



ALTERA STRATIX™ EP1S25 FIELD-PROGRAMMABLE GATE ARRAY (FPGA)

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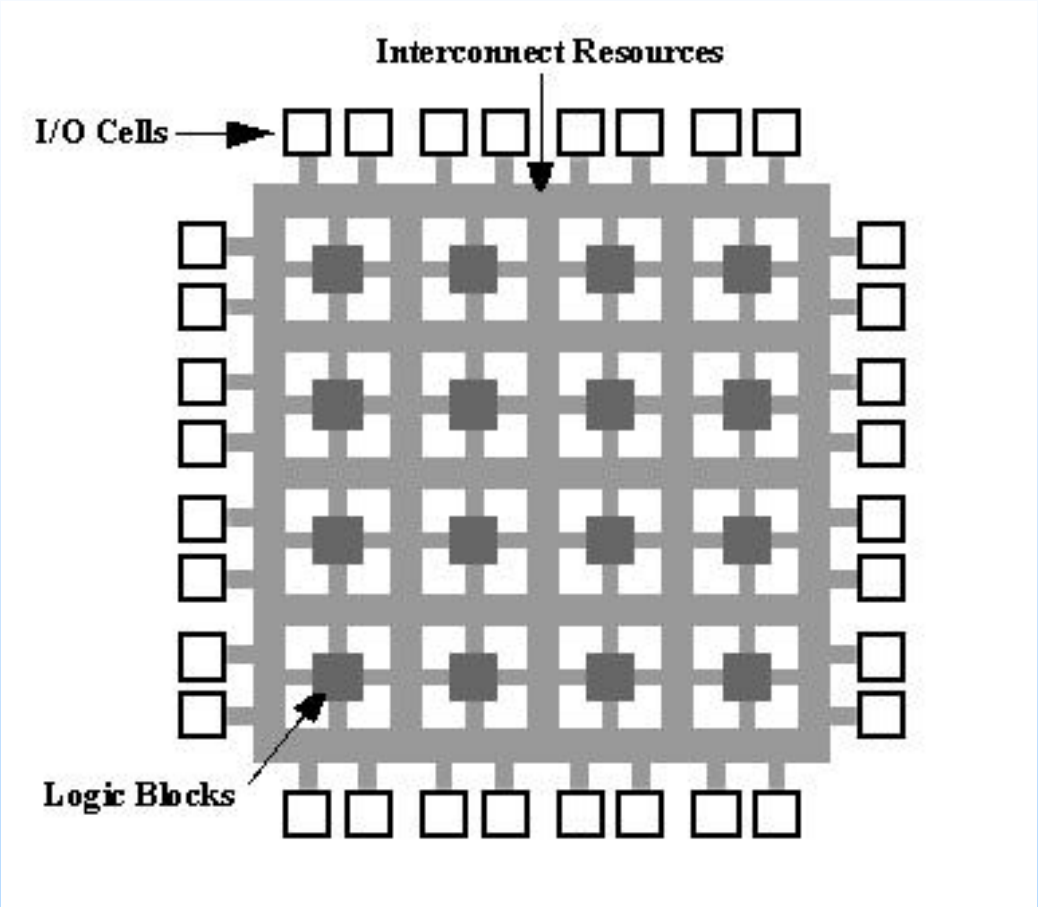
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INTRODUCTION



- **Configurable Logic Blocks provide functional elements for constructing user's logic**
- **I/O Cells provide the interface between the package pins and internal signal lines**
- **Programmable Interconnect Resources provide routing paths to connect the inputs and outputs onto the appropriate networks**
- **Customized configuration is established by programming internal static memory cells that determine the logic functions and internal connections implemented in the FPGA**

INTERNAL FPGA



DEVICE CHARACTERISTICS

- **Characteristics:**
 - All Layer Copper SRAM Process
 - 1.5V, 0.13 μm CMOS Technology
 - 25,660 Logic Elements
 - Total Ram Bits = 1,944,576
 - 80 Embedded Multipliers
 - 6 Phase-Locked Loops
 - 706 Maximum User I/O pins

Columns / Blocks

Device	M512 Ram	M4K Ram	M-Ram Blocks	DSP Block	LAB Columns	LAB Rows
EP1S25	6 / 224	3 / 138	2	2 / 10	62	46



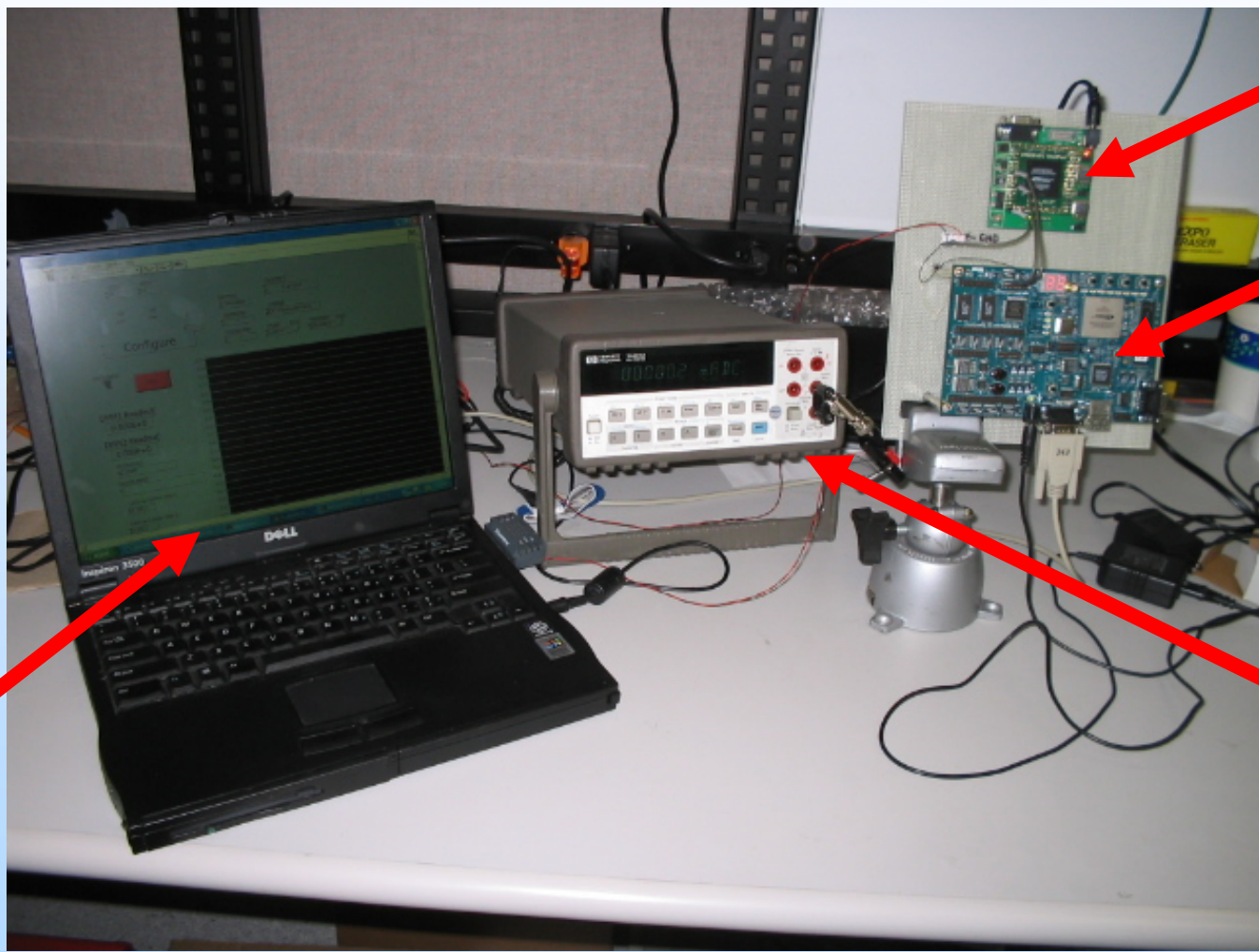
STRATIX FUNCTIONALITY

- **Stratix Devices:**
 - Contain a two-dimensional row and column based architecture to implement custom logic. A series of interconnects of varying length and speed provide signal interconnects between logic array blocks (LAB), memory block structures, and DSP blocks.
 - Each LAB contains 10 logic elements (LE). An LE is a small unit of logic providing efficient implementation of user logic functions.





RADIATION TEST SUITE



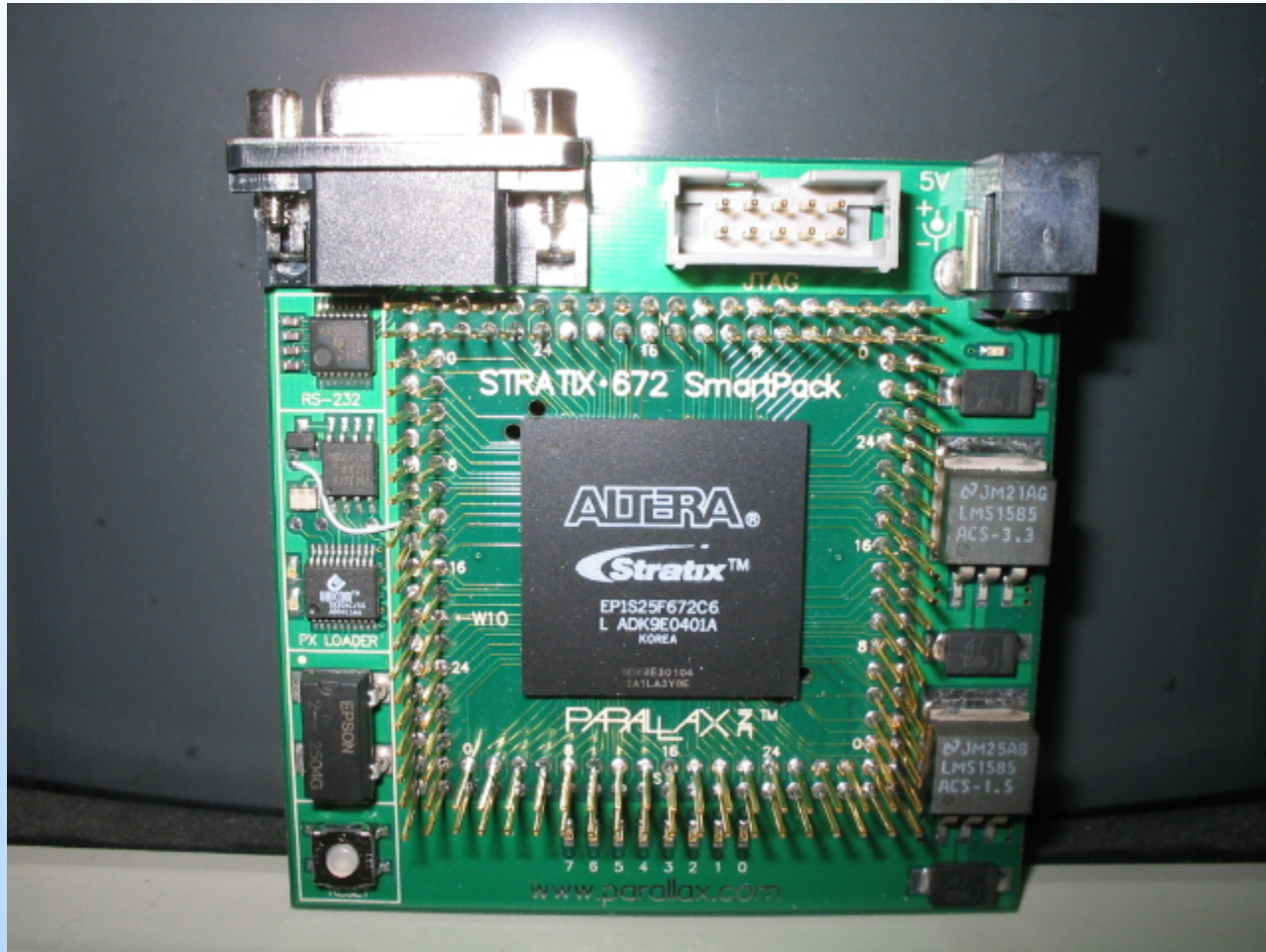
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DUT Board

SEU Monitoring Board

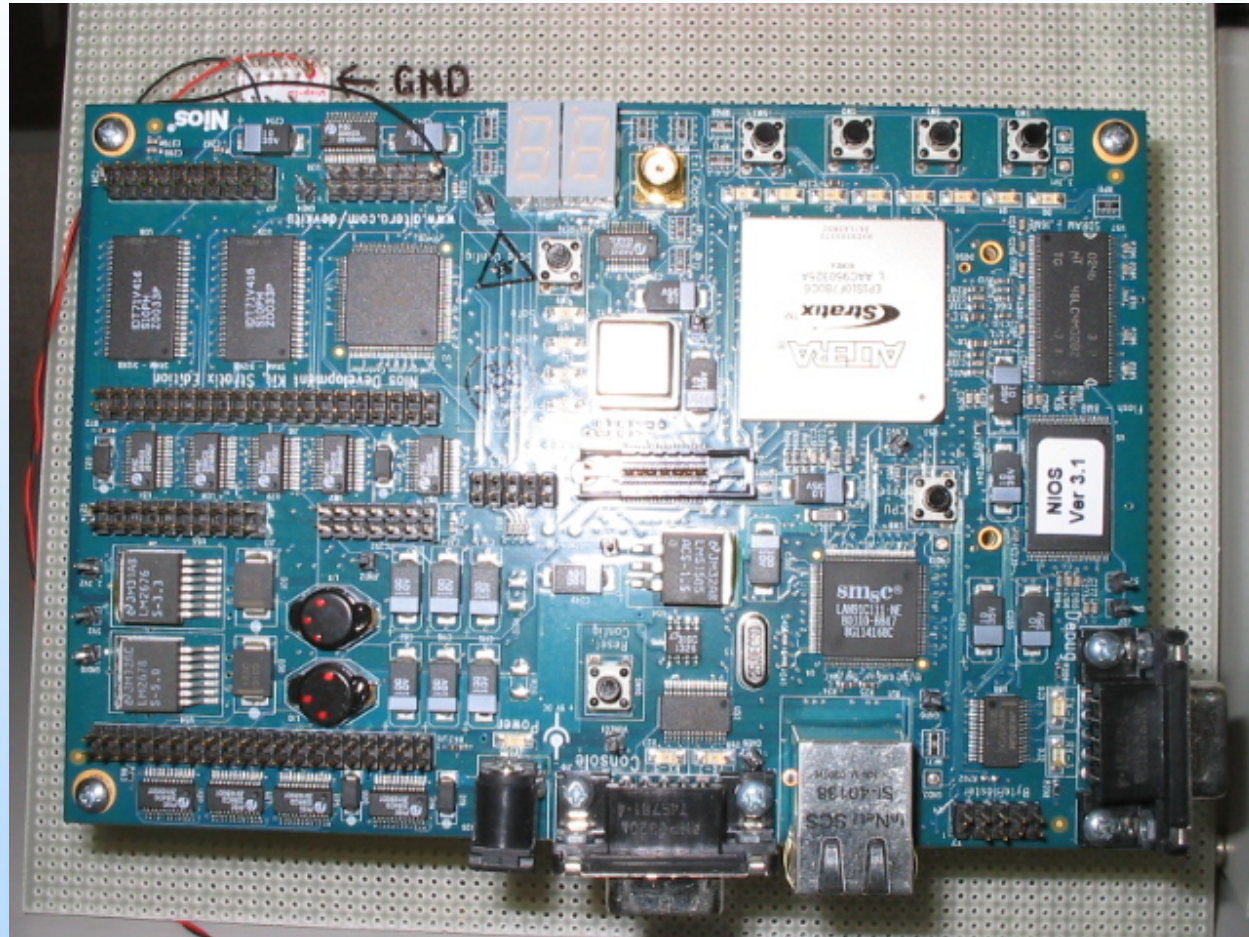
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ALTERA DUT BOARD



ALTERA Device Under Test (DUT)

ALTERA DUT MONITORING BOARD



ALTERA Monitoring Board for control/data to the DUT

ION BEAM CHARACTERISTICS

Ion	Energy (MeV)	Angle (Degrees)	Range (μm)	Effective LET ($\text{MeV}/(\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2)$)
Ne	262	0	256	2.8



- **Orientation:** Test fixture was oriented at an zero angle of incidence

Altera Stratix Heavy Ion Testing at Room Temperature at TAMU



HYPERTERMINAL TEST CONFIGURATION

Configuration
115 kbps
8 data bits
1 stop bit
No parity
No hardware handshaking

Signal	Monitoring Board	DUT Board
GND	Pin 1 on J15	Any GND pin
RECONFIG_DUT	Pin 5 on J15	W13
CRC_ERROR	Pin 7 on J15	W20

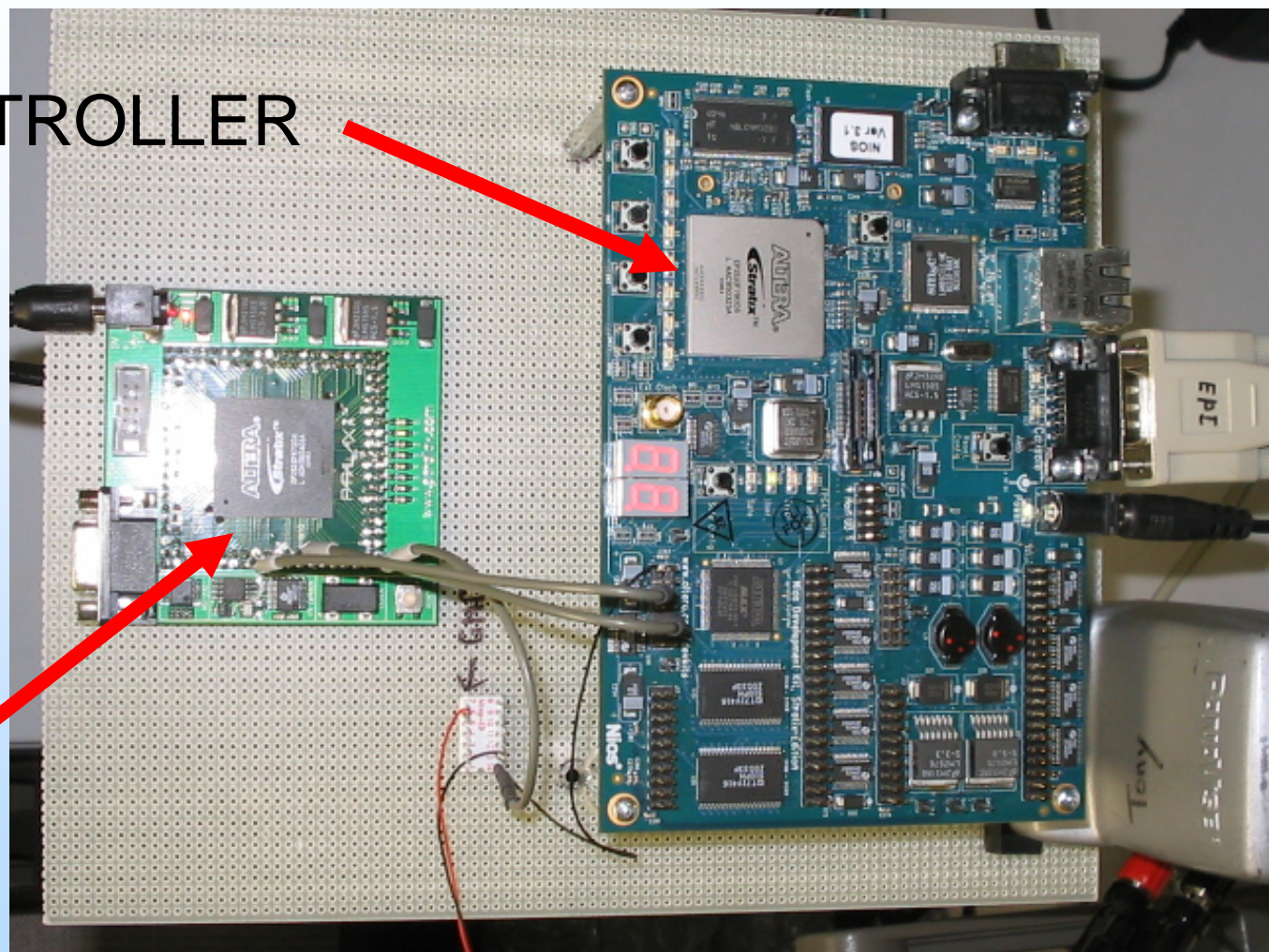
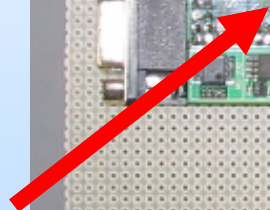
ALTERA Stratix Heavy Ion SEU Test Programs at TAMU

BOARD INTERCONNECTIONS

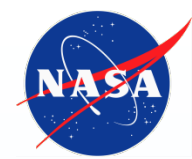
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DUT

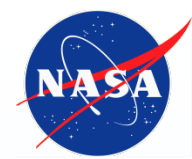


Test Board in horizontal position with DUT Board on the left using jumper wires for interconnection between the Monitoring Board



TEST PROCEDURE

- **Establish the correct test conditions**
- **Run the Hyperterminal and Labview programs to test the device with the proper configurations and verify test set functionality**
- **Irradiate the test device to the desired effective fluence while monitoring the device for SEE and SEU for proper health**
- **Check for output degradation and/or current increases to determine the number of upsets, latchup, or test anomalies**
- **Read the test device configuration to check for configuration SRAM errors**
- **Record all relevant test data from exposure run**



HEAVY ION TEST RESULTS

- **The test evaluated the Altera Stratix EP1S25 using a Hyperterminal program**
 - 115 kbps
 - 8 data bits
 - 1 stop bit
 - No parity
 - No hardware handshaking
- **Nominal supply voltage was 5V to DUT Board's regulator, which released 3.3V to the DUT Board components**
- **Labview software was used to control power and monitor current as well as capture error waveforms**
- **The Altera Stratix EP1S25 experienced SEFIs before Single Event Latchup (SEL) occurred at an LET of 2.8 MeV/(mg/cm²)**

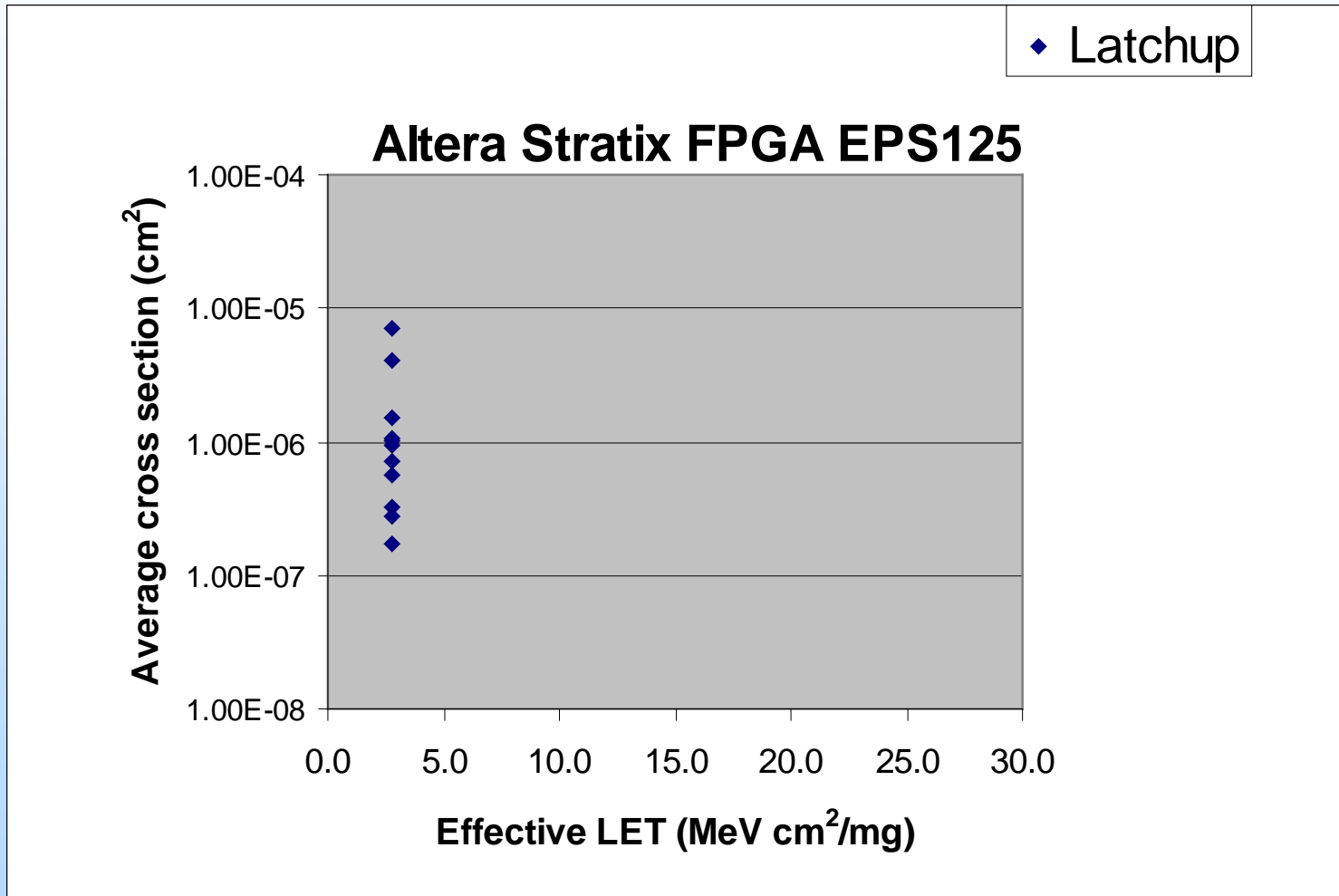


DATA COLLECTED

DUT #	Angle (Degrees)	Effective LET (MeV-cm ² /mg)	Latchup Events	Cross Section (cm ²)
1	0	2.8	1	5.65E-07
1	0	2.8	1	1.08E-06
1	0	2.8	1	2.77E-07
1	0	2.8	1	7.14E-07
1	0	2.8	1	1.70E-07
1	0	2.8	1	9.43E-07
2	0	2.8	1	1.49E-06
2	0	2.8	1	3.23E-07
2	0	2.8	1	1.04E-06
2	0	2.8	1	7.04E-06
2	0	2.8	1	4.02E-06



LATCHUP CURVE





SUMMARY

❖ Heavy Ion Testing

- **Two ALTERA Stratix EP1S25 experienced SEL conditions at an LET of 2.8 MeV/(mg/cm²)**
- **The devices were exposed from a fluence of 1.42 x 10⁵ to 3.10 x 10⁶ particles/cm² of Neon**
- **The test consisted of eleven exposure runs at the minimum specified operating voltage of 3.3V converted from a 5 volt regulator**
- **Both devices were tested with the FPGA programmed with a binary counting pattern**
- **SEL**



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