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An improved RADFET-based module with an extended dose range of 1kGy TID based on COTS parts

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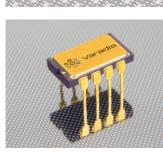
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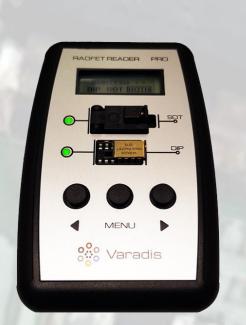








Modules



RADFET Reader

MOTIVATION

- Design and implementation of RADFET based dosemeter for TID range from 0 to 1kGy (100 kRad), serial number: RM-VT01-A
- Based on commercial-off-the-shelf parts
- > Extend the dose range of RM-VT01 from 10Gy to 1kGy
- ➤ Improve readout circuit to address the challenge of withstanding 1kGy (100 kRad) received dose
- Accommodate both irradiation "sense" and readout "single-current-point" mode, outputting buffered RADFET threshold voltage (VT) as a dosimetry information
- Module output voltage to be measured with a simple voltmeter, to demonstrate module operation simplicity and easy system integrability.
- NASA have shown there is an issue with their circuitry where doses exceeding 350Gy (35kRad) [1]

[1] M. Alvarez et al., "On-Orbit measurements of TID and Dose Rate from two RADFETs on board NANOSAT-1B satellite," 2016 IEEE Radiation Effects Data Workshop (REDW), 2016, pp. 1-4, doi: 10.1109/NSREC.2016.7891725

RM-VT01 RESULTS



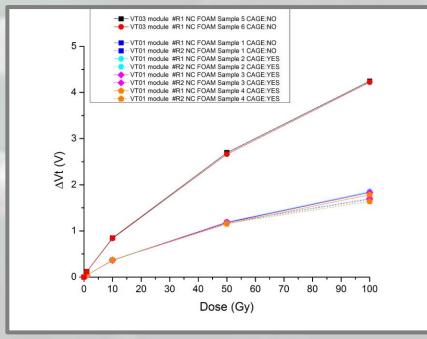
RM-VT01 and RM-VT03 modules, 8 powered and 12 unpowered, on conductive and insulating foam

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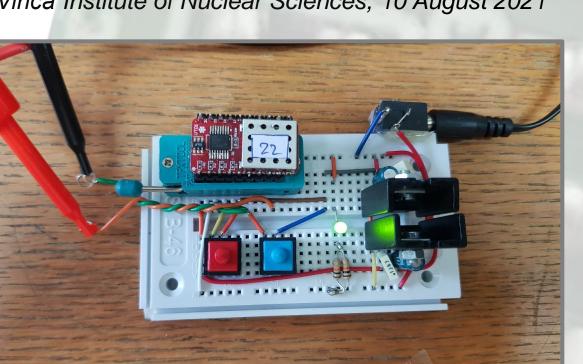
Radiation response of the powered samples RM-VT01 and RM-VT03



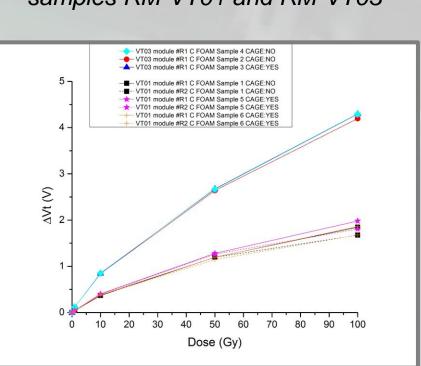
Co-60 source, Gamma photons, DR = 24.6 Gy/h, Vinča Institute of Nuclear Sciences, 10 August 2021



Radiation response of the powered samples RM-VT01 and RM-VT03

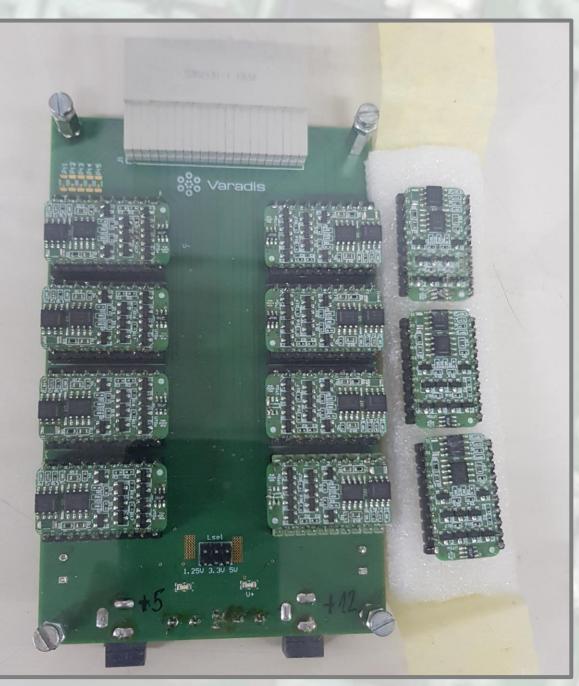


Breadboard simplistic readout, providing power to the module and control signals



Radiation response of the powered samples RM-VT01 and RM-VT03

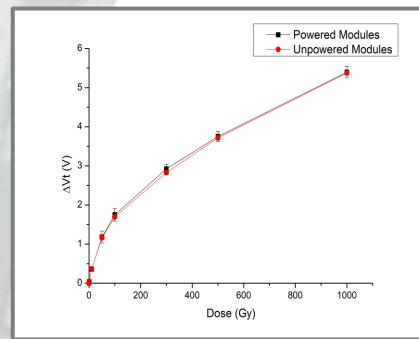
RM-VT01-A RESULTS



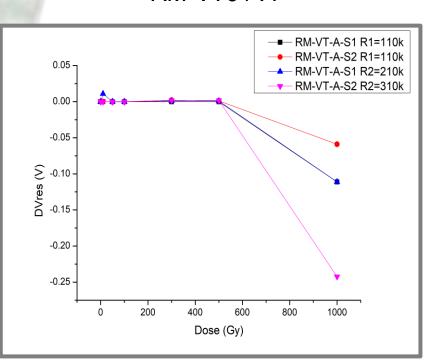
RM-VT01-A modules, 8 powered and 3 unpowered, on insulating foam, 2 modules with resistors



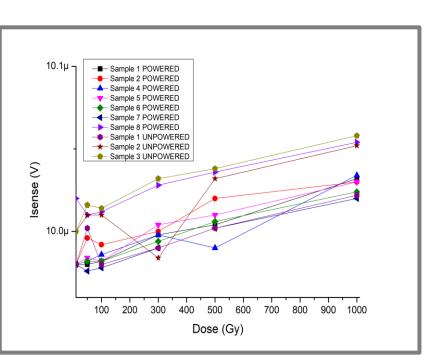
Co-60 source, Gamma photons, DR = 23.2 Gy/h, Vinča Institute of Nuclear Sciences, 21 January 2022



Radiation response of the samples RM-VT01-A



Radiation response of the powered samples with resistors



Current source value measured on RM-VT01-A shunt resistor



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