

# X-Ray source for irradiation tests @Marseille

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# Context

- CPPM has a partnership with IM2NP another laboratory based in Marseille. We share the use of an Xray machine with them.
- Main motivation: assume the specifications of RD53B chip (1 Grad then 500 Mrad @ -15 °C).
- Since 2018 we have started working with this machine.
- Firstly we irradiated, at room temperature, 65 nm transistors chip to check the TID effect and compare with previous results obtained at CERN. This step allowed us to cross-check the calibration of our X-ray tube.
- Irradiation of PCM in TSMC 65nm.
- 2019: characterization of SLDO , irradiation of several RD53A chips at high and low dose rate, still at room temperature.
- In parallel, we were developing a cooling system based on Peltier.
- 2021: ready for our first irradiations at low temperature in collaboration with IJC Lab group.
  - Concern the ITKPixV1 chip

# Irradiation system

- X-ray machine (Thermofisher (ex Inel)
  - Generator Model Equinox3000 (400 W limited)
- Crossed movements table (PI Model VT-80).
  - Manual Z movement
    - Accuracy around  $\pm 1\text{mm}$
- Printed 3D support for X-Ray detector and samples

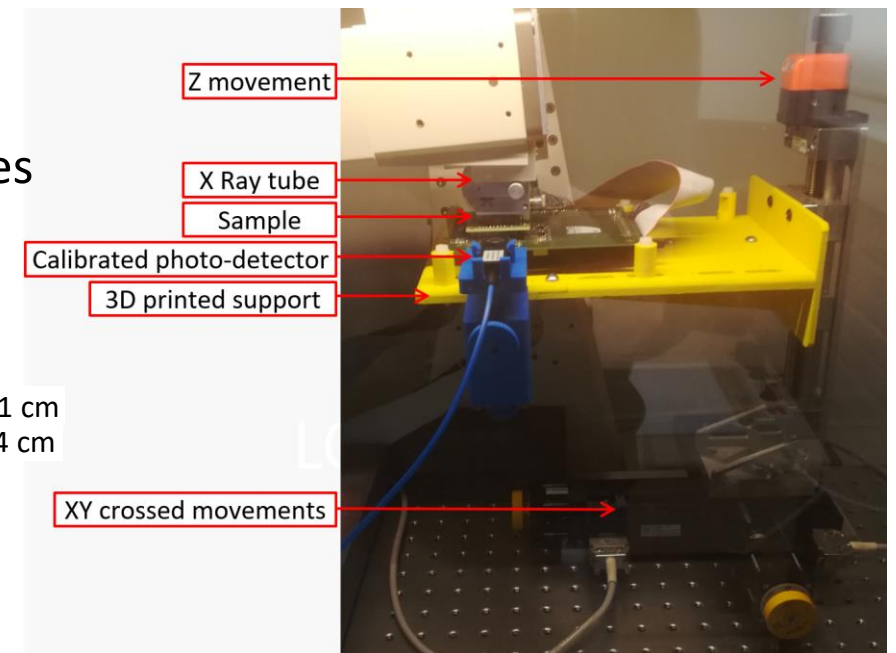


X-Ray generator  
(Equinox3000)

X-Ray generator	
Target material	Tungsten (peak@10 keV)
Dose rate	Up to 1,3Mrad(SiO <sub>2</sub> )/hour max.
Supply voltage	20 kV max.
Tube current	20 mA max. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} - 20 \text{ mA} : \text{HDR}^* 20 \text{ krad/mn @1 cm} \\ - 2,5 \text{ mA} : \text{LDR}^{**} \sim 1 \text{ krad/mn @4 cm} \end{array} \right.$
Al filter	120 $\mu\text{m}$
Temperature	Troom and LowT <sup>***</sup>

Linear stage	
Travel range	150 mm max.
Velocity	20 mm/s max.
Repeatability	$\pm 10 \mu\text{m}$

Main features of our system



Example of an irradiation test setup  
(Transistors test @ Troom)

\* : HDR=High Dose Rate  
 \*\* : LDR = Low Dose Rate  
 \*\*\*: LowT = -15°C @Load 0.5W/cm<sup>2</sup>

# X-Ray sensors/calibration

- Beam characteristics can be done with an ionization chamber (Type 23342)
  - Coupled with an « universal » dosimeter (UNIDOS E type 10008)
  - Give a direct reading of the dose rate
  - Afraid to overvalued it...
- Comparison with PIN diode (calibrated @CERN (EP/ESE group))



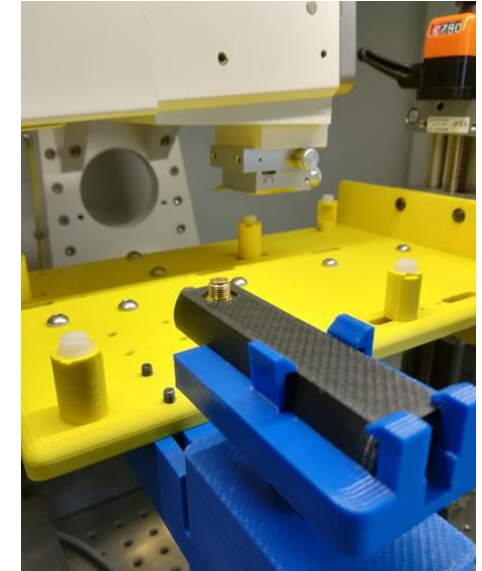
X-Ray Chamber  
(Type 23342)

X-Ray Chamber (Model TM23342)		AXUVH5 (PIN diode)	
Sensitive volume	0.02 cm <sup>3</sup>	Sensitive area	1 mm <sup>2</sup>
Detection range	8 - 35 keV	Dark current	2 nA
Leakage current	±10fA	Reverse Voltage	50 V
Nominal response	1nC/Gy	Packaging	SMA

Main features of X-Ray Sensors

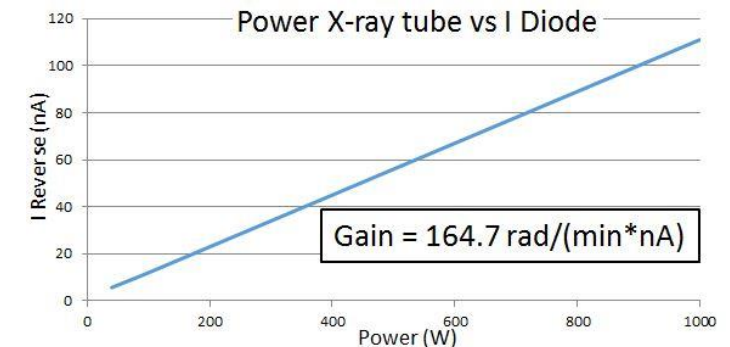


PIN diode  
(AXUVH5)



PIN diode on its mechanical support

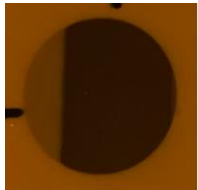
- ARACOR commercial irradiation system
- 3000 W (60 kV - 50 mA max.)
- 120 μm Al filter (to keep the deposited dose uniform)
- Pre-calibrated Quantrad sensor
- Extraction of the PIN diode real gain
  - Dose rate conversion



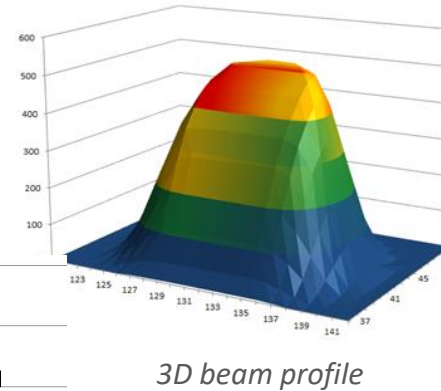
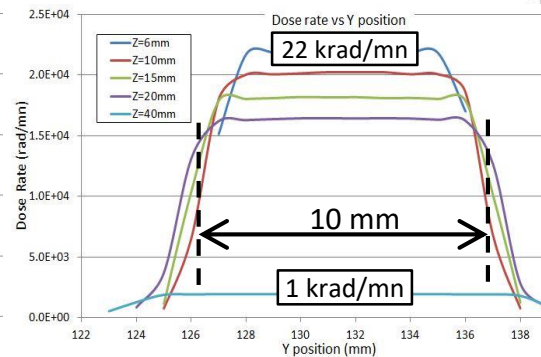
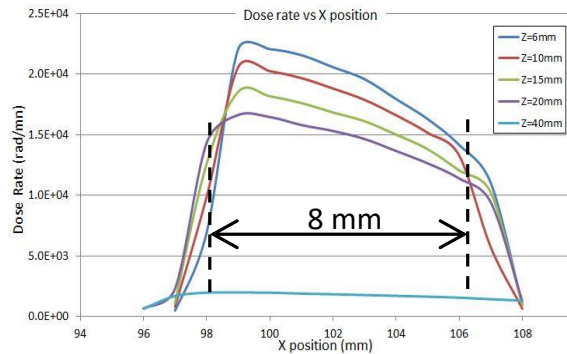
Extracted gain of AXUVH5 (@20 kV)

# Beam profile / 1<sup>st</sup> irradiations

- Extraction of the beam profile
  - Characterization at different Z positions
  - Non uniformity in X position (~30%)



Beam spot photography



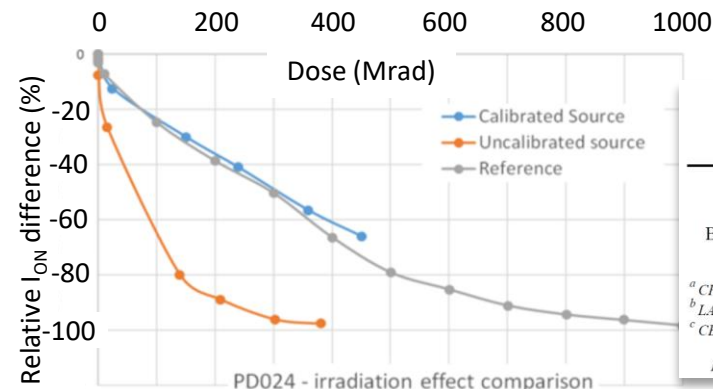
3D beam profile



Transistors test bench

X Y beam profile versus distance of the tube

- Irradiation campaign of TSMC65nm transistors chips
  - Comparison with a previous campaign carried out @CERN
  - Cross-check the calibration of our system



PD024 - irradiation effect comparison

≠ TID effects on PMOS 240/60nm (@Troom)

## 1-Grad Total Dose Evaluation of 65 nm CMOS Technology for the HL-LHC Upgrades

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# Resistances irradiation test results

- 6 types of resistors available in TSMC65nm technology have been irradiated (@Troom)

Name	Material	Well type
RNOD	Oxide	N
RNODWO	Oxide without silicide	N
RNPOLY	Polysilicon	N
RNPOLYWO	Polysilicon without silicide	N
RPPOLY	Polysilicon	P
RPPOLYWO	Polysilicon without silicide	P

*Resistors list for TSMC65 technology*

- Dose rate ~1 Mrad/hour
- TID: 700 Mrad
- RPPOLYWO

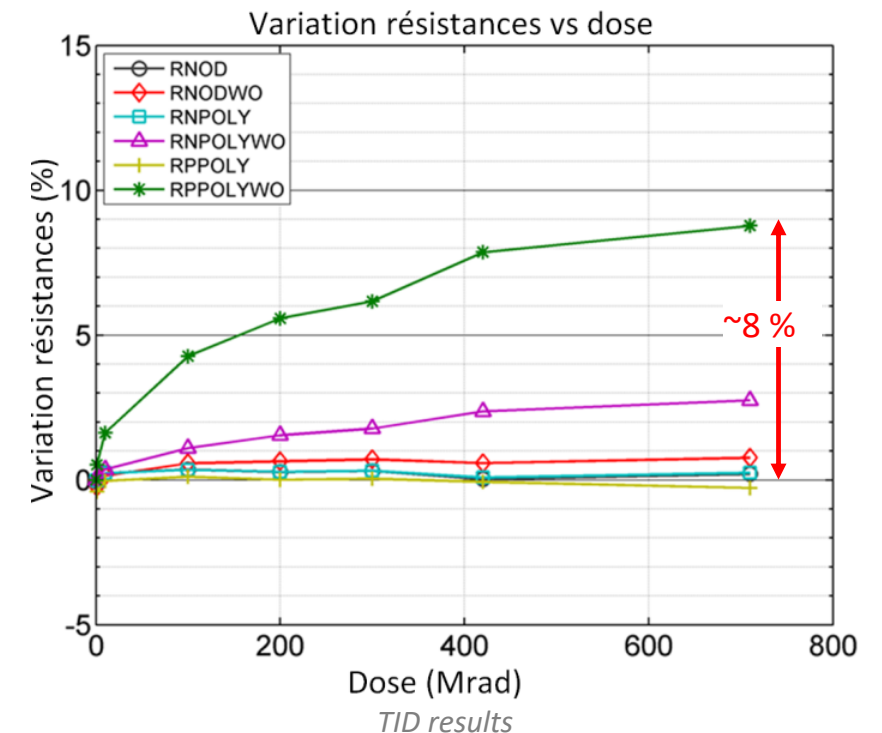
- Advantages:

- High resistivity
- Low temperature variation

- Drawback:

- 8% total variation @700 Mrad
- 3 % for RNPOLYWO (not recommended)

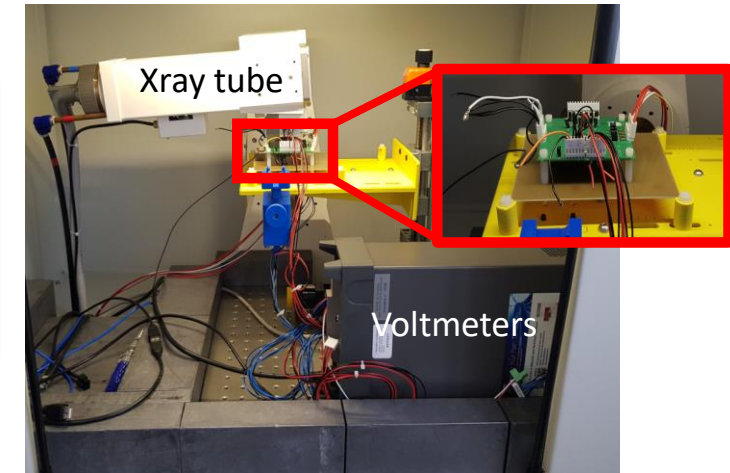
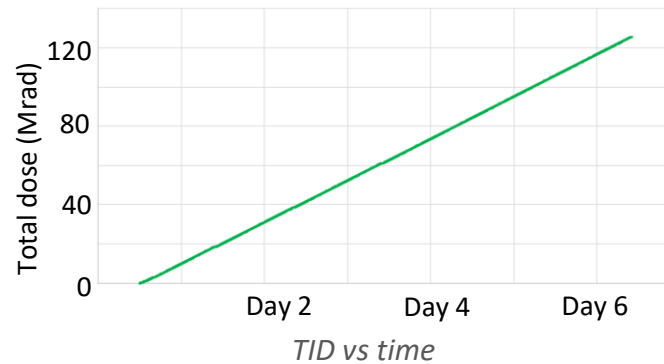
- Results presented in collaboration to avoid the use of RxPOLYWO resistances in analog designs



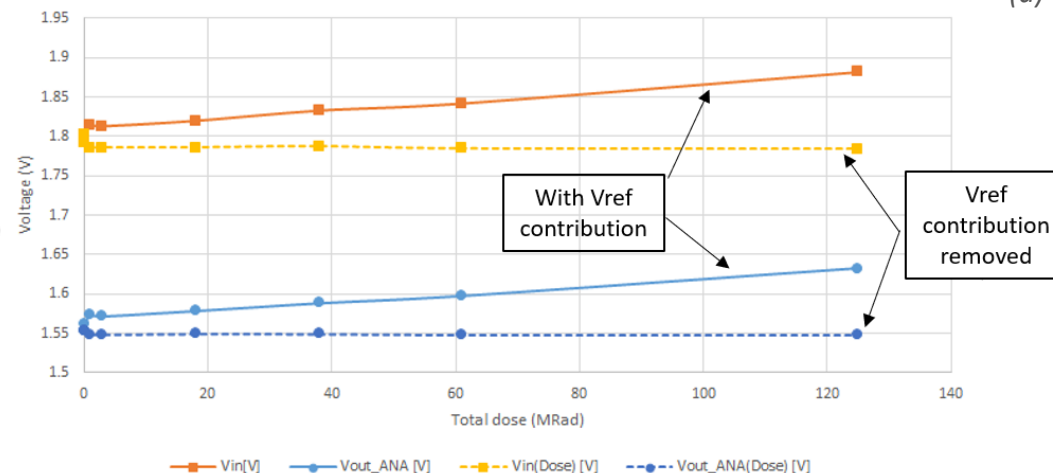
# shunt-LDO irradiation test results

- A TowerJazz shunt-LDO (TJ180nm) has been designed @CPPM for depleted CMOS pixel developments

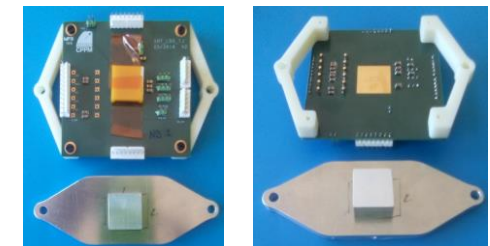
- 1,8 V-2 A max,  $\sim 50 \text{ W/cm}^2$  (chip size:  $7 \text{ mm}^2$ )
- Need dedicated PCB for power dissipation
  - Chip on board on thermal planes
- $T_{\text{CHIP}} < 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  during irradiations
- TID: 125 Mrad
- Dose rate:  $\sim 1 \text{ Mrad/hour}$
- Analog Voltages monitoring
  - $V_{\text{IN}}, V_{\text{REF}}, V_{\text{OUT}}$



Vin & Vout vs Dose - with and without Vref contribution



(a)



(b)


(a): SLDO irradiation test bench  
(b): dedicated PCB

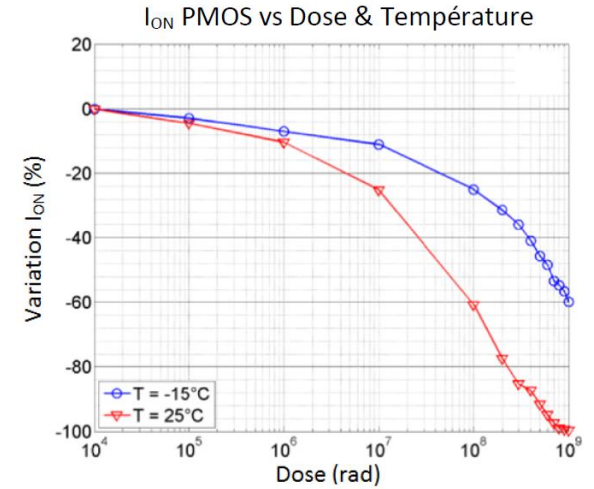
- Results:

- $V_{\text{OUT}}$  variation: 3 % @ 125 Mrad
- $\Delta V_{\text{OUT}} < 1 \%$  (consider  $V_{\text{REF}}$  contribution)

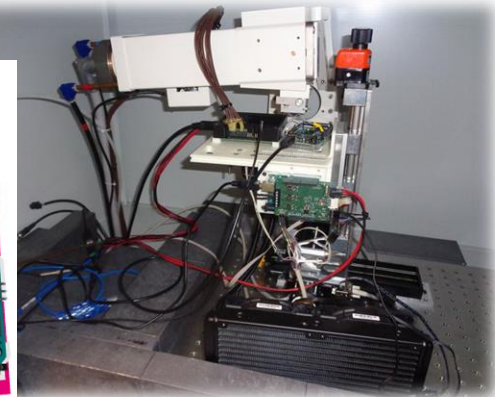
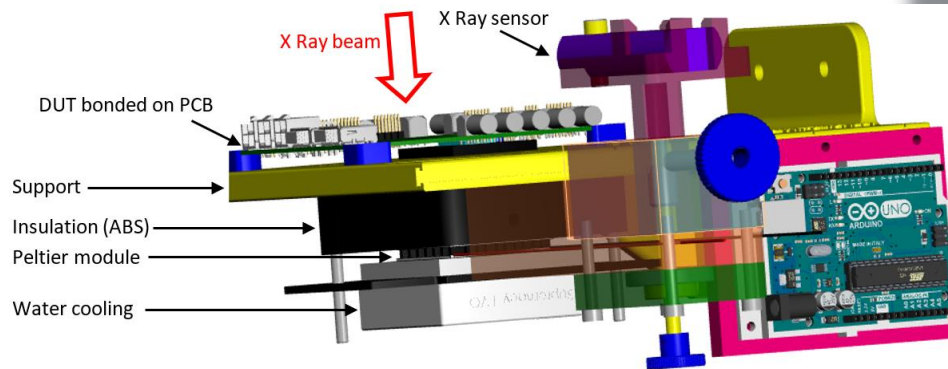
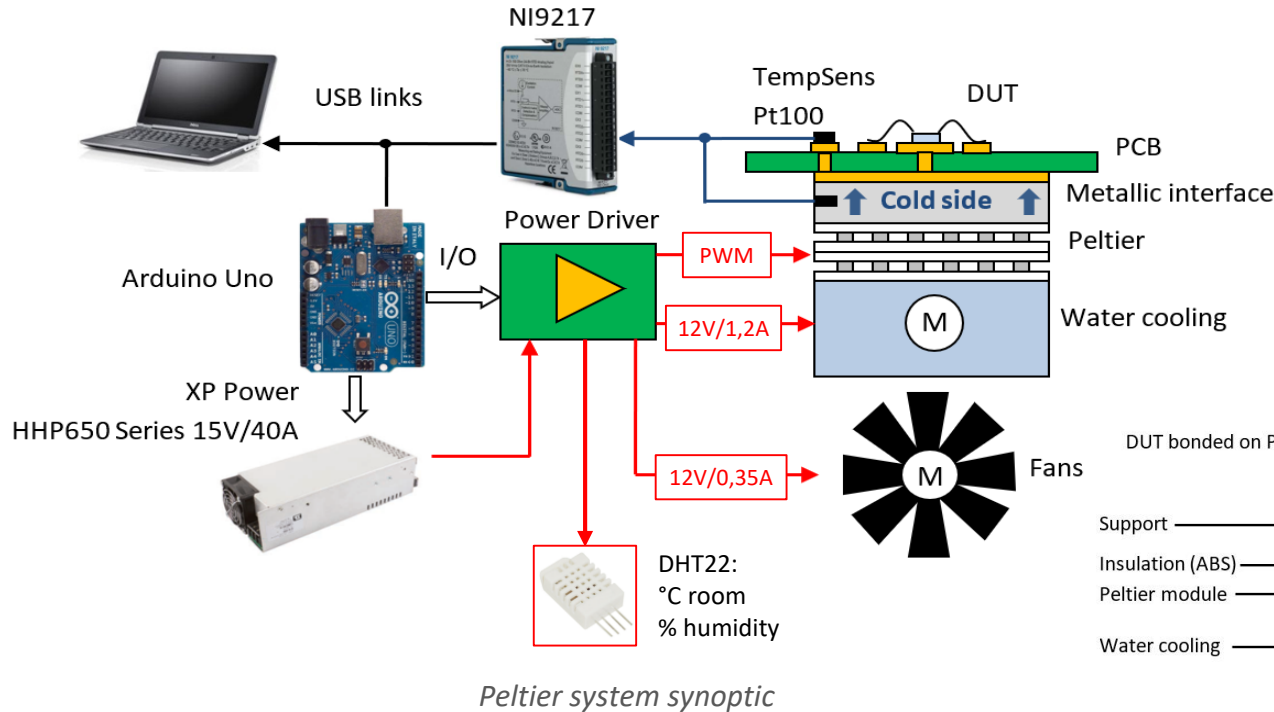


# Low °C option

- Test system requires a Low °C option during irradiation 
  - Technologies can show an other behavior
  - Power components (SLDO) need a constant °C
- Development of a cooling system (based on a Peltier module)
  - Irradiation with a minus regulated temperature (~-15 °C)



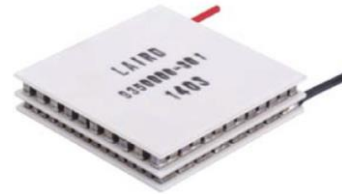
$I_{ON}$  TID degradation vs °C (PMOS-TSMC65nm)



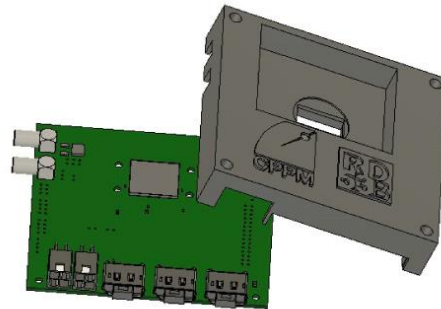
# Low °C performances

## • Cooling system features

- Double stage Peltier module
  - 15 V / 7 A
  - $Q_{max} = 40 \text{ W}$
- Water cooling + fans:
  - 12V / 1,5 A - 12V / 0,3 A (currents monitoring)
- Driven by Arduino Mega2560 (for final system)
- Power driver board
- Labview Software
  - LINX vi
  - Temperature, dew point monitoring
  - Temperature regulation
- Requirements:
  - a constant Troom, dry air for low T°C
  - Good insulation for irradiated sample



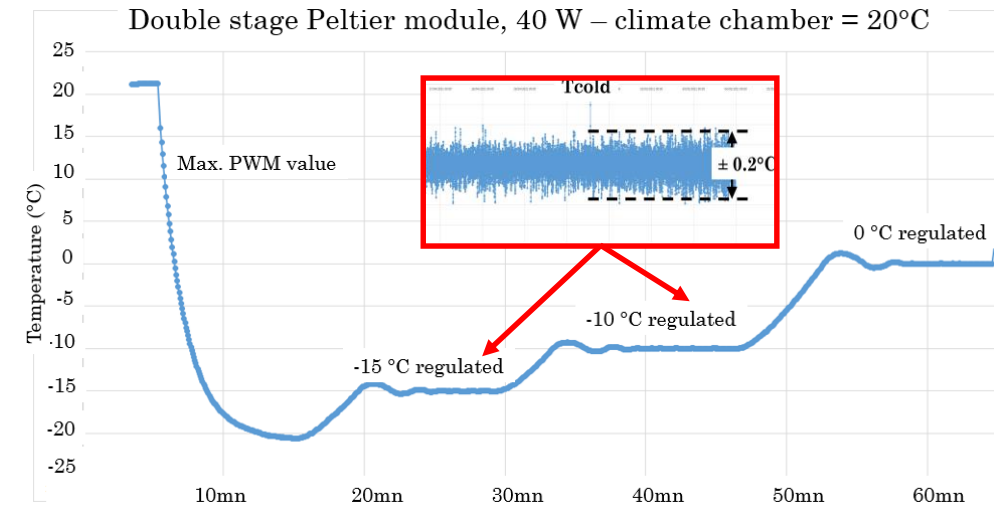
Peltier module (ref.: S2-192-14-20-11-18)



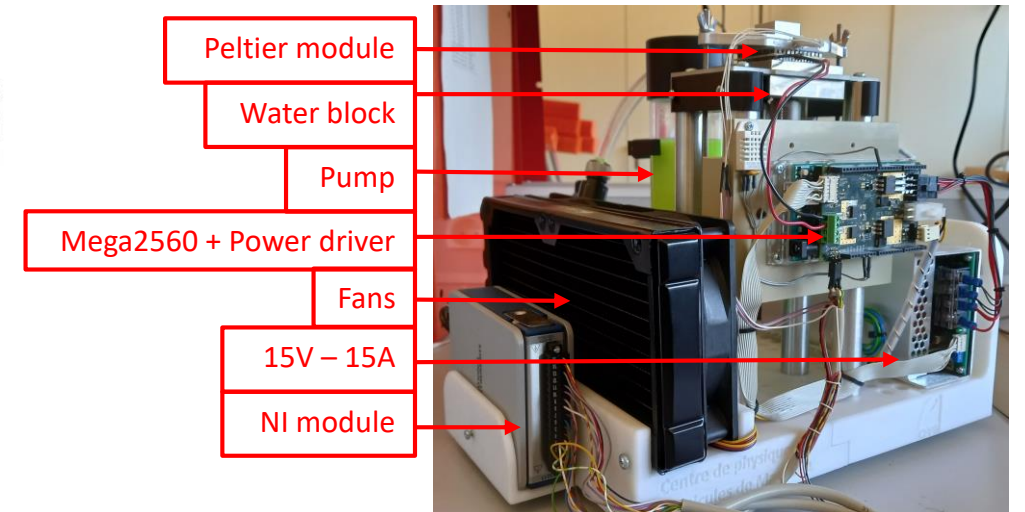
ITKPixV1 plastic insulation

## • 2 items have been produced

- 1 demonstrator (to control samples °C during tests)
- 1 irradiation support (to irradiate @LowT)



1<sup>st</sup> results of Peltier system in a climate chamber



Demonstrator bench with Peltier elements

# ITKPixV1 irradiation test preparation

- In collaboration with IJCLab (Jimmy Jeglot, Maurice Cohen-Solal, Yahya Khwaira, Abdenour Lounis, Slimani Cherif)

- Requirements from RD53 collaboration

- Calibration (cf.: slide 5)

- Pre-irradiation :

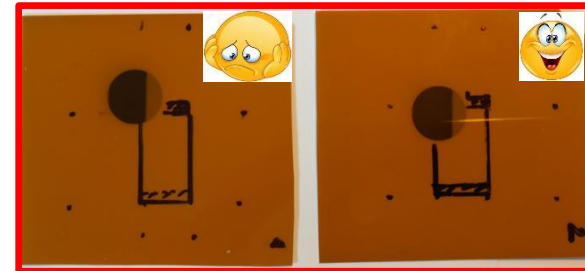
- LDO mode
- Check analog scans (Threshold, noise,...)
- Temp. sensors calibration
- Ring Oscillators calibration (vs  $T^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $V_{\text{DDD}}$ )
- $^{\circ}\text{C}$  @  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  on NTC
  - Reach  $\sim -6^{\circ}\text{C}$

- During irradiation :

- RO measurements each 100 krad
- Temperatures monitoring
- Sensors measurements (dose,  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- $V_{\text{DDD}}$ ,  $V_{\text{DDA}}$ ,  $V_{\text{REF}}$ 's monitoring

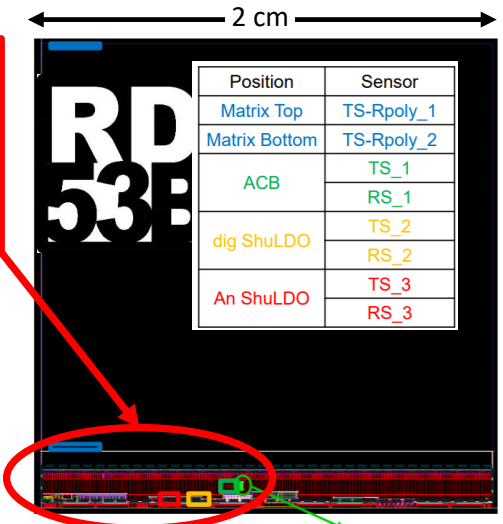
- Post-irradiation (annealing) :

- Turn OFF X-Ray tube, monitoring voltages, RO during 6 hours
- Check analog scans (Threshold, noise,...)
- Maintain @  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ , keep supplies ON and launch a periodic Voltages, RO monitoring

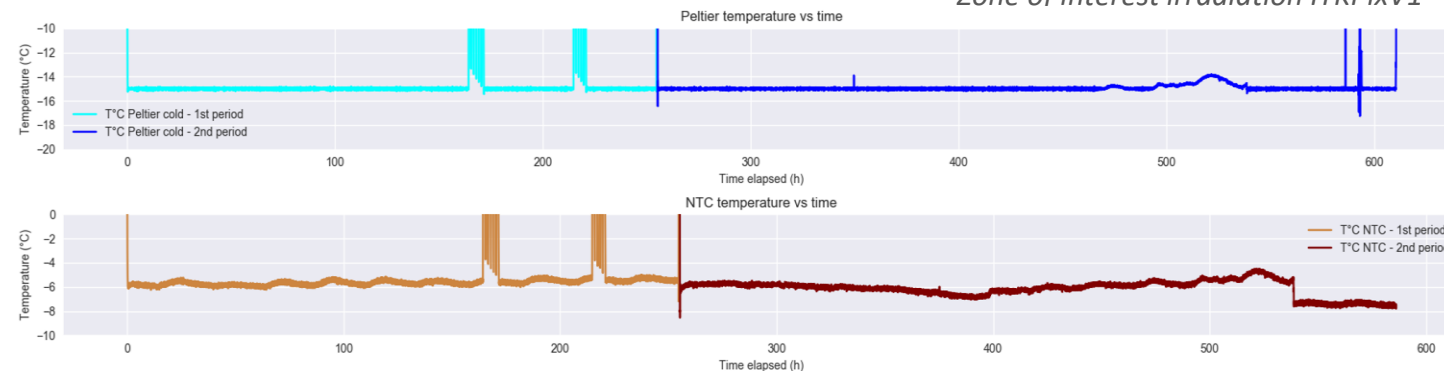


Checking beam position

- 3 rad sensors
- 3 temp sensors
- Ring Osc
- ADC monitoring
- LDO regulator



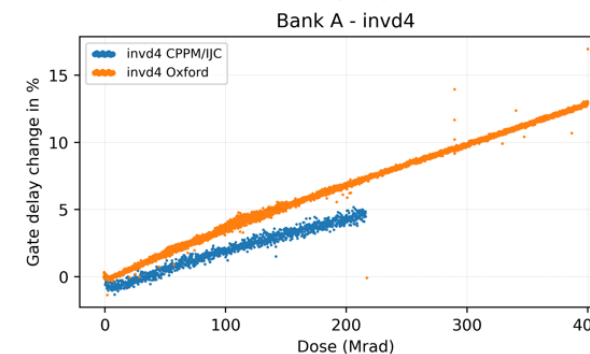
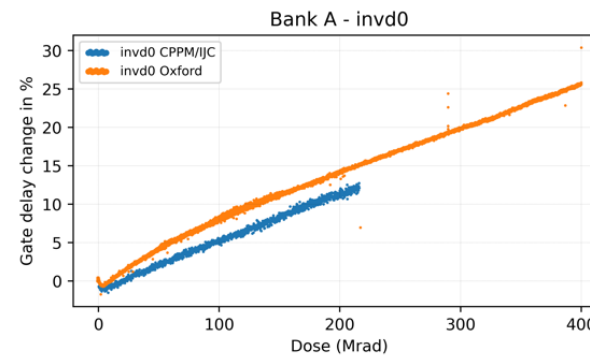
Zone of interest irradiation ITKPixV1



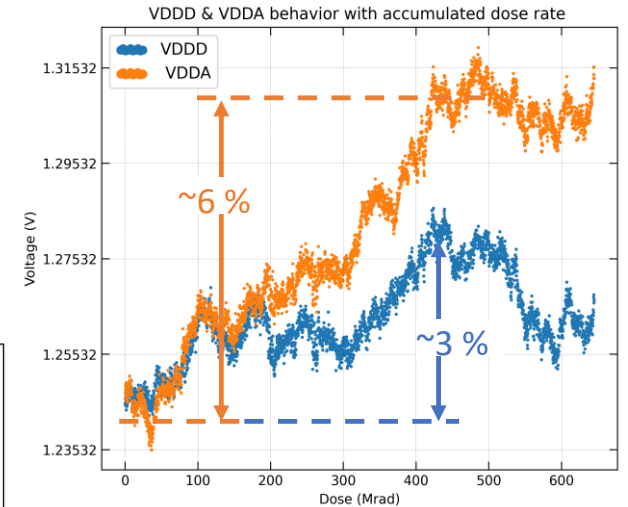
Temperature monitoring during irradiation

# ITKPixV1 irradiation test results

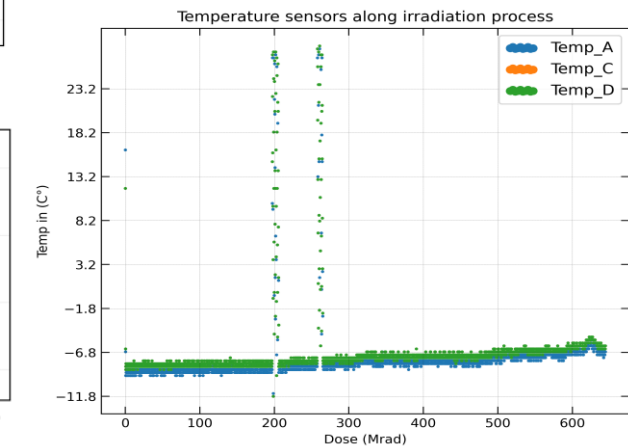
- 2 ITKPixV1 chips have been irradiated up to 650 Mrad
  - 20% TID correction (corresponds to real TID of 500 Mrad)
  - dose rate  $\sim 1,2$  Mrad/hour
- Tests were conducted in strong collaboration between CPPM and IJCLab
- The temperature is well controlled and stable around  $-8$  °C
  - Slight variation during irradiation
- The chip is in LDO mode
  - $V_{DD}$  and  $V_{DDA}$  are generated inside the chip by the regulator
- Drift of  $V_{DD}/V_{DDA}$  due to the reference voltages  $V_{REFA}/V_{REFD}$  shift
  - Up to 6 % for  $V_{DD}$
- On chip Ring Oscillators
  - Designed by IJCLab and used intensively for dose monitoring
  - $V_{REF}$  dependence for Ring Oscillators
    - results need to be normalized with other parameters:
      - $V_{DD}$ ,  $T$  °C
    - Increase for strength 0 gates up to 45%
      - Not used in the chip
    - Increase for strength 4 up to 28%
  - The results we obtained are compatible with those obtained by other institutes (CERN, Oxford, Bonn, Berkeley)



Comparison RO with results from Oxford



$V_{DD}$ 's variation RO versus dose

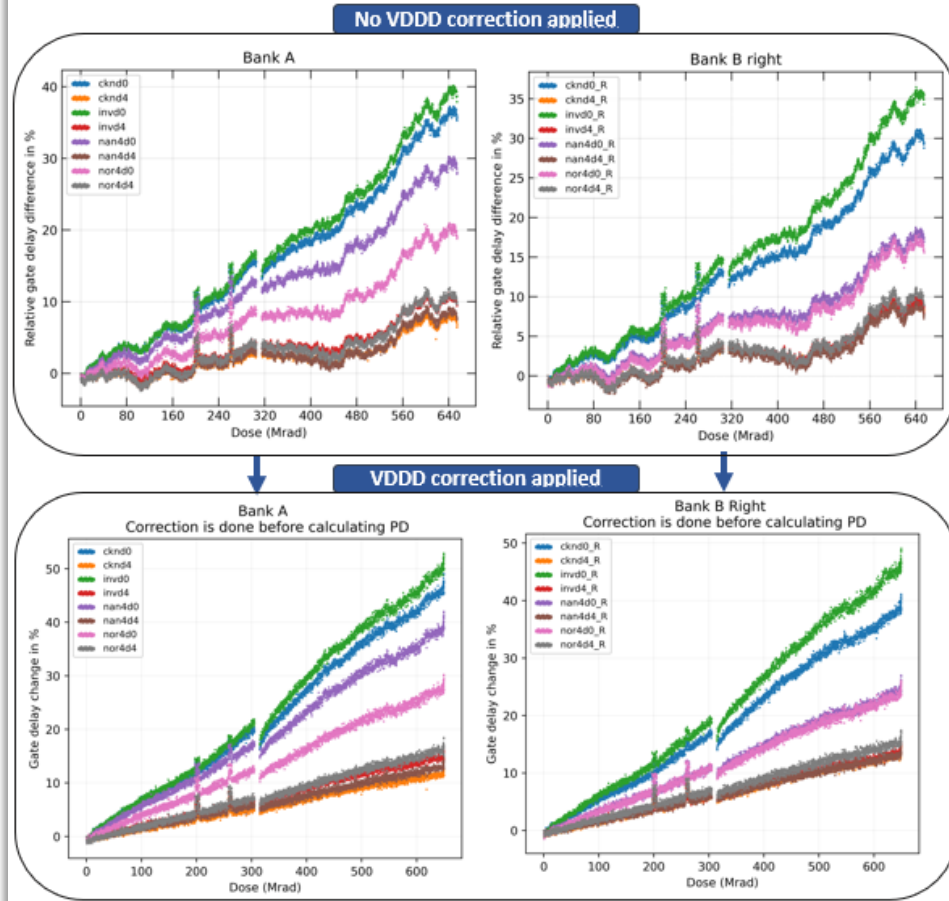


Temperature evolution versus dose



# Ring Oscillators results

## Ring Oscillator delays



- Propagation delay is calculated using the following equation:

$$t_{pd} = \frac{1}{2N_g f} \quad (1)$$

- In which ( $N_g$ ) is the number of gates for each ring oscillator and ( $f$ ) is the extracted frequency.

- Moreover, digital voltage correction will be applied on the raw frequency data to eliminate the VDDD oscillations. Using the equation:

$$(Freq)_{after\ Vddd\ cor} = Freq_{before\ Vddd\ cor} (1) + (slope_{Freq/VDDD})(1.24 - VDDD)$$

- Then, relative gate delay change in % is calculated with equation 1. With respect to a reference value at 0 rad, using the following equation:

$$Gate\ delay\ change\ in\ \% (GDC) = \frac{(Pd - Pd_{ref})}{Pd_{ref}} \times 100$$

# Conclusion

- Successful mutualization with IM2NP to have performed an irradiation system using a calibrated X-ray source
- Associated instrumentation offers an accurate system and a possibility to irradiate @Low Temperature
  - Dependent of environment
  - Ideal for prototypes
  - Limited with a big chip ( $0,5\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  -  $4\text{ cm}^2$  is critical)
- Still few modifications for an ultimate version
- 2 ITKPixV1 irradiation campaigns show some interesting results
  - Conform and comparable with other institutes
  - Data's from ring oscillators, sensors, V/Imux, etc have to be confirmed
  - Extraction of annealing data's are in progress
- Plan to irradiate ITKPixV1 @ Low Dose Rate ( $\sim 60$  krad/hour)