

# CERN/CMS optical links radiation damage

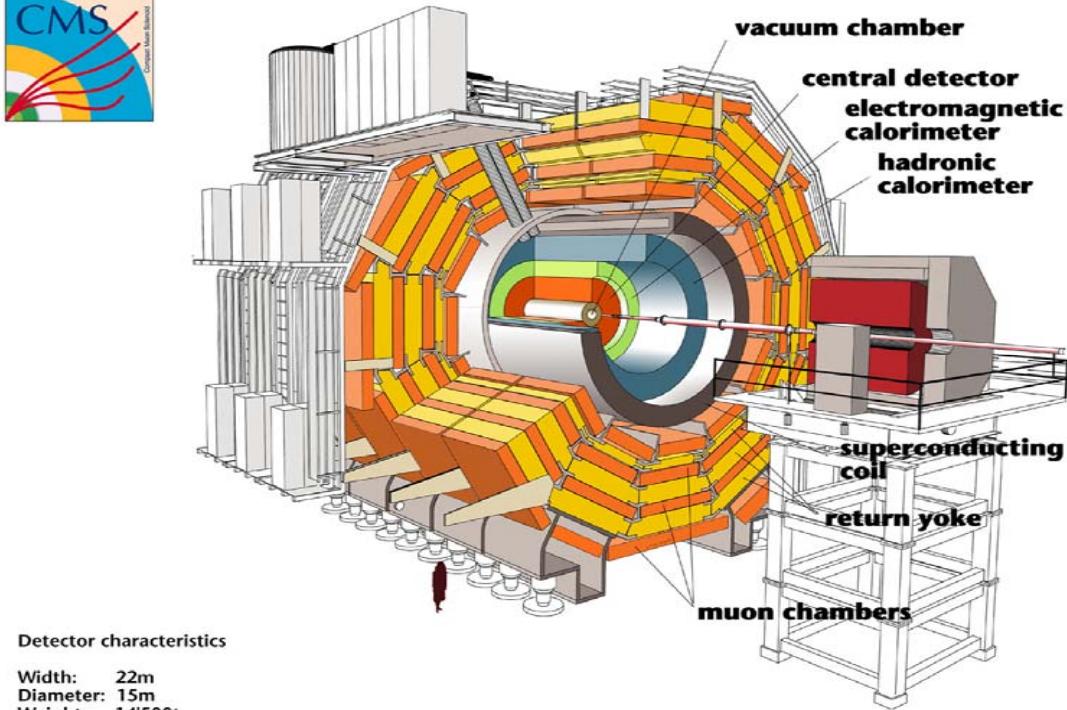
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# Outline

- Optical links
- QA programme
- Selection of test results

# Optical link for CMS Tracker readout/control

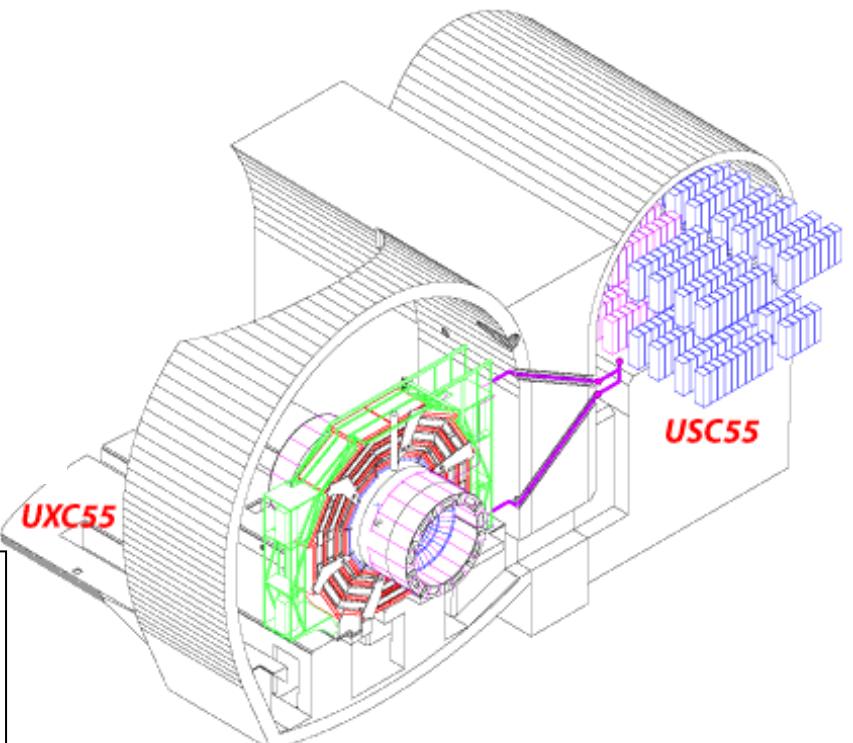


**40k fibres (40Msamples/s analogue 8 bit)**

**7k fibres (80Mbit/s digital)**

**9k fibres (1Gbit/s digital)**

**Links ~ 70m long, multiple breakpoints**



# Analogue link architecture (1996)

Laser Transmitters on optohybrid



>40k fibre channels

**System spec**  
INL 1% typ  
S/N 48dB typ  
BW>70 MHz

Ruggedized  
Ribbon

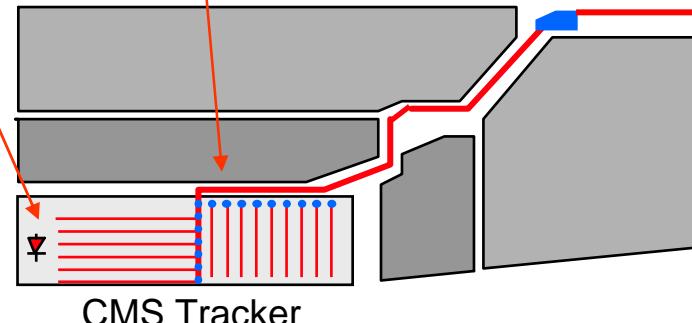
Dense Multi-ribbon  
Cable

Rx-Module

Distributed PP

In-line PP

Back-end PP



# Implementation: Technology choice (1996)

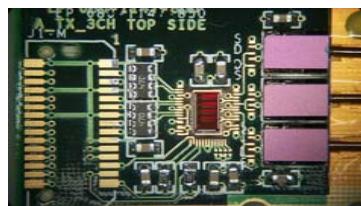
- Developed analogue link system first (most links + most difficult)

Requirement	Technology choice
Linearity	Edge emitting Laser
Dynamic Range	Single mode system, 1310nm wavelength
Settling Time	Fast electronics (CMOS-Sub $\mu$ )
Gain	10bit ADC with equalization
Magnetic Field	Non-magnetic connectors and packages
Radiation	Extensive qualification of COTS-based components
Density	Semi-customized laser package
Low mass	Fibre ribbon & array connectors Customized multi-ribbon cable Semi-customized Rx-module

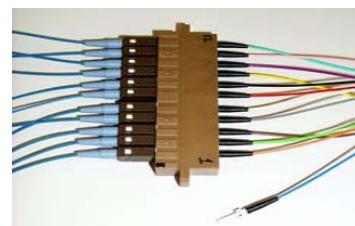
- Control link and ECAL readout link developed later using many of same parts

# Implementation: Components (2000-02)

Front-end  
optohybrid



Distributed  
patch panel



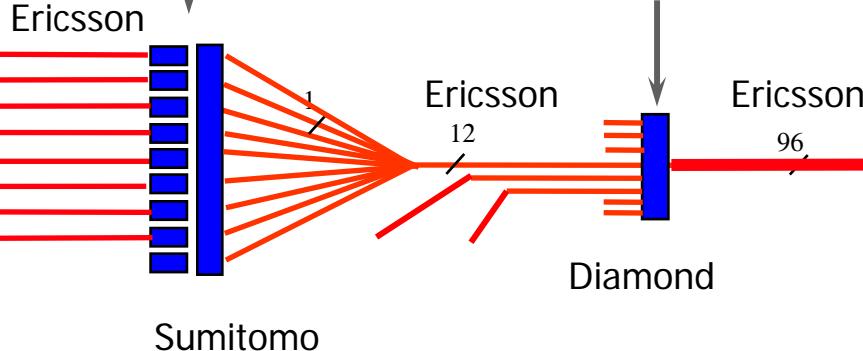
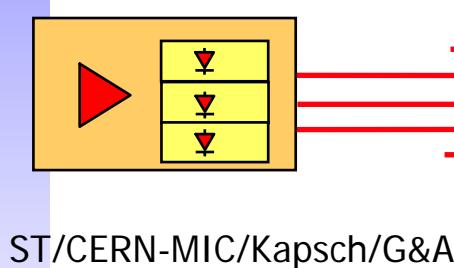
In-line  
patch panel



Cable



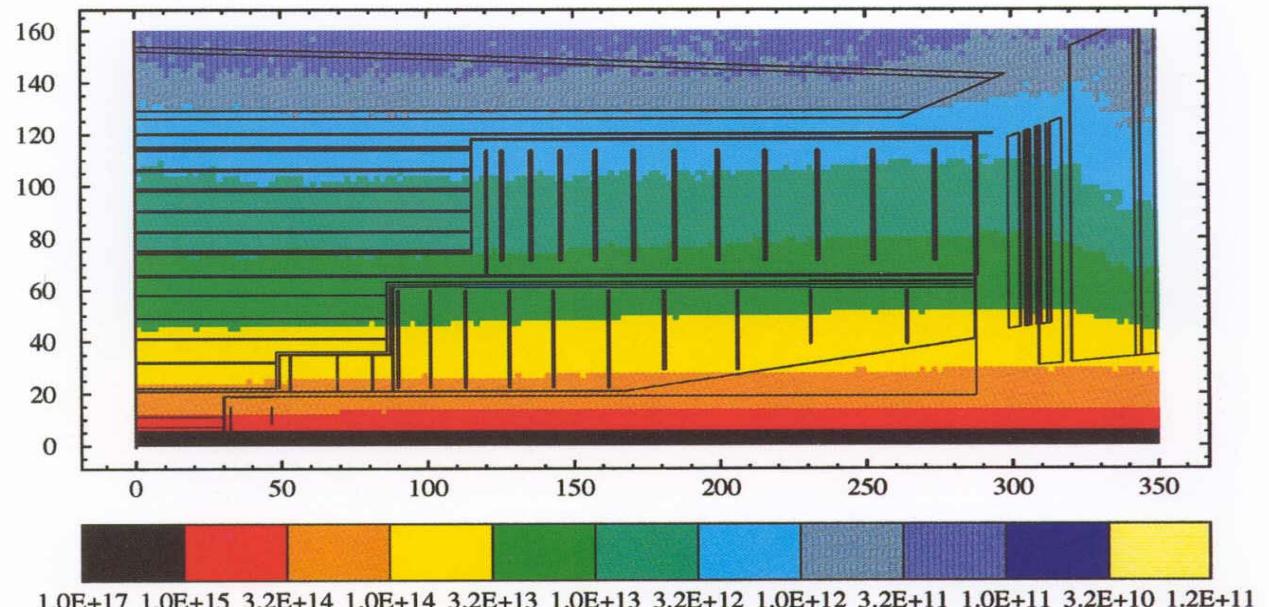
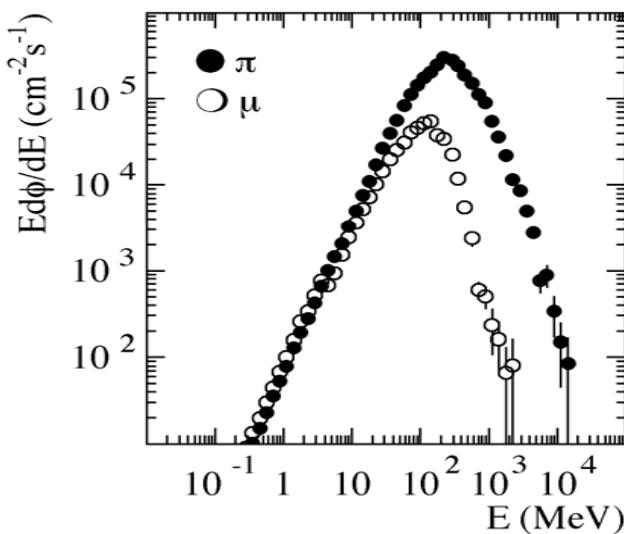
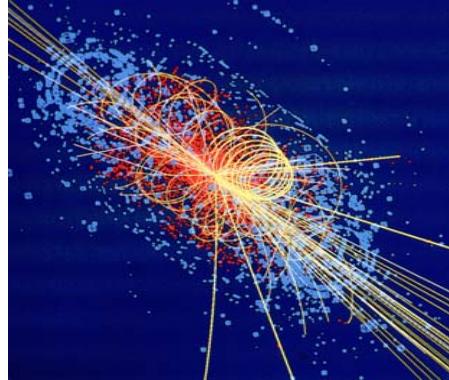
Back-end  
A-RX



- Many COTS/COTS-based parts
- Each component also has CERN and supplier specification
- Long procurement and qualification process, complicated logistics
- Current status - production complete or very nearly complete for all parts
- Collaboration including Perugia, Vienna, Minnesota university groups

# Requirements: radiation environment

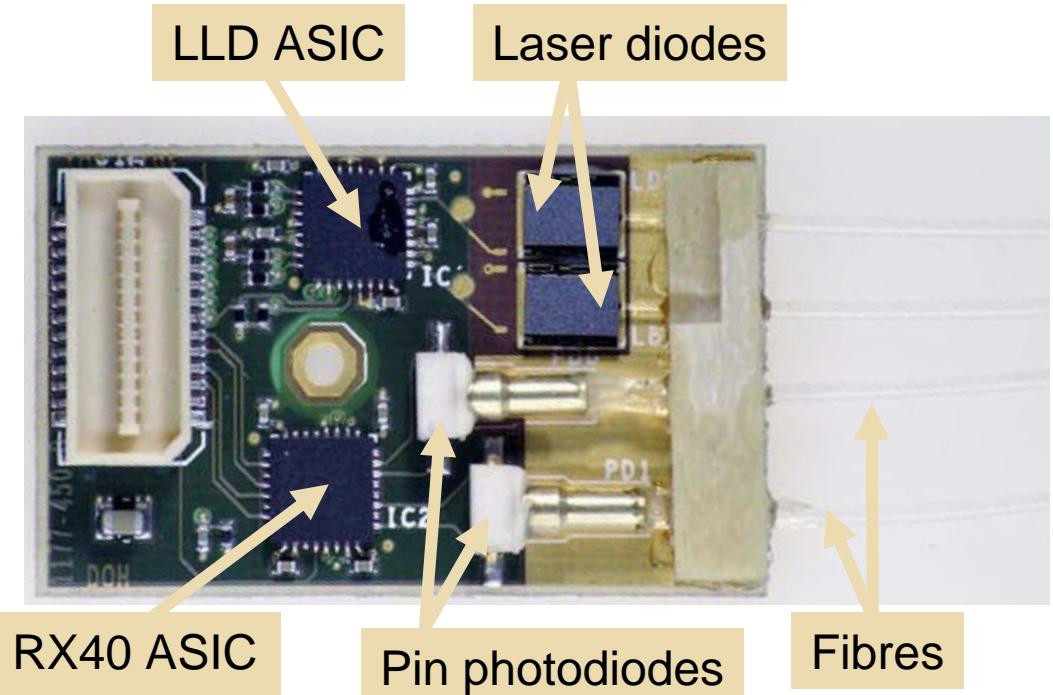
- High Energy 7+7TeV
- High rate
  - Large radiation field
    - mainly pions (few hundred MeV) in Tracker



Charged hadron fluence ( $/\text{cm}^2$  over  $\sim 10$  yrs)  
(M. Huhtinen)

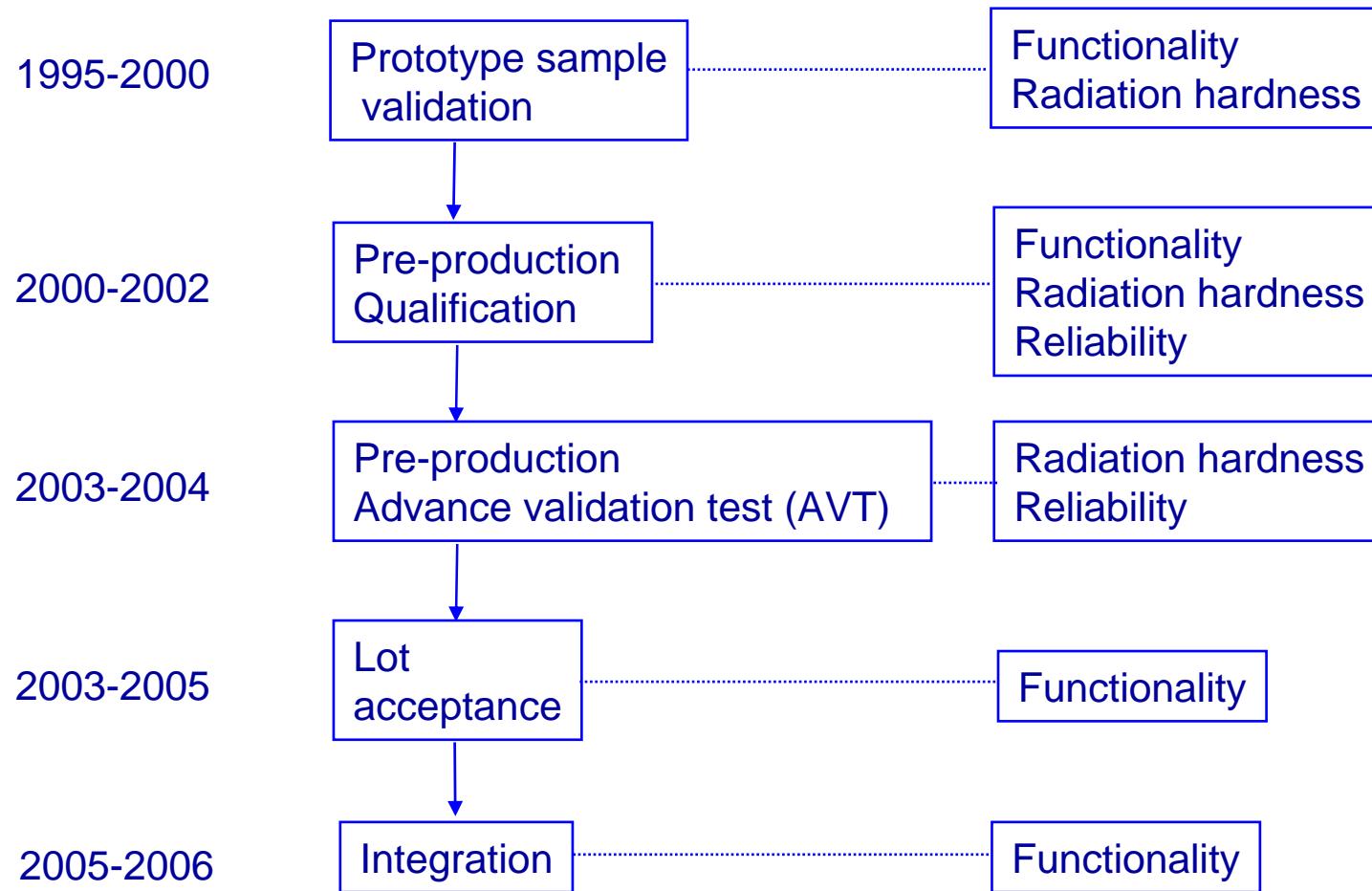
# COTS issues

- Extensive use of commercial off-the-shelf components (COTS) in CMS optical links
  - Benefit from latest industrial developments
    - cheaper
    - reliable qualified devices
  - However COTS not made for CMS environment
    - no guarantees of long-life inside CMS
- validation testing of COTS mandatory before integration into CMS



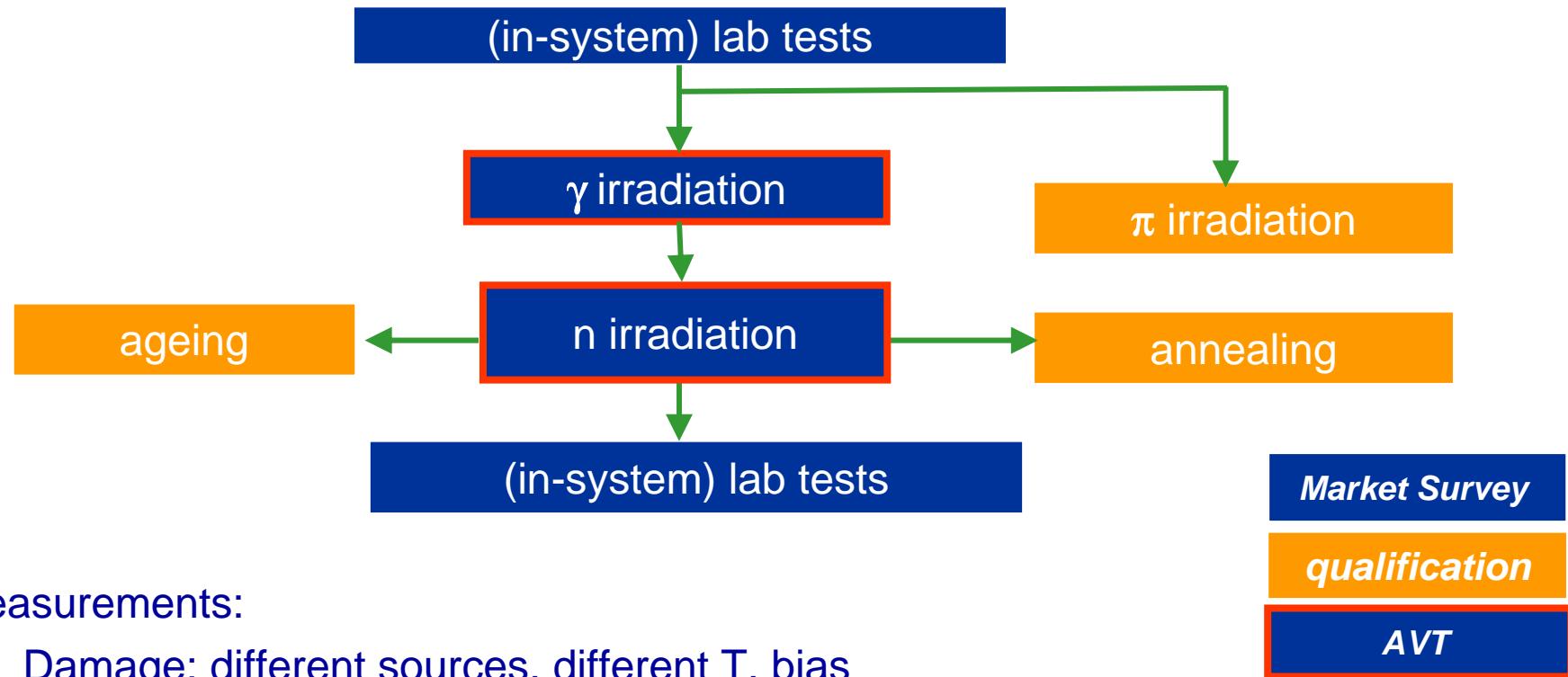
e.g. control links digital opto-hybrid

# Quality Assurance programme



# Radiation testing

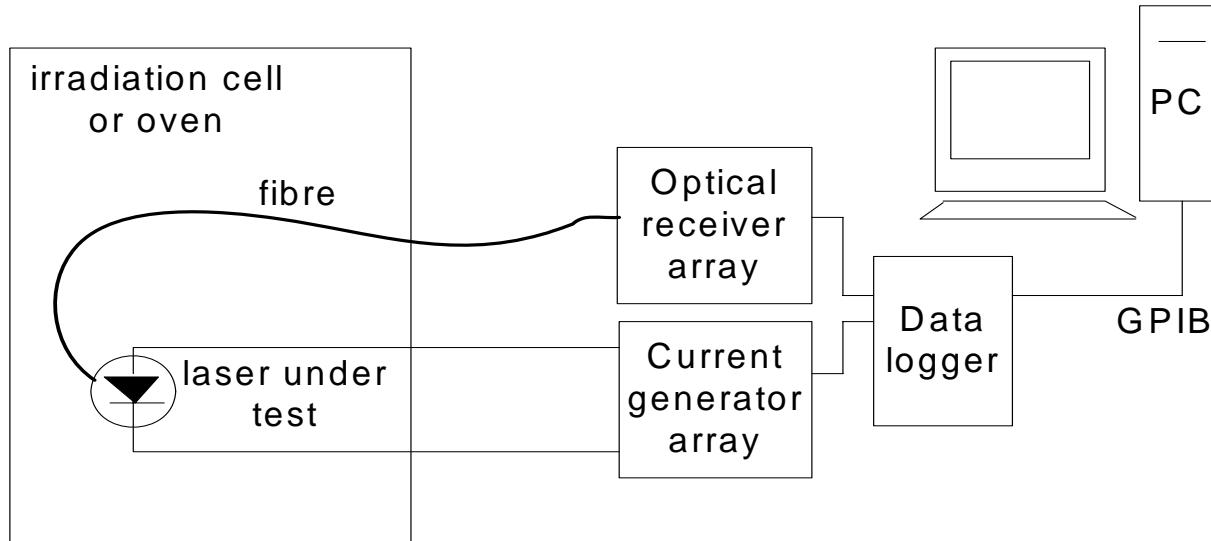
- e.g. validation tests on lasers



- Measurements:
  - Damage: different sources, different T, bias
  - Annealing rates, acceleration factors
  - Wearout
- >500 laser samples tested in total

# Irradiation test system

- Measurement setup (lasers)

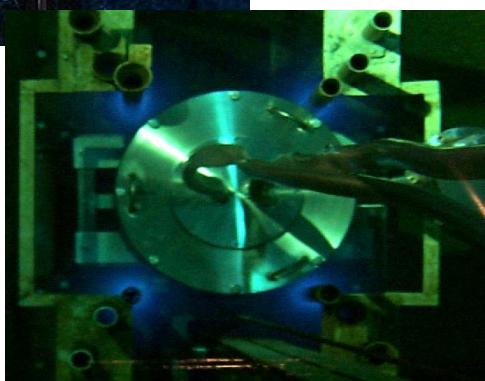


- In-situ measurements allows confident extrapolation/comparison of accelerated tests
  - Avoid before/after tests unless damage kinetics understood
  - Few changes to test-procedure since 1997 for consistency
- Very similar system used for fibre and photodiodes

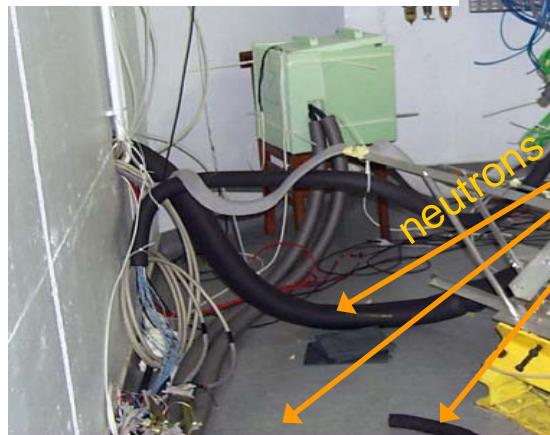
# Irradiation at SCK-CEN and UCL



SCK-CEN Co-60  
 $\gamma$  2kGy/hr  
underwater



**UCL (T2 source)**  
~20MeV neutrons  
flux  $\sim 5 \times 10^{10} \text{n/cm}^2/\text{s}$



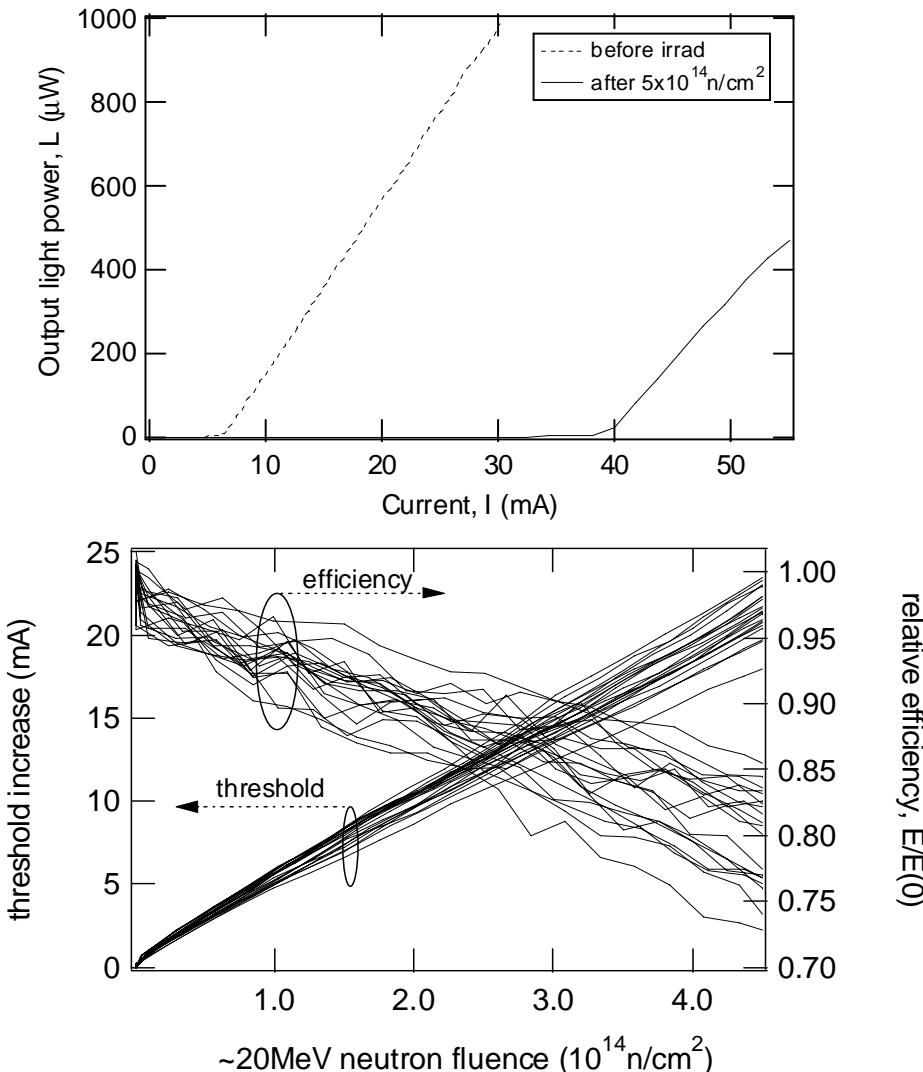
**Samples stacked  
inside cold box (-10°C)**



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# Radiation Damage in lasers – 20MeV neutrons

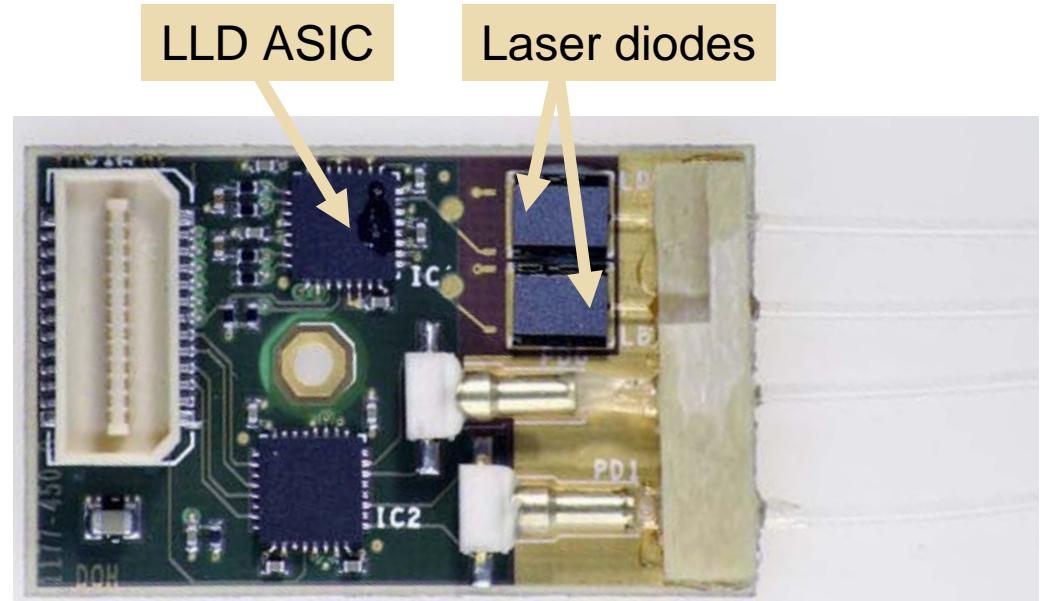
Typical L-I characteristics before and after  $5 \times 10^{14} \text{n/cm}^2$



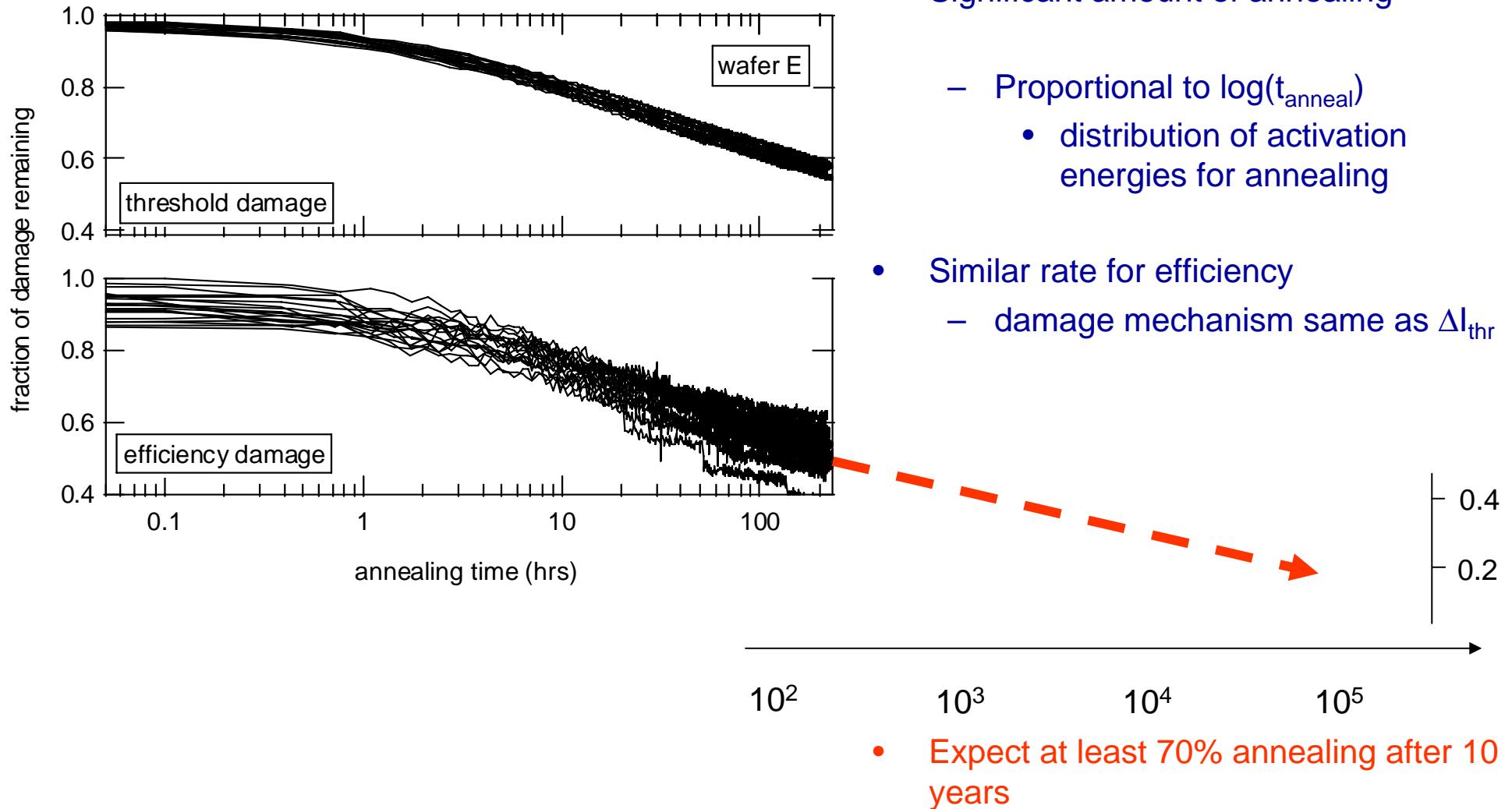
- A lot of damage from neutrons
  - Increase in laser threshold current
  - Decrease of laser efficiency
- Damage proportional to fluence
  - Degradation of carrier lifetime
- After  $4.5 \times 10^{14} \text{n/cm}^2$ 
  - Threshold increase  $\sim 20\text{mA}$
  - Efficiency loss  $\sim 20\%$
- All wafers tested with this source in advance of final production (2002-2004)
  - 300 lasers in total

# Laser damage mitigation

- LLD specified to compensate for laser damage
  - for threshold up to 45mA
- Recall worst-case CMS-Tracker  
 $\Delta I_{thr} \sim 5.3\text{mA}$  after 10 years
  - Large safety margin (almost 10x)

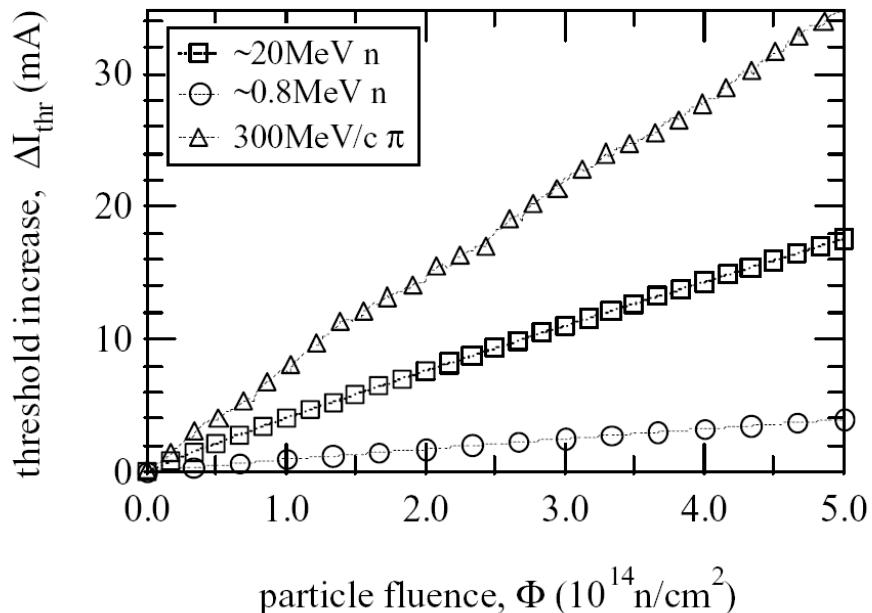


# Annealing in lasers



# Damage different sources

- Laser threshold  $I_{thr}$  with different sources (averaged and normalized) (1998-2000)



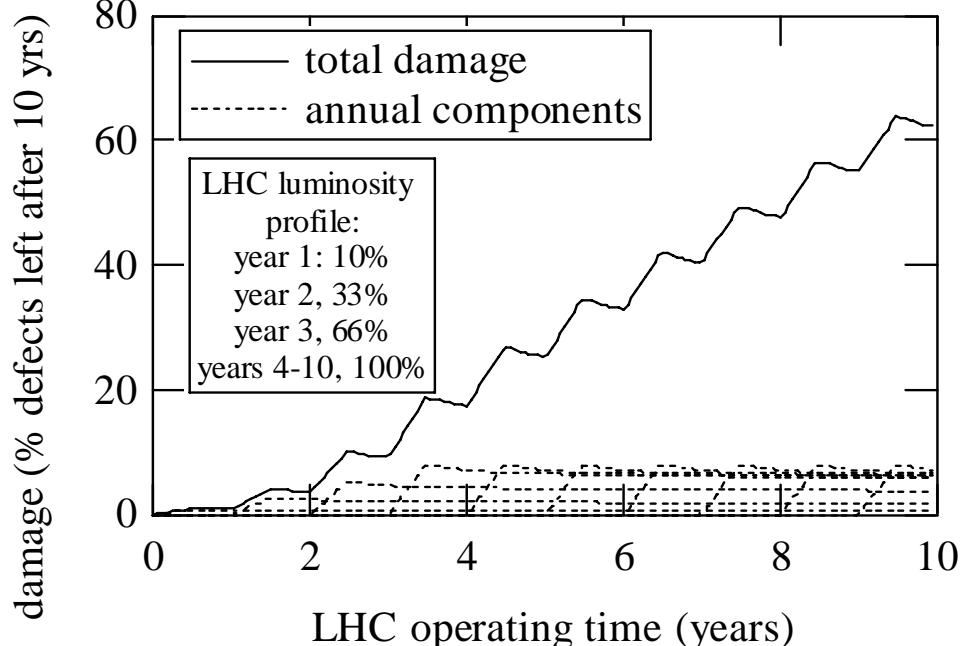
Relative damage factors

Valduc 0.75MeV n (=1)  
UCL 20MeV n (=4.5)  
PSI 200MeV π (=8.4)  
 ${}^{60}\text{Co } \gamma$  (~0)

- Coverage of various parts of CMS particle energy spectrum
  - Pions most important
- Similar factors for other 1310nm InGaAsP/InP lasers

# Laser damage prediction in CMS Tracker

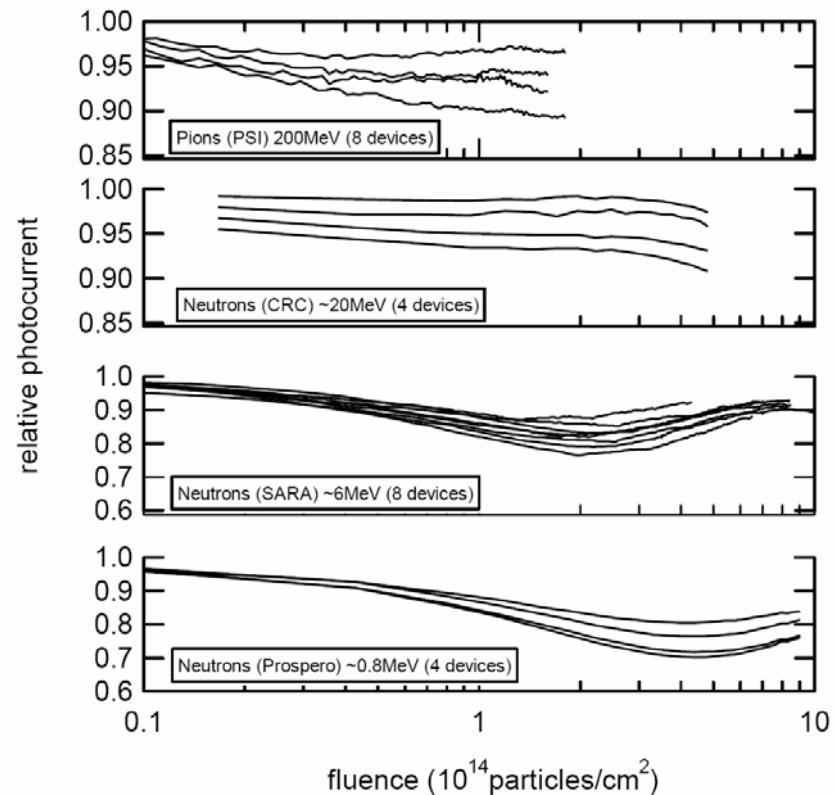
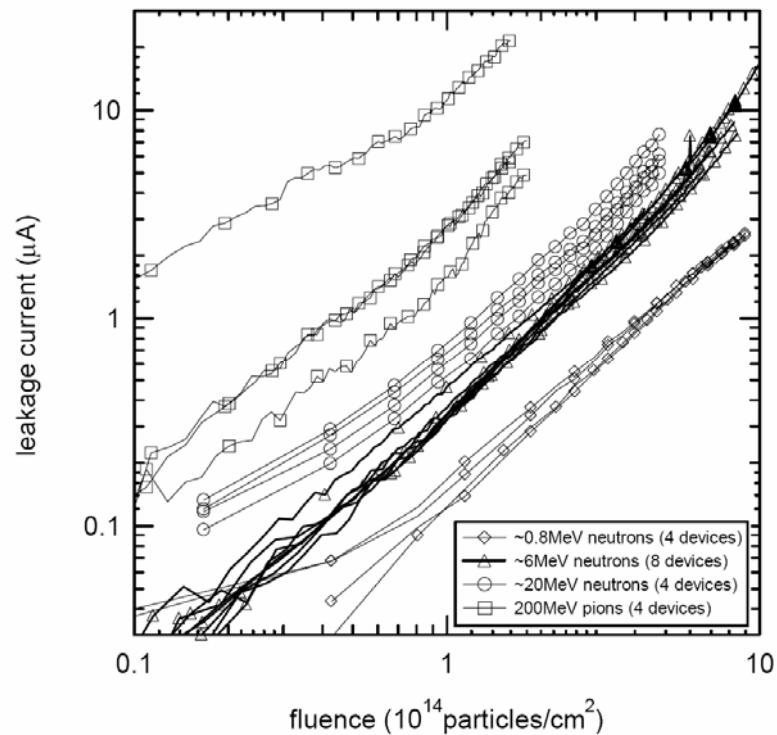
- Even without thorough understanding, can predict damage evolution over a 10-year lifetime inside Tracker



- Based on damage factors and annealing rate at close to -10°C
  - Take worst-case
    - radius=22cm in Tracker
    - pion damage dominates
  - Damage decreases rapidly with distance from beam interaction point
    - ~50% at  $r=32\text{cm}$
- $\Delta I_{\text{thr}} = 6\text{mA in 10 years}$   
 $\Delta E = 6\% \text{ in 10 years}$

# Photodiode leakage and response

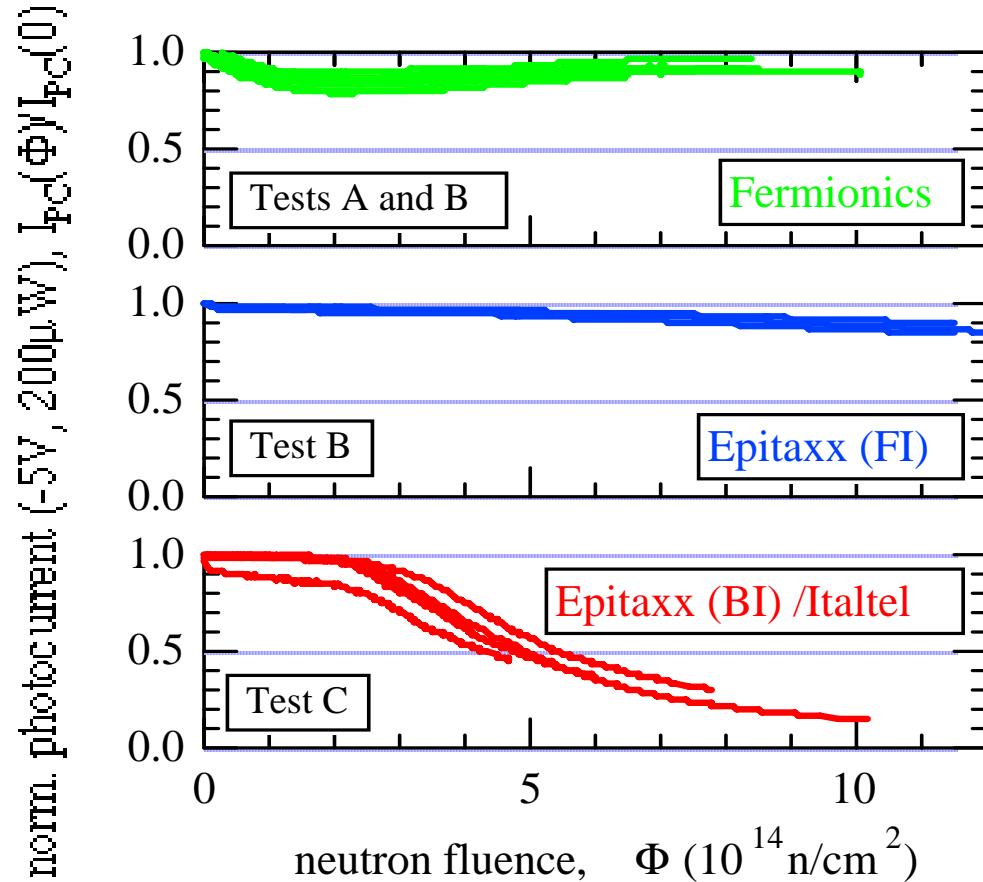
- leakage current and responsivity Fermionics InGaAs 80um diameter (1996-2000)



- RX40 ASIC designed to compensate for damage
  - dc current offset up to  $500\mu\text{A}$
  - automatic gain control (signals of  $10\text{-}500\mu\text{A}$ )

# Photodiodes - response

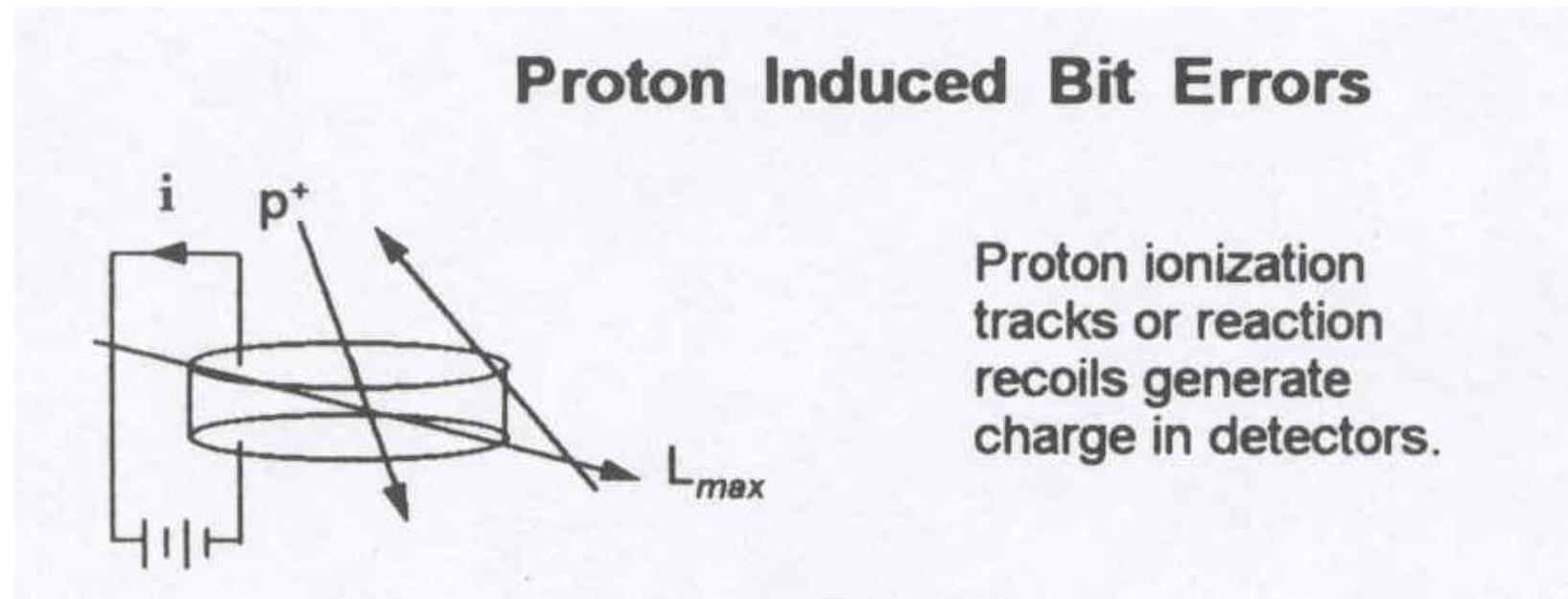
- Photocurrent (InGaAs, 6MeV neutrons, 1998)



- Significant differences in damage
- depends mainly if front or back-illuminated
  - front-illuminated better

# PD SEU

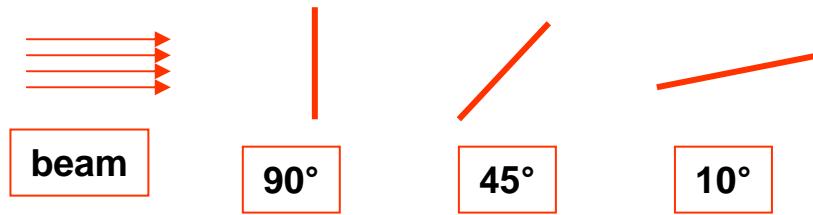
- photodiodes in control links sensitive to SEU
  - Bit-errors in control commands, clock and trigger signals



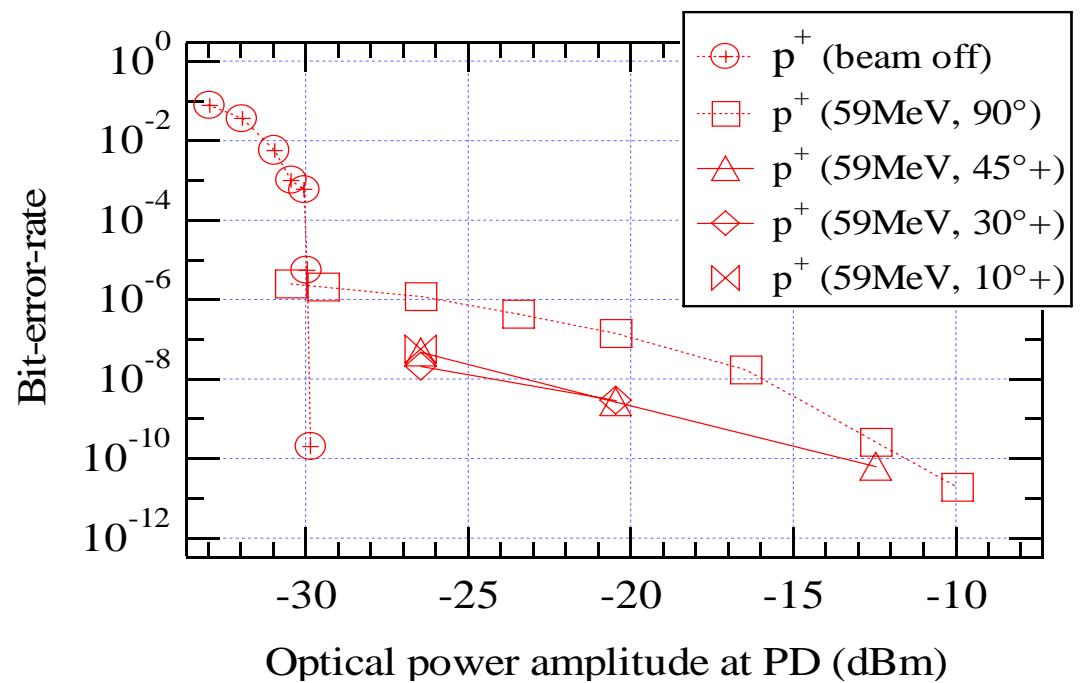
- strong dependence upon particle type and angle

# Photodiode Single-event-upset

- Bit-error-rate for 80Mbit/s transmission with 59MeV protons in InGaAs p-i-n ( $D=80\mu\text{m}$ )
- (UC Louvain la Neuve, 2000)
- 10-90° angle, 1-100 $\mu\text{W}$  optical power
- flux  $\sim 10^6/\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$  (*similar to that inside CMS Tracker*)

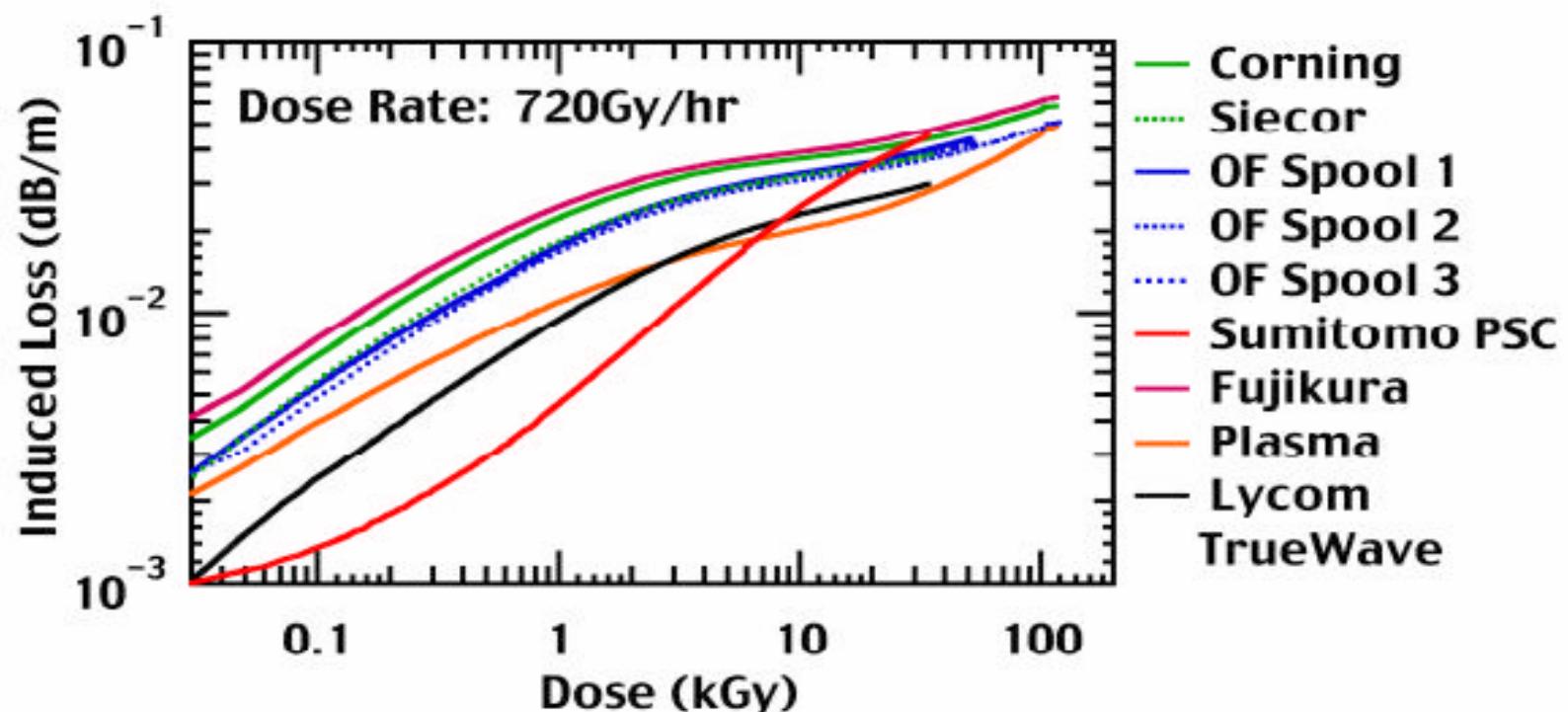


- Ionization dominates for angles close to 90°
- nuclear recoil dominates for smaller angles
  - Confirmed with neutron tests
- BER inside CMS Tracker similar to rate due to nuclear recoils
- should operate at  $\sim 100\mu\text{W}$  opt. power



# Tests of fibre attenuation

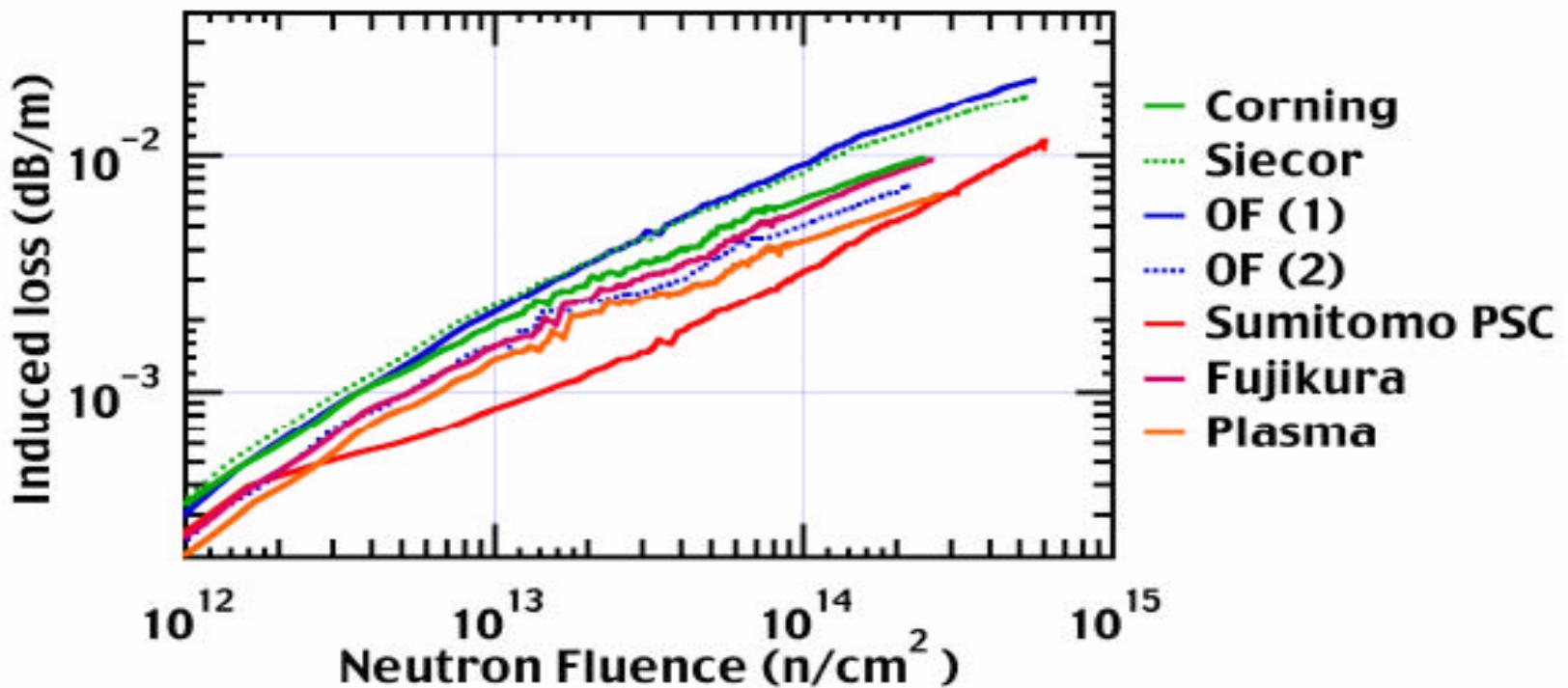
- Gamma damage in various COTS single-mode fibres at 1310nm (1997-8)



- **Loss below 0.1dB/m**
- **PSC fibre advantageous only below ~ 10-20kGy**

# Fibre attenuation vs fluence

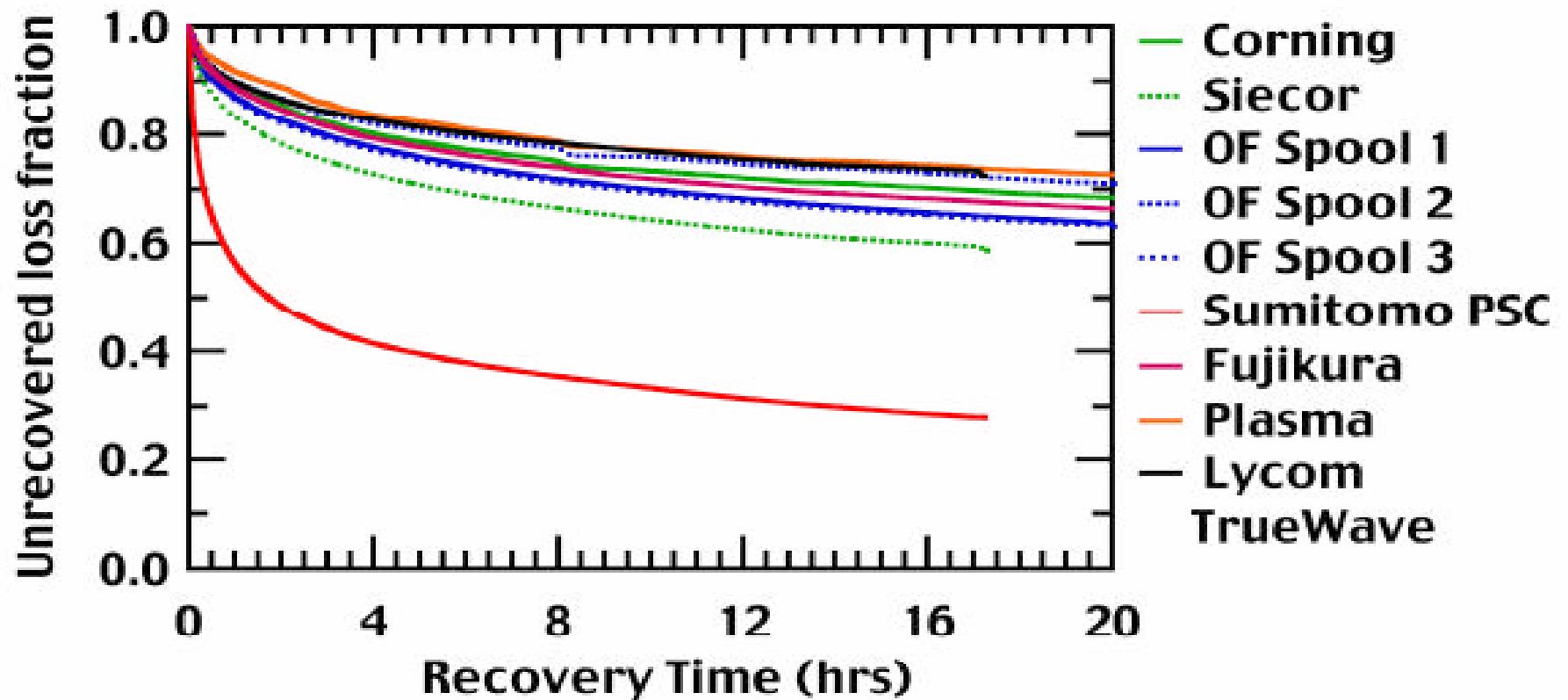
- ‘Neutron’ damage (1997)



- damage actually most likely due to  $\gamma$  background

# Fibre annealing

- damage recovers after irradiation (e.g. gamma)



- Damage therefore has *dose-rate* dependence

# Conclusions

- We are building large systems of COTS (tele/datacoms) based optical links for CMS
- Challenges include
  - Radiation damage and reliability
  - Large number of parts and density of links
  - Low mass, non magnetic packages
  - Also long project timescale, procurement, logistics, manpower....
- Our approach
  - Extensive quality and reliability assurance program
    - CMS radiation effects
    - Reliability (Bellcore standard GR 468)
  - Build good relationships with suppliers and partners
  - Validation of sensitive parts (lasers, photodiodes, fibres) before production
    - Prototypes, pre-production qualification, advance validation in production
  - Compensation for damage effects built into system
- Production phase essentially complete
  - good confidence of reliability, large safety margins