



**Wojtek Hajdas :: LTP/ DIAPP :: Paul Scherrer Institut**

# Applied Particle Physics - Irradiation Facilities for Components Testing at PSI

**LTP Monday Seminar 25.06.2018**



- 1. Spacecraft environments and radiation in space
	- a. European Components Irradiation Facilities
	- b. Why PSI and why protons? 1<sup>st</sup> latch-up in space
- 2. Radiation effects …general
- 3. Radiation hardness test definition
- 4. ESA test methods / radiation hardness characterization
- 5. Effects examples from two missions: Galileo and POLAR
- 6. Space radiation environment: solar, cosmic, trapped, Jovian
- 7. Models vs. reality / example from RHESSI
- 8. PSI exposure facilities for radiation effects
	- a. Accelerators
	- b. Protons PIF
	- c. Electrons EMON
	- d. Electrons piM1
- 9. Detection system and dosimetry
	- a. Standard detector technology
	- b. New developments / Propix II (m)
	- c. PSI detectors for space RADEM (m)
- 10. Operation and users



# Spacecraft environment

## **Spacecraft environment**

- **Pre-operational and Operational**
- **Launch phase**
	- Vibration
	- Acoustics
	- Shock and acceleration
	- Thermal
	- Pressure
- **Operational**
	- **Solar radiation**
	- **Ionizing radiation**
	- **Charging**
	- **Meteorites**
	- Debris
	- Thermal
	- Earth orbit environment





# European Components Irradiation Facilities

## **ECIF for studies of radiation effects in lab**

- HIF / Belgium
- RADEF / Finland
- PIF / Switzerland
- CASE / The Netherlands

#### *Other European Sites:*

- *TSL / Uppsala / Sweden*
- *GANIL / France*
- *GSI, COSY / Germany*
- *AGOR / The Netherlands*
- *Catania*



*…*



# Why PSI, why protons? 1<sup>st</sup> Latch-up in space

- Earth Resource Satellite launched in July 1991 into 784 km orbit
- The Precision Range and Range Rate Equipment shuts down 5 days later
- Reason 9W overcurrent lasting 32s; the instrument did not restart anymore
- Switch-off occurred at the South Atlantic Anomaly
- ESA, PSI (R. Henneck) and University of Stuttgart exposed PRARRE to protons at OPTIS
- System behavior confirmed and latch-up found in CMOS RAM (at  $F^{\sim}3.10^7$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>!)







Radiation effects … broad view

#### **Relevant for tests at PSI**

Single Event Effects **SEE**

- Mostly in nuclear processes
- Critical charge
- Sensitive volume

#### Displacement Damage **DD**

- Lifetime damage
- Carrier removal
- Mobility







## Radiation hardness test definition





## **ESTEC - EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE**

### **ECSS - EUROPEAN COOPERATION FOR SPACE STANDARDAZATION**

• Standard documents

Radiation test specifications and procedures

**ECSS-Q-ST-70-06C Annex B**

Radiation test report

**ECSS-Q-ST-70-06C Annex C** 

Request for radiation test

**ECSS-Q-ST-70-06C Annex A**

- Applicable documents
	- Single Event Effects Test Method and Guidelines
	- Total Dose Steady-state Irradiation Test Method
	- Radiation Design Handbook



# Example-1 of effects in space – Galileo

Galileo - NASA mission to Jupiter Launch 1989, operation 1995 – 2003 Most instruments affected by radiation Displacement Damage:

- *- Dark current*
- *- Response uniformity*
- *- Electronic chain degradation*
- *- Sensor current consumption etc.* Single Event Effects:
- *- Upsets*
- *- Transients*
- *- Latch-ups*
- *Stacked bits etc.*

## In the meantime things just … evaluated





# Example-2 of effects in space – POLAR

#### POLAR – novel hard X-ray polarimeter (CH-CN)

- Launched in Sep 2016 on Chinese TG2
- Goal polarimetry of Gamma Ray Bursts (linked to GW)
- PSI electronics onboard: Frontends and Central Unit
- High Voltage unit lost on 31.03.2017 catastrophic failure
- Location at SAA boarder
- Reasons unclear: charging, protons …

*(see polar.psi.ch , POLAR PSI Data Center by Hualin Xiao)*



chain temp





Space radiation environment

#### Real, dynamic, wide-ranging and costly



#### **Solar Events**

Solar energetic particles

Geo-storms; particle injections

## **Trapped Radiation**

Proton belt Electron belts South Atlantic Anomaly Human made

## **Cosmic Rays**

Galactic

Anomalous

## **Jupiter Radiation Environment**

## **Hot Plasma**

*Testing on ground is indispensable* 



## **Solar flares** Electron rich Lasting hours **Coronal mass ejections** Proton rich Lasting days

*Solar energetic particles can cause doses of even ~10 krad*

See e.g. srem.web.psi.ch for observations of PSI designed ESA Standard Radiation Environment Monitor SREM





#### **Galactic Cosmic Rays GCR**

Low intensities High penetration High energies > GeV/n High LET  $> 10<sup>4</sup>$  MeV/g/cm<sup>2</sup>

#### **Anomalous Cosmic Rays ACR**

Reaching tens MeV/n Weakly ionized

- GCR mainly responsible for Single Events Effects
- In longer missions also for Displacement Damage and Total Ionizing Dose effects
- ACR effects often negligible



#### *GRC iron spectra behind Al-shielding*



*GRC LET spectra with two different ranges of elements*



# Trapped protons I.

## **Proton Radiation Belt and South Atlantic Anomaly SAA**

- Partially responsible for Single Event Effects
- Major agent for Displacement Damage
- Energies above hundred MeV
- Shielding partly effective
- Typical doses  $\sim$  10 rad/day
- Peak energies after shielding ~50-60 MeV
- Proton belt is relatively stable



*AP8MIN omnidirectional proton flux (p/cm<sup>2</sup> /s)*



*Proton spectra behind Al-shielding (97 inc., 500 km)*



# Trapped protons II.

## **Proton Radiation Belt and South Atlantic Anomaly SAA**

- SAA dominates at low altitudes and inclinations
- Caused by offset and tilt between geo-magnetic axis and Earth rotation axis
- The belt is intruding to lower altitudes
- Both protons and electrons are present
- *ISS also crosses SAA (fast passage ~20%)*





*Magnetic field contours for 500 km altitude*



*TG2 Radiation monitor rate map with SAA (6.3.2017)*



## **Radiation Belts:**

#### **inner, outer and SAA**

- Major agent for total ionizing dose
- Energies up to few MeV
- Highly dynamic, sensitive to storms
- Extends behind GEO orbit
- Shielding effective (local, thin plates)
- Typical doses  $\sim$  10 rad/day
- Causes bremsstrahlung





*Electrons flux data from NOAA satellites (E>1MeV)*

*AE8 model omnidirectional electron flux (e/cm<sup>2</sup> /s)*



## Jupiter radiation environment





# Models vs. reality / example from RHESSI

## **ECSS Standard models**

- AE8 trapped electrons
- AP8 trapped proton

*- Static, isotropic models based on limited dataset for solar minimum and maximum - Not suited for low altitude and inclination* ESA estimated accuracy at factor of 2-3

#### **New development – AE9 and AP9**

- with uncertainties and errors in data
- based on probabilities with Monte Carlo Tend to predict higher fluxes than AP8/AE8



*Comparison of AX8 and AX9 models for LEO orbit*



*Electron rate in RHESSI monitor vs. rotation angle*



# PSI exposure facilities for radiation effect studies

- Proton Irradiation Facility operates continuously since 1992
- Connected to COMET cyclotron of the Proton Therapy Center
- Priorities given by patient exposure plan
- Other exposure sides and particles are also utilized:
	- $-$  piM1 secondary beam area with electrons, pions and protons
	- $-$  Electron mono-chromator with monoenergetic electrons from beta sources
- Main functions:
	- User-lab for radiation effects studies in electronics
	- Realistic simulator of space radiation environment
	- $-$  Source of mono-energetic particles for rad-tests
	- Calibration station for monitors and detectors
	- Radiation qualification for space technologies



*NA area with COMET cyclotron and exposure sites*



# COMET Compact Medical Therapy Cyclotron

- Facility of the PSI Proton Therapy Center
- Designer H. Blosser, MSU/USA
- Delivered by VARIAN
- 250 MeV fixed energy
- Mass 90 tons
- Intensity range 0-1000 nA
- In operation since 2007







# Proton Irradiation Facility

- Initial energies: 230, 200, 150, 100, 74 MeV
- Energies after degrader: 230 MeV to 6 MeV
- Max intensity: 2 nA ( $E > 200$ ) 10 nA ( $E < 100$ )
- Flux range  $10^2 2.10^8$  p/sec/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Profiles Gaussian-like: FWHM 9 cm
- Max beam diameter of 90 mm
- Options: focused (6 mm  $\phi$ ) or flat beam
- User adapted dosimetry and test flow
- Standard calibrations runs and checks / fluxes, profiles, scaling









## Electron monochromator

- Simple bending magnet and strong electron source in large vacuum chamber
- Flux control system constructed; Si-detector with dedicated DAQ
- XY-table with remote sample control; support with TV cameras and illumination
- Two units:
	- PSI
	- ESTEC



*Si-sensor and DAQ system (left) Monochromator chamber (right)*



*Intensity curve for 90Sr source; Sidetector 2 cm from beam exit*



High energy electrons in piM1 I.

- Adapting secondary beam area piM1 of PSI large cyclotron
- Positive and negative particles possible
- Clean electrons beams from about 10 MeV up to 100 MeV
- Protons available up to 70 MeV
- Pions and muons from 100 MeV/c to 350 MeV/c





*piM1 Test area: beam exit and PIP-JUICE setup Beam contamination level as function of momentum*



# High energy electrons in piM1 II.

- Typical intensities:  $2.10^5 1.10^7$  /s and fluxes:  $2.10^3 5.10^5$  /cm<sup>2</sup>/s
- FWHM between 4 cm and 10 cm
- Well suited for studies of instrument shielding and calibration
- Too low fluxes for TID tests; other test areas studied



#### *Electron beam parameters in piM1 area.*



*Electron flux vs. momentum*



# Detector technology and dosimetry

- Plastic or Silicon detector to calibrate the beam
- Real time dosimetry uses two ionization chambers IC
- Profiles are measured with pixelated IC, plastic scans or luminescence foils





# Dosimetry I. ESA SEU Monitor

- Developed in 2005 by R.H. Sorensen (ESA-ESTEC) and HIREX
- Based on ATMEL AT60166F 16Mbit SRAM, version 2009
- Carefully calibrated at ESA facilities; tens of units at different test sites
- Easy comparison of measured and expected flux values







# Dosimetry II. new PIF pixel ionization chamber

- Standard ionization chamber components
- Sensitive, improved readout electronics
- Easy data acquisition system
- Easy setup and operation
- Fast beam profiling
- Very wide dynamic range













# Dosimetry II. new PIF pixel ionization chamber

- Standard ionization chamber components
- Sensitive, improved readout electronics
- Easy data acquisition system
- Easy setup and operation
- Fast beam profiling
- Very wide dynamic range











## Detector technology I. RADEM for ESA JUICE

#### **Radiation Hard Electron Monitor RADEM**



*RADEM EM currently at PSI for particle tests Final delivery – December 2019*













## Detector technology II. RADEM for ESA JUICE











## Detector technology II. RADEM for ESA JUICE





PAUL SCHERRER INSTITUT

 $\blacksquare$ 







**RIME** antenna PEP/NU PEP/JENI **RADEM RIME/Matching network**  $SAS + Z$ 



## Operation and users I.

- Operation: weekends and nights; usually 2-3weekends/month
- Flexible, user-specific test arrangement
- Fast, uncomplicated set-up and operation
- Automated irradiations
- Standard sample frame (as at HIF, RADEF and Brookhaven)
- Irradiation usually in air
- Typical laboratory apparatus available (also vacuum chambers)



**Statistics for 2017**



# Operation and users II.







# Wir schaffen Wissen – heute für morgen

