

Experimental Study and Empirical Modeling of Long Term Annealing of the ATLAS18 Sensors

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Motivation

- The ATLAS ITk – or for that matter any silicon detector - will suffer radiation damage and temperature dependent annealing
 - Increase of leakage current - operational consideration
 - Increase of Full Depletion Voltage – operational consideration
 - Reduction of Charge Collection Efficiency
 - At some level of degradation this will adversely affect the efficiency for track finding
- Annealing is reduced at low temperature
- Not possible to just keep detector at very low temperature permanently
 - For the ITK this period would be 14 years
 - Detector maintenance
 - Cooling system maintenance
 - Other possible warm ups
- While the phenomenon of annealing after radiation damage is interesting in its own right, we have taken a more empirical approach

Parametrisation of Long Term Annealing

- Rather than trying to develop a deep theoretical understanding, I wanted to come up with some “physically motivated” parametrisation.
- The Hamburg Model seems to be the standard way of understanding annealing effects – so this is a starting point
- Initially looked at some ATLAS12 data
 - ATLASyy are a series of strip sensor prototypes produced by Hamamatsu Photonics from designs by ATLAS ITk – ATLAS18 is the production series
 - The ATLAS12 data has been published in NIM A 924 (2019) 128-132 L. Wiik-Fuchs et al
 - That publication is a subset of data from Leena Diehl – Freiburg Ph.D. Thesis 2018
 - Leena Diehl kindly provided me with the numerical data, and also some additional measurements from her thesis

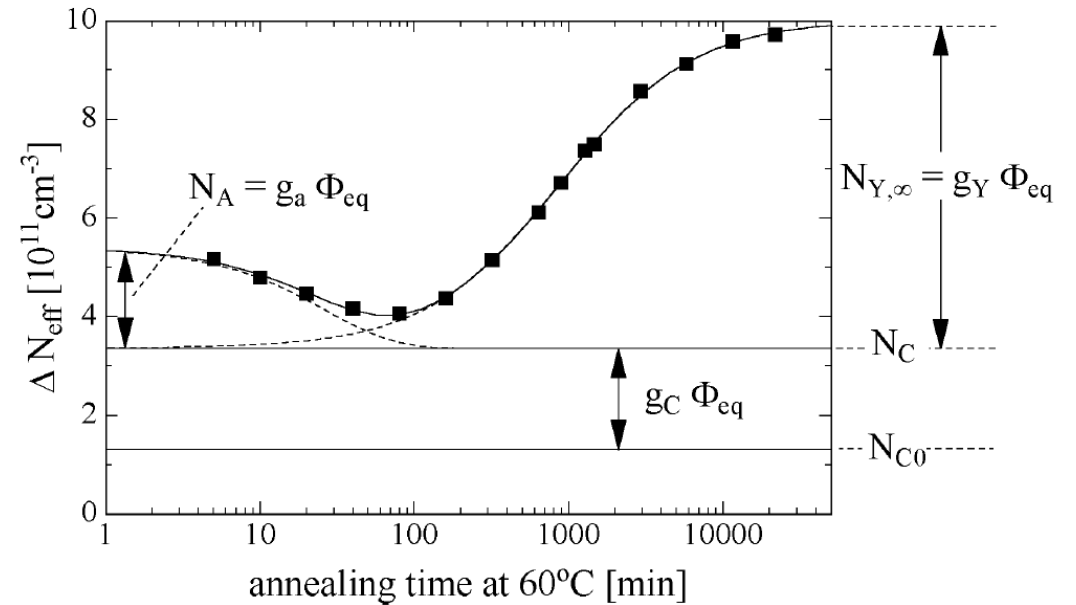
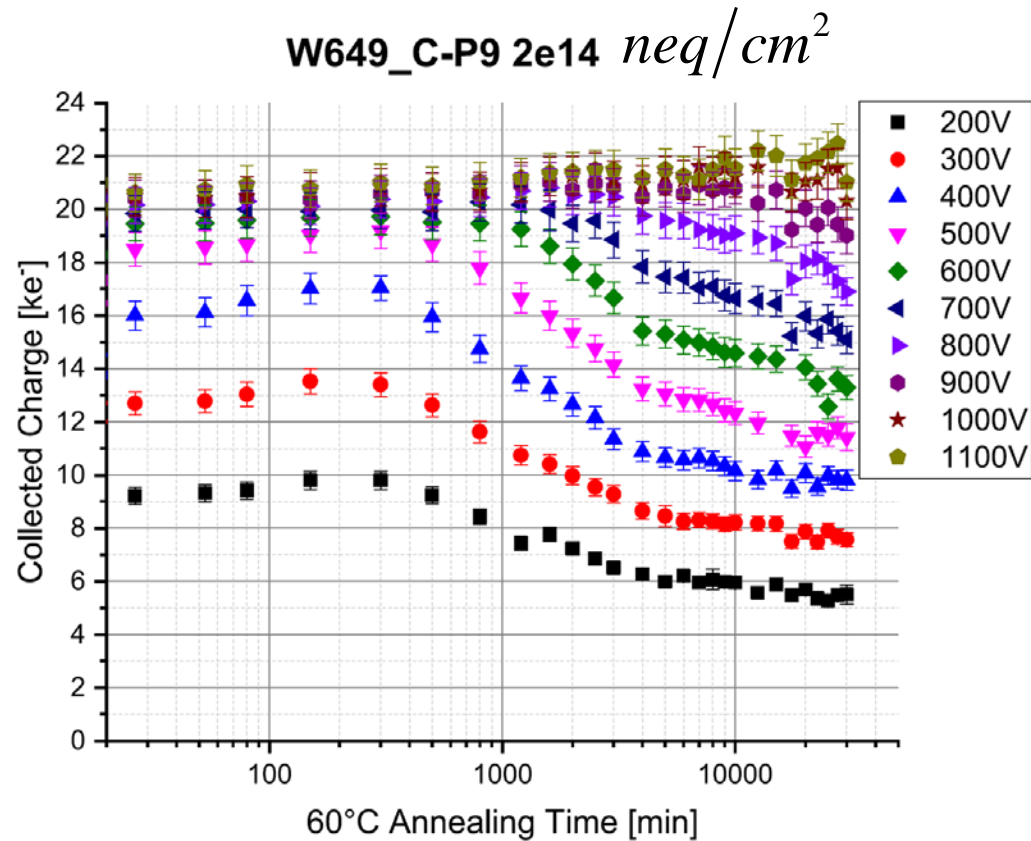


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- Effective doping concentration N_{eff} depends on Φ_{eq} - fluence of irradiation and time.
- The model hypothesises that there are three phases of annealing in time.

- **Short Term beneficial annealing**

$$N_A(\Phi_{eq}, t) = \Phi_{eq} g_a \exp(-t/\tau_a)$$

- **Constant**

$$N_C(\Phi_{eq}) = N_{C,0} \Phi_{eq} g_a (1 - \exp(-C\Phi_{eq})) + g_C \Phi_{eq}$$

- **Long term degradation**

$$N_Y(\Phi_{eq}, t) = \Phi_{eq} g_Y (1 - \exp(-t/\tau_Y))$$

- **Ansatz = Guess** $CCE \propto (1/N_{eff})$

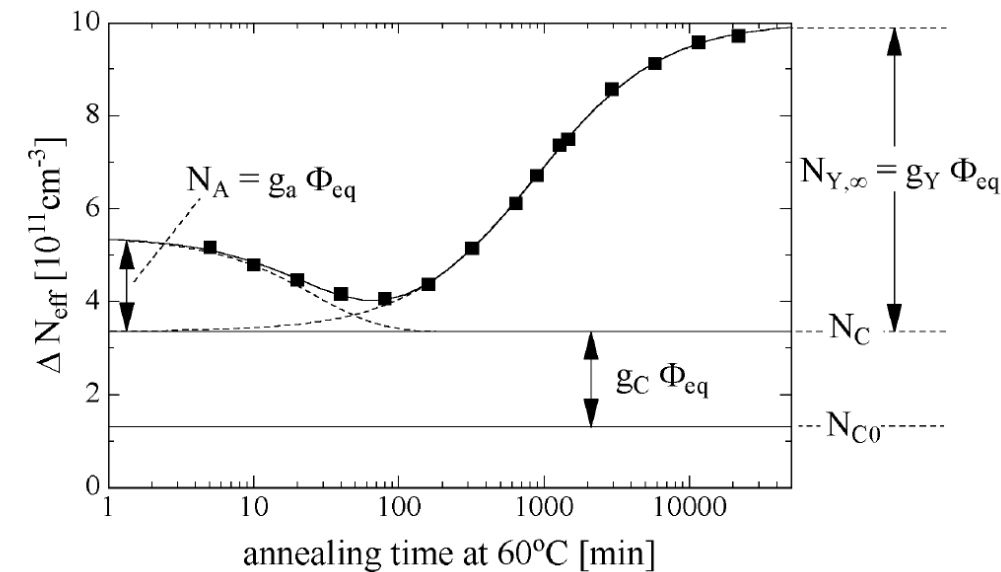


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We parametrize the collected charge as a function of irradiation fluence as :

$$1 / \left(g_a \exp(-t/\tau_a) + g_c + g_Y (1 - \exp(-t/\tau_Y)) \right)$$

g_a - Coefficient for short term annealing

τ_a - Diffusion time for short term annealing

g_c - Constant term

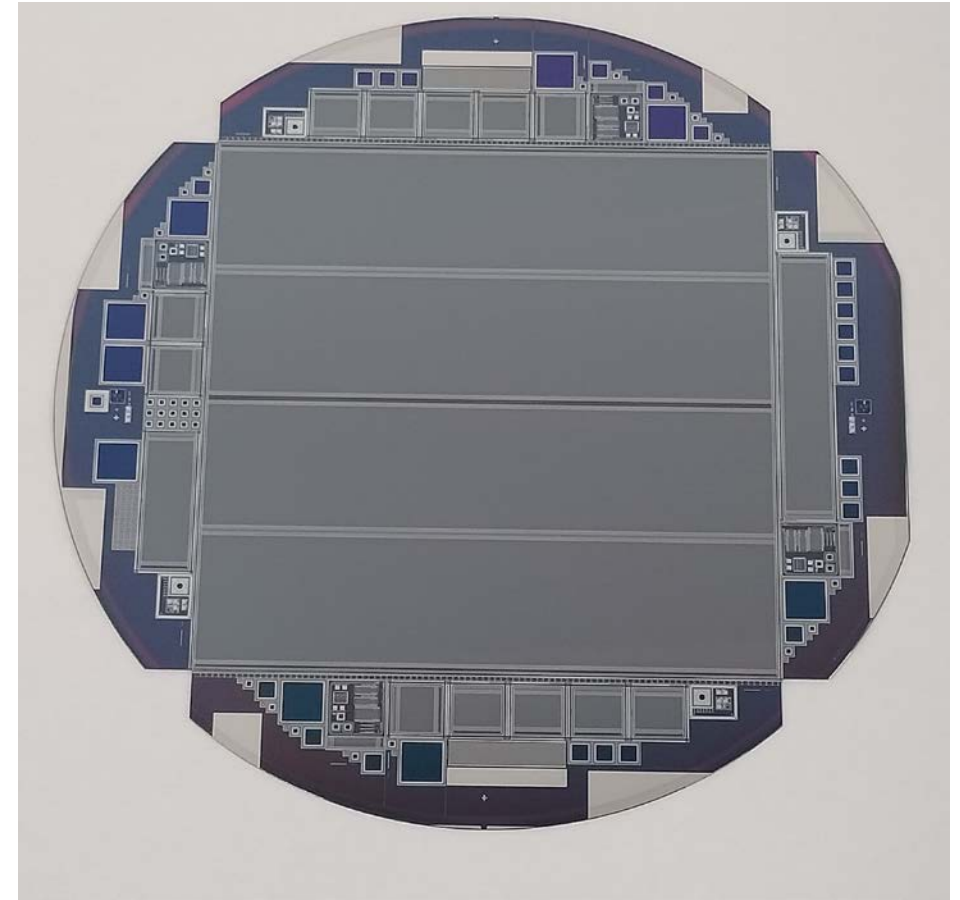
g_Y - Coefficient for long term annealing

τ_Y - Diffusion time for long term annealing

The **dependence** of the collected charge on fluence is incorporated in the g-coefficients

Miniature Sensors

- Each wafer produced by Hamamatsu contains full size sensors which are rectangular or trapezoidal in shape.
- This leaves space for other structures around the periphery of the wafer.
- ATLAS populates this area with test structures and miniature sensors.
- The miniature sensors are “identical” to full size sensors – same strip and bias/guard ring structures, and several sizes. The miniature sensors in this study are 1cm x 1cm with 104 strips of 8 mm length.
- In this study the miniature sensors were irradiated with 24 MeV protons ([ATLAS12 at Karlsruhe](#)) and reactor neutrons ([ATLAS12 and ATLAS18 at Ljubljana](#))

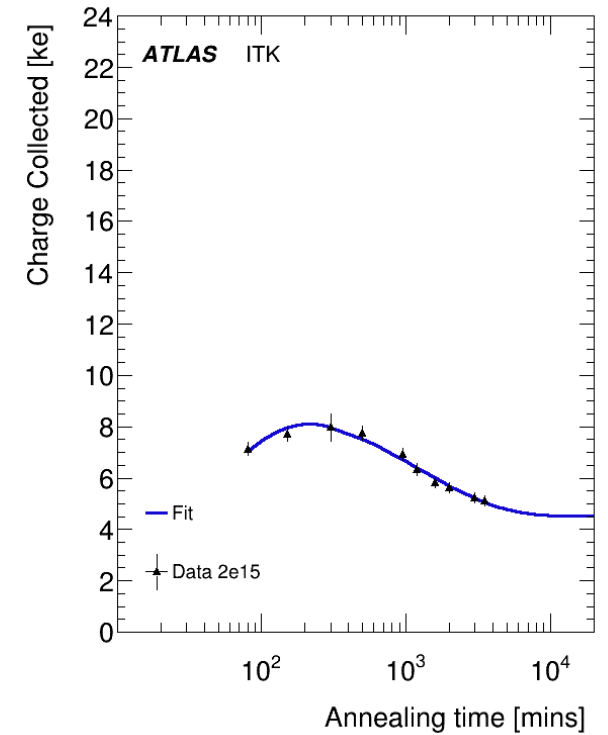
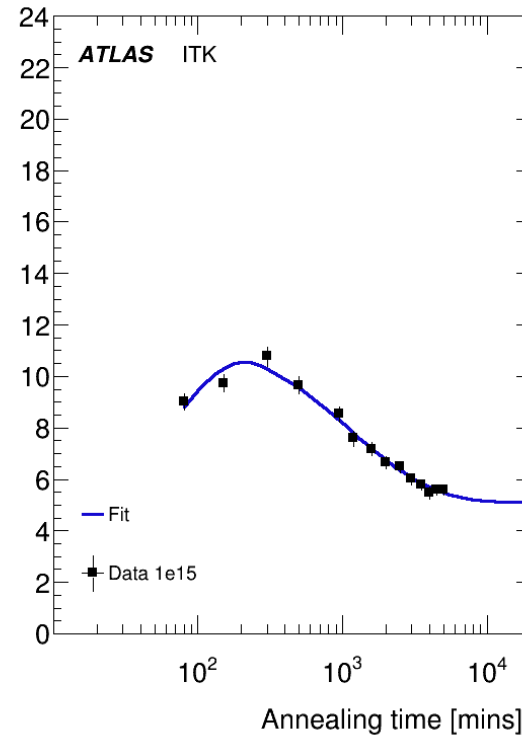
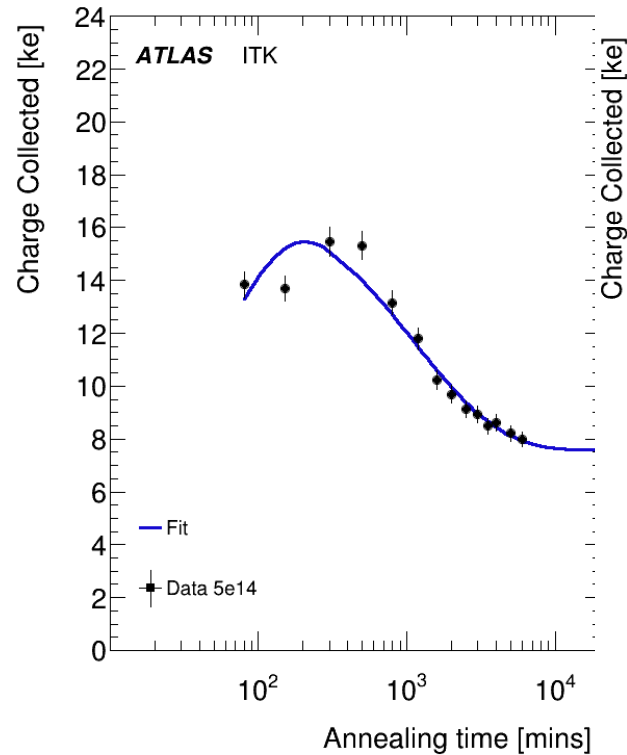
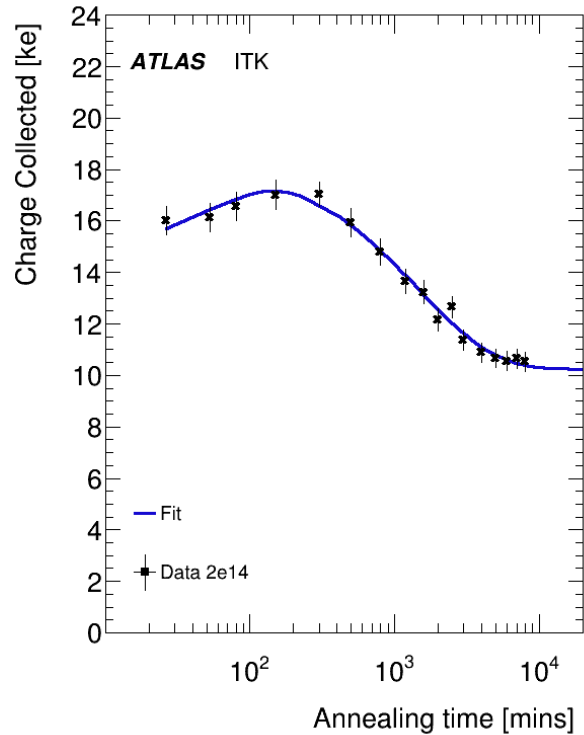


ATLAS18 Wafer

Fitting Procedure

- Initially fit distribution at each fluence with all parameters free
- To have some predictive power need to reduce number of parameters
- While the g-coefficients are functions of the irradiated fluence, it seems reasonable that the diffusion times are not.
- Refit the distributions at each fluence, with the diffusion times fixed.
 - We used the diffusion times from the fit at $2e14 \text{ neq/cm}^2$
- This extracts a set of g-parameters at each fluence
- We then fit an empirical function to the g-parameters as a function of fluence
- Then use fixed diffusion times and fitted function of g-parameters to give a “prediction” or closure test.
- We have data at many bias voltages
- Unirradiated full depletion voltage is 300V, and the ITk is limited to 500V – so we have only studied 400V and 500V in detail

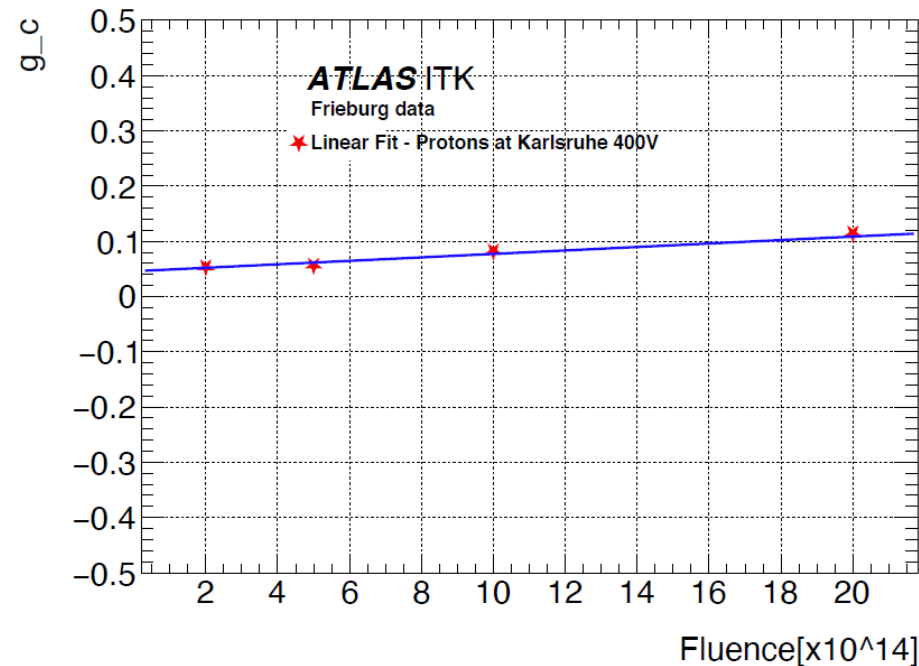
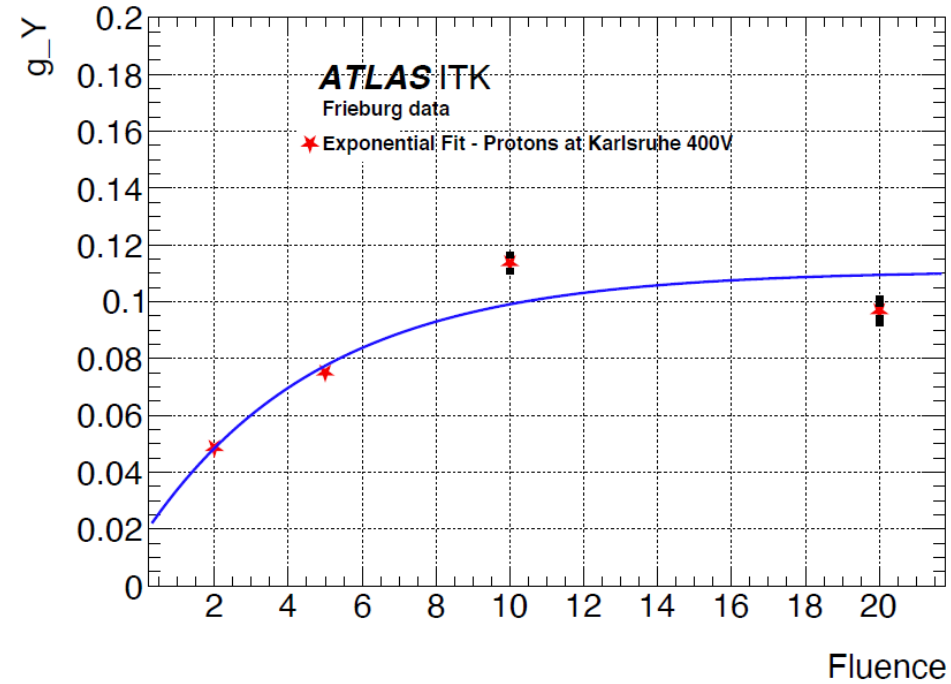
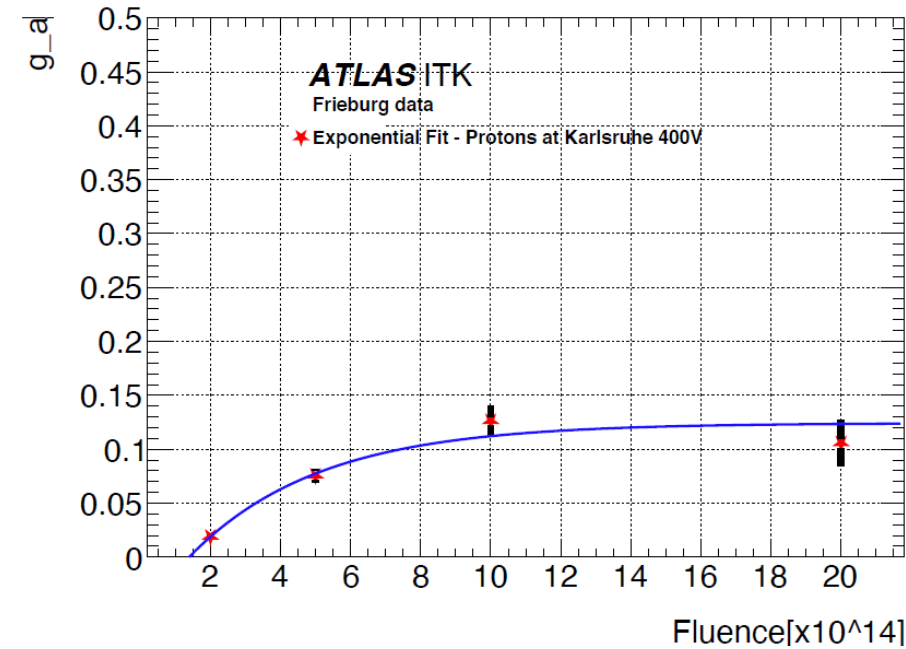
Fit model to 24 MeV Proton Data



- Measured at Freiburg
- Annealing at 60 C
- ATLAS12
- 400 V Bias

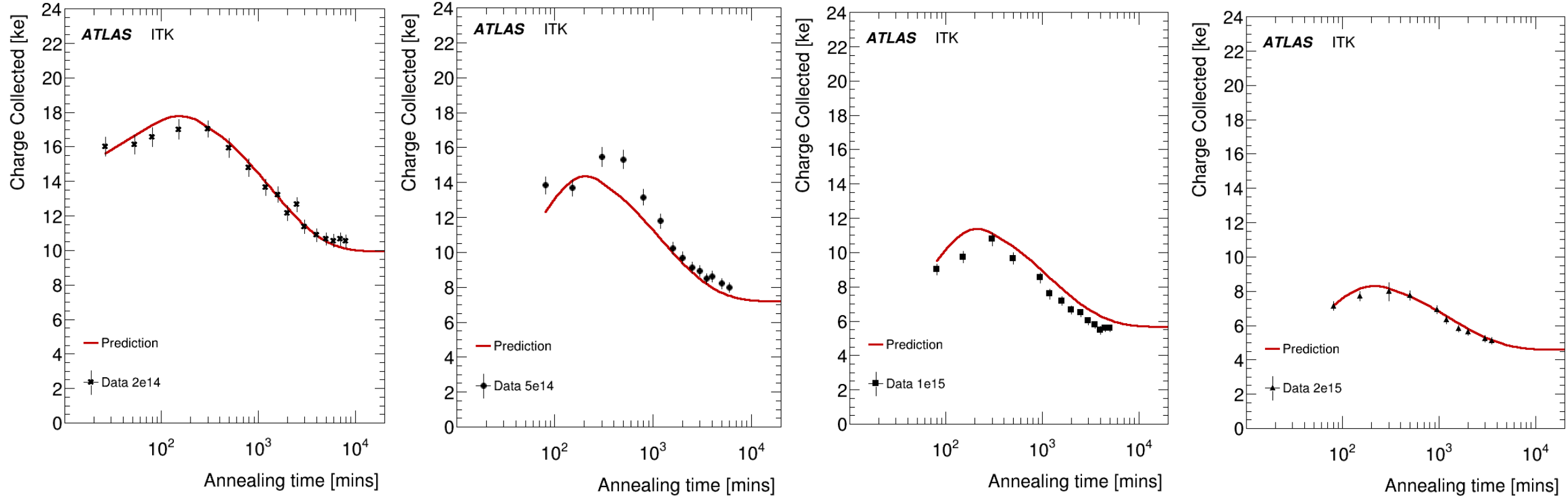
- g- coefficients free at each fluence
- Diffusion times fixed to same value at each fluence $\tau_a = 53s, \tau_Y = 2296s$

Functional Model for Dependence of Coefficients on Fluence



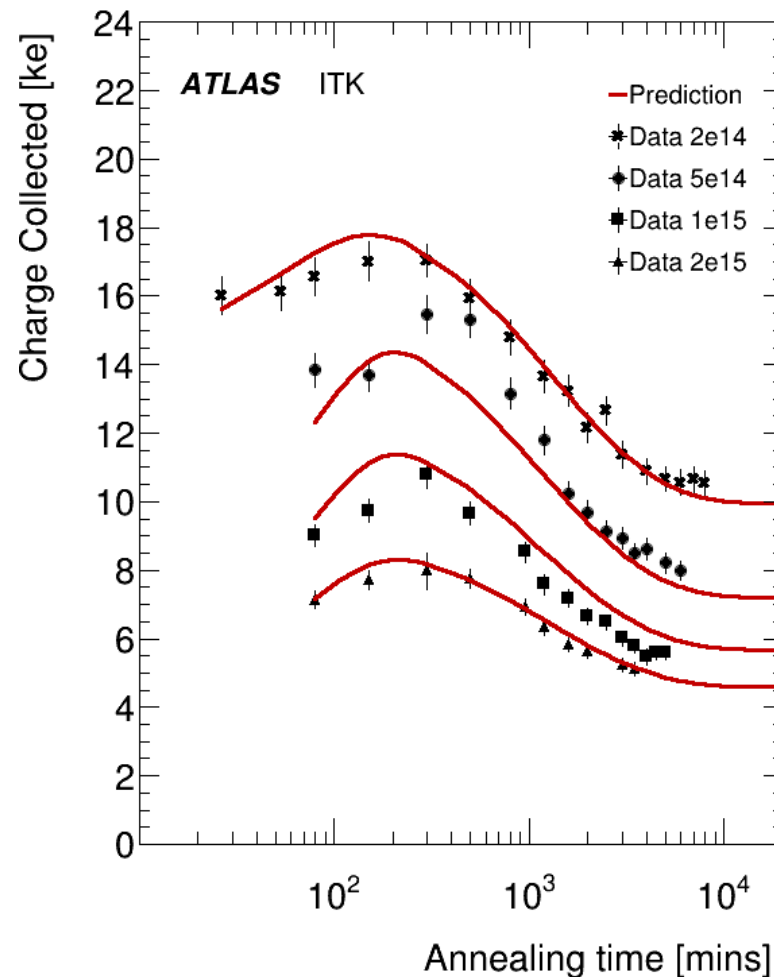
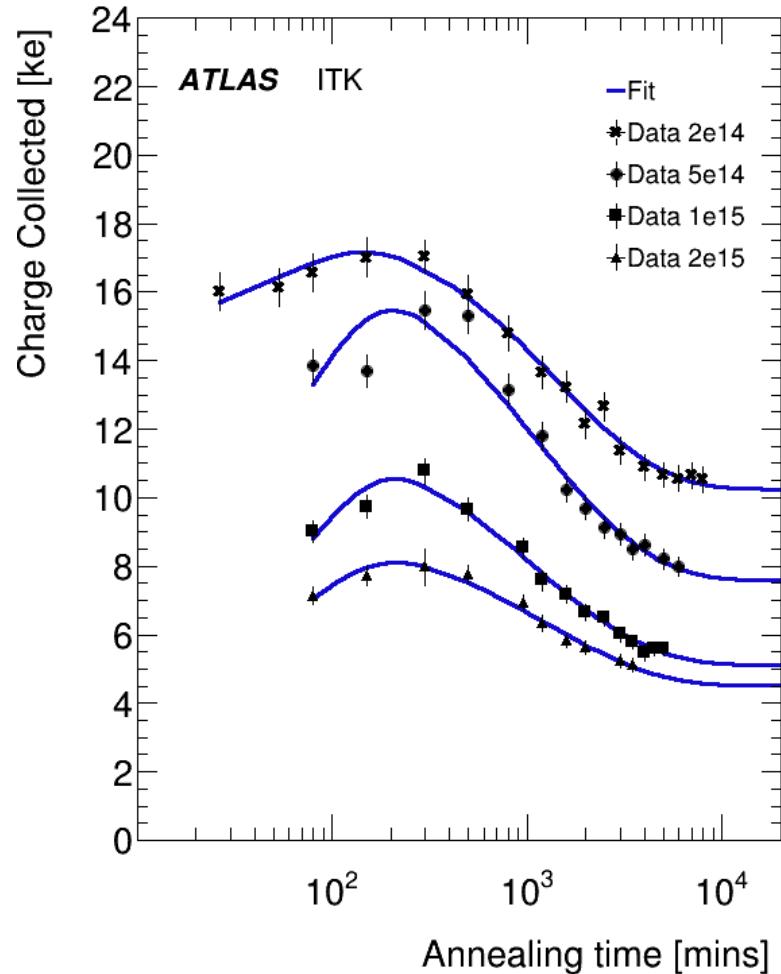
fitted g_a and g_Y to the form $a + b(1 - \exp(-c \times fluence))$ and g_c was taken as linear.

24 MeV protons at Karlsruhe – Closure Test



The fitted functional form of the g-parameters is used to predict the Collected Charge

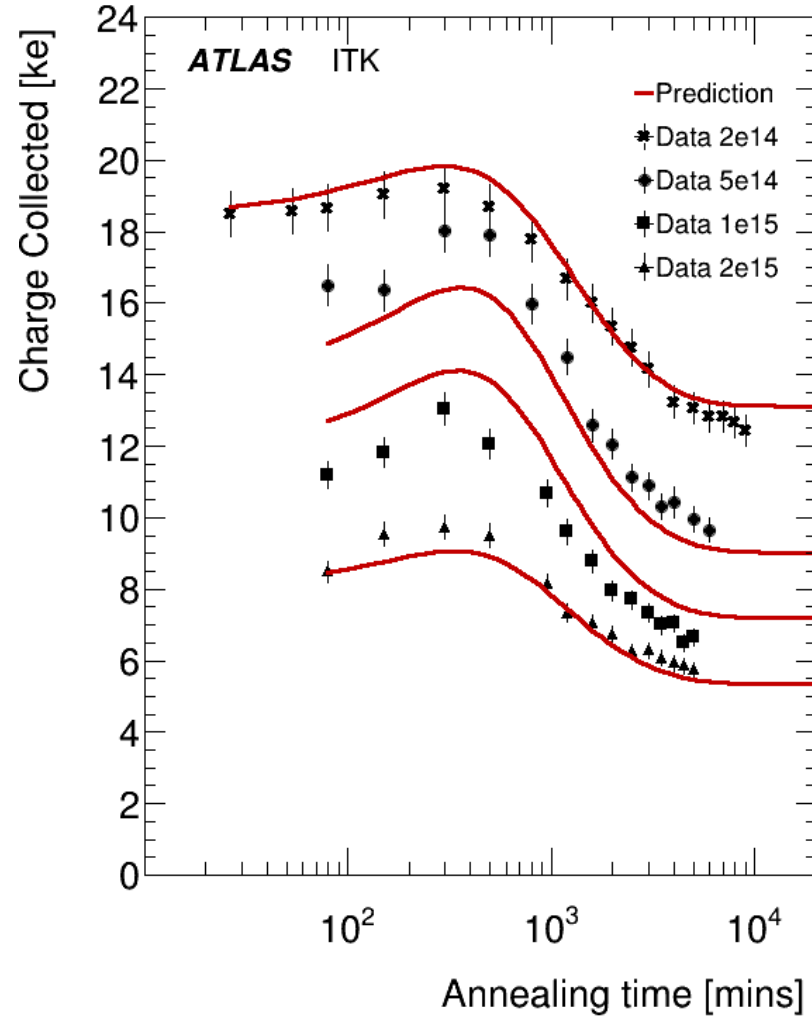
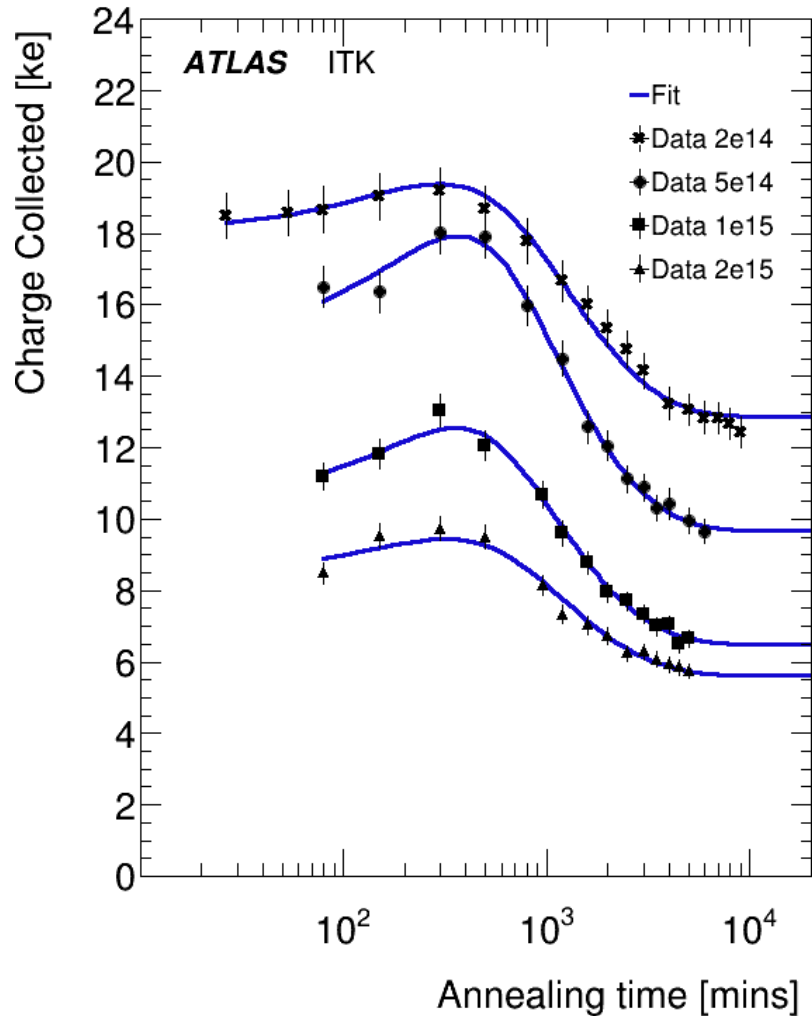
24 MeV protons at Karlsruhe – Closure Test



- ATLAS12
- 400 V Bias Voltage
- Measured at Freiburg
- Annealing at 60 C
- “Fit” is the independent fit to each fluence
- “Prediction” is the prediction of the model using the fitted coefficients as a function of fluence

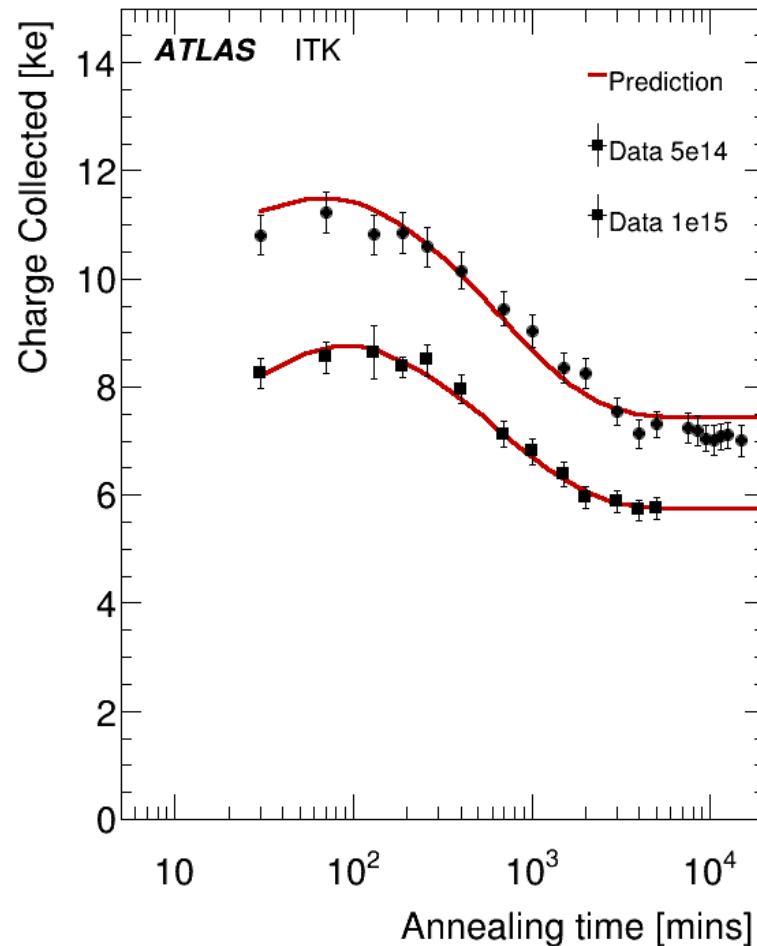
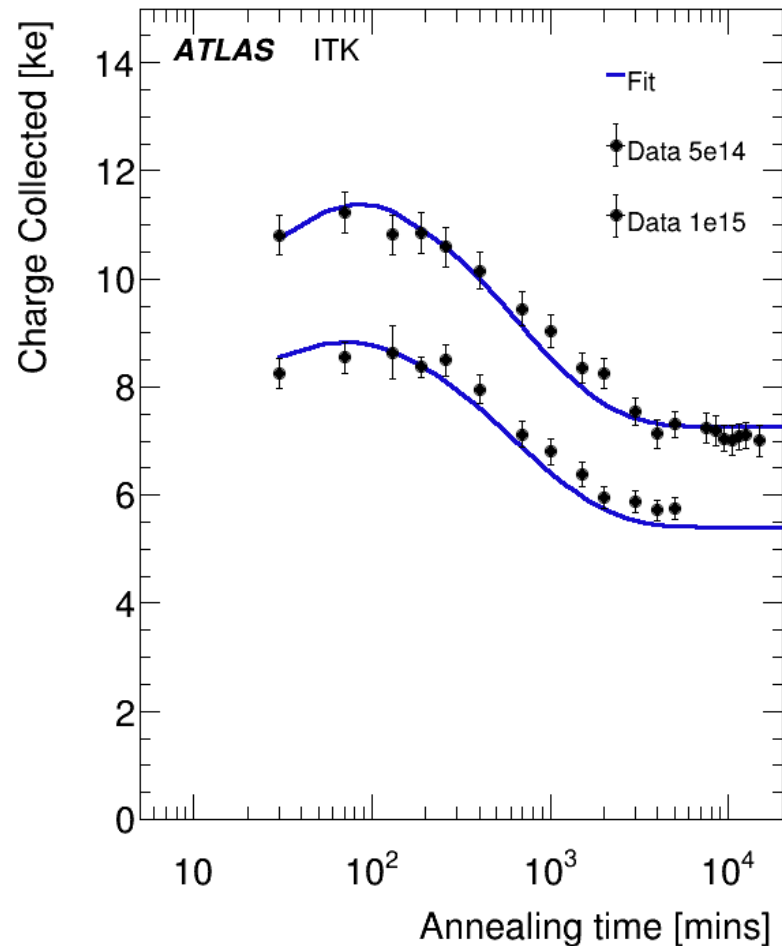
This is a condensation of last three slides

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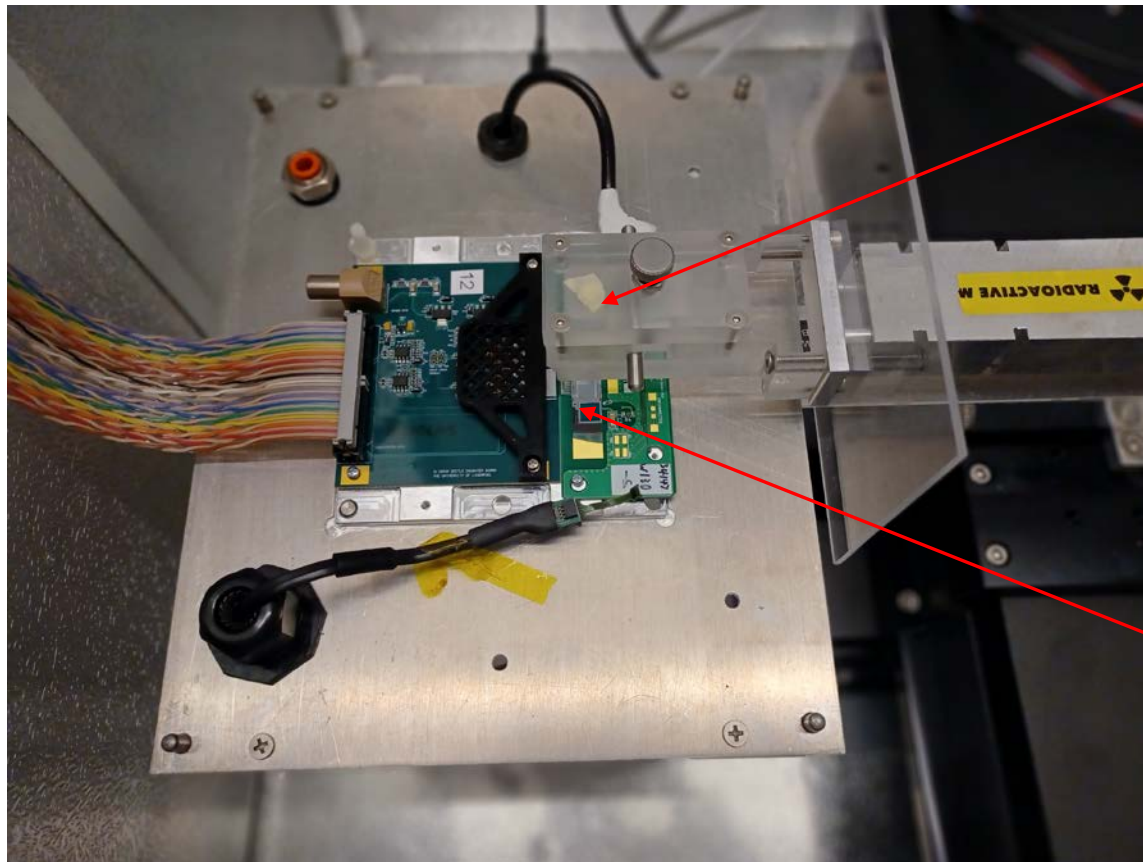
- ATLAS12
- 500 V Bias Voltage
- Measured at Freiburg
- Annealing at 60 C
- Fits to the coefficients are done independently at 400V and 500V

Reactor Neutrons – Closure Test



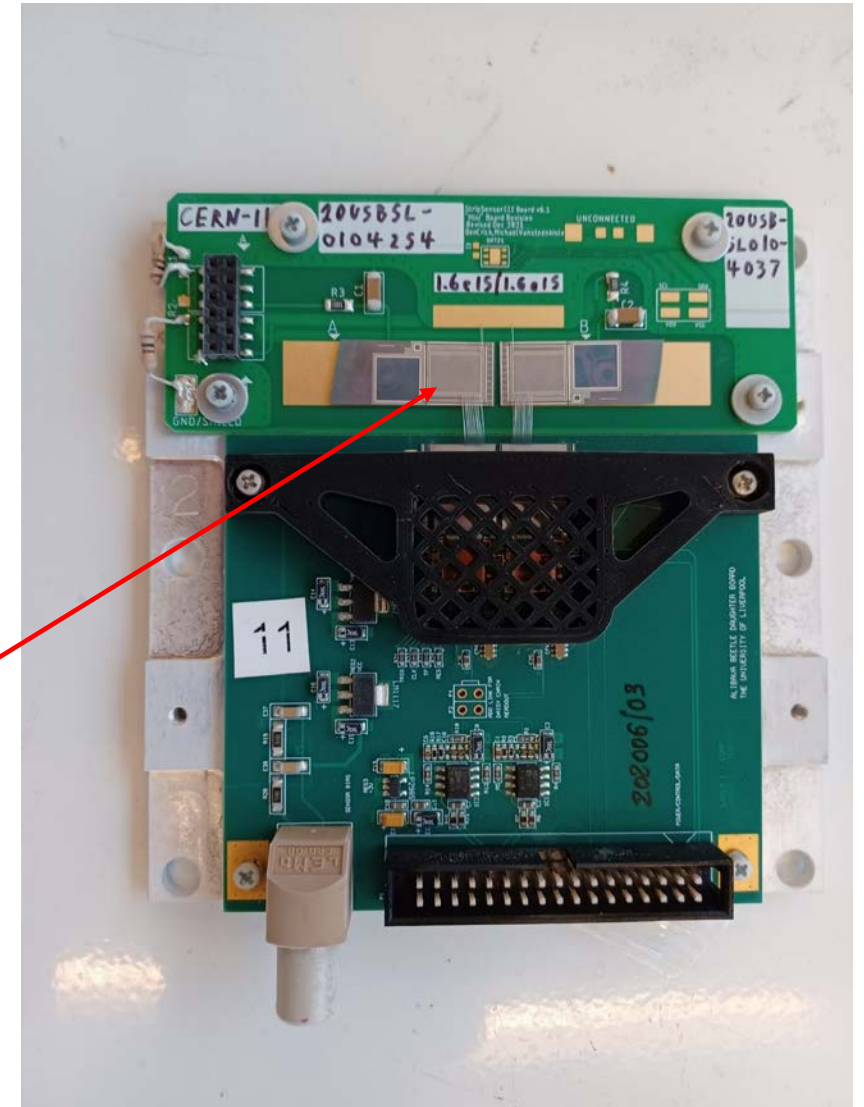
- ATLAS12
- 500 V Bias Voltage
- Annealing at 60 C
- Measured at Freiburg
- All neutron data irradiated at Ljubljana

Toronto Measurement of CCE of Miniature Sensors



^{90}Sr

Mini-sensor

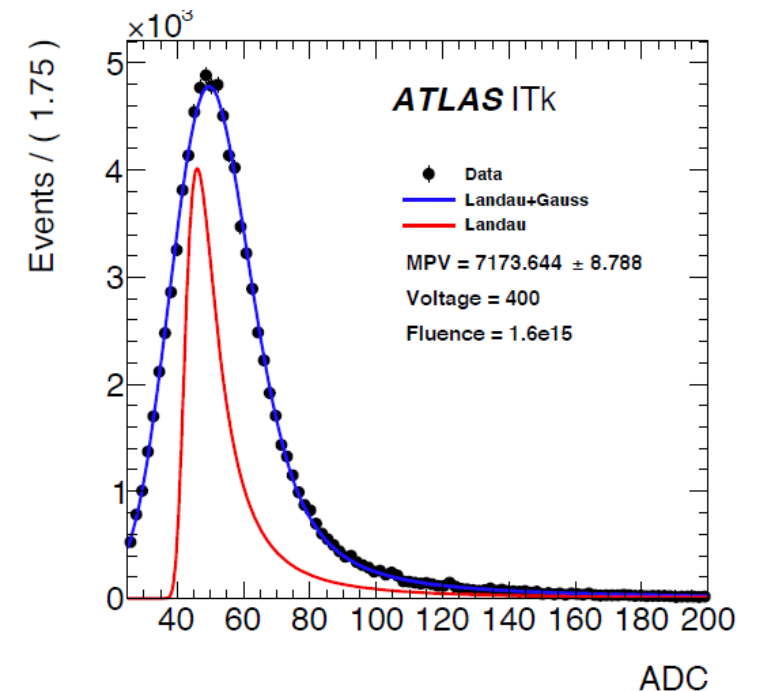
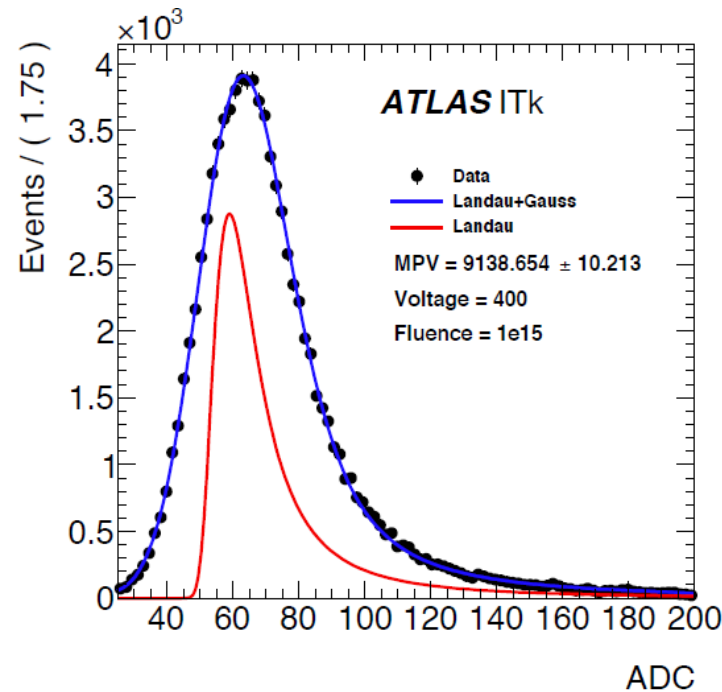
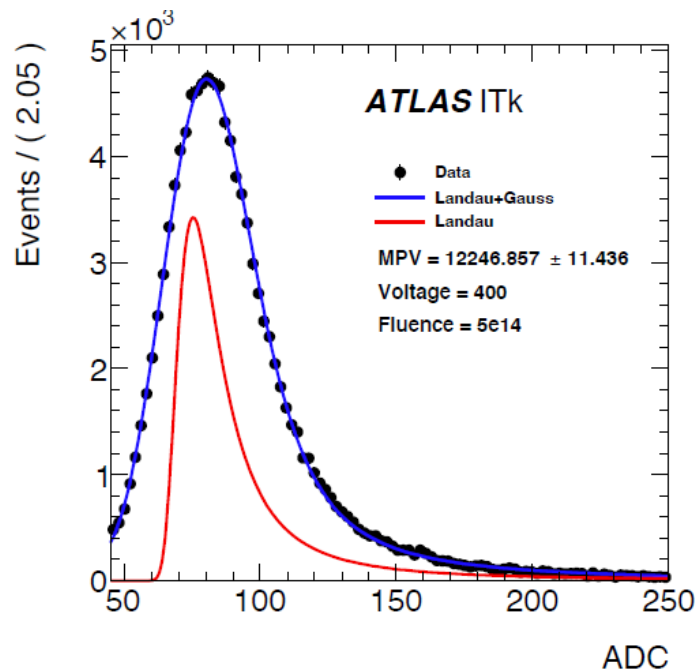


Uses Alibava readout system to measure pulse height spectrum
Measurements done in freezer at -27 C

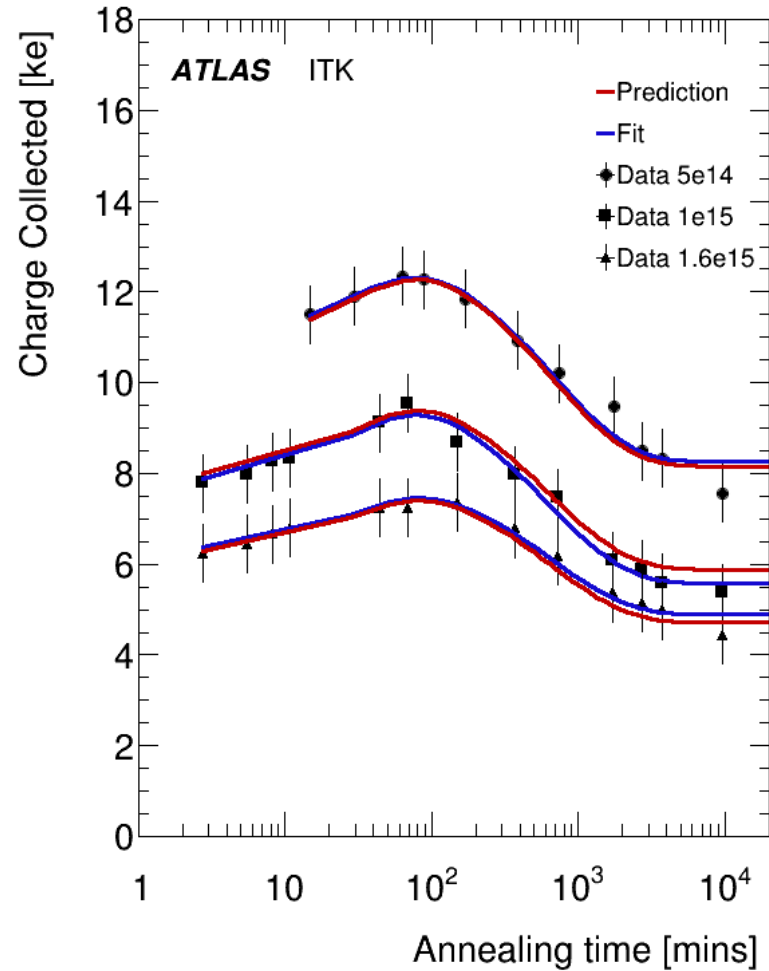
Measurement Procedure at Toronto

- Gain of all Alibava daughter boards calibrated as a function of temperature
- Used sensor mounting board with improved HV filtering
- Took data for Bias Voltage 50V to 1100V
- Pulse height spectra fitted to Landau + Gaussian
- Most probable value of Landau plotted

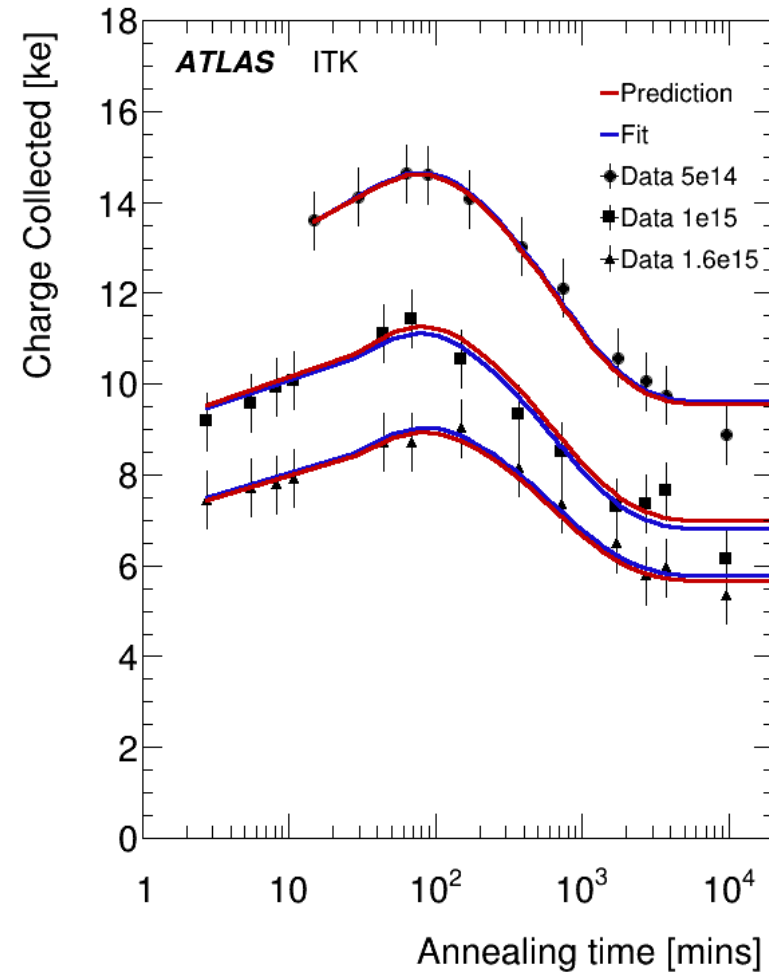
150 Mins Annealing at 60 deg



Fits and Closure of ATLAS18 - Neutrons

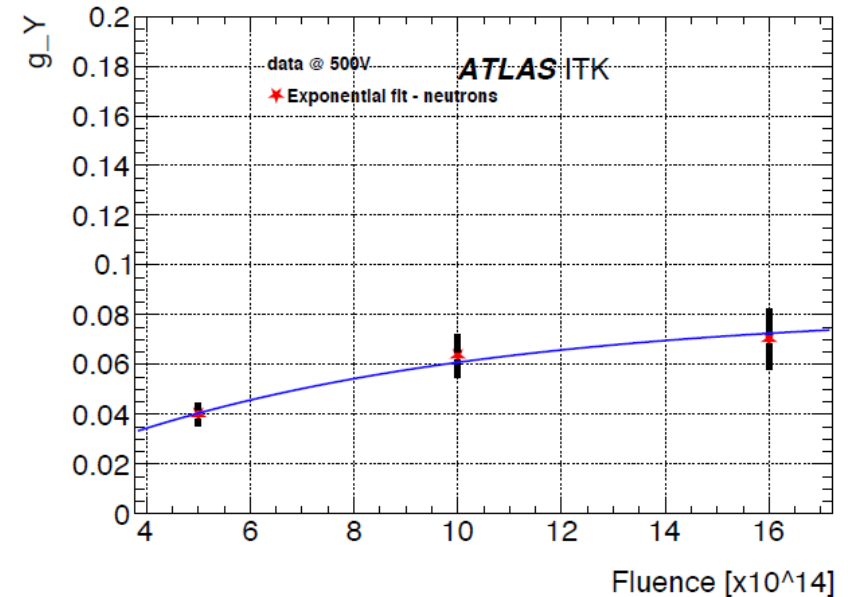
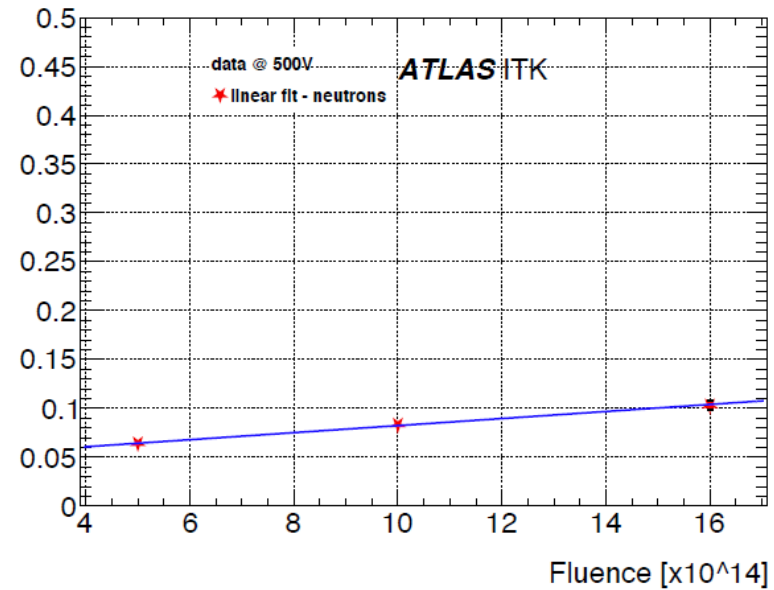
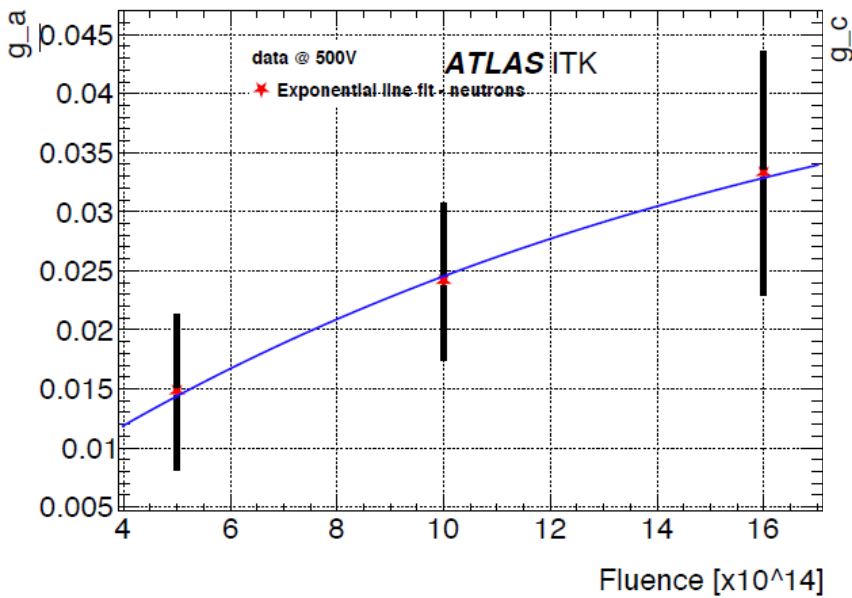


- Measured in Toronto
- **400V** Bias Voltage
- Annealing at 60 C



- Measured in Toronto
- **500V** Bias Voltage
- Annealing at 60 C

g-coefficients for ATLAS18 Neutrons



- Measured in Toronto
- 500V Bias Voltage

Use of Model in Assessing Long Term Running Scenarios

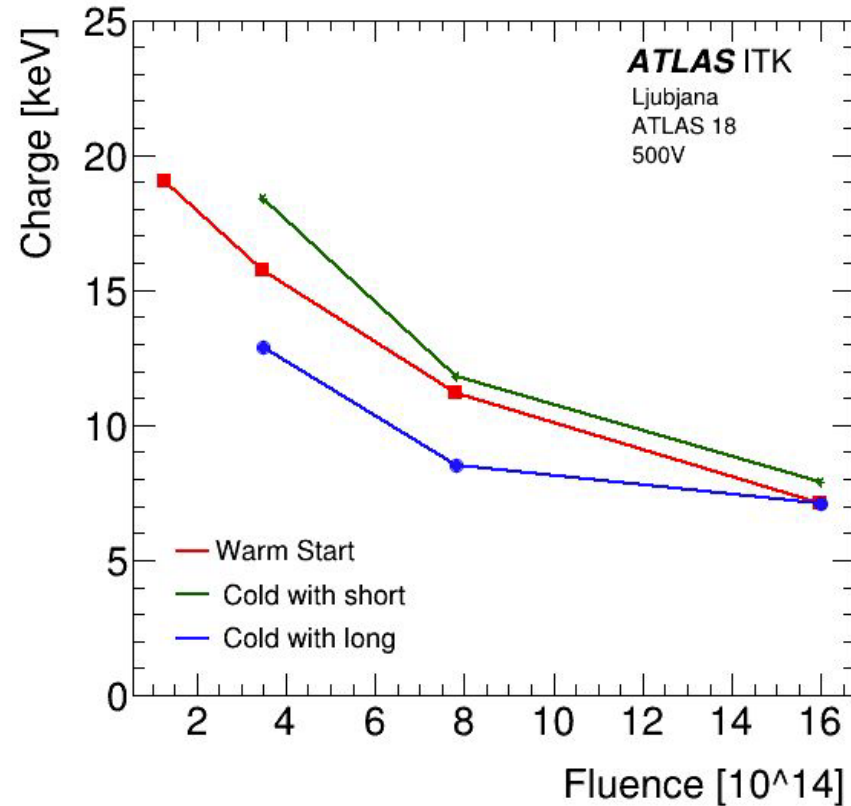
We have used model to investigate the end of life CCE in several possible situations

- 1) Alternative temperature Profiles during running
 - Starting cold -25C, and running cold except for
 - Long warmups
 - Short warmups
 - Starting at room temp and progressively reducing temperature
 - Allows data/model comparison

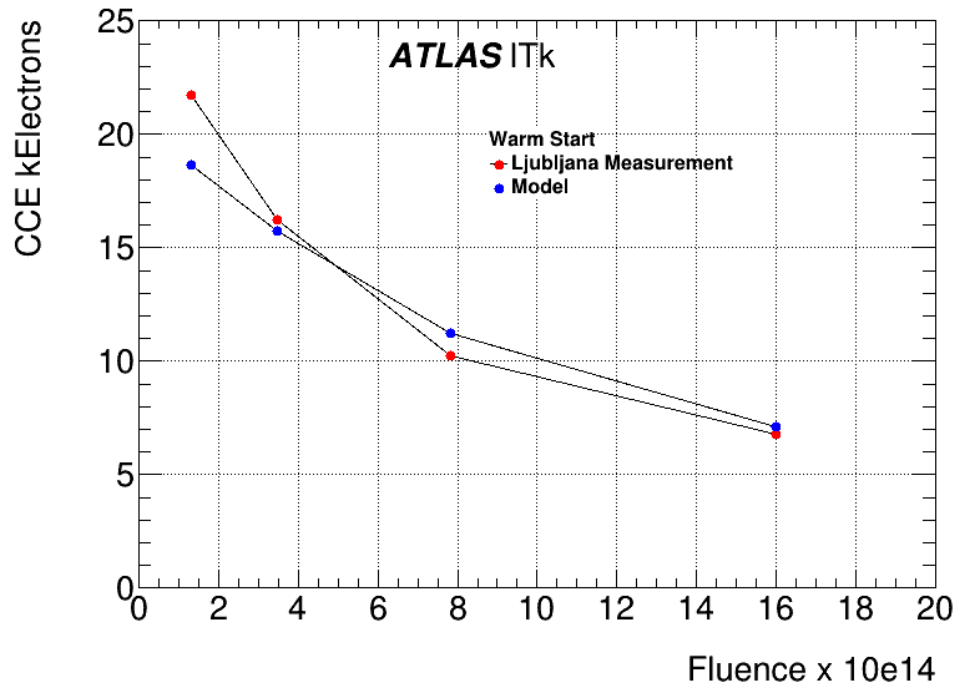
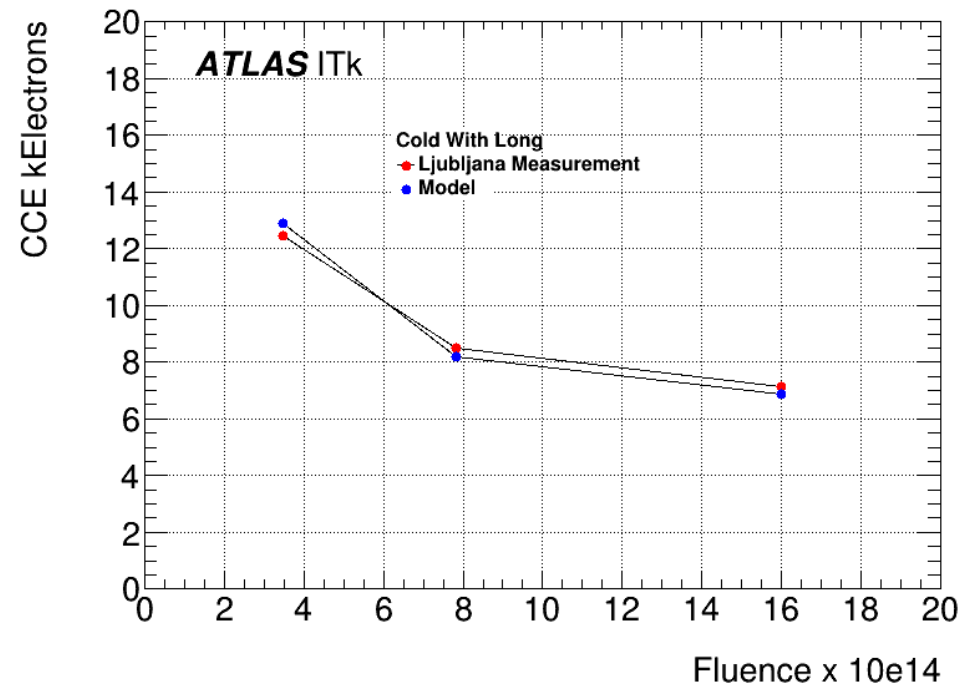
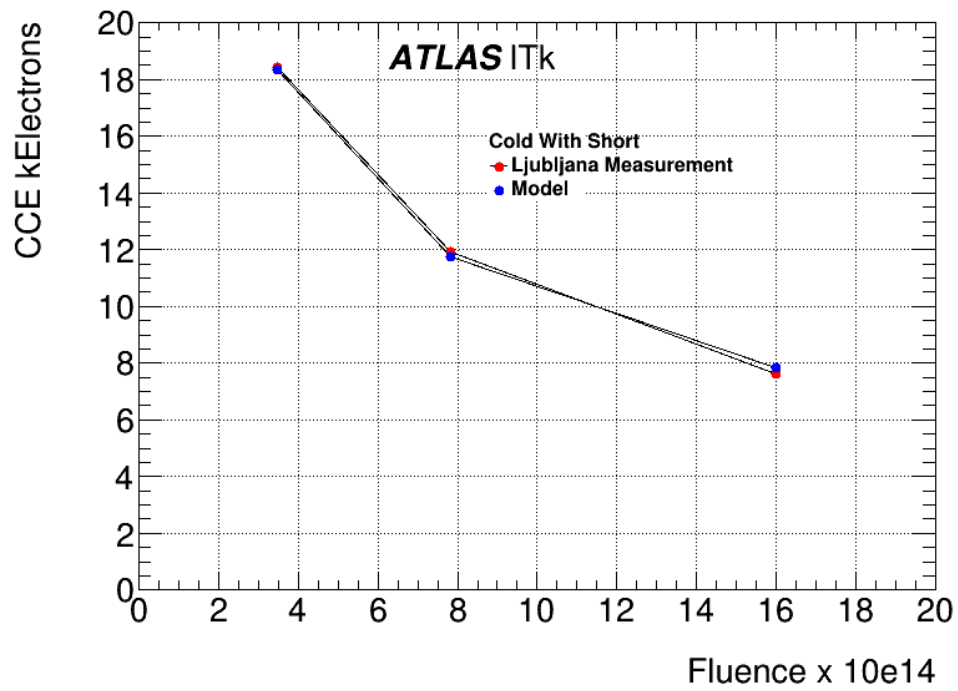
- 2) A staging scenario where the pixel installation was delayed until Long Shutdown#5 (LS5), but the Strips were installed in LS4, run cold, and then warmed up for 100 days in LS5

- 3) A scheduled maintenance of the CO₂ cooling system, during which the ITk is warmed up for 10 days each year and 40 days in LS4 and LS5

CCE measured using Ljubjana Alibava setup



- In all three scenarios the collected charge remained greater than 6350 electron equiv
- This corresponds to Signal/Noise = 10 , and corresponds to the worst case *viz* detector end-of-life

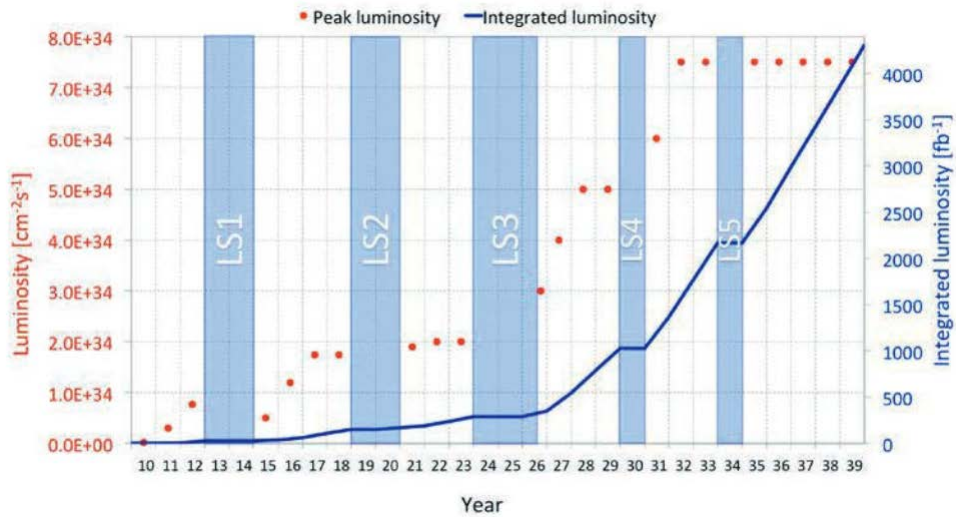


Comparison of model with experiment

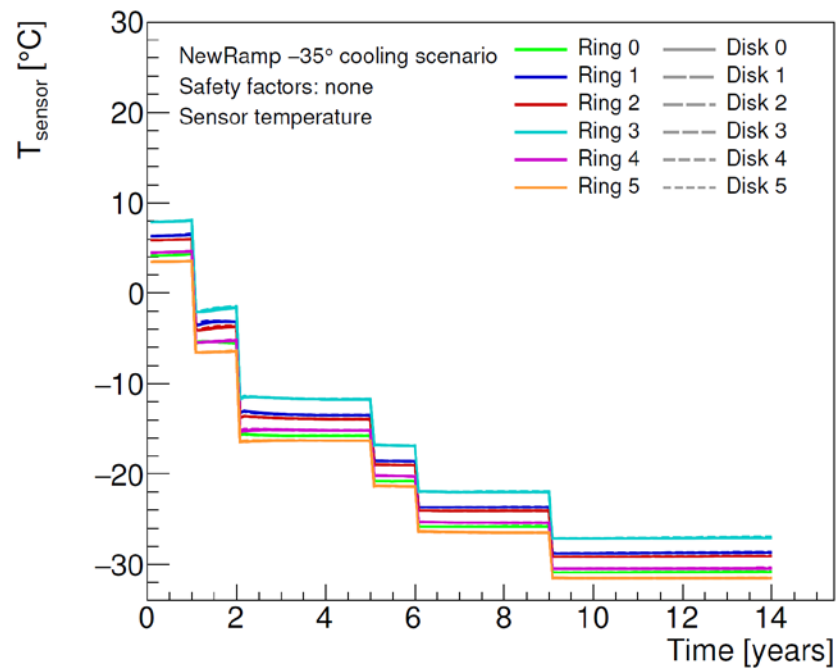
Conclusions

- We have constructed a simple, data driven, model of the dependence of collected charge on annealing time / temperature for the ATLAS18 strip sensors
- It reproduces annealing measurements at end-of-life to better than 5%
- We have used the model in temperature/schedule planning extending over the foreseen lifetime of the ITk
- The model does have shortcomings, viz:
 - Present approximation:
 - Apply fluence as a delta function
 - Run model for time@temp
 - Apply fluence as a delta function
 - Run model for time@temp
 - Force continuity
 - Iterate
 - Empirically this is a good approximation for long cold periods interspersed with short warm ups - See three running scenarios
 - In real running irradiation occurs concurrently with annealing
 - Try to build differential equation with phenomenological parameters

Additional



- Studies are based on luminosities and shutdown periods of the “ultimate HL-LHC parameters” described in CERN-2017-007-M



- Possible running scenarios have included the “warm start” to exploit the TID bump. Start above 0°. As fluence increases run at progressively lower temp, to reduce leakage current.
- Studies have shown that pre-irradiation of ASICs reduced the TID bump by an order of magnitude.
- Pre-irradiation has been included in the ASIC production procedure.
- It could be that the warm start scenario is no longer necessary.

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Alternative Temperature Variation during Running Scenarios

- Irradiated ATLAS 18 miniature R0 sensors at Ljubljana reactor
- Final irradiation corresponds to final integrated luminosity of 4000 fb⁻¹ with a safety factor of 1.5
- Annealing is done at 60°, corrected to simulated temperature using activation energy of 1.07 eV

$$T_{eff}(\theta_{eff}) = T_{ann}(\theta_{ann}) \exp\left(\frac{E_{act}}{k_B} \left(\frac{1}{\theta_{eff}} - \frac{1}{\theta_{ann}}\right)\right)$$

- Cycled repeatedly through- irradiate, anneal, measure CCE for three operation scenarios:
 - Warm start
 - 2 year fluence, anneal 1 year (equiv) 7° then 1 year at -3°.
 - 3 year fluence, then anneal 4 years at -13° .
 - 4 year fluence, then anneal 3 years at -20° .
 - 5 year fluence, then anneal 5 years at -25° .
 - Cold start – short warm ups
 - Operation at -25° , 10 days at room temp during LS4 and LS5
 - Cold start – long warm ups
 - Operation at -25° , 100 days at room temp during LS4 and LS5

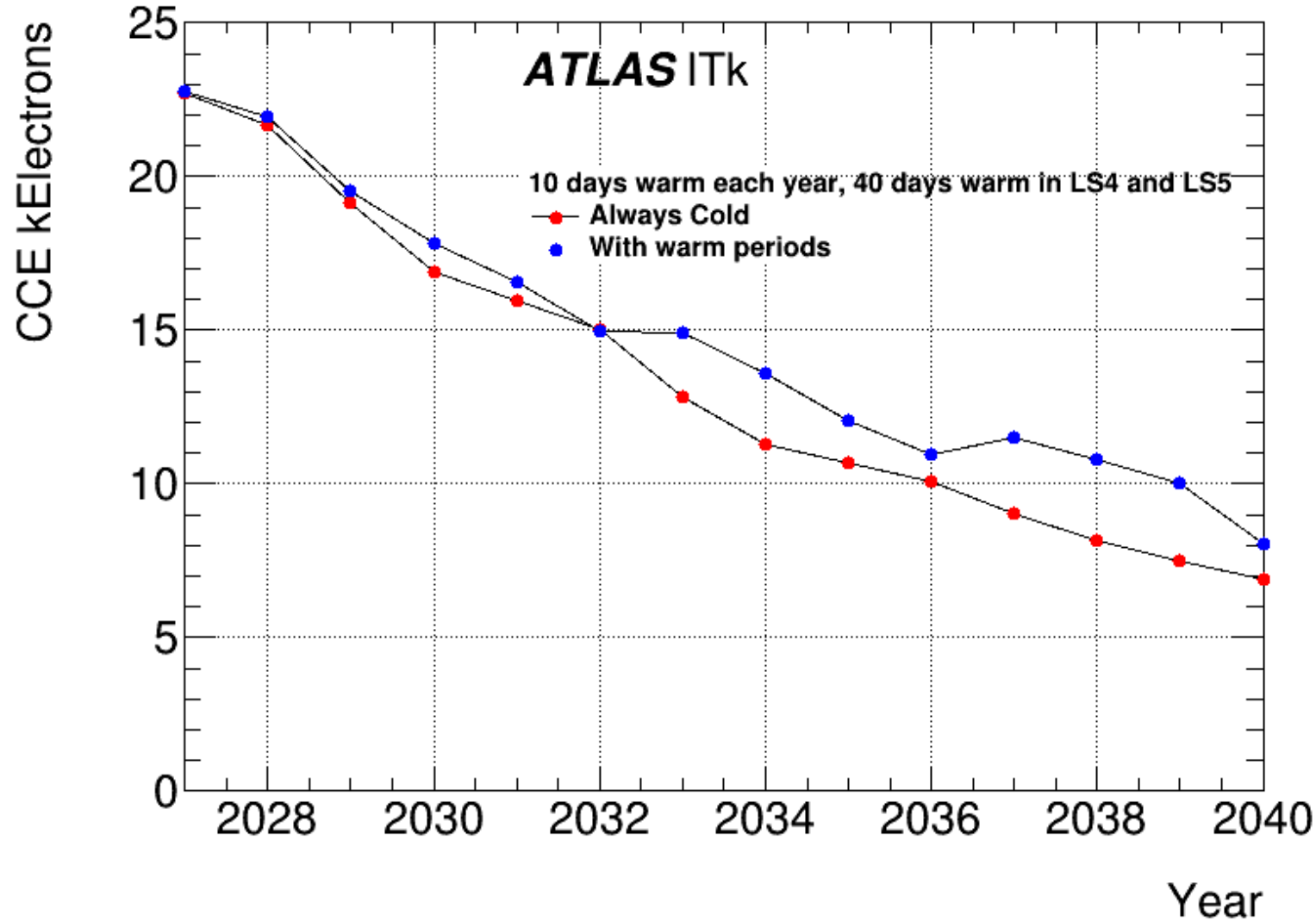
Proposed Staging of Pixels

- Assumed 13 month warmup in LS4, additional 100 days warm in LS5
- Ran Model for two fluence scenarios
 - Used tool https://atlas-service-radsim.web.cern.ch/radsim_noerrs
 - Radius = 40 cm, z =150. This is inner edge of strip endcap closest to interaction point
 - Phase 2 ITk Step3.1Q6 geometry model
 - Si 1 MeV neutron equivalent (NIEL)
 - GEANT4
 - Twice this fluence – More or less strip “nominal safe”
- In reality neutrons only contribute 50% of fluence
 - Other 50% is protons – which are less damaging – further “safety” factor

Total Fluence	LS4	LS4->LS5	LS5	End of Life
8e14	14.8	14.9	12.9	10.
16e14	11.5	11.6	10.2	6.6

cf. 6.350

Use in Scheduling Studies II – Proposed CO2 Cooling line WarmUp



Lines are just root joining the dots

cf. 6.350