below the 130 nm Technology Node," 2003 IEEE Nuclear and Space Radiation Effects Conference.

# Radiation hardening assurance

## SEE Test on SiC diodes show a severe weakness:

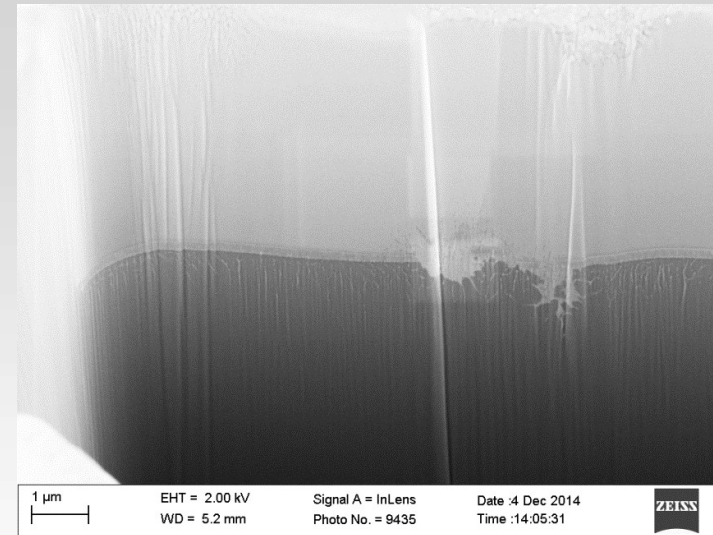
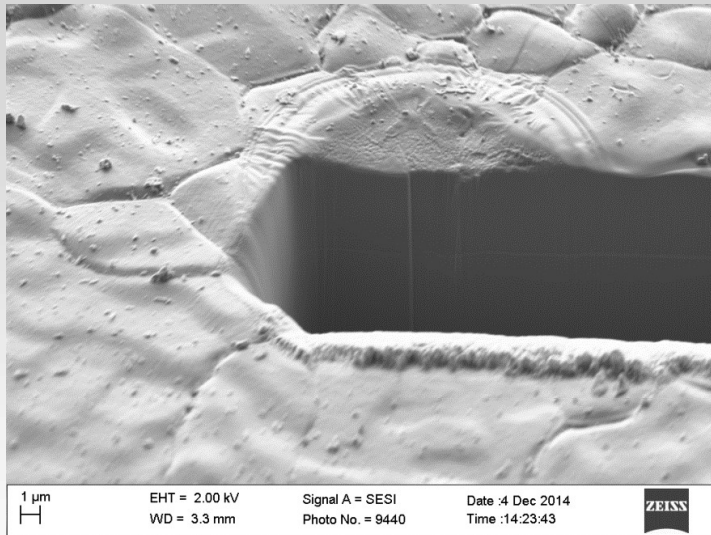
- Irreversible leakage current increase at 200V reverse bias.
- Silicon high voltage diodes show “Single Event Burnout” (SEB) at 800V...900V reverse bias.

The failure after SEE is observed in the active area of the diode.



FIB and SEM show that the material is molten during SEB

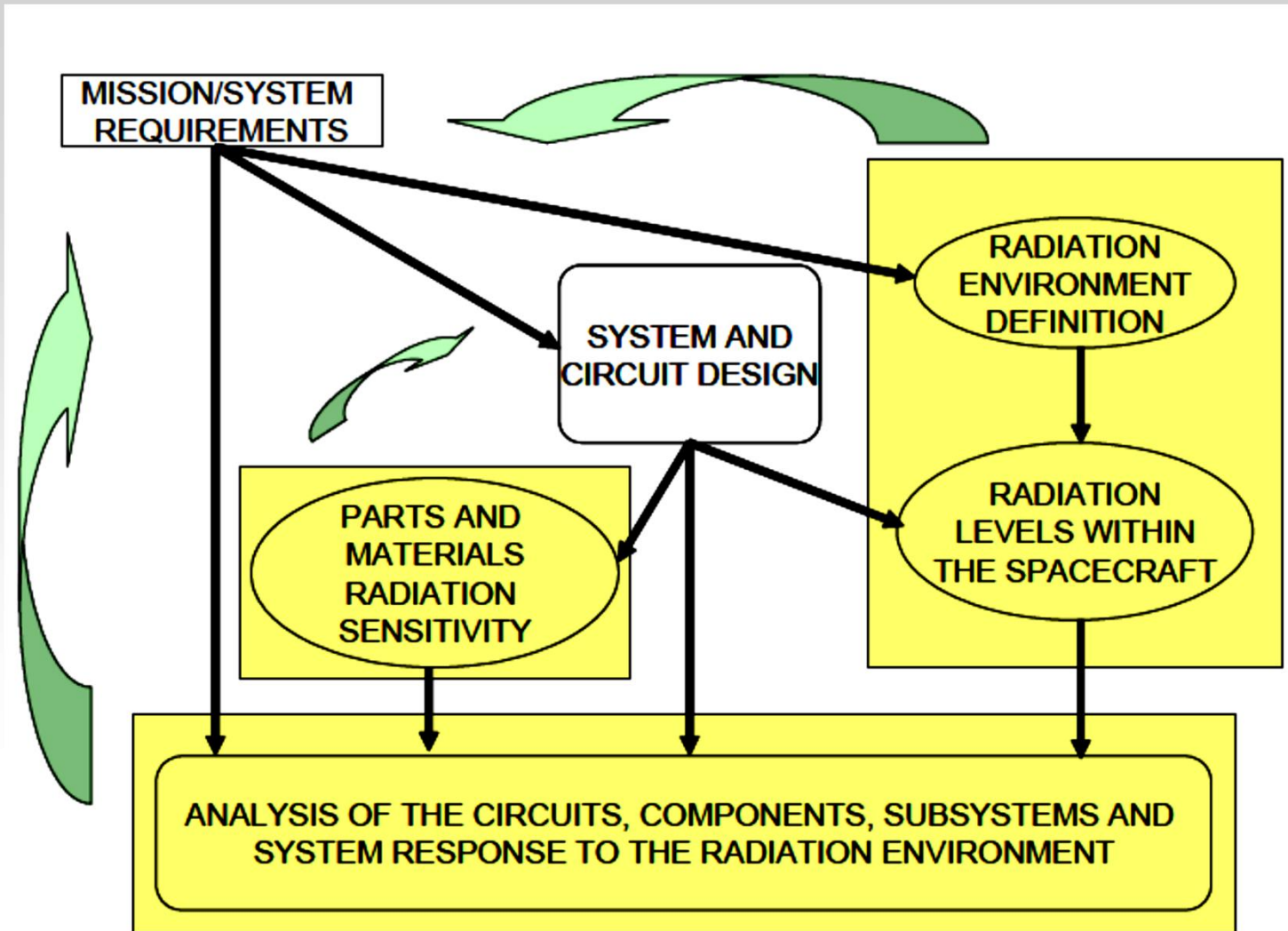
# Radiation hardening assurance



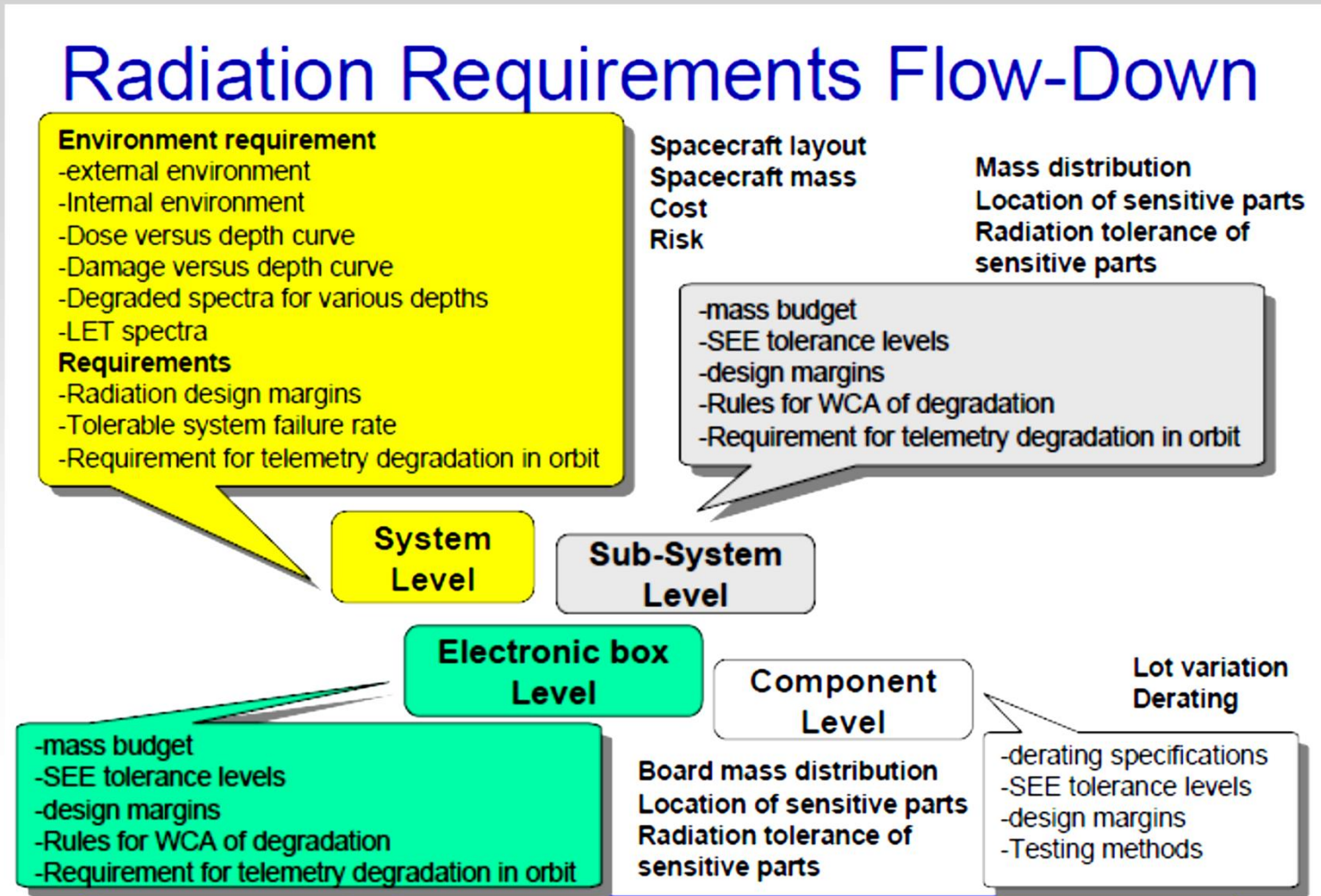
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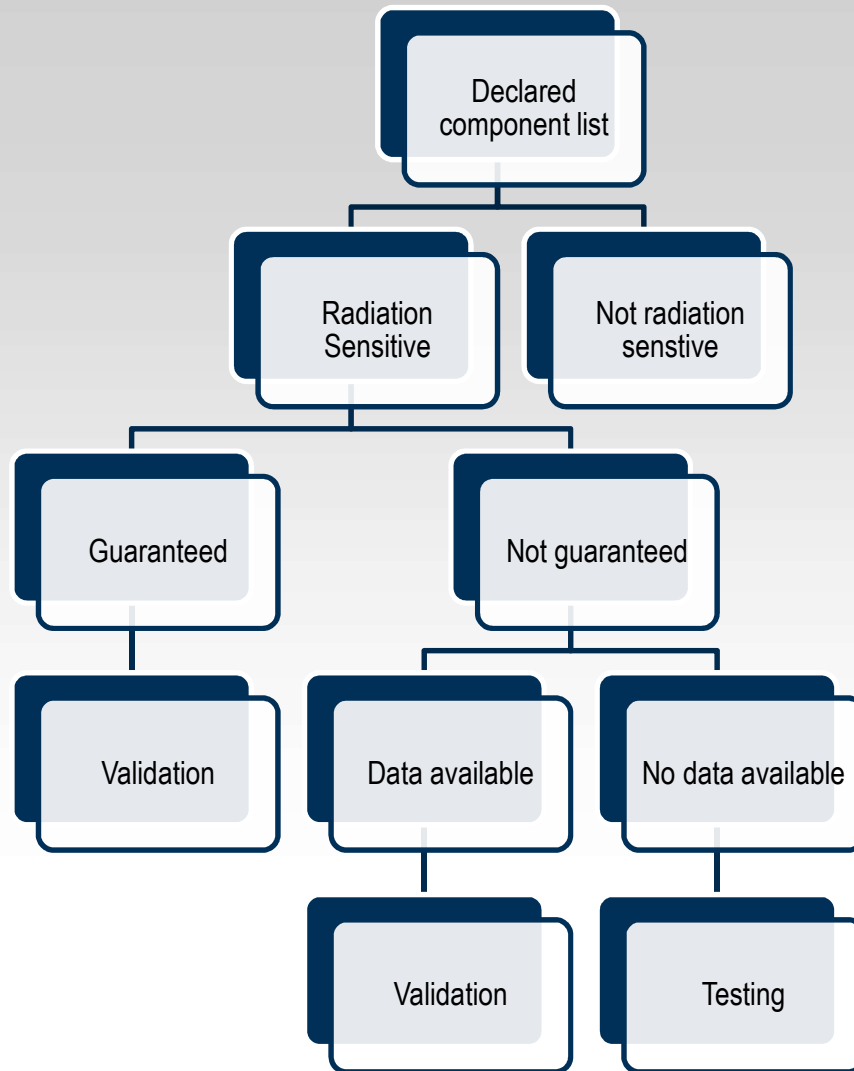
# Radiation hardening assurance

- Programmatic aspects of RHA
- RHA components
  - ✓ requirements and specifications
  - ✓ mission radiation environment
  - ✓ equipment and component radiation requirement (sectorial analysis and Monte Carlo).
  - ✓ parts selection and radiation tolerance (as design DCL)
  - ✓ parts procurement and radiation testing (as built DCL)
- Analysis at the function/subsystem/system level
  - ✓ TID/DD
  - ✓ SEE

# Radiation hardening assurance

TECHNOLOGY	MAIN RADIATION SENSITIVITY EFFECTS		
	TID (Total Ionising Dose)	SEE (Single Event Effects)	NIEL (Non-ionising Energy Loss)
CMOS	X	X	
BIPOLAR	X	X	X
GaAs		X	X
SiGe/InP			X
CCD, CID	X	X	X
Solar Cells			X
Power devices		X	
LEDs and Laser Diodes			X
Optocouplers	X	X	X
Fibre-optics	X		
MEMS	X		
Insulation materials	X		
Optical materials	X		
Cryogenics systems	X		

# Radiation hardening assurance

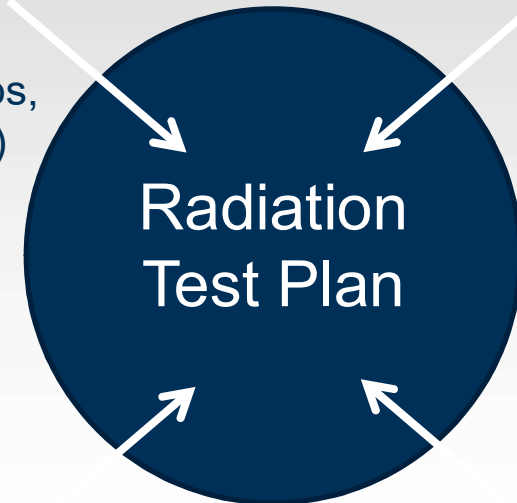


# Radiation Test (TID).

- **Custom** radiation test plans generated reflecting your requirements, including, extensive data-sheet or procurement specification electrical parameter (DC, AC, functional test).



Radiation Parameters  
(dose rate, steps, total dose, ...)



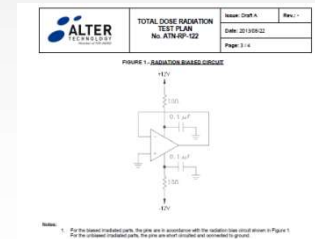
Electrical Parameters to be measured

TEST SYMBOL	TEST	CONDITIONS	UNIT	UNIT
1.1	Input Voltage	VIN	V	V
1.2	Input Bias Current	IIB	μA	μA
1.3	Input Offset Current	IIO	μA	μA
1.4	Input Offset Voltage	VIO	mV	mV
1.5	Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	CMRR	dB	dB
1.6	Input Voltage Swing	VIS	V	V
1.7	Common-Mode Input Range	CMIR	V	V
1.8	Input Rejection Ratio	IRR	dB	dB

ALTER TECHNOLOGY		TOTAL DOSE RADIATION TEST PLAN No. ATN-IP-122		Issue: Draft A	Rev: 1				
Component No:	AD6645	Component Designation:	AD6645	Date:	20130922				
Part No.:	AD6645-001	Lot:	00000000000000000000	Page:	1 of 4				
Manufacturer:	ANALOG DEVICES	Technology:	CMOS	Package:	SOIC-8				
Address:	USA	Sample Size:	7	Level of Interest:	N/A				
Address:	USA	Retention Cycles:	4	Maximum Test Level:	20 TRAD(S)				
Address:	USA	Control Devices:	1	Radiation Source:	60Co				
EXPERIMENTAL STEPS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
PROCESS		Instad	Instad	Instad	Instad	Instad	Ann	Ann	
Dose Rate (SR)	2.5	2.5	5	10	10	-	-	-	
Cumulative Dose (SR)	2.5	5	10	20	20	-	-	-	
Dose Rate (SR)	200	200	200	200	-	-	-	-	
Exposure Time (hr)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Temperature (°C)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
Insulation Conditions:	None	Insulation Measurements Interval:	None	Annealing Conditions:	None	Test Circuit:	Figure 1	None	
Prepared by:	Macarena Domínguez (ATN)	Signature:		Date:	20130922	Reviewed by:	Rafael Prieto (ATN)	Date:	20130922

Annealing conditions

Biasing Conditions



# Radiation Test (TID).

Each RVT test requires a careful preparation and performance, covering a set of different activities:

Device study and Radiation Test Design.

Biasing boards. Design, manufacture and verify the circuits that will assure the powering and the signals reach the device in the wisest conditions.

Biasing system and radiation exposure control and monitoring.

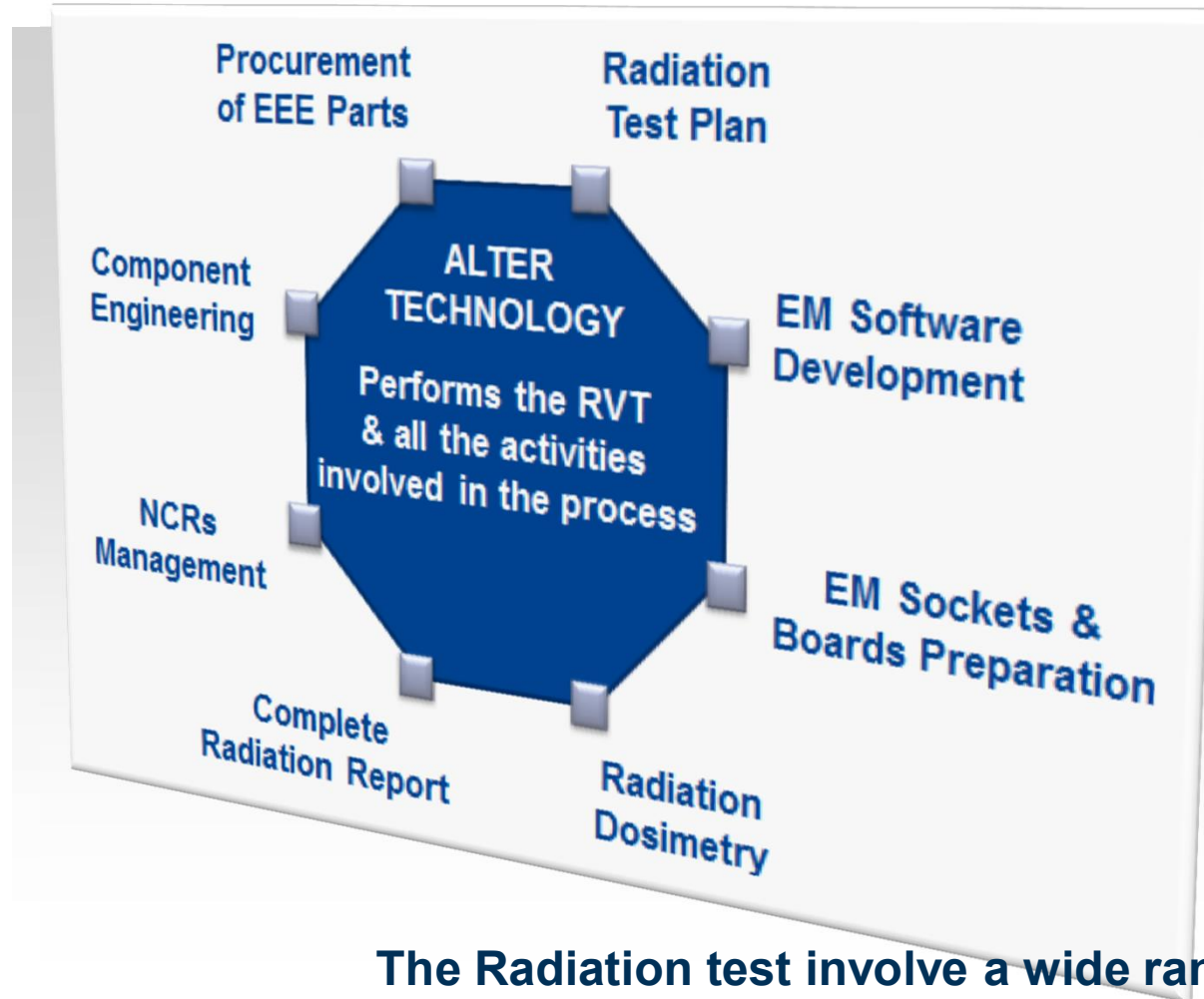
Electrical test performance. Test programme preparation and validation, etc.

Annealing

Test data processing and analysis. Final test report Issue

**All activities are under an strict quality management environment to guarantee all key factors: safety procedures, inspectors certification, the use of calibrated equipment, environmental condition: temperature, humidity, right device handling, ESD protection,....., etc.**

# Radiation Test



**The Radiation test involve a wide range of elements.**



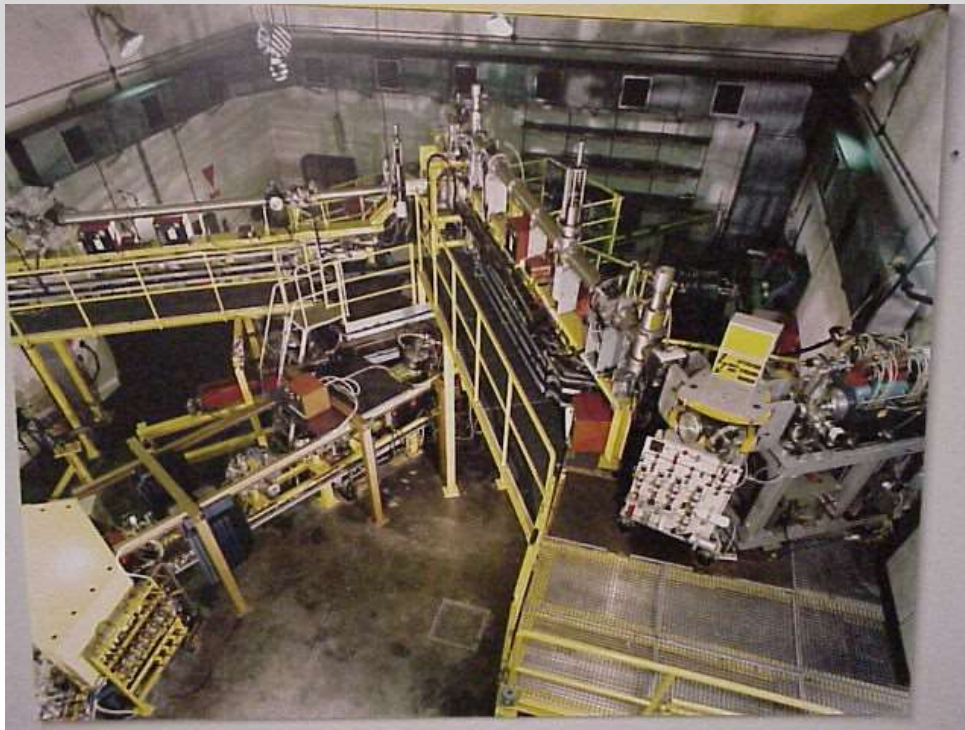
# Radiation Test (SEE).

## SEE TEST PLAN AND PERFORMANCE

- Selection of ion source
- Ion cocktail selection and dosimetry
- Test sample preparation
- Biasing conditions and boards
- Test performance and monitoring
- Data processing

# Radiation Test (SEE).

## SEE Particle testing



**European Heavy Ion Irradiation Facility (HIF)  
at Cyclone, Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)**

ION COCKTAIL			
	energy [MeV]	LET [MeV/mg/cm <sup>2</sup> ]	[ $\mu$ m Si]
41 Ar 12+	372	10.10	119
83 Kr 25+	756	32.40	92
132 Xe 26+	459	55.90	43

# Radiation Test (SEE).

## Example SEE Heavy ion test on LTC1150

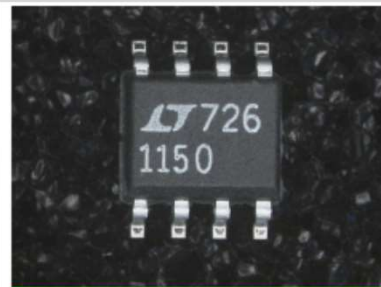


Photo 1 – Device, top

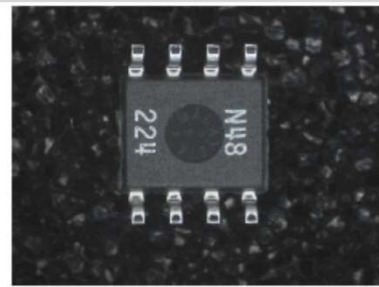


Photo 2 – Device, bottom

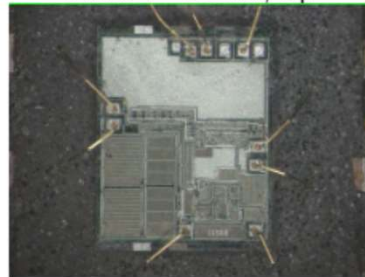


Photo 3 – Die full view

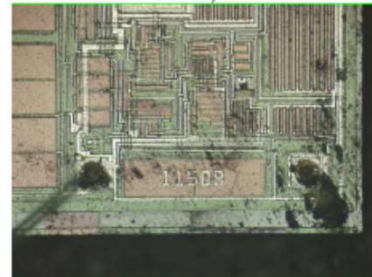
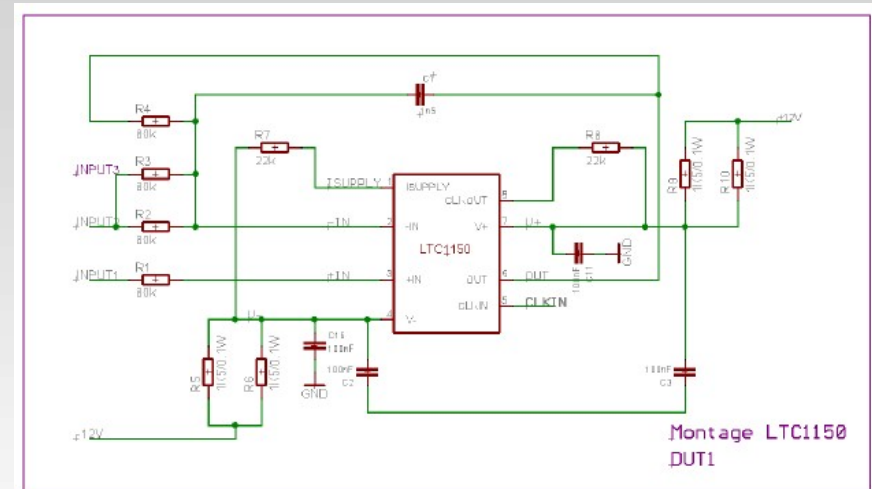


Photo 4 – Die marking

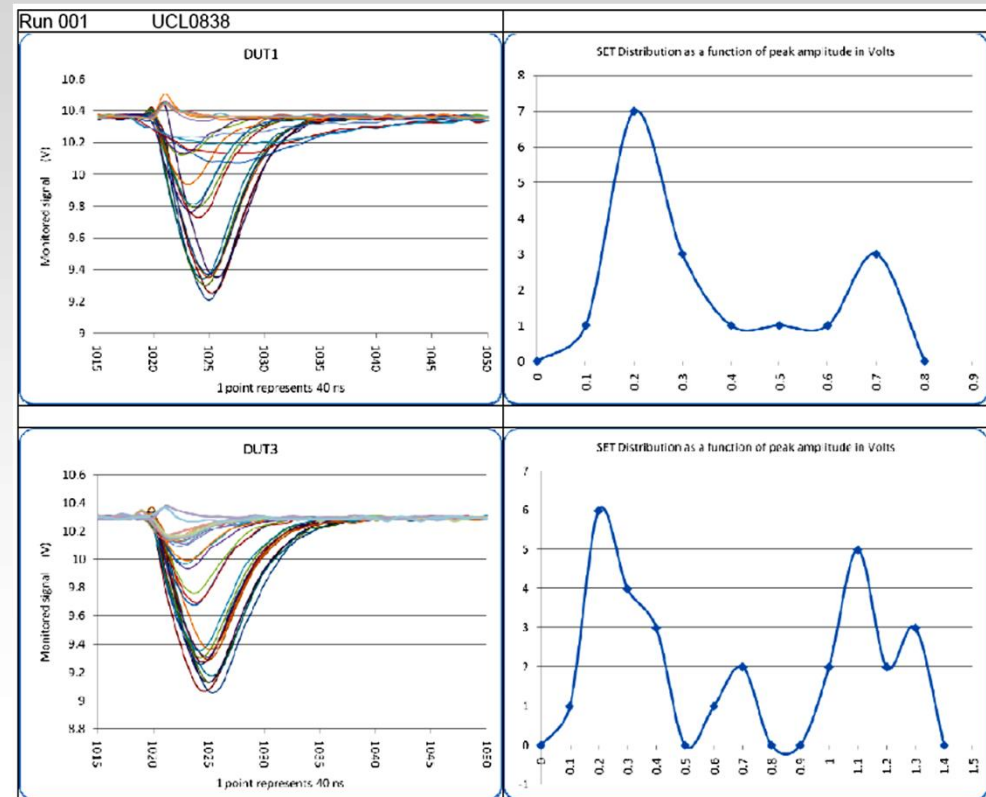
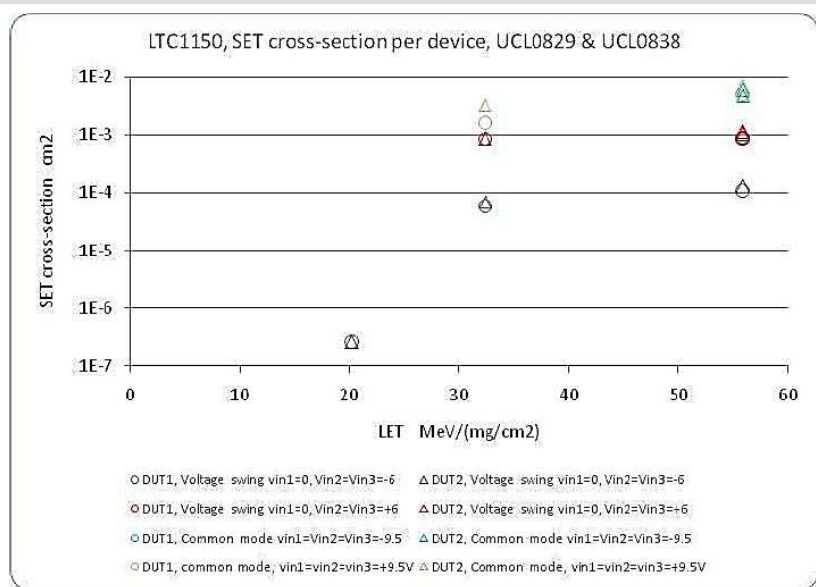


- **SET**; record of each transient considered as a SET
- **SEL**: if device supply current exceeds given limit.

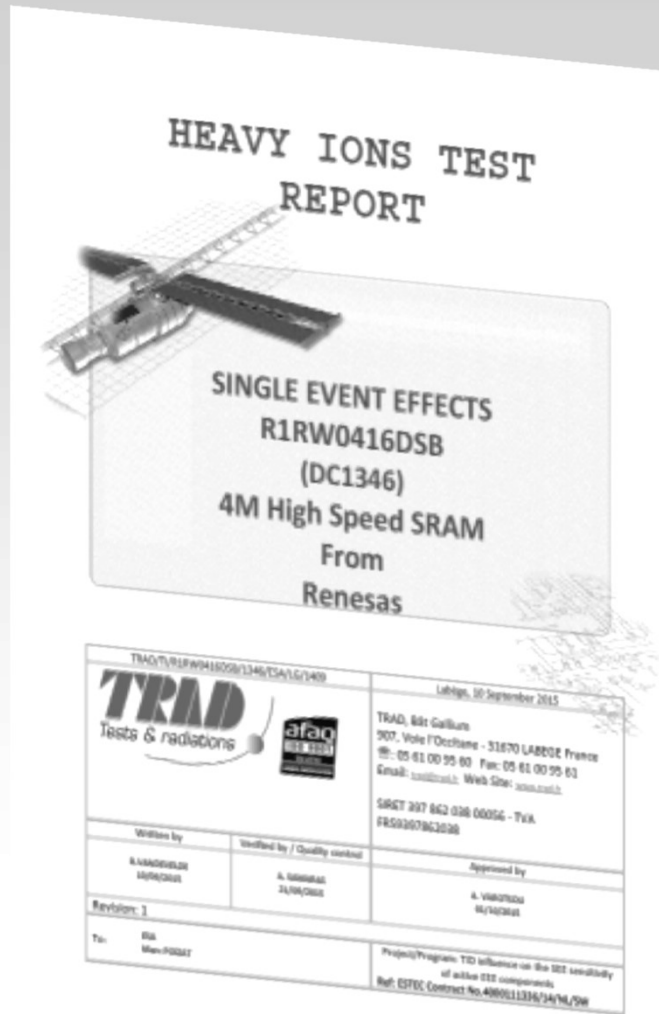
Setup	Vin1	Vin2	Vin3	Vout
Voltage Swing	0	-6V	-6V	11.5
Voltage Swing	0	+6V	+6V	-11.5
Common Mode	9.5V	9.5V	9.5V	9.5
Common Mode	-9.5V	-9.5V	-9.5V	-9.5

# Radiation Test (SEE).

## ALTER Technology Group SEE report Ref: HRX/SEE/0232 Iss1 Sep 30, 2008



# Radiation Test (SEE).



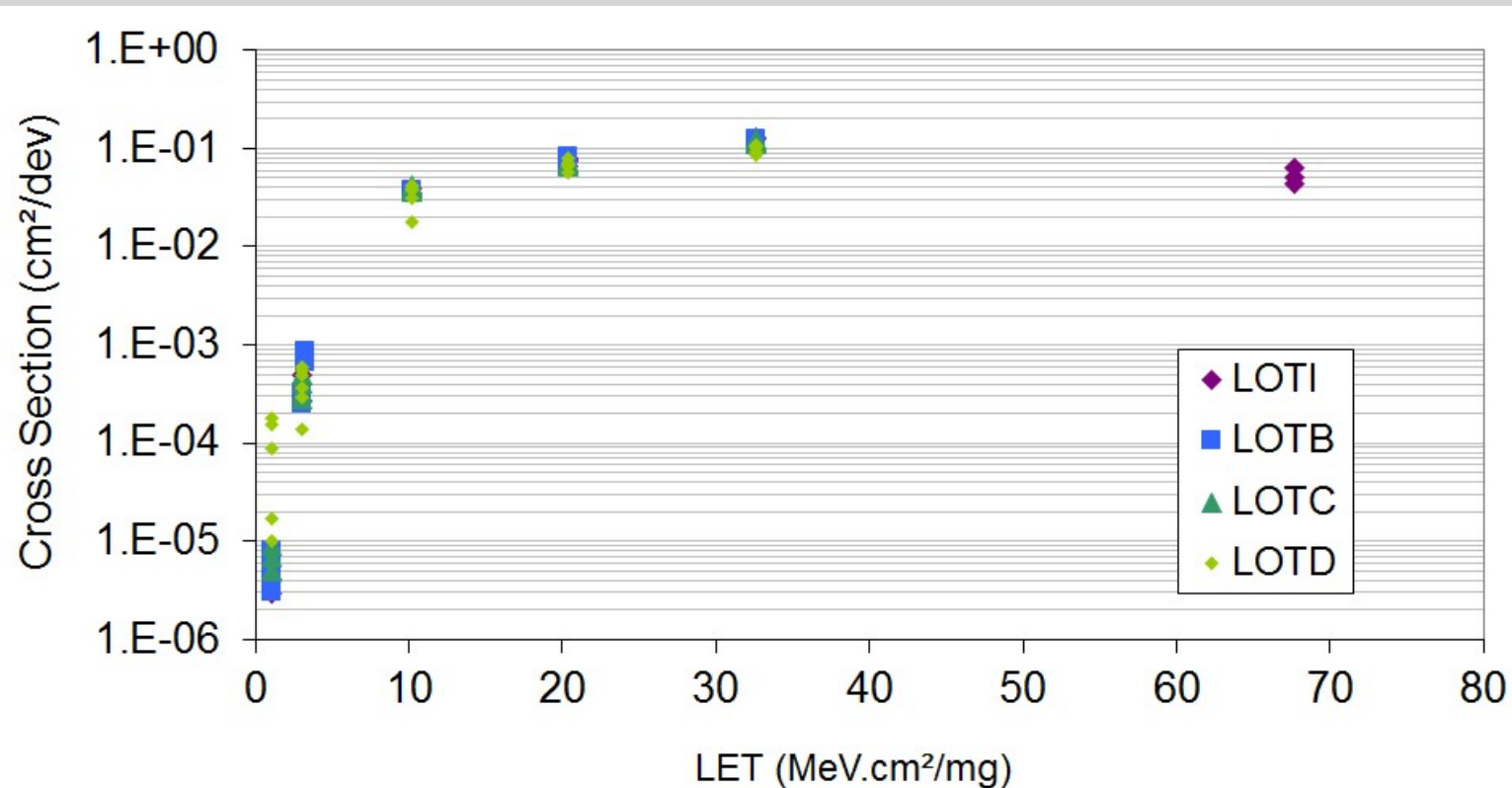
## SEU Test Report Example

R1RW0416DSB  
(DC1346)  
[4M High Speed SRAM]

# TID Influence on the SEE sensitivity of Active EEE

MT29F4G08AAC SEU cross section curve comparison

[LOTI (0 krad(Si)), LOTB (36 krad(Si)), LOTC(72 krad(Si)) and LOTD(100 krad(Si))]



TID Influence on the SEE sensitivity of Active EEE Final Report Ref: TRAD/ESA/IR/SYN/AS3/080615 (A. SAMARAS-TRAD).

# Simulation and other radiation assessments

## TCAD and SPICE simulation

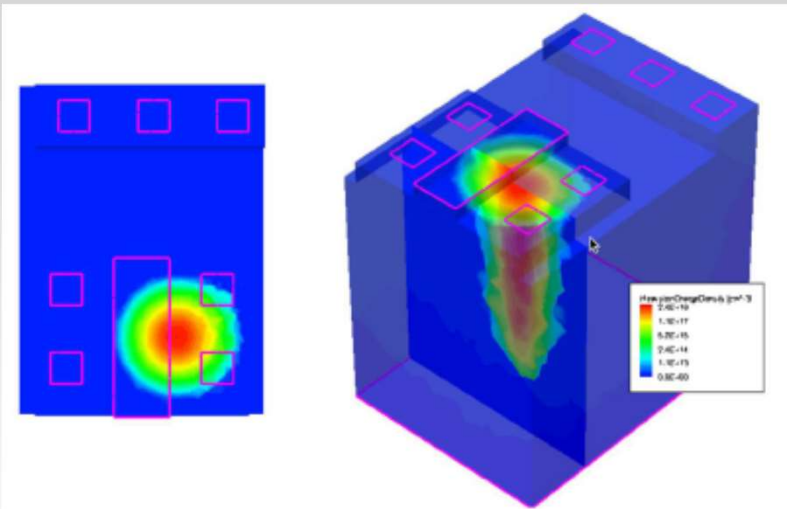


Fig. 3. Ion charge track in a 3D NMOS transistor model: LET profile has been previously estimated by SRIM.

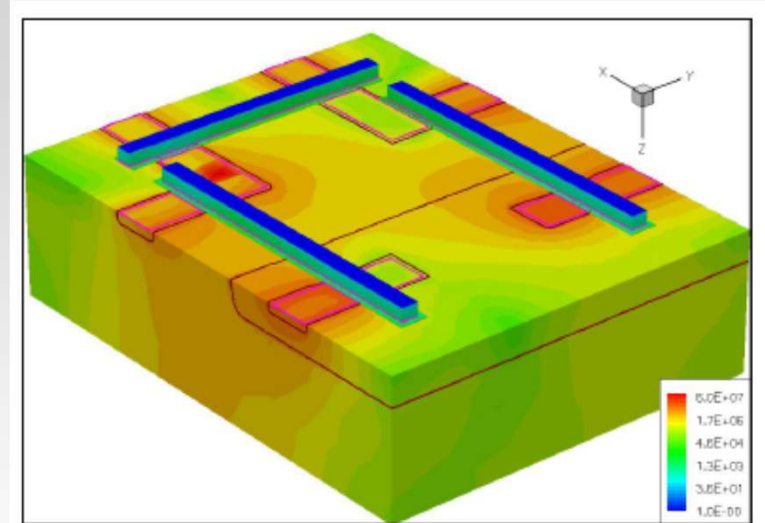


Fig. 9. Current density in a struck SRAM. The cell has been hit on the Off-NMOS; the current paths and coupling effects between adjacent devices can be observed

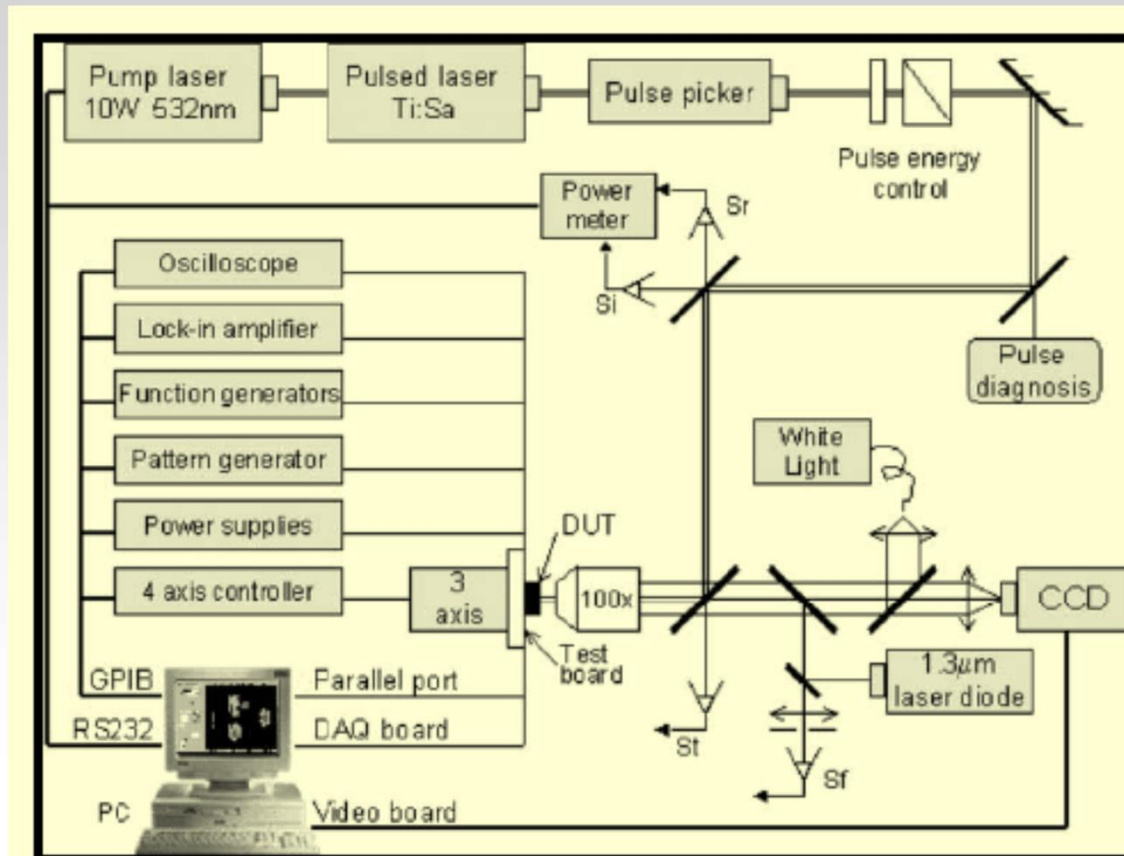
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# SEE Laser Testing



Generic Laser Test Set-up

## Advantage:

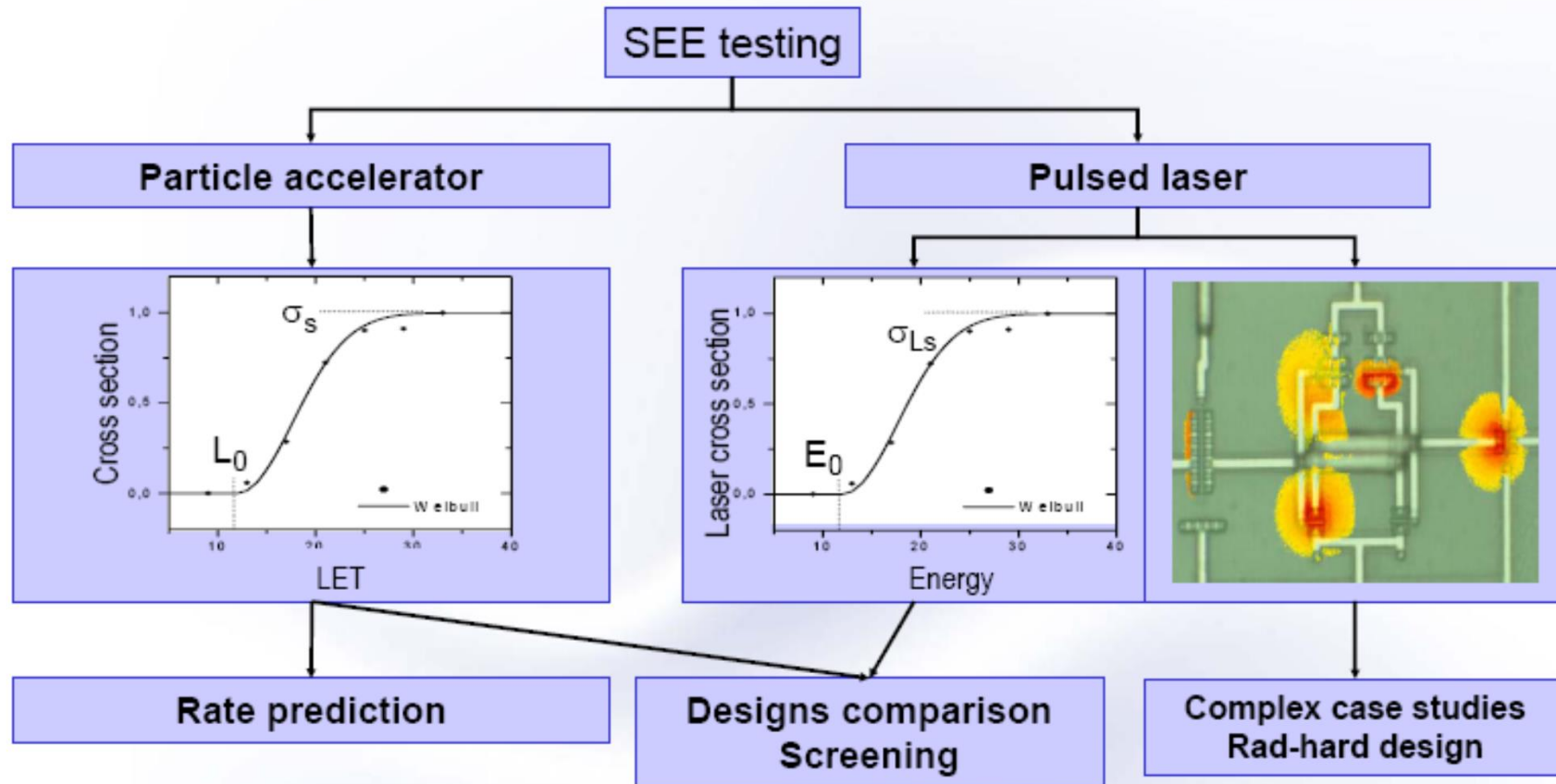
- Cheaper than accelerator
- Easy to handle
- Laser beam and trigger control

## Disadvantage

- Special sample preparation required
- Lack of correlation with particle testing
- Low penetration



# SEE Laser Testing

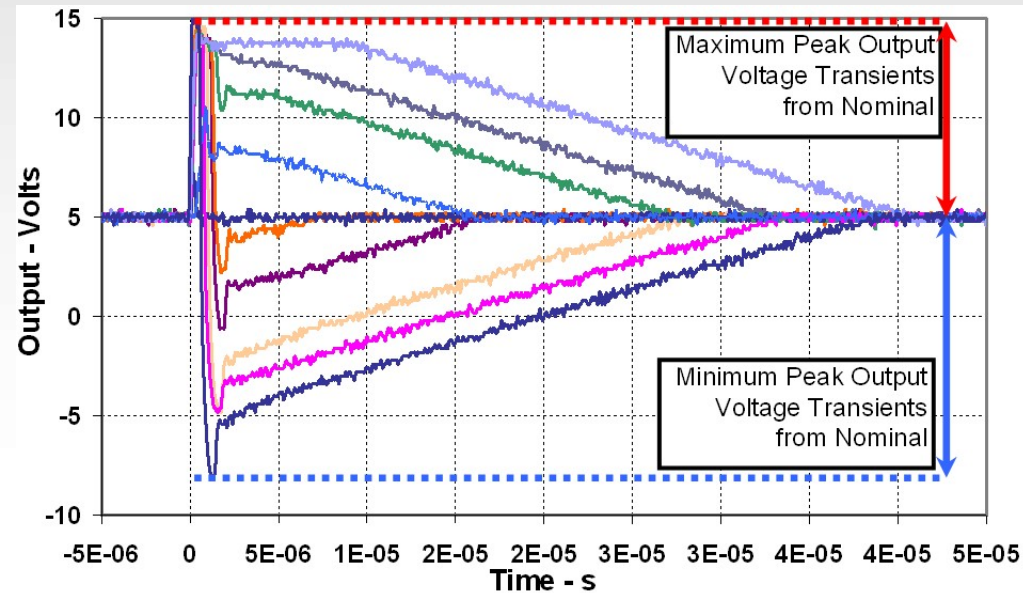
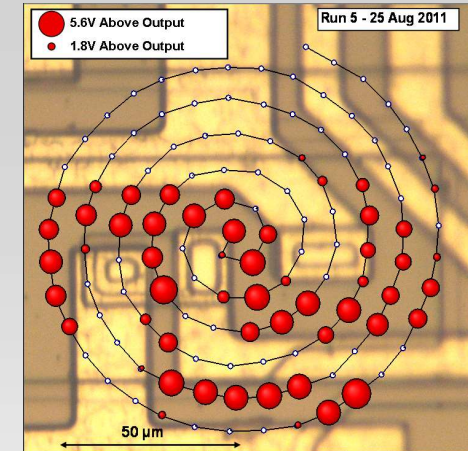
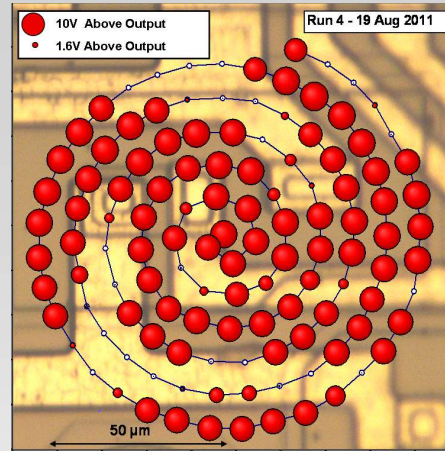
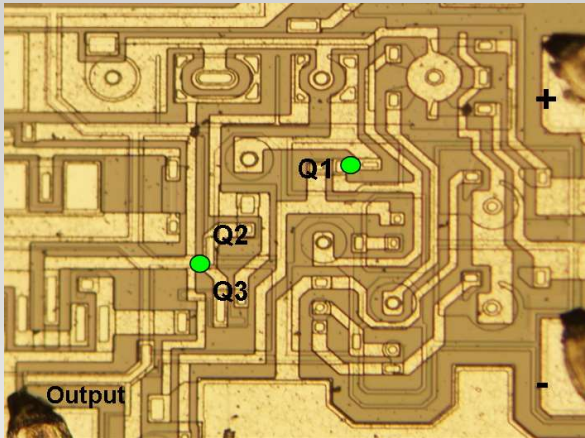


## Laser Beam Testing and Analysis of Integrated Circuits

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# SET Laser Testing Example - LM124



Final Report on Laser SET Testing of Analog Integrated Circuits. Ref: DR 39811  
MBDA - Andrew Chugg Head of Radiation Effects & EMC

# Simulation and other radiation assessments

## Emulation Hardware / Software

Fault injection (FI) tools try to emulate the device response to a perturbation, producing a change in one or several logical states, and assessing the impact in the device functioning. Several effects can be studied: SEU, MBU and also SET in digital devices.

These tools are normally used to debug device design errors and hardening the design to certain situations.

The FI tools look for: controllability, observability, low intrusiveness, speed and cost.

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# Simulation and other radiation assessments

## Emulation Hardware / Software

**There are two main FI simulation techniques:**

### **Simulation base on software** **Fault injection (SBFI):**

The simulation is made with a computer using the DUT description in VHDL. It has the following advantages of:

- high observability
- high controllability
- flexibility
- no prototype needed

In general is a slow process.

### **Hardware Fault injection** **(HWFI):**

The simulation is made using a hardware platform, in which the perturbed device functioning is simulated and compared with a gold device. It has de advantage of:

- high speed

But you need to have at least a prototype, and its structure is more rigid.

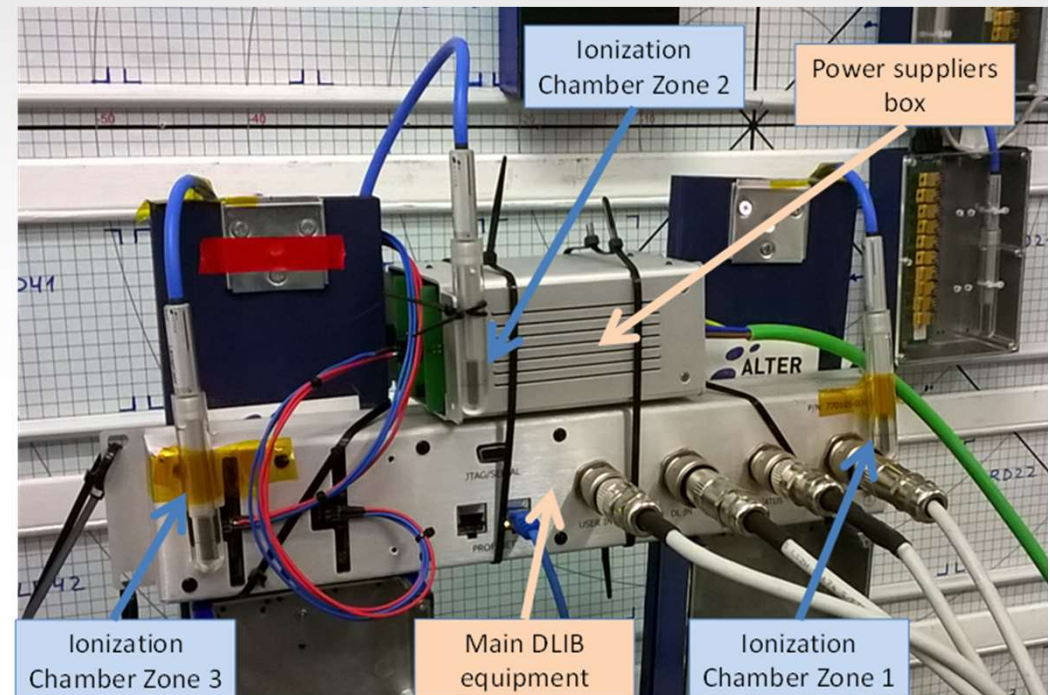
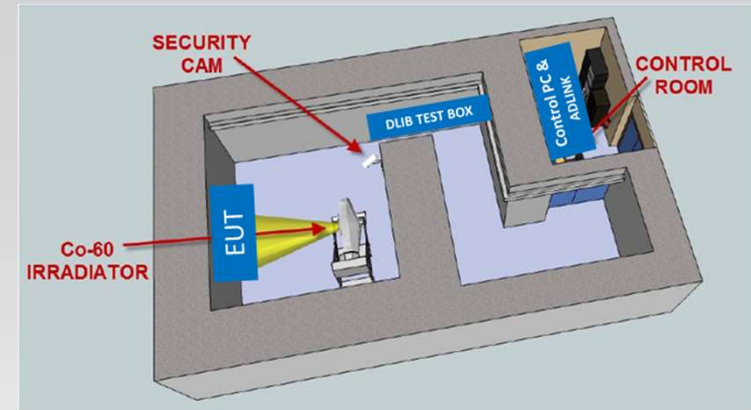
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# Radiation Test at Equipment Level.

## ITER DLIB EXAMPLE

### Followed process:

- Initial review of BOM list regarding radiation.
- Some test at component level
- Radiation test plan after assessment of DLIB structure and project requirements.
- Electrical test set-up
- Irradiation test and annealing.
- Data collection and analysis



# Some Conclusions.

1. The Radiation Effects are a set of phenomena of increase importance.
2. The TID, DD and SEE are key factors to determine the electronic system reliability in certain applications / environments, especially for Space.
3. To improve the radiation hardness at component level, we should use all the available techniques: part selection, TCAD, emulation, radiation testing,.....
4. The easier and faster way to gather the desired device radiation information, when design / technology information is not available, is to perform radiation testing with the specific application conditions (test it as you flight it).



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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