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On line radiation monitoring in the LHC machine with COTS ICs and RADFETs

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Objective

There is a considerable uncertainty on the radiation environment in the tunnel and on the radiation tolerance of equipment. The radiation monitoring system will help to reduce this uncertainty by providing an early warning as the radiation levels at the location of the equipment increase.

Functional requirements :

- → Measure radiation damage in Silicon
- → Monitor damage caused by : Single Events, Dose and MeV neutrons
 - \Rightarrow measure the 3 components of the field simultaneously and independently
 - **Direct ionisation**
 - **Cumulative ionisation**
 - Cumulative neutron damage
- → ~1 Hz time resolution on the measurements
- → Remote-online measurements (to keep maintenance to a minimum)
- Make data available to all equipment groups & operators via standard operational software

Radiation levels - global distribution









Shielding LHC tunnel (ARC) depends on

- → Thickness and type of material surrounding the beam pipe
- → Increase in thermal neutrons with increasing shielding
- → Increase in thermal neutron tail of spectra in presence of concrete walls/floor due to reflections
- → Particle spectra are independent on Incident particle (proton) energy if E_p > few GeV

Particle Spectra in LHC Test Facility





Radiation Test Facility

- → Dose rate 1 to 20 Gy [Si] per day
- → 1 MeV neutrons 8 x 10¹⁰ per Gy
- → 20 MeV hadrons 4 x 10⁹ per Gy



Typical particle spectra of high energy proton beam hitting a target

Layout & number of radiation monitors





Location of Junction box and monitors - ARC





Location of Junction box and monitors – RR,RE



Large RR (RR13,17,53,57)



Small RR (RR73,77)





Alcoves (RE 38,22)



Junction box

Radiation Monitoring – readout boards







Si Dosimeter V2.1 – August 2003

Si Dosimeter V2.2 – September 2003





Si Dosimeter V3.0 – April 2004 RADWG-RADMON day – 1 December 2004

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Radiation Sensors

SEU counter : Toshiba TC554001AF ->

- Measure radiation induced voltage spikes over a reversed biased p-n junction
- Number of "0-1 or 1-0" in SRAM direct _ proportional to the hadron fluence (E> 20 MeV)

Dose sensor : RADFET ->

- Measure trapped charge in gate oxide _
- I-V change proportional to TID _
- **Neutron sensor : SIEMENS BPW34** \rightarrow
 - Measure conductivity variation at high forward _ injection
 - I-V change proportional to 1 MeV eq. neutrons















- → Beam off remnant dose rates 1-2 mSv/hr
- → Measure with 4 different dosimeters (acknowledgement : SC/RP)



Eberline FHT191 N Ionisation chamber

- Energy range 35 keV ... 7 MeV
- Dose rate measurement from 10 nSv/h up to 10 Sv/h
- Suited for pulsed radiation fields

T&N Radfet 502

- Energy range ?
- Dose rate measurement from 100 nSv/h
- Suited for pulsed radiation fields



Automess Dose Rate Meter 6150AD6

- Energy range: 60 keV 1.3 MeV
- Dose rate measurement from 0.01 $\mu Sv/h$ 9.99 mSv/h
- Only for RP purposes

PMI – Ionisation chamber

- Energy range ?
- \bullet Dose rate measurement from 1 $\mu Sv/h$
- Not designed for pulsed radiation fields







- → PMITC010 0.46 mSv/hr
- → Eberline FHT191N 0.59 mSv/hr
- ➔ Automess 6150AD6 0.56 mSv/hr
- → Radfet 0.53 mSv/hr

Radiation board



- → Mandatory when you use the RADFET and PIN diodes in the LHC machine
- Design heavily based on experience/advice from RADWG members and RADECS community (Precision Voltmeter QPS - R. Denz, ELMB – B. Hallgren, RADFIP – M. A. Rodriguez, Low Beta Jacks – A. Marin, Radiation Effects Unit ESTEC - ESA)
- → Key design issues: radiation tolerance, current source, temperature compensation
- → Prototype readout board V2 was meant as a "proof of principle"
 - Readout design validated during 2003 SPS proton run
 - Used for calibration test dosimeter I.e.
 - 60 MeV protons, 60 Cobalt, 0.8 MeV neutrons for resp. SEE, TID and NIEL
- → Readout board V3 is meant for final test and pre-series production
 - Readout design validated again during 2004 SPS proton run
 - Will be used for final calibration test of dosimeters