





# Designing radiation tolerant converter up to 500 Gy for HL-LHC

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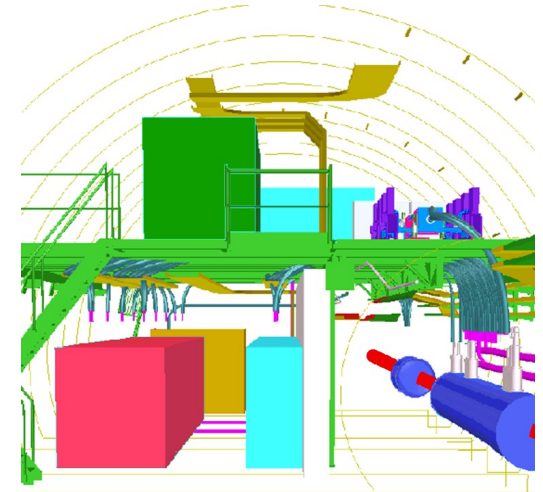
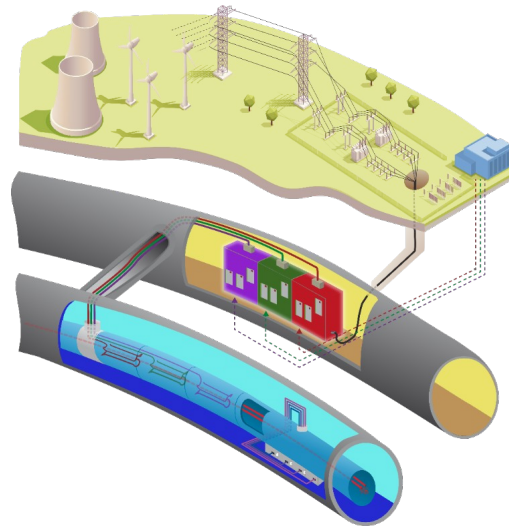
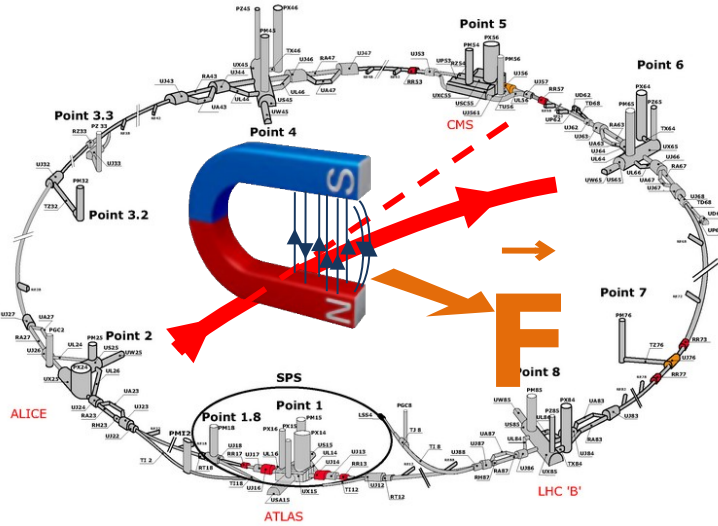
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# Introduction

## This talk intends to

- Describe the converters of interest, enhancing their operating conditions
- Give some hints of our learnt lessons from previous rad-tolerant design
- **Put the emphasis on the design paths of a power converter up to 500 Gy.**

# LHC converters



Power Converters

Beam

1700 units, installed underground over 27 km, guiding beam...

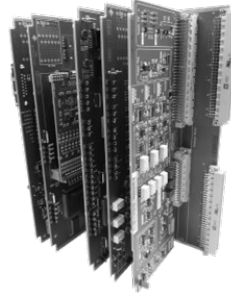
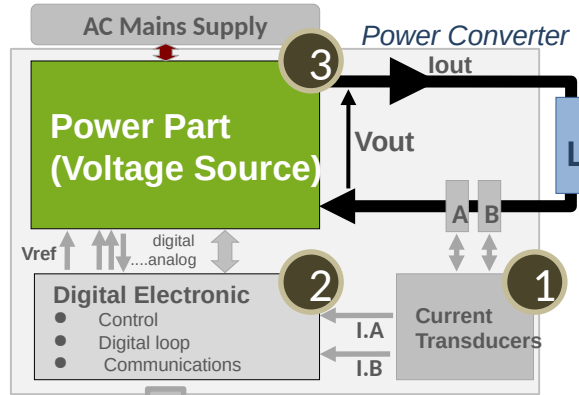
... located in adjacent alcoves, not exposed to radiations for some...

... but others *still close enough from beam to suffer from radiations.*

# LHC converters

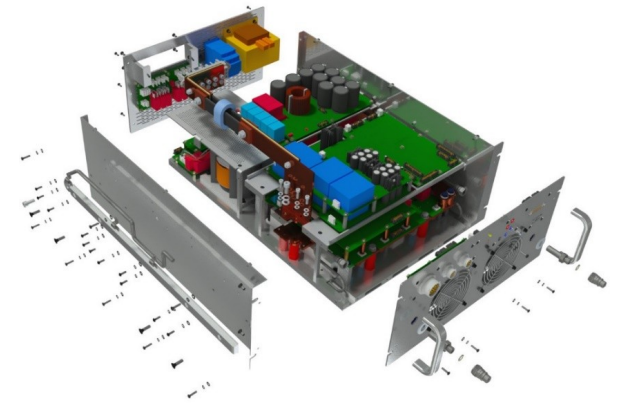
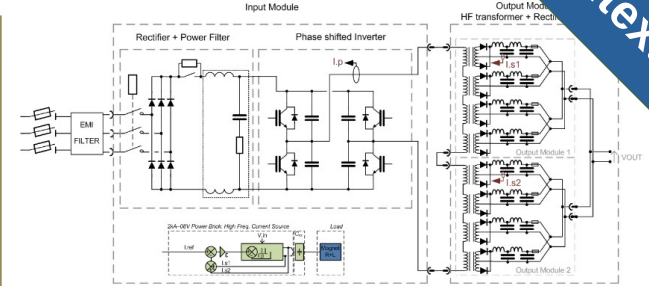


Few families, with output current in [60; 13 000] A



Control (digital):  
S. Uznanski  
NSREC2017

This talk focus on the power part...



... using only analogue components.

# 60A & 120A converters upgrade

# Context – Radiation Levels in LHC

## Radiation levels (HL)

- 600A / kA already renewed
- 60A / 120A highly exposed

Area	Dose [Gy/year]	1MeV n-eq. [nb/(cm <sup>2</sup> .year)]	E>20MeV E [/(cm <sup>2</sup> .year)]
<b>Tunnel</b> <b>R2E-HL-LHC60A-10V</b> 72 units (072 ( cell[12;16] Pt1,2,5)	08x 12L/R2: <10 08x 12L(1/5): <10 08x 12R(1/5): <03 48x 14/16-L/R 1/2/5: 1.5	<1E11 3E10	<1E10 3E9
<b>Tunnel</b> <b>LHC60A-08V</b> (678 - 72) units <b>R2E-HL-LHC60A-10V</b> 72 units (550x Cell>17) (120x cell[12;17] Pt3,4,6,7,8)	0.5	3E10	3E9
<b>RR13/17</b> <b>R2E-HL-LHC120A-10V</b> 36 units <b>R2E-LHC600A-10V</b> 28 units <b>R2E-LHC6ka-08V</b> 26 units <b>R2E-LHC6ka-08V</b> 04 units * installed with 5kA DCCT	level-0: 15 level-1: 25	level-0: 7E10 level-1: 7E10	level-0: 1.0E10 level-1: 1.4E10
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<b>RR73/77</b> <b>R2E-LHC600A-10V</b> 48 units <b>R2E-HL-LHC120A-10V</b> 20 units <b>R2E-HL-LHC600A-10V</b> 02 units	0.5	4E9	2E8
<b>UL14/16</b> <b>R2E-HL-LHC120A-10V</b> 16 units <b>R2E-LHC600A-10V</b> 02 units	0.01 close to US15/17 0.10 in UL14/16 <sub>middle</sub> 1.00 close to UJ14/16	2E8 close to US15/17 1E9 in UL14/16 <sub>middle</sub> 1E10 close to UJ14/16	2E7 close to US15/17 1E8 in UL14/16 <sub>middle</sub> 1E9 close to UJ14/16
<b>UA/J(s), TZ76, UJ33, UR15/57</b> Some local exception in Point 6 "sea level" expected (Th. n. excepted)	0.01	[5E6; 2.5E7]	[1; 5]E6



# Previous converters currently installed in LHC

## LHC60A-08V current status | LHC

- 750 converters installed under dipoles
- Original design (2000)
- COTS being used not fully traced
- End Of life Dose [25;50] Gy
- Considered as “*immune*” to SE

## R2E-HL-LHC60A-10V challenge | HL-LHC

- 072 units under high level of radiation
- HL-LHC Level increase
  - Dose: 1 Gy / year ► 10 Gy / year
  - HEH  $E>20$  MeV: 5E8 ► 1E10 / cm<sup>2</sup> / year
  - *A new design is required.*



72 units in pt1-5-2 cells 12/14/16



# Previous converters currently installed in LHC

## LHC120A-10V current status | LHC

- 300 converters in total
- Unknown sensitivity to dose (not tested)
- Standard design (non rad-tol / 2003)

## R2E-HL-LHC120A-10V challenge | HL-LHC

- 92 units under radiation stress in RR1/5/7
- HL-LHC Level increase
  - Dose: 1 Gy / year ► **25 Gy / year**
  - $HEH_{E>20\text{ MeV}}$ : **5E8** ► **1.4E10 / cm<sup>2</sup> / year**
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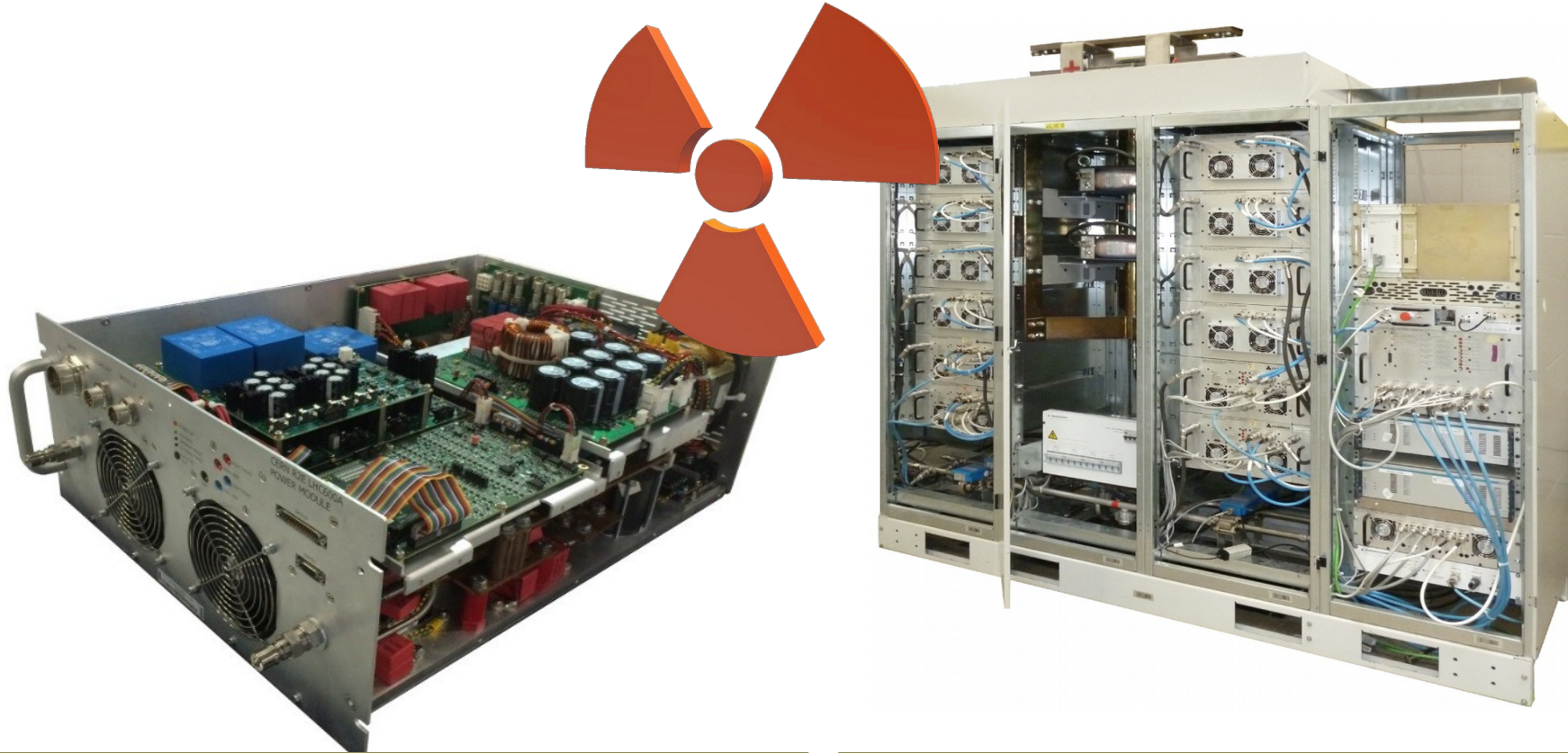
92 units in LHC-RR1-5-7

# **Lessons learnt from previous designs / projects**

**With new challenges put in perspective**

# Lessons based on R2E-Converters installed in LHC @ LS2

Lessons learnt



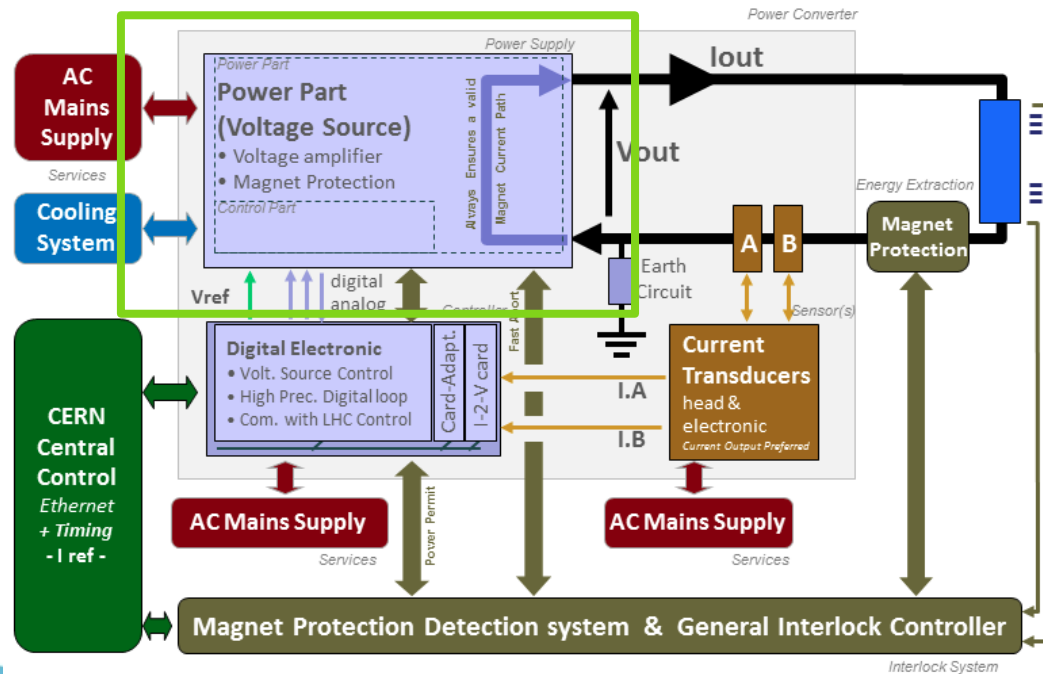
100x R2E-LHC600A-10V installed in LS2

60x R2E-LHC4-6-8kA-08V installed in LS2

# Lessons learnt from recent R2E project

## Findings

- A power source can be designed with standard elementary components, not requiring high complexity integrated devices (devoted to FGC in R2E-EPC).



A high performance converter can be designed using very standard semiconductors:

- Thyristors, Bipolar & Mosfet Transistors, IGBTs.
- Op-Amps, comparators.
- Diodes, voltage references,
- PWM (one of the most complex component!)

# Lessons learnt from recent R2E project - Radiation

## Radiation Event Mitigation / Risks

- Single events can be very well managed with gold simple rules
- Dose degradation (TID, DD) must be considered very seriously above 50 Gy
- Component Testing effort vs radiation should be focusing on critical components
- Whole converter testing effort versus radiation is essential (CHARM)
  - It is a key point of the project & address some failures mechanism **difficult to control / predict**
  - Gives an opportunity **to test many components in one go**, in their specific use conditions!
  - Reinforces **the trust in design**, before installation.
  - **Should not be ideally placed too late, to be able to react!**

# Lessons learnt from recent R2E project - Radiation

## Management of COTS component purchasing process highlight

- All semi-conductors purchased by CERN to be sent to external producing companies... was a tough task, certainly not justified for most of them.
- Sensitive COTS must be carefully treated, others addressed in lighter way.



**New converter are redundant...**  
**... as much as possible**

# Context – (60;120)A Joined Optimized Design

## Converter redundancy applied to R2E-HL-LHC60A & R2E-HL-LHC120A

- Generalization of redundancy concept to new (<120A) R2E versions.
  - New R2E-LHC600A & kA converters are now all redundant.
- Optimization of design effort
  - One **60A** Power Source only to design two converters
- Cope with HL-LHC availability target (radiation or not induced failures)

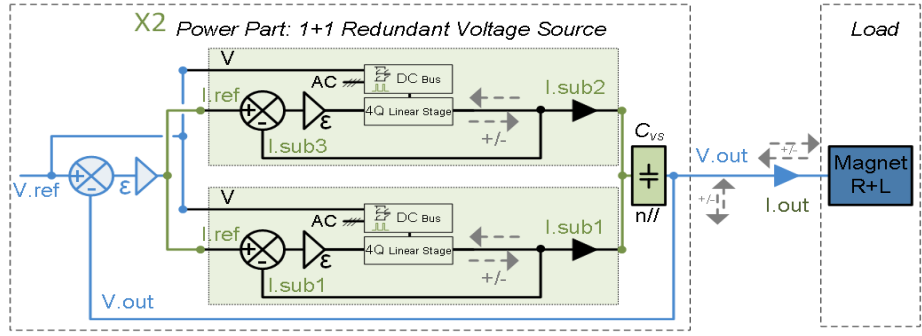




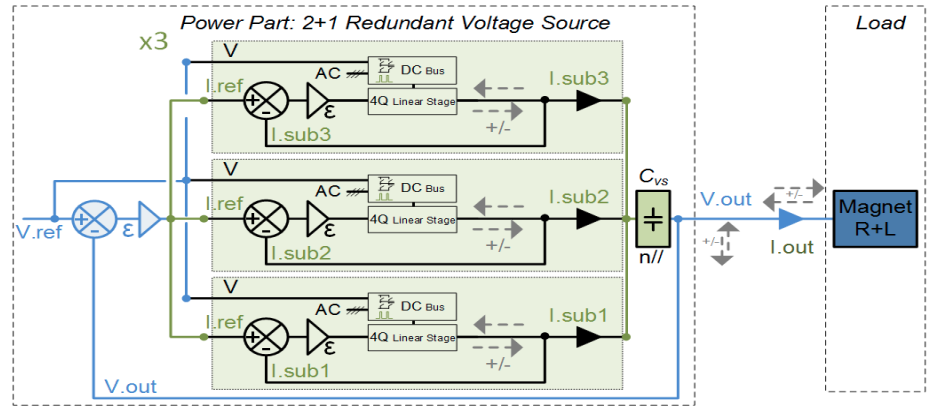
# Redundancy Impact on converter reliability

## Converter redundancy highlights

- 060A converters = 2 x 60A in // (n+1 = 1+1) = 2.0 x installed power
- 120A converters = 3 x 60A in // (n+1 = 2+1) = 1.5 x installed power**
- Redundancy is performed through power current sources (sharing current load)



R2E-HL-LHC60A-10V

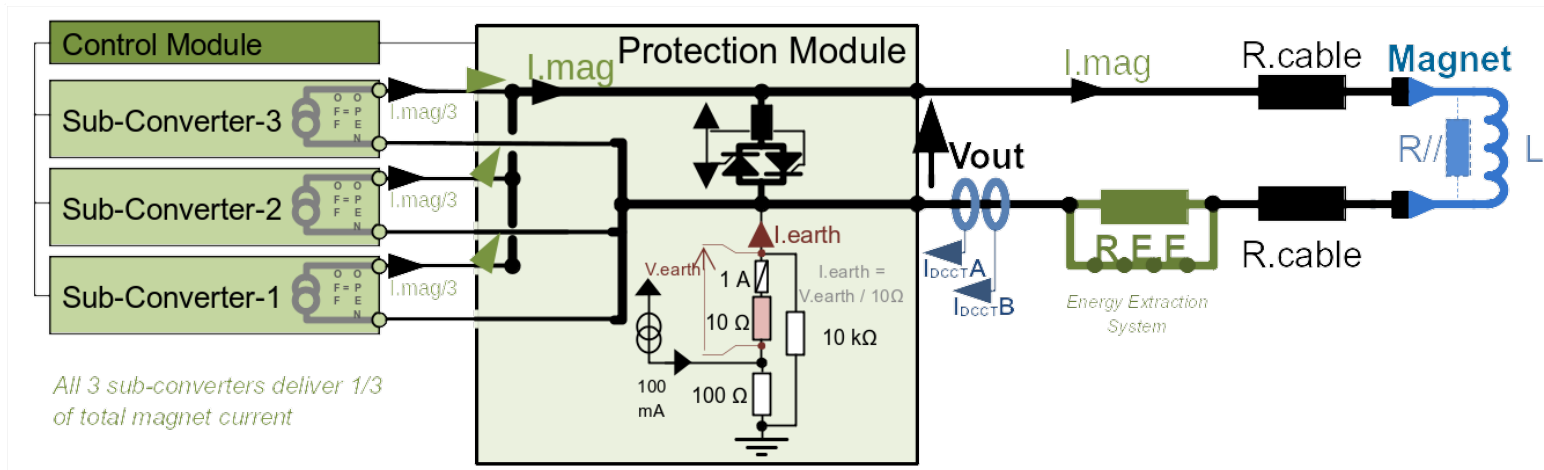


R2E-HL-LHC120A-10V

# Redundancy Impact on converter reliability

Redundancy

## Converter redundancy



### Case of R2E-HL-LHC120A-10V

3 Power Modules deliver output power in 2+1 redundant config.

Redundant

1 Control Module in charge of the Power Source Control

Not-Redundant

1 Protection Module in charge of the Magnet Discharge Path

Not-Redundant

# Redundancy Impact on converter reliability

Redundancy

## Impact of redundancy choice on reliability

- Basis
  - 92 converters | 200 days of operation a year
  - Mean Time To Repair: 1 week (dependant on access)
  - Required MTBF are calculated for 1 LHC dump per year per line below (linked to module type).
    - Power Module operates always in n+1 redundant mode (two failures = 1 beam loss)
    - Control & Protection Module are “immediately “ critical module for availability.

Case of R2E-HL-LHC120A-10V	Required MTBF
Power Module	14 000 hours
Control Module	450 000 hours
Protection Module	450 000 hours

# Redundancy Impact on converter reliability

## Impact of redundancy choice on reliability (MTBF ~ Single Event)

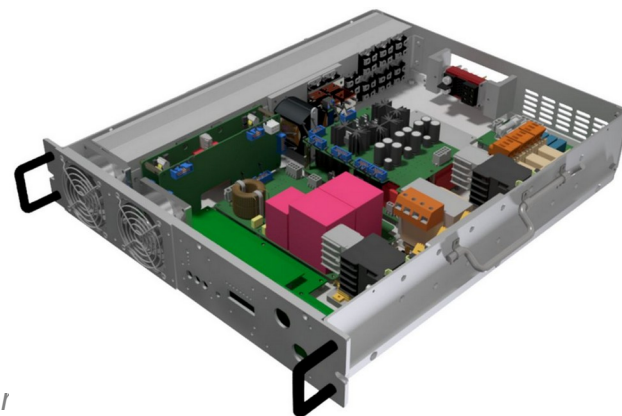
- Basis
  - 92 converters | 1E10 HEH E>20 MeV a year
  - Mean Time To Repair: 1 week (dependant on access)
  - Cross section are deduced from MTBF changing simply the units.

Case of R2E-HL-LHC120A-10V	Required X-section
Power Module	3.5 E-11 cm <sup>2</sup>
Control Module	1.1 E-12 cm <sup>2</sup>
Protection Module	1.1 E-12 cm <sup>2</sup>

# Highlight on redundant design impact

## Impact on modules reliability – Output regarding SE sensitivity

- Redundancy helps a lot ! It reduces the power module required reliability of a factor 70 (x30 for 2+1 in case of 120A converter) vs critical non-redundant unit!
- Cross section of  $3.5E-11$  for a complete system, made of hundreds of COTS components is a real challenge
- Indeed, qualifying components at a sufficient level is almost impossible!
  - In most cases\*, minimum determined minimum X-section will not be small enough to theoretically cover the design.

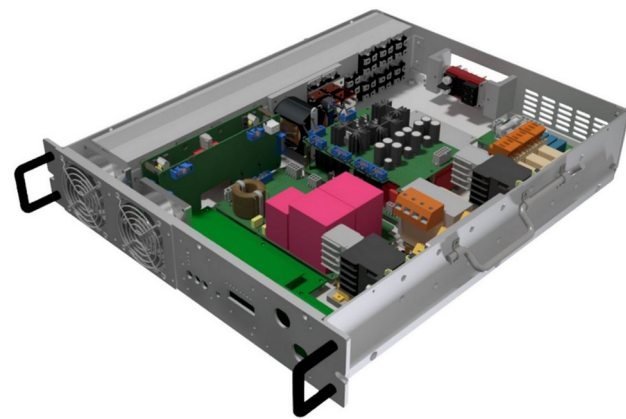


*\* A component surviving one day @ Charm ( $1E11$  HEH) proves a X-section better  
... but a converter comes with several hundreds of components more, all critical...requiring individual very low cpt x-section*

# Highlight on redundant design impact

Impact on modules reliability – Output regarding SE sensitivity

- Cross section of  $3.5E-11$  for a complete system, made of hundreds of COTS components **relies on using “non sensitive” components.**
- A SOA for each component must be determined, and verified through 0-failure test, *as “far” as possible*:
  - Or multiply the number of devices under tests
  - Or use the **highest possible fluency.**



## General Approach

Apply to SE, DD, DOSE radiation effects

# General approach SE & Dose: gold rules exist, use them!

## Applying gold known rules

- Minimize the number of references (test costs!) & classify them (class)
- Prefer the robust topologies (limiting stress on components like ZVS)
- Use the component in its known Radiation Safe Operating Area
- The easiest and the most solid gold rules when using COTS
  - Use only component found in “**list of qualified components**”
- The worst gold rule, when using COTS
  - Always be suspicious about all past conclusions / tests / qualified list.
  - Be aware a test on one component bobbin doesn't give you the status of all others...



# Gold rule: don't fail component selection phase!

A fine selection of all required components is mandatory

SE Class	TID Class	Test Rank	SE Status	TID Status	Type	Reference Datasheet	Case	EDMS	Select List	R2E Lib	R2E Rep <sup>1</sup>	LTSp. Model
1	1	ToDo Med.Pr	TBD (safe/design & vs its use)	TBD (safe/design & vs its use)	Power IGBT	IKW15N120BH6	TO247					
1	0	ToDo High.P	TBD (Unknown & to be tested)	TBD (Unknown & to be tested)	Pwr SIC MOSFET	IMW120R140M1H, SCT3160KLG11	TO247					
1	1	ToDo Med.Pr	TBD (safe/design & vs its use)	TBD (safe/design & vs its use)	High P. MOSFET <i>For/in linear use only</i>	VS_FC420SA15, APT30M30JLL, APT30M36JLL	SOT227					
1	1	ToDo Low.Pr	OK (Tested)	OK (Tested)	Med. P. MOSFET	IPD600N25N3-G	DPack					
1	1	ToDo High.P	TBD (safe/design & vs its use)	TBD (Unknown & to be tested)	Low P. N-MOSFET	MGSF1N02L	SOT23					
1	1	ToDo Low.Pr	OK (Tested)	OK (Tested)	Low P. P-MOSFET	SI3443	SOT23					
0	0	ToDo Low.Pr	OK (Tested)	OK (Tested)	PNP Transistor	BCP53-16	SOT223					
0	0	ToDo Low.Pr	OK (Tested)	OK (Tested)	NPN Transistor	BCP56-16	SOT223					
0	0	ToDo Low.Pr	TBD (Unknown & to be tested)	TBD (safe/design & vs its use)	NPN Transistor	TTC3710B	TO220					
0	0	ToDo Low.Pr	OK (Tested)	OK (Tested)	PNP Transistor	FMMT591	SOT23					
0	0	ToDo Low.Pr	OK (Tested)	OK (Tested)	NPN Transistor	FMMT491TA	SOT23					

## Components Selection

- Sorting candidates
  - Electrical data
  - R2E-reports (if exists)
- Easy access (web)
  - Data summarised for designers / check
  - Datasheet
  - LTSpice Models
  - Sharing our choice for discussion

# Component selection: identify clearly what and why!

Selecting them carefully and keeping trace of selected criteria!

Possible Component / References / Alternatives															
Component Manufacturer If Any	Family Reference If Any	Min Voltage Gain [dB]	Typ Input Offset Voltage, V <sub>io</sub> @V <sub>cc</sub> = 15V, T = 25°C [mV]	Max Input Offset Voltage, V <sub>io</sub> @V <sub>cc</sub> = 15V, T = 25°C [mV]	Slew Rate @ G = 1 [V/μs]	Unity Gain Bandwidth [MHz]	Factory lead time [Weeks]	Stock from other distributor	Rating 1=keep 3=drop	Reasons for choosing the component	Previous R2E, FGCIte, BE-CC DCCDC use ?	Radiation Testing	Maximum TD reached	Survived ?	Noticeable Effect due to Radiations
Texas Instrument	OPA2192DR	114	0.005	0.025	20	10	57	#N/A	1	Ideal high speed AOP. Two AOP in one SO8! Medium power consumption, high speed (10MHz), and ultra low offset.		PSI 10-2016	750	Yes	Ibias decreased to -800pA, one SET (larger than 100mV longer than 100ns) observed, no gain degradation
Texas Instrument	OPA2196DR	114	0.025	0.1	7.5	2.5	56	#N/A	1	Not tested yet. Higher offset, slower and less bandwidth than OPA2192 but cheaper, very low consumption.		#N/A			
Texas Instrument	OPA2134UAE4	104	0.5	2	20	8	35	8881	1	Good behaviour under radiation, medium offset, relatively high consumption, but high driving capability regarding output impedance, which stays very low vs frequency and gain.		PSI 06-2013	500	Yes	Vout drifted by 0.1%, Ibias variation within uncertainty of measurement, no SET (larger than 100mV longer than 100ns)
Texas Instrument	OPA2991	109	0.125	0.78	21	4.5	48	1260	1	Newer equivalent of TL052-ACD. Medium offset, not tested vs radiation. Medium offset, medium consumption, medium speed. MEDIUM AOP in all criteria. Could be interesting to evaluate it.		#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Texas Instrument	INA2128UG4-T	[1:10 000]	0.01 + 0.1/Gain		4 @ G = 10	1.3	8		1	Expensive instrumentation amplifier, could match our needs, can withstand 500Gy.		PSI 06-2013	500	Yes	Vout stable, Ibias from a few nA to 150nA at 400Gy, no SET (larger than 100mV longer than 100ns)

Electrical critical parameters

Selected? Why?

Ease access to radiation test & conclusion!

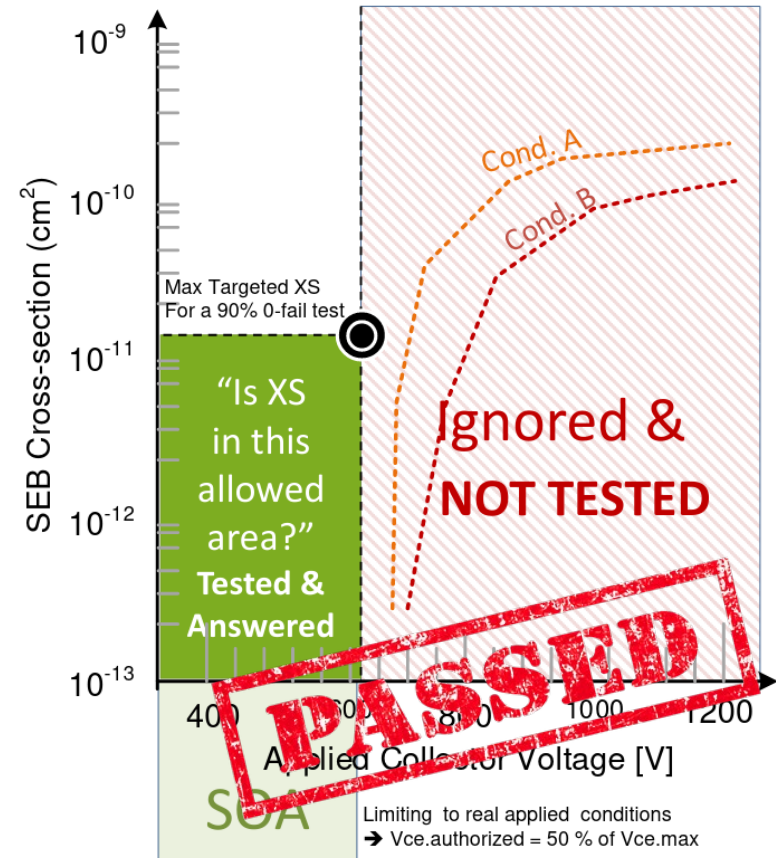
# Component qualification or “verification”

## Minimize the component batches!

- Identify batches (try) & limit them
  - Batch ID: Bobbin, date code
  - Limit them: Buy the whole quantity in one go
- Each cpt batches = 5xmin DUT tested.
  - This is not theoretically sufficient, very often!

## Optimizing test effort

- Apply 0-fail test only (weybayes).
- No need / time for full characterization
  - Monitor the - known degrading and with design impact - parameters with cumulative effects



## **Design paths: Single Event**

**Single Event is Go – No Go exercise**

# Component immune to Single Event is a ... good start ;-)

## Component used in the design:

- Use them in their known R2E SOA
  - 50% (at least) voltage use on Mosfet or IGBT (SEB), R-C filtering applied (SET), moderate negative mosfet gate levels (SEGR).
- Use only components qualified through Charm or PSI test campaign
  - Use / Profit from RADWG and CERN facilities!
  - **No single event observed is required at least under converter specific operation mode.**

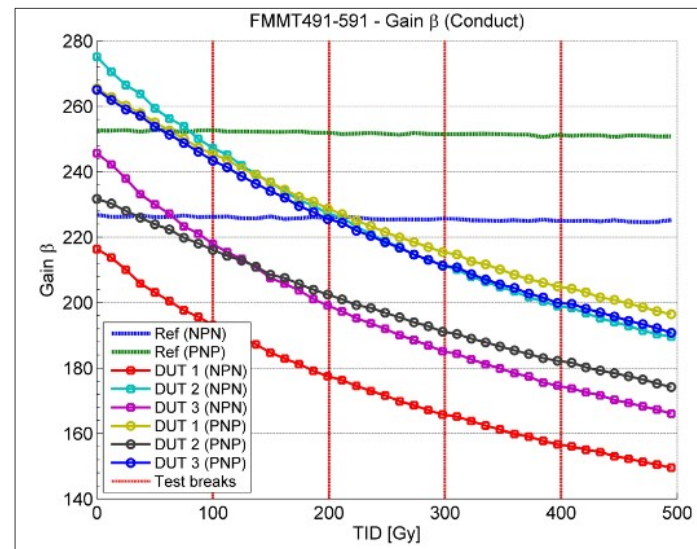
## Design paths: Dose

**Reaching 500 Gy is coping with degradation!**

# Dose impact on systems

Reaching 500 Gy for a power converter is a challenge:

- Don't use component not able to operate up to 500 Gy !
  - These components are simply rejected ;-)
  - Change the function / electronics schematics, or choose another reference if possible.
- Adapt your design to known & measured component degradation when required
  - Bipolar gain degradation,  $V_{cesat}$  modified
  - MOSFET treshold decrease
  - Component leakage current
  - Consumption increase
  - Precision degradation (voltage reference)



# General design rules vs dose impact

## Choose designs not - dose sensitive - per nature

- Ex: Aux power supplies (low power) are 50Hz transformer + Linear regulator.
- Ex: High frequency IGBT drivers chosen design is magnetics cpt based
  - Not using optocoupler (DD-sensitive) or nor specific chips, nor DC-DC, full of unknown COTS

## Choose / adapt design able to cope with component degradation

- Ex: 4-Quadrant Linear Stage can handle very well Mosfet Vgs threshold variation

## Anticipate dose effect through simulation

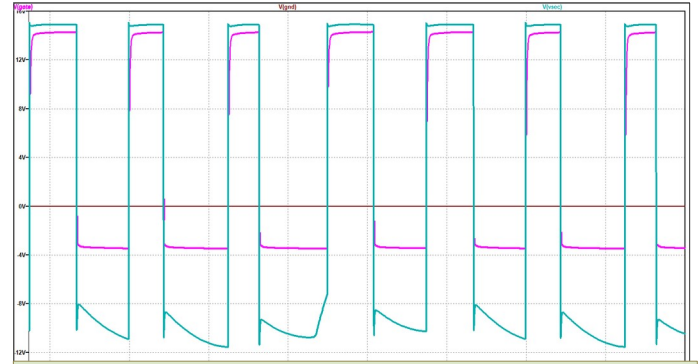
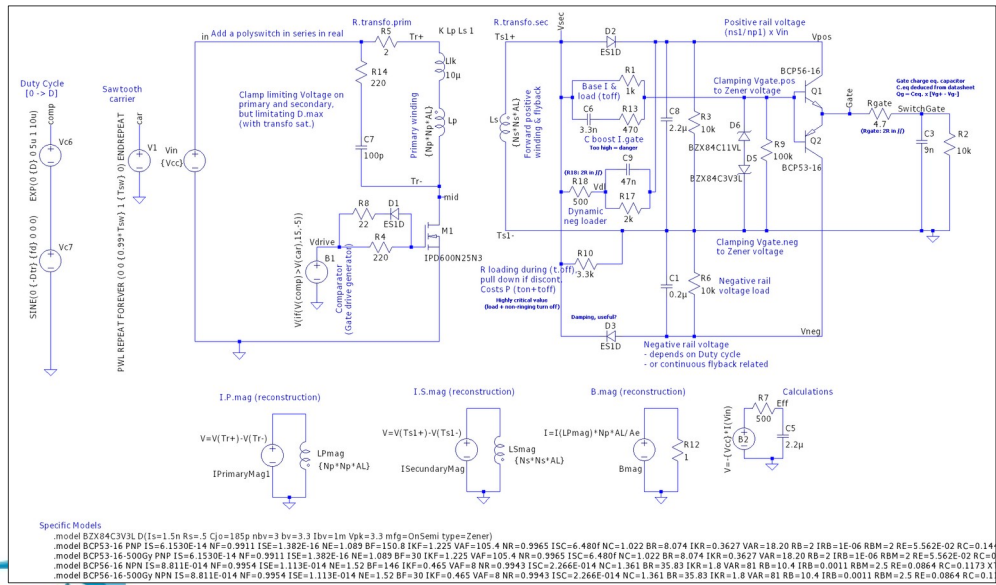
- Any part is simulated to check the design suitability vs component degradation
- **High accuracy level of simulation is required** with detailed component models
  - Sensitive components can be trimmed for simulating dose effect!



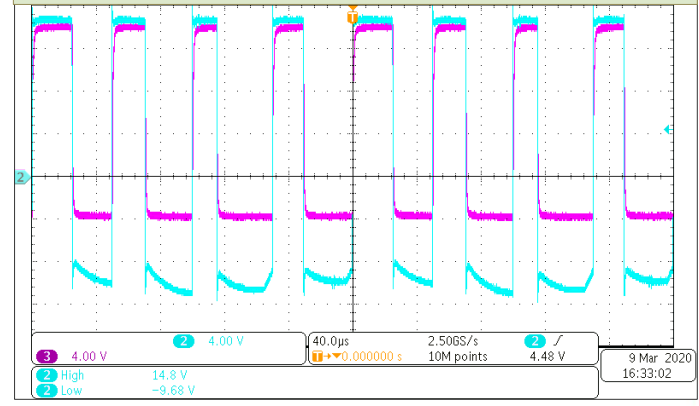
# Simulating Radiation Effects: example - 1

## IGBT driver is a critical part of the converter

- It must work at high frequency, allowing to trim VGS.gate ON threshold, but also OFF one.
- Any malfunction (SE, dose effect induced) on this part would lead to catastrophic IGBT damage.



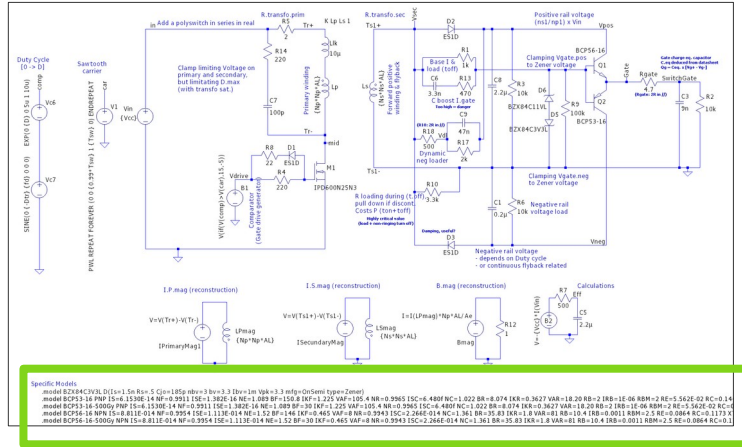
Difficult to guess which is simulation or board curves!



# Simulating Radiation Effects: example - 1

## Very Flexible Simulation – Radiation Effect Included!

- From component fine analyse, a 500 Gy model is injected in simulations



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# EDMS document: https://edms.cern.ch/document/2437567/
# One model intends to represent the degradation of the component under irradiation
# revision date:2021-01-25 - VBE degradation added
                2020-11-10 - creation

# 500Gy model:
# > HFE degradation: 125 vs 75           BF = 30 (see EDMS 1583310 - High IC. & EDMS 1171985)
# > VCE sat increase: 170 mV vs 155 mV XX = XX (see EDMS 1583310 - High IC. & EDMS 1171985)
# > VBE degradation: none                XX = XX (see EDMS 1171985 page 4)

.MODEL BCP53-16 PNP IS=6.1530E-14 NF=0.9911 ISE=1.382E-16 NE=1.089 BF=150.8 IKF=1.225 VAF=1
BR=8.074 IKR=0.3627 VAR=18.20 RB=2 IRB=1E-06 RBM=2 RE=5.562E-02 RC=0.1449 XTB=0 EG=1.11 XTI
TF=8.666E-10 XTF=1.231 VTF=3.008 ITF=0.4581 CJC=5.264E-11 VJC=0.6591 MJC=0.4533 XCJC=0.4401
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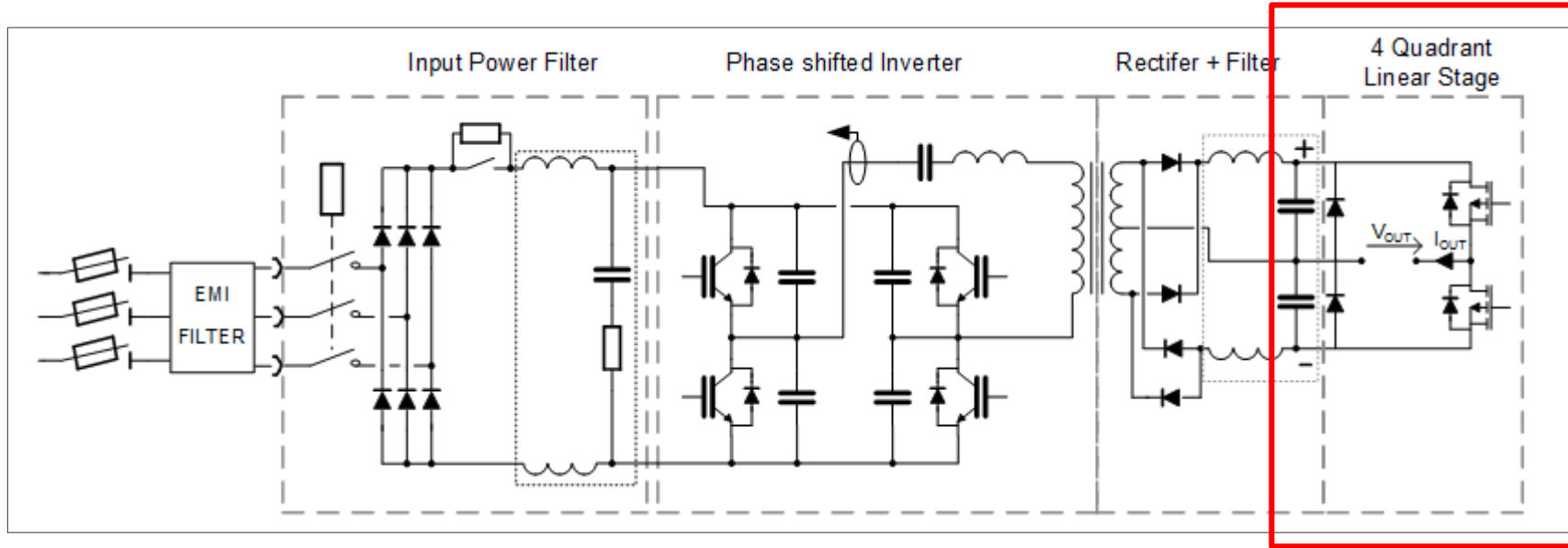
### Specific Models

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.model BZX84C3V3L D(Is=1.5n Rs=.5 Cjo=185p nbv=3 bv=3.3 Ibv=1m Vpk=3.3 mfg=OnSemi type=Zener)
.model BCP53-16 PNP IS=6.1530E-14 NF=0.9911 ISE=1.382E-16 NE=1.089 BF=150.8 IKF=1.225
.model BCP53-16-500Gy PNP IS=6.1530E-14 NF=0.9911 ISE=1.382E-16 NE=1.089 BF=30 IKF=1.225 VA
.model BCP56-16 NPN IS=8.811E-014 NF=0.9954 ISE=1.113E-014 NE=1.52 BF=146 IKF=0.465
.model BCP56-16-500Gy NPN IS=8.811E-014 NF=0.9954 ISE=1.113E-014 NE=1.52 BF=30 IKF=0.465 V
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# Simulating Radiation Effects: example - 2

## Converter 4 quadrant linear mode output stage

- Heart of the converter (energy, dynamic performances in 10's kHz range)



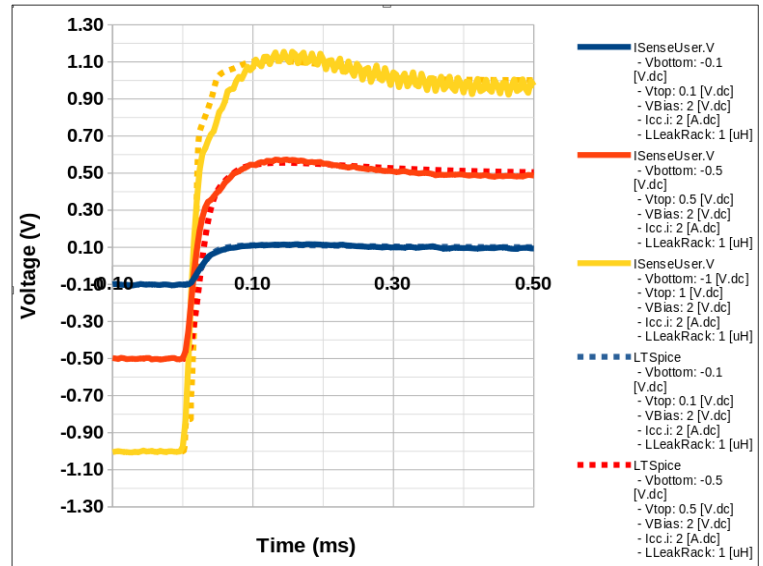
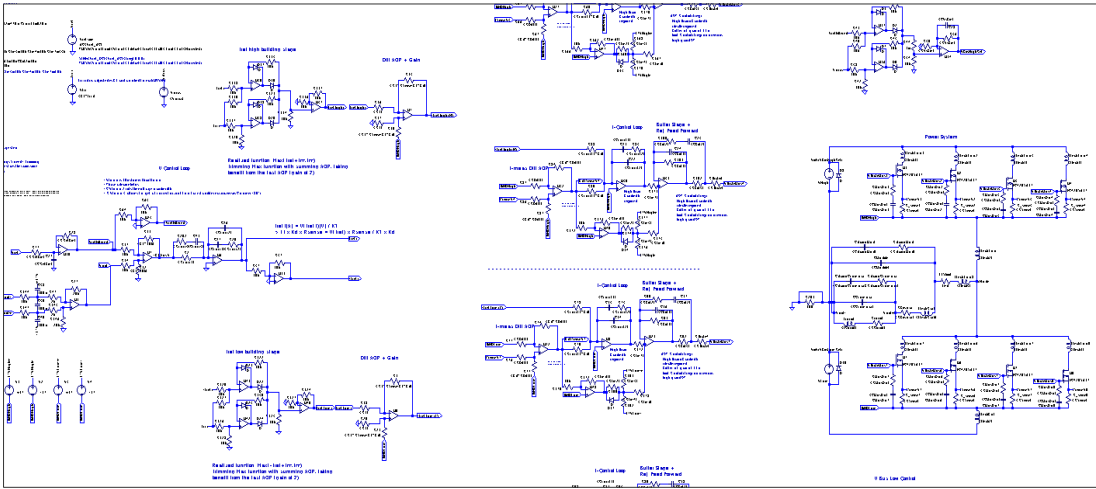
Key part of  
the converter!

# Simulating Radiation Effects: example - 2

## Very Accurate Simulation is required

- Systems & components are simulated up to a quasi-perfect match vs real board.

### High Power 4-quadrant Linear Stage



### Specific Models

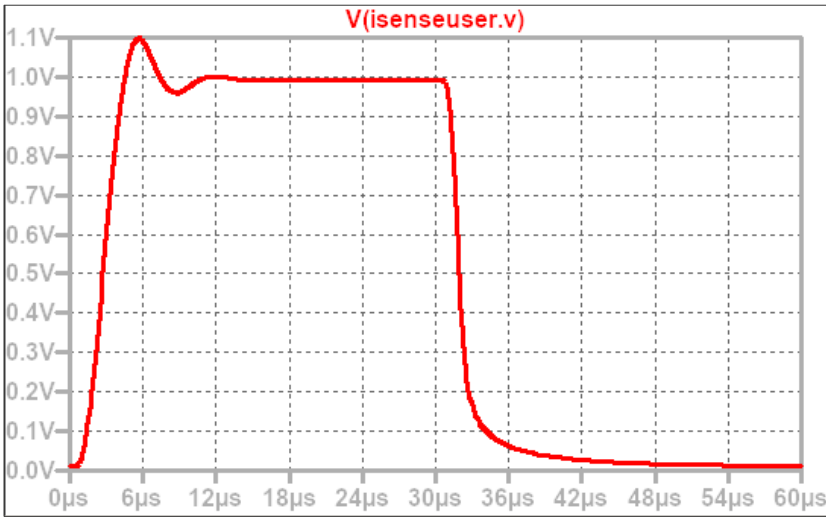
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.model FC420SA15 VDMOS (mtriode=1 Kp=25 Rg=.1 Lambda=500m Vto=4.47 Cgdmin=40p Cgdmax=300p)
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Very good fit, involving *custom made power Mosfet Model, (non-linear component)!*

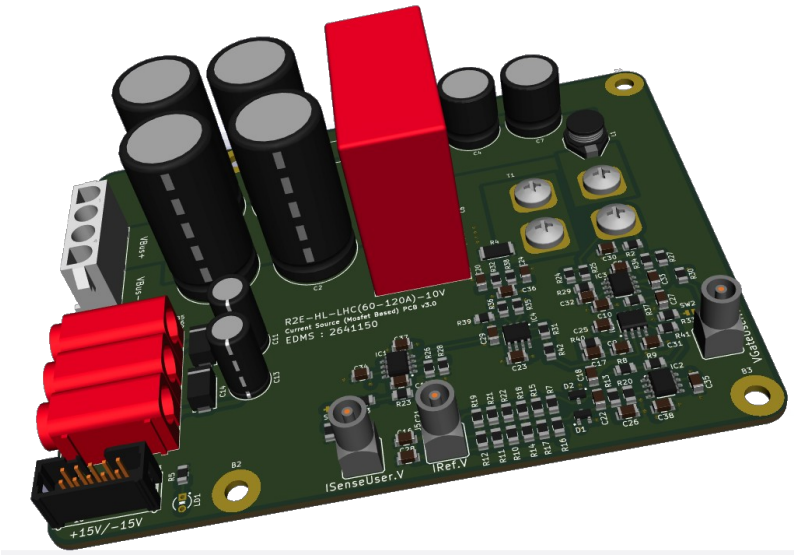
# Simulating Radiation Effects: example - 2

## Evaluating dose effect on Mosfet, adjusting its model vs dose

A test board was designed controlling a Power Mosfet *on the edge*, to observe the radiation effect on very deep parameters of the mosfet, impacting our linear control, and converter stability.



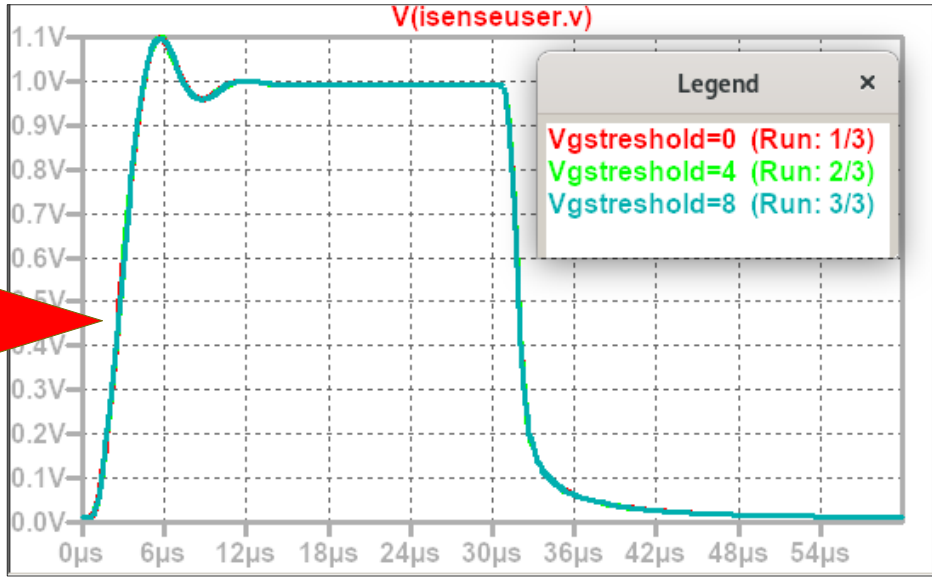
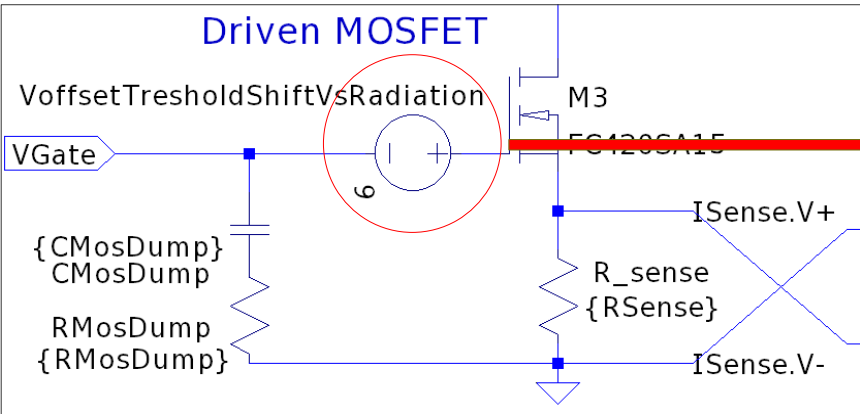
Mosfet current: looking for overshoot!



# Simulating Radiation Effects: example - 2

Evaluating dose effect on Mosfet, adjusting its model vs dose

Our overall control is known to be non sensitive to MOSFET Vgs threshold...



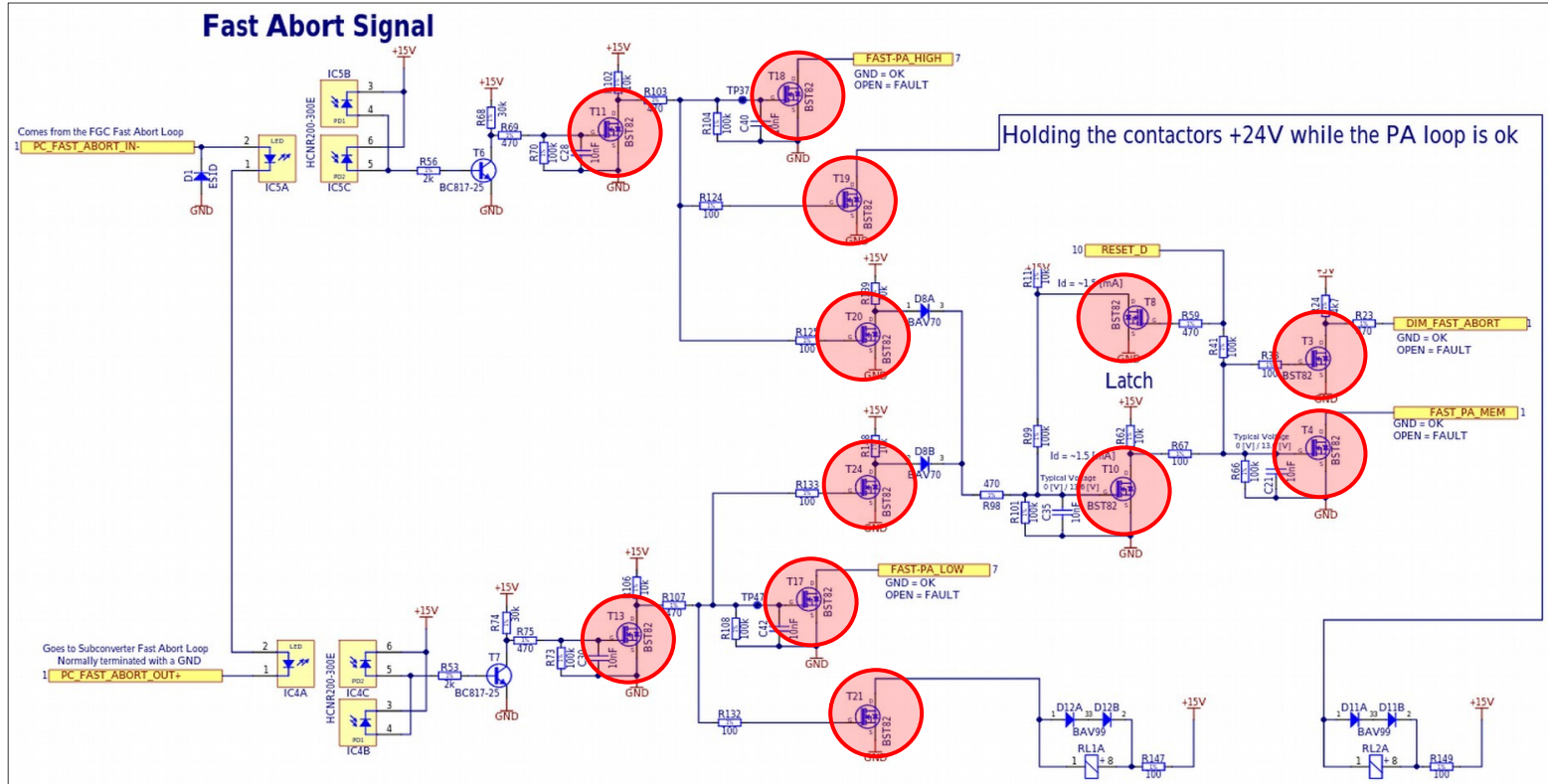
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... a test (2021-end) @ CERN COBALT 60 will allow adjusting mosfet model vs dose !

# Dealing with specific cases

Case of Very High Occurrence in the design = SOT23 Low Power Mosfet

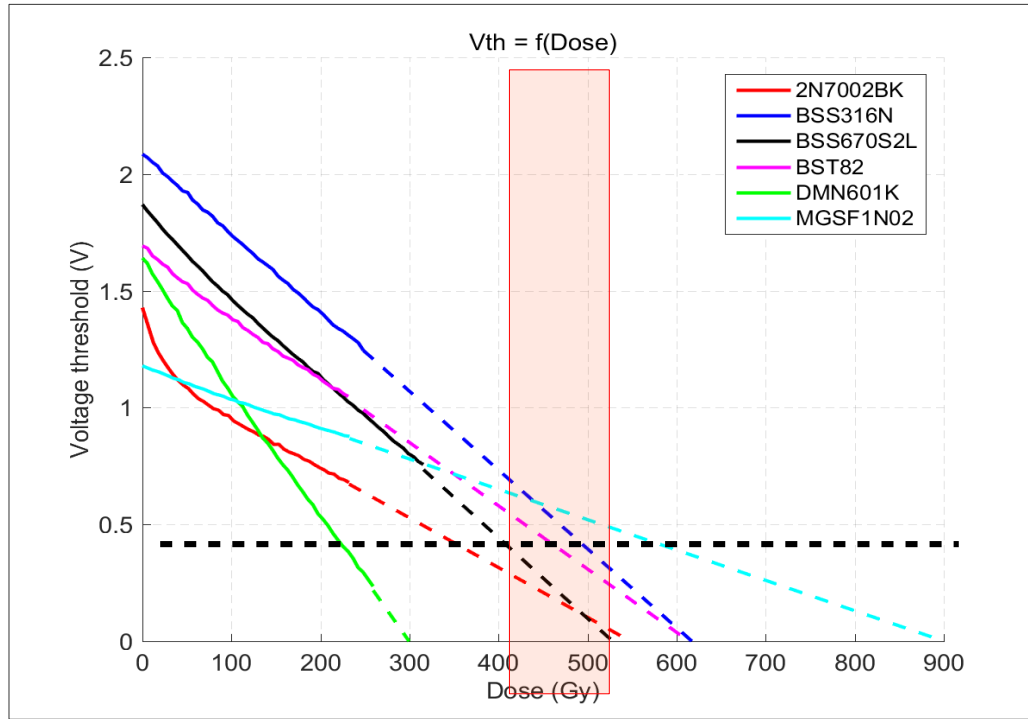


**DOSE Sensitive component used 50..60 times in each module!**

# Dealing with specific cases

## Case of Very High Occurrence in the design = SOT23 Low Power Mosfet

- VGS threshold starts to be critical above 400 Gy!



Still looking for a MGSF1N02 killer... but didn't find it yet!

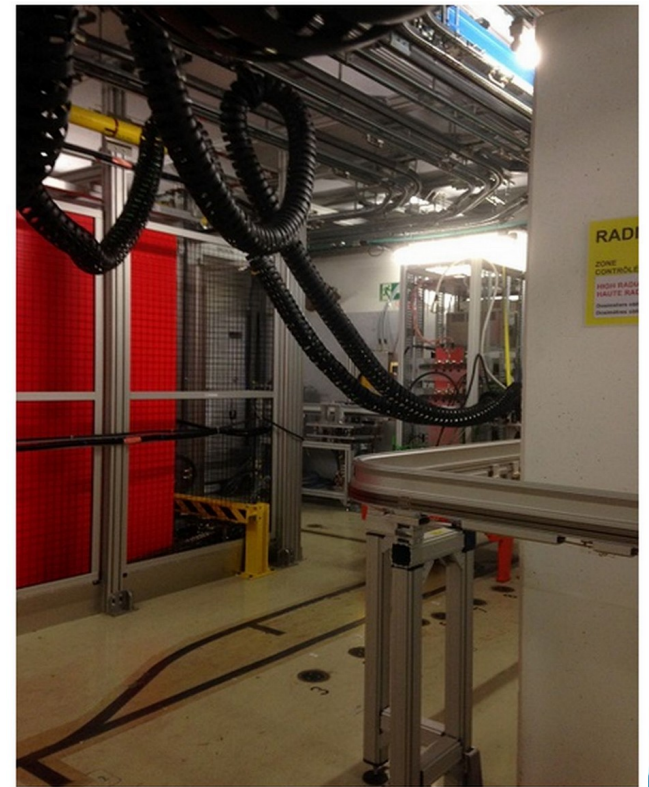
### Mitigation

- When possible, bipolar is used (consumption cost!)
- Gate is biased at 3.3 V (not more) if ON all the time.
- Ensure gate is negative biased (comparator output) whenever possible.



# Final test phase

# Power Converters final qualification step



*Converters will be tested at CHARM as complete unit.*

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## Many modules are foreseen for Charm test

- After converter prototype phase already
  - As soon as possible
  - Testing modules (low weight, air cooled).
- Several pre-series to be tested at Charm
  - Giving some statistics (5x modules at least)
  - Sufficient for Dose verification:
    - 5 converters surviving 500 Gy dose gives a strong design validation (end of life phenomena)
  - Sufficient for validating the converters vs SE:
    - Would allow to reach  $9E-13$  cross section @ 90%
    - Can verify down to 1 max dump radiation failure for all new 120A converters (92 converters) for ex.



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## Success in R2E design is & stays based on

- Understanding where / what are the threads
  - Updated LHC radiation levels
- Choosing correct components in adequate / adapted design
  - Rely on R2E component database (thanks RADWG)
  - Rely on enhanced / qualified designs (with simulations including dose degradation - new)

## Focusing on Qualifying the right components in the right facility

- Co60, CHARM, PSI availability is a key point

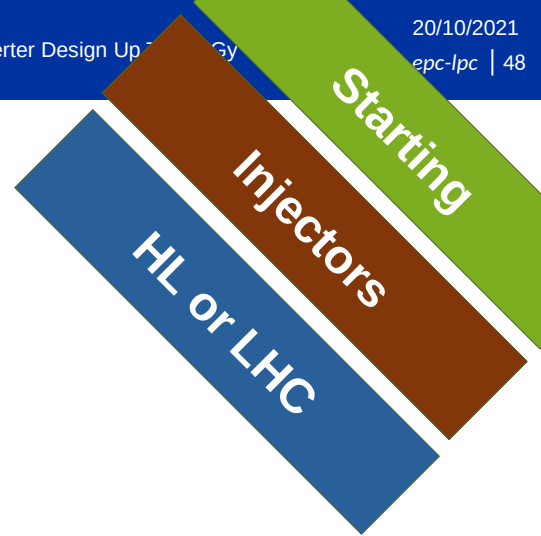
## Testing final systems

- Nothing beats a full system having pass CHARM test!



***Thank you for your attention***





Racks overview