

FLIPPER

ovvero come mandare in tilt un dispositivo

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Tilt...

Thumper Bumper —
The name used by Bally and Williams to describe active [bumpers](#). See [Bumpers](#) for a description.

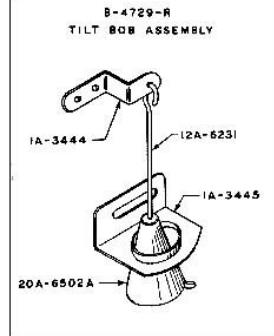
Thwacker —
See [Knocker](#).

Tilt —
A pinball machine will tilt, ending the current ball and discarding the [end-of-ball bonus](#) if the player moves the [cabinet](#) too violently or tries to lift it. Also see [Slam Tilt](#).

There are three mechanisms that are used to detect machine abuse. The first is simply a conical pendulum suspended inside a metal ring. This is called a *tilt bob*. As the machine is nudged, the pendulum will swing, and if it ever touches the ring, a **TILT** occurs. Most new machines can be set to give one or more [tilt warnings](#) before actually tilting, and tilting in this fashion causes immediate loss of both the ball in play and your accumulated bonus for that ball.

The second tilt mechanism is the "ball roll" tilt; it's a pinball sitting in a metal track inside the cabinet. The track has a shallow slope in the same direction as the [playfield](#), so the ball usually rests in the bottom of the track; at the top of the track is a sensor. If you physically lift the front of the machine, the ball rolls up the track and contacts the sensor. At the very least, this is an immediate tilt with no warnings. On most machines, it's a slam tilt.

Finally, there are usually one or more impact sensors, placed in places likely to be the subject of player abuse, such as the coin door and cabinet. Banging on one of these places hard enough to trigger one of these sensors will cause a slam tilt.



A technical diagram titled "B-4729-R TILT BOB ASSEMBLY". It shows a mechanical assembly consisting of a vertical rod (labeled IA-3444) attached to a horizontal arm (labeled 12A-6231). The arm is connected to a base plate (labeled IA-3445). A small ball is shown at the top of the rod. The entire assembly is mounted on a circular base (labeled 20A-6502A).

Diagram of a Tilt Bob Assembly

Tilt Warning —
Many [solid-state games](#) will issue one or more [tilt](#) warnings before actually tilting, so a player has a chance at one or two powerful shoves before losing the ball.

Done Now: Sunny, 12° C Mon: 23° C Tue: 23° C Mon: 11° C Tue: 12° C

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FLIPPER è una scheda basata su FPGA concepita come piattaforma configurabile per le seguenti applicazioni principali:

- Emulazione* di SEU mediante fault injection
- Test mediante irraggiamento

e che può essere efficacemente impiegata per scopi diversi come:

- test equipment
- scheda I/O digitale
- scheda general purpose
- ...

* L'emulatore di SEU è stato sviluppato nel corso del Contratto ESA/ESTEC n. 8559 (brevetto depositato)

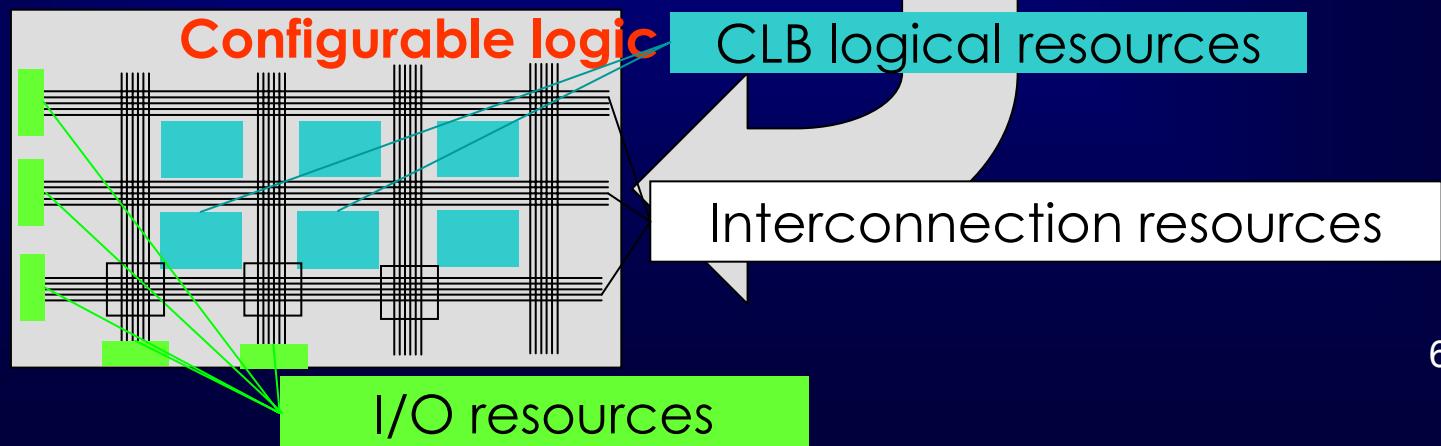
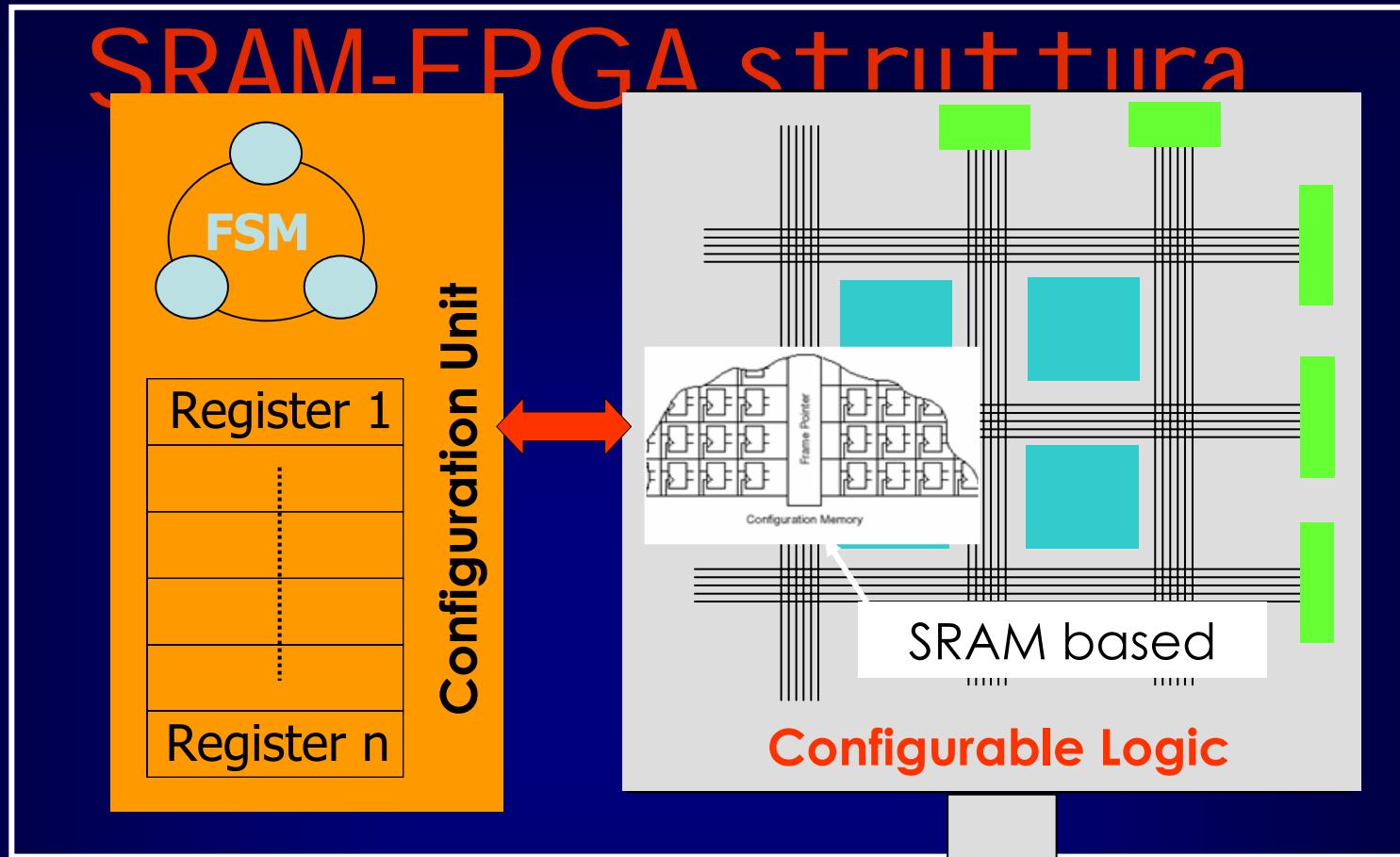
Il dispositivo in questione...

- Field Programmable Gate Array → FPGA
 - Programmabilità
 - Elevata densità di integrazione
 - Elevate prestazioni
 - Ridotti costi di sviluppo
- Applicazioni
 - Telecom, Avionica, spazio, Elettronica consumo, Auto....
- Tecnologie realizzative diverse
 - Antifuse (ACTEL)
 - One time programmabile
 - Memorie SRAM (XILINX, Altera)

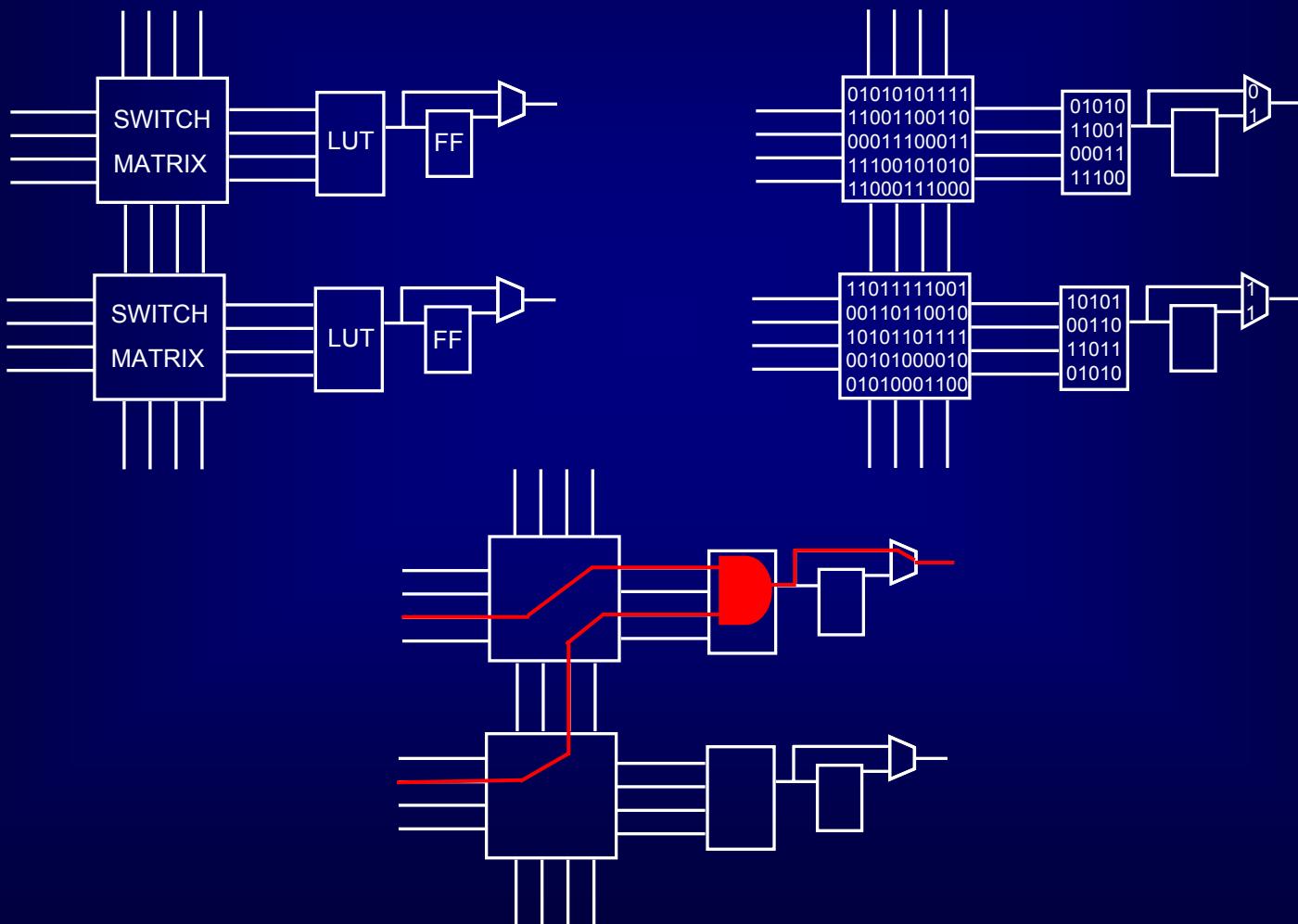
SRAM FPGA

- Caratteristiche
 - Pressoché illimitata programmabilità!!!
 - Flessibilità elevata
 - Modifica funzionalità circuito a posteriori
 - Riparazione di guasti
- R&D @IASF Milano
 - Sviluppo prototipi
 - Def. Tecniche “dedicate” di tolleranza di guasti
 - Irraggiamento in acceleratore
 - Finanziamenti
 - ASI per la ricerca di base '99
 - ESA

SRAM-FPGA struttura



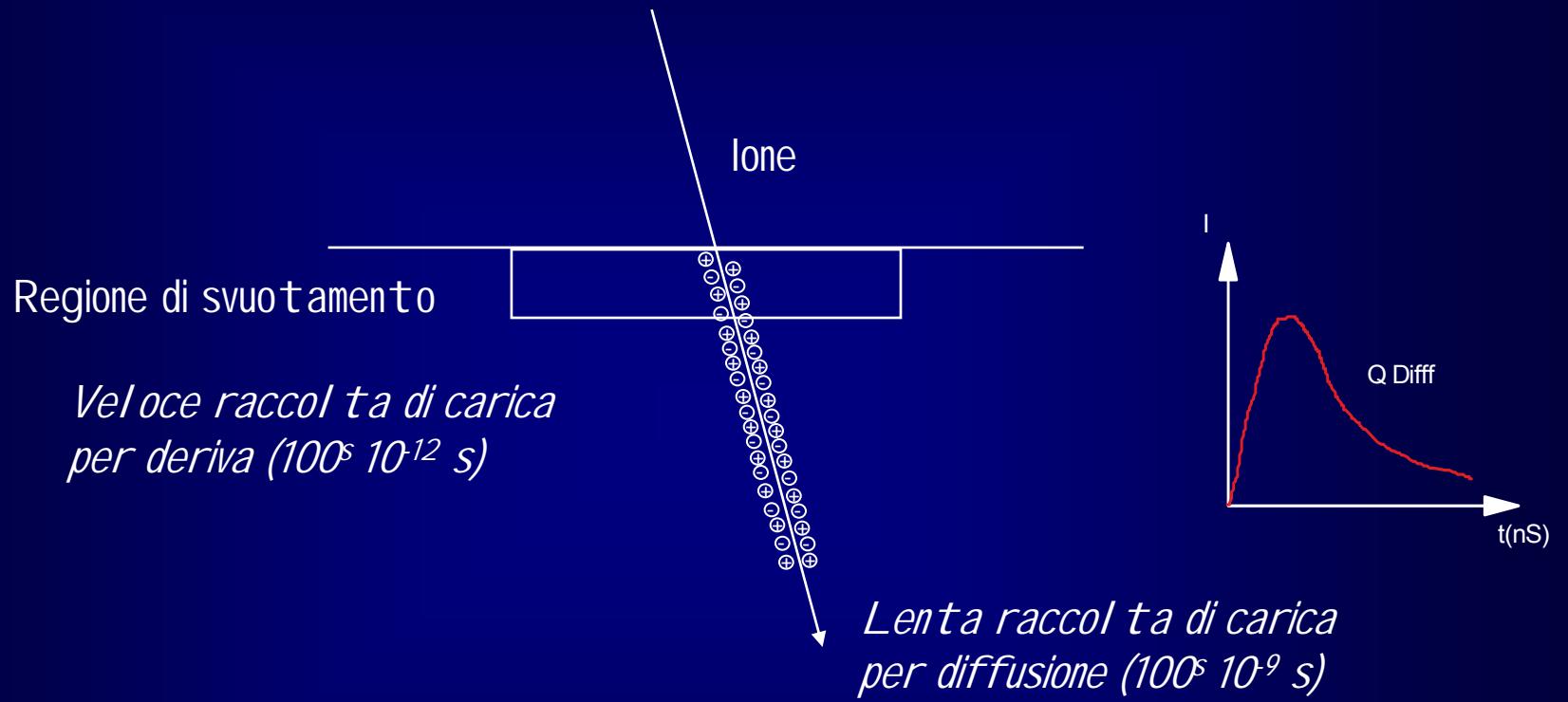
Esempio



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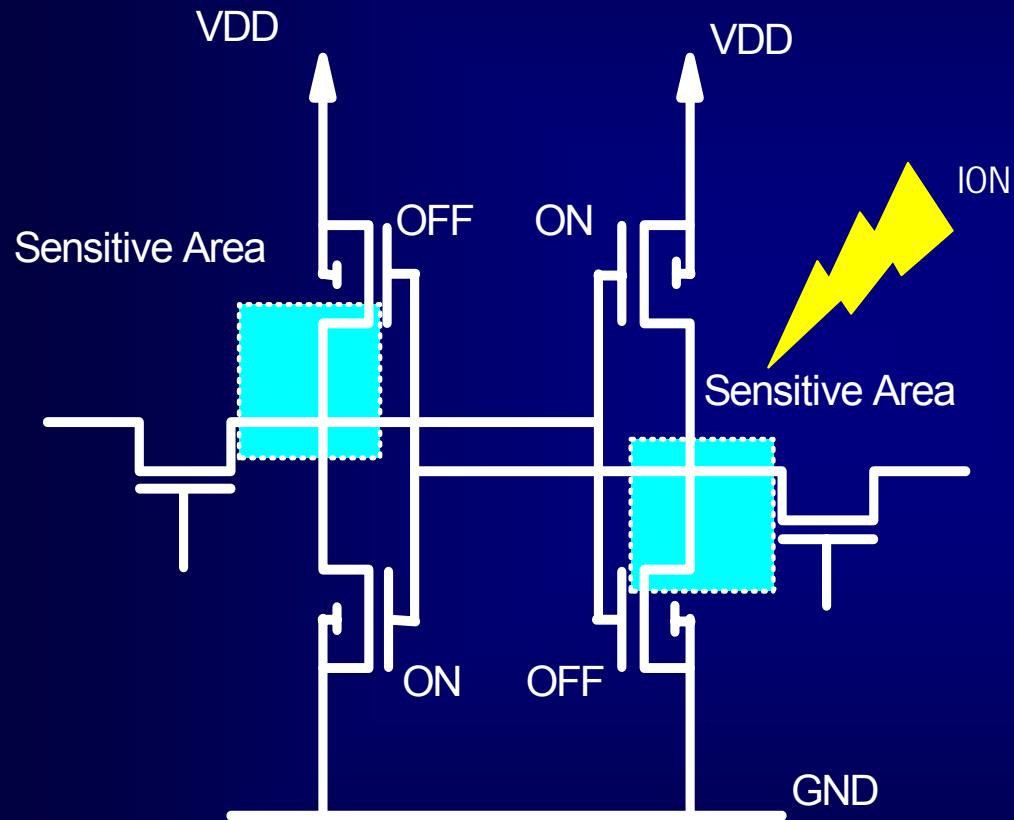
- Sensibilità a radiazione ionizzante (protoni, ioni pesanti)
- Effetti
 - TID (Total Ionizing dose)
 - SEE (Single Event Effect)
 - SEU (Single Event Upset)
- Mitigazione
 - Tecnologia realizzativa (TID)
 - Design Hardness
 - TMR tool, scrubbing

SEU



- Se o meno si genera un SEU dipende dalla quantità di carica raccolta (\geq critical charge)

Memorie SRAM



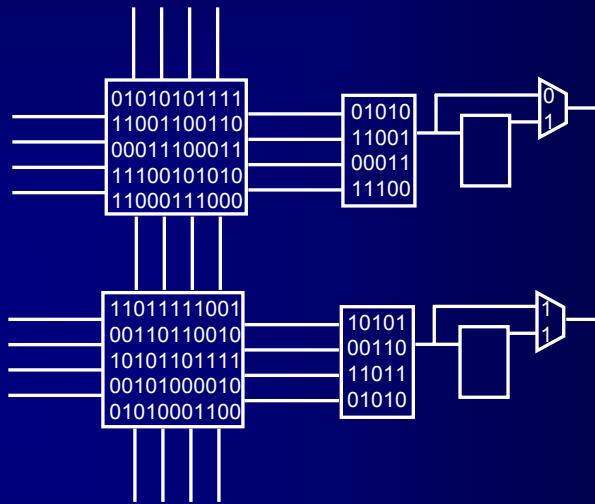
Se la quantità di carica raccolta è elevata, un voltaggio adeguato può causare un bit-flip o soft error

$0 \rightarrow 1$

$1 \rightarrow 0$

SEU in SRAM-FPGA

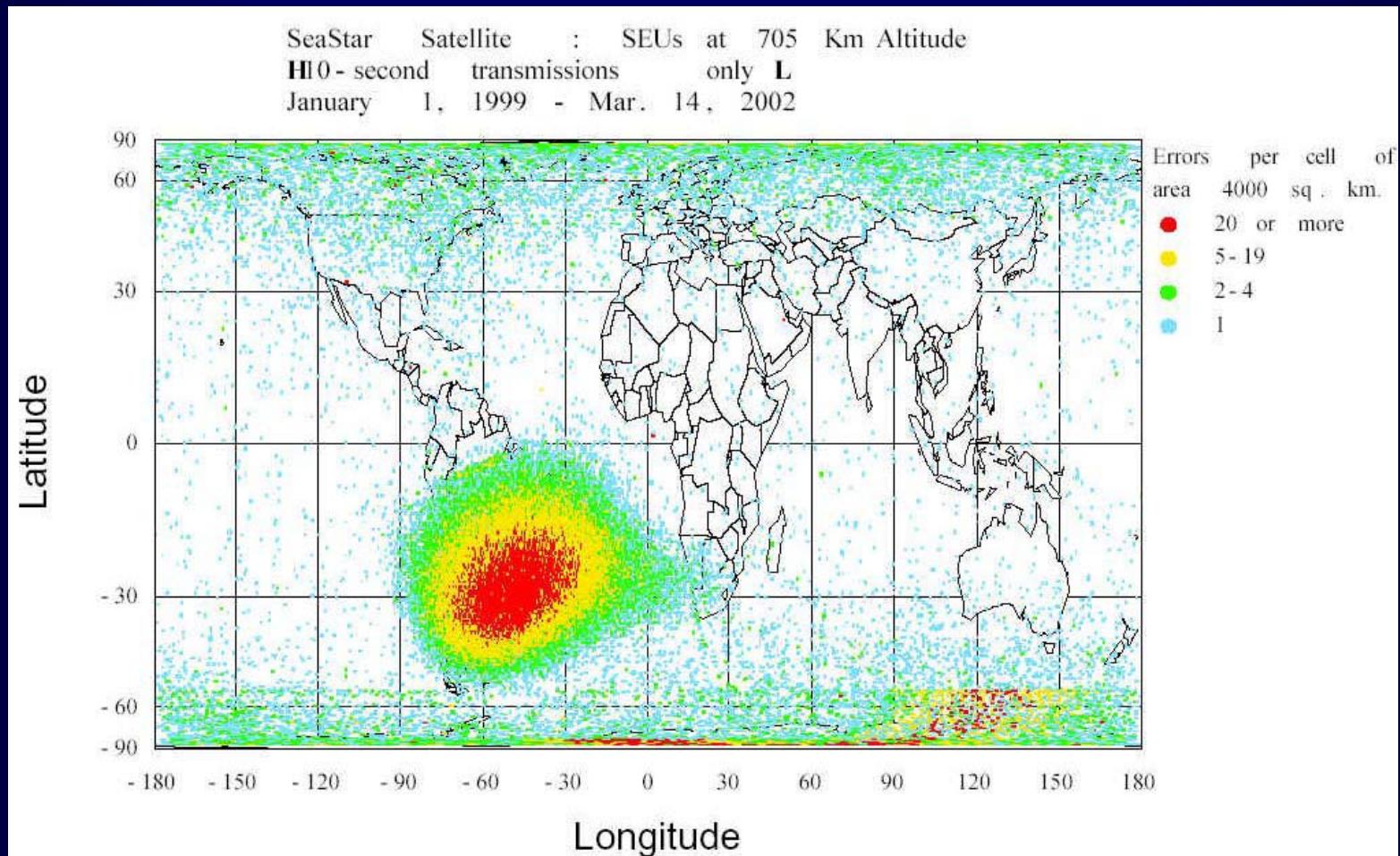
- Può influenzare
 - Funzioni
 - Dati
 - Interconnessioni
 - Memoria di configurazione
 - Logica di configurazione
- Strumenti adeguati per il loro impiego in ambito spaziale/avionico
 - Studio e analisi degli effetti
 - Tecniche di protezione/mitigazione



In letteratura...

- “Anomalie” nell’elettronica di satelliti (report by Binder et al., Hughes Aircraft - 1975)
 - 4 su 17 satellite-years of operation
 - Vagamente imputate a ioni ferro da 100 MeV del vento solare
- SEU da contaminazione radioattiva dei chip (report Intel – 1978)
- Dipendenza dell’effetto neutroni dall’altezza (report IBM su terrestrial cosmic rays effects 1981 - 1984)
 - Analisi di computer repair log

Proton SEUs



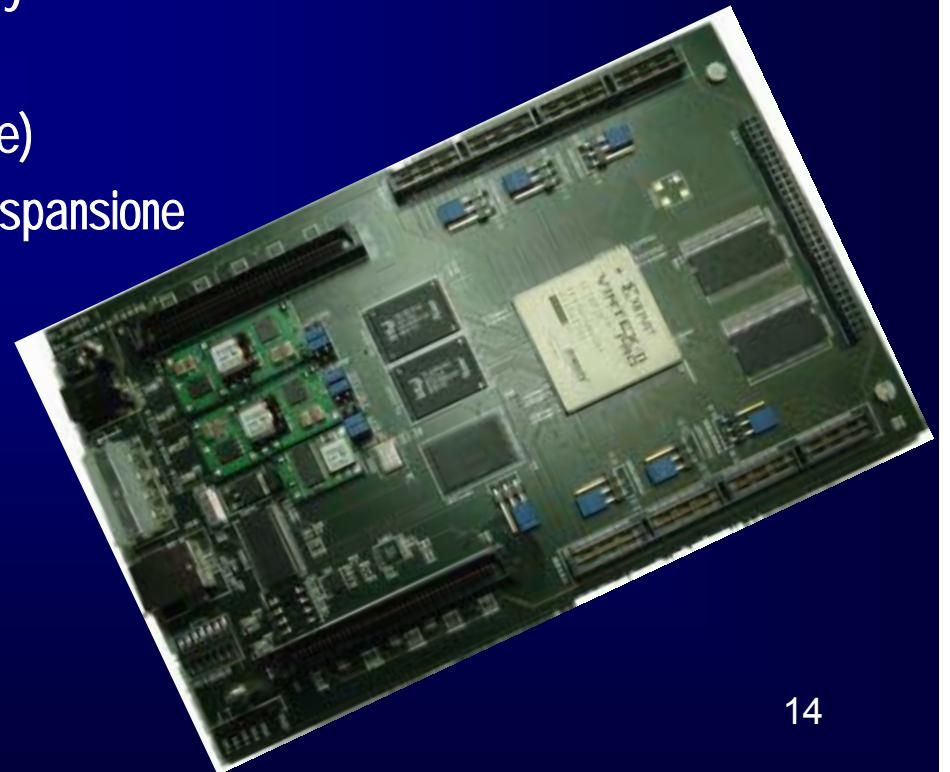
Credits: NASA/GSFC

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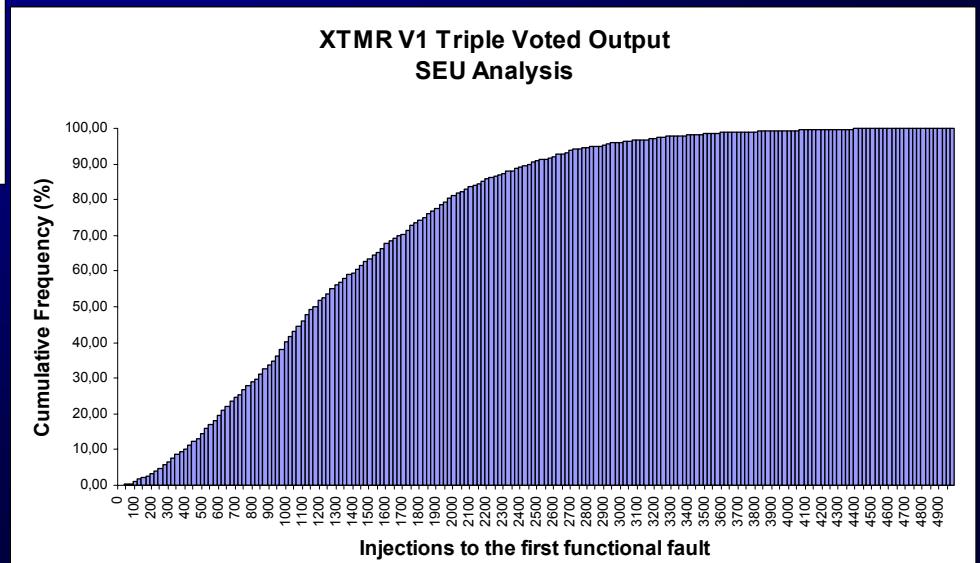
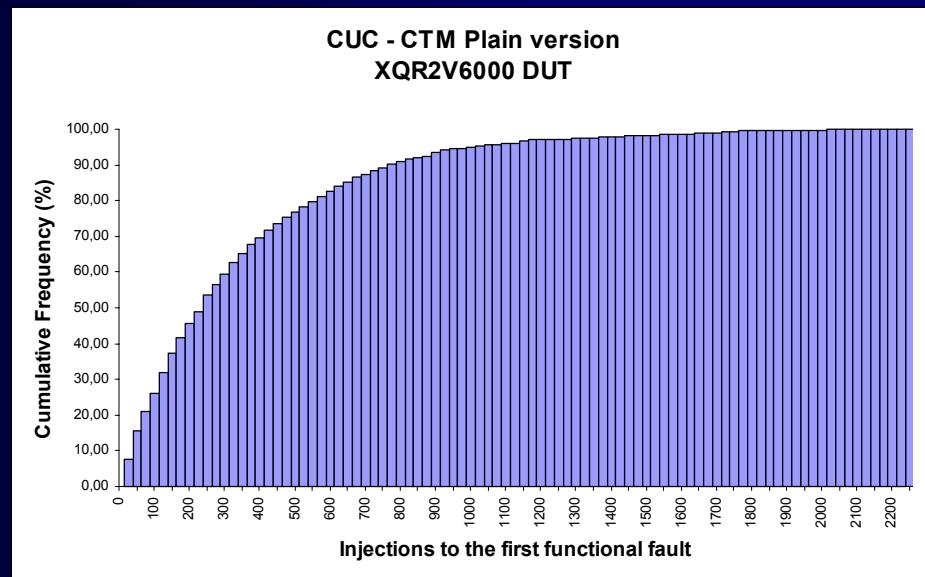
Caratteristiche Principali

- Xilinx XC2VP20-5 FF896 (2 PowerPC on-chip)
- Porta USB 2.0
- Link Gigabit Ethernet
- Fino a 128 MByte SDRAM o 256 MByte DDR
- 16 MByte Flash
- Slot per schede di test (rivelatore)
- Slot P160 standard per schede di espansione
- Più di 400 segnali I/O

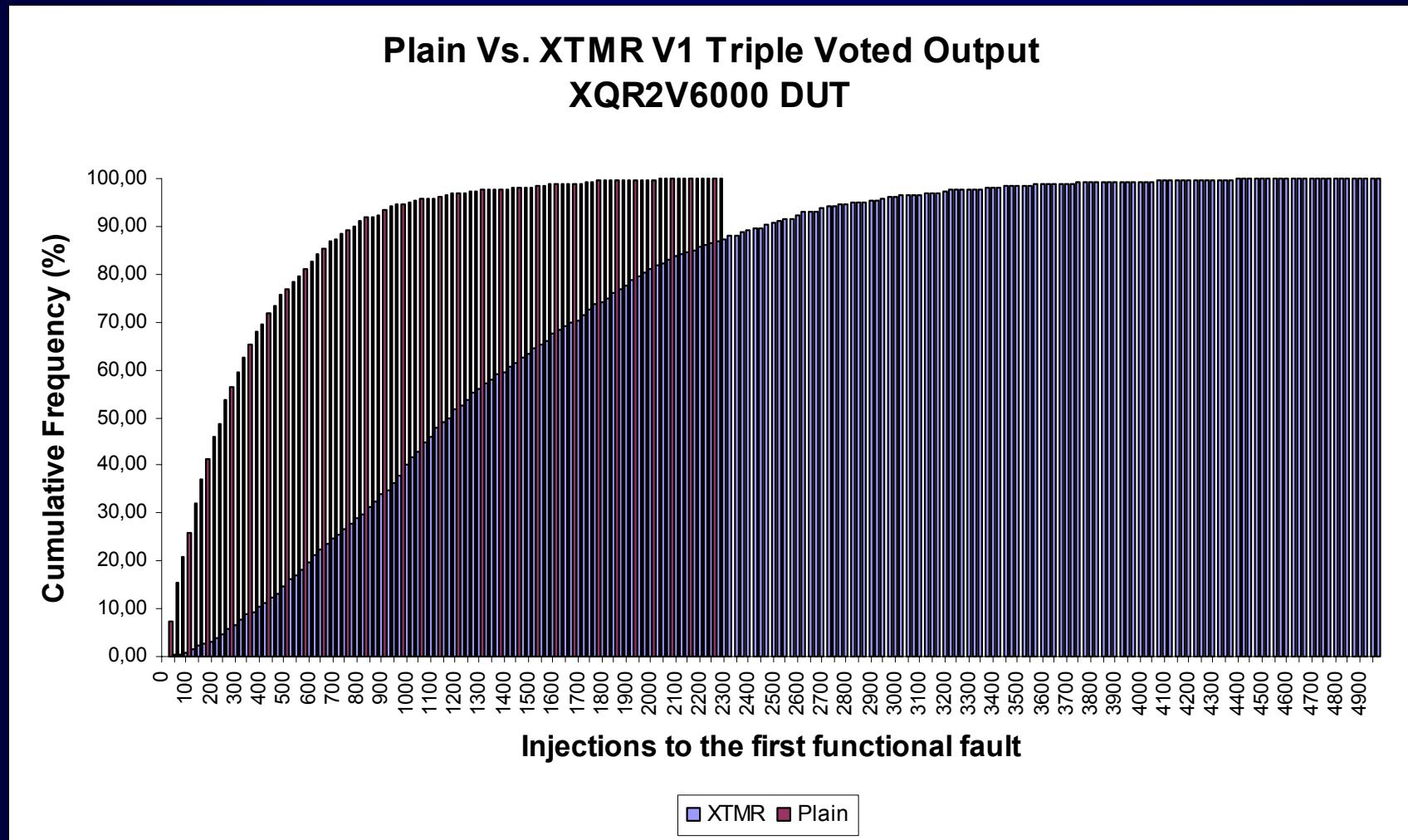


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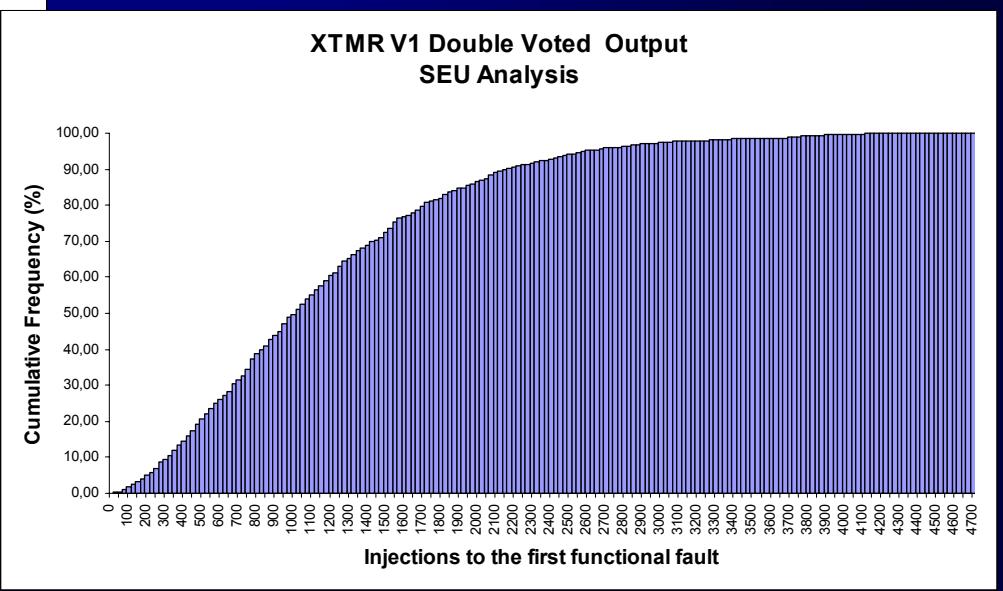
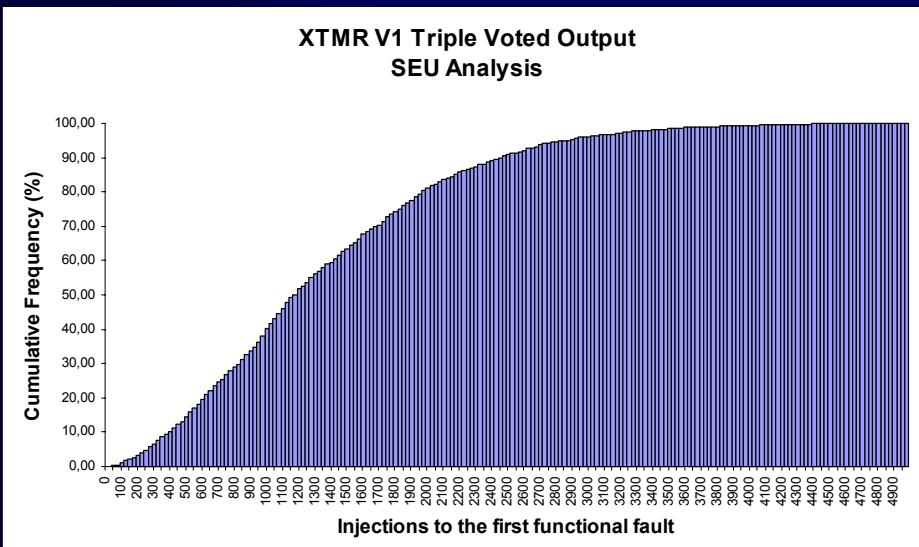
- Confronto bontà tecniche di mitigazione selezionate



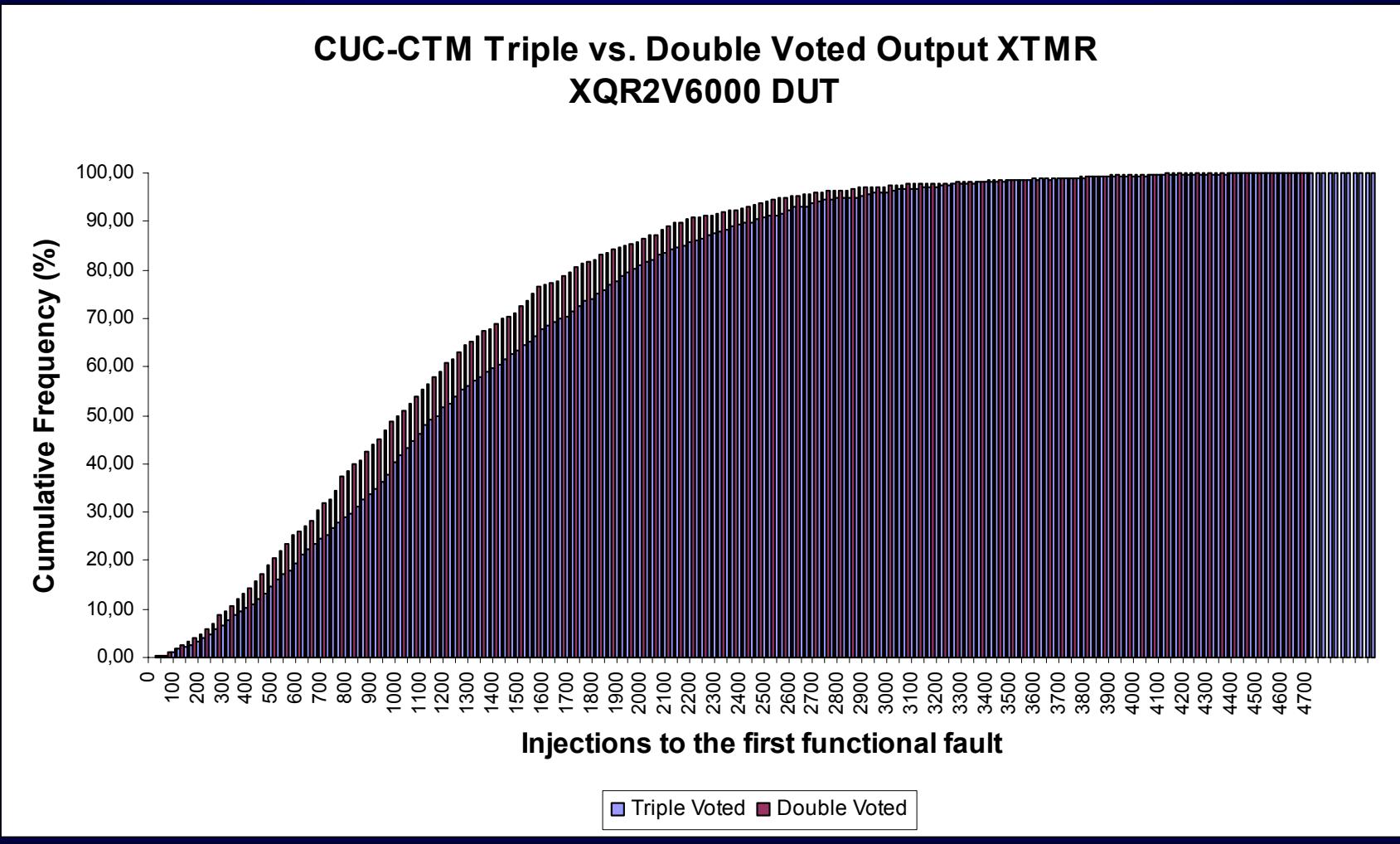
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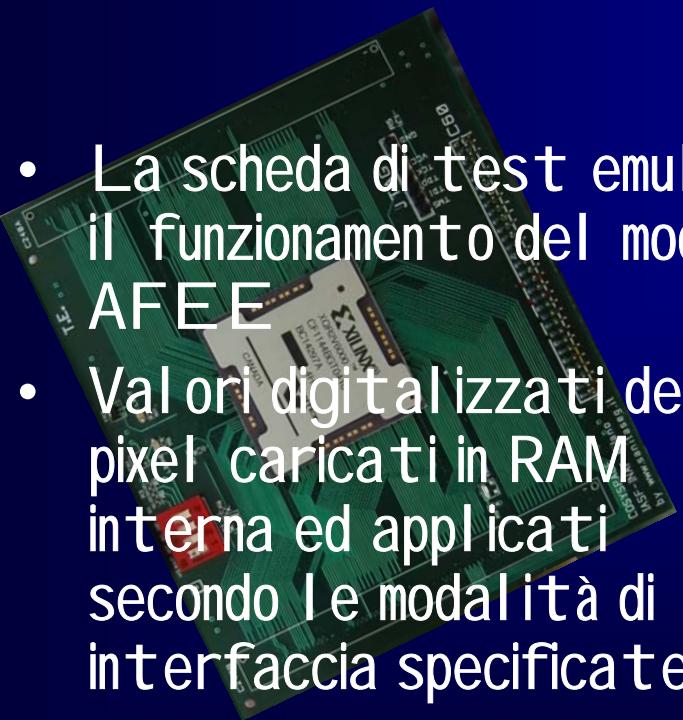


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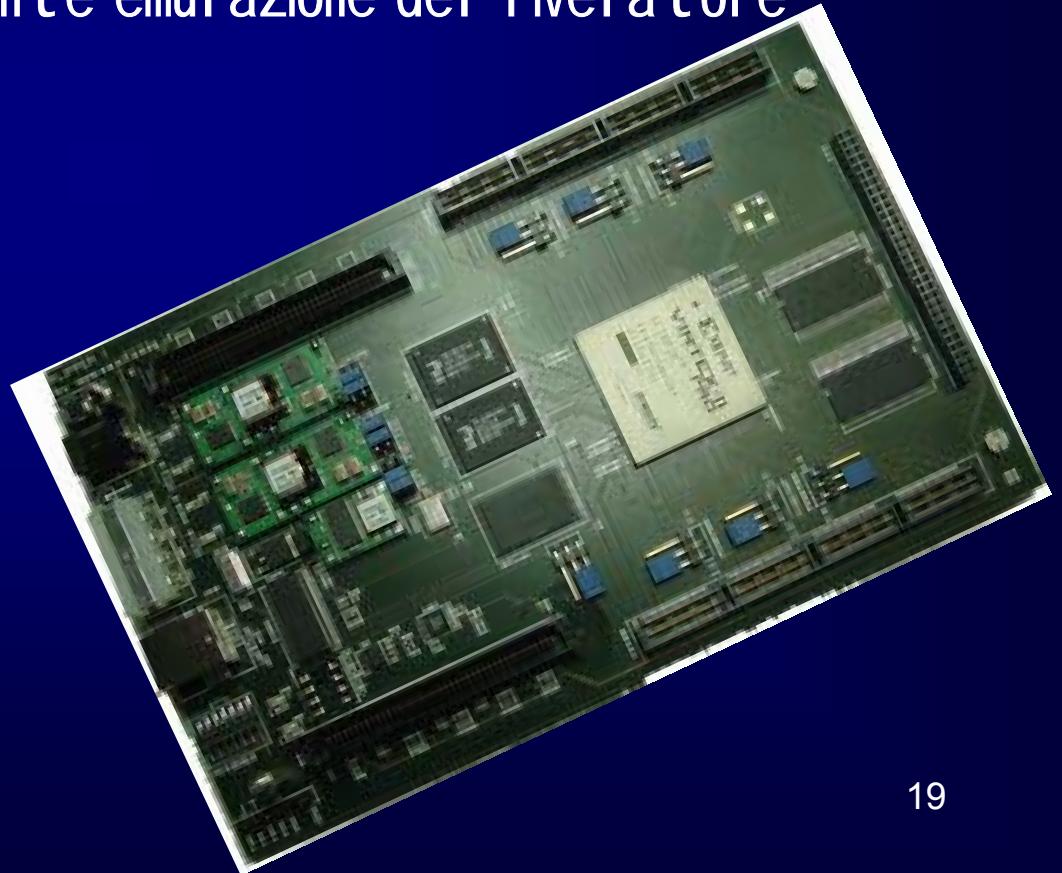


FLIPPER & CZT

- Implementazione algoritmi filtering digitale
- Implementazione algoritmi di analisi della forma e calcolo dell'energia
- Verifica del sistema mediante emulazione del rivelatore



- La scheda di test emula il funzionamento del modulo AFEE
- Valori digitalizzati dei pixel caricati in RAM interna ed applicati secondo le modalità di interfaccia specificate



SRAM-FPGA nello spazio

- GRACE (NASA, LDR)
- FedSat (Univ. Southern Australia)
- OPTUS (Raytheon)
- MARS2003 Lander & Rover (JPL)
- Venus Express (TU Braunschweig)
- KompSat-2 (Korea Aerospace Research Institute)
- SAR-Lupe-1 (OHB-System GmbH)

