

Test Results on Optical Link Components

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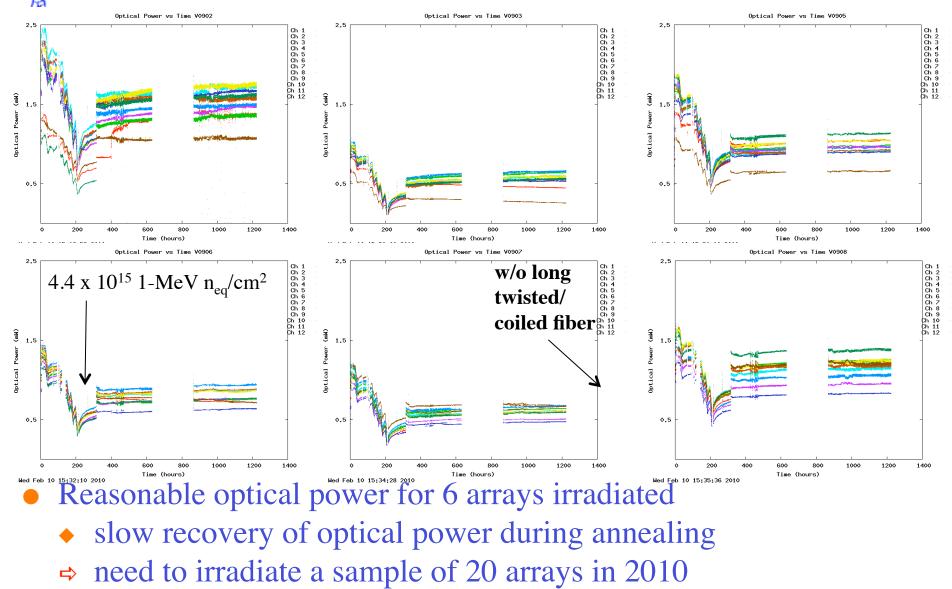
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Outline

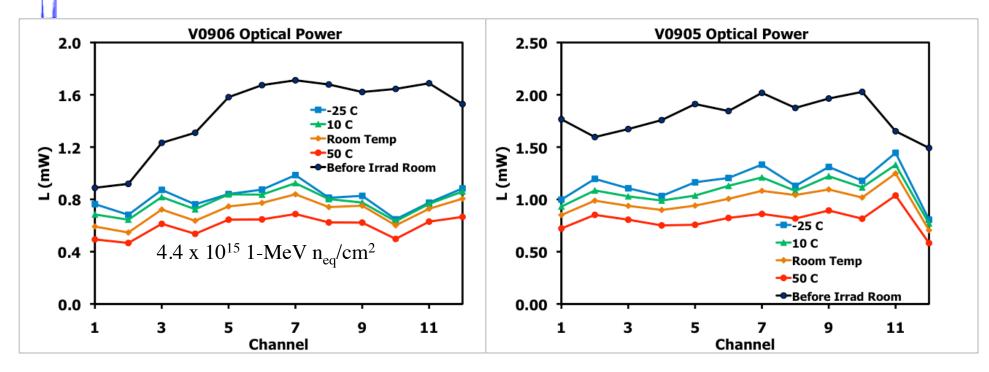
- Introduction
- Radiation hardness of VCSELs
- Radiation hardness of PINs
- Skinny wire test with opto-board
- Summary

AOC 10 Gb/s VCSEL



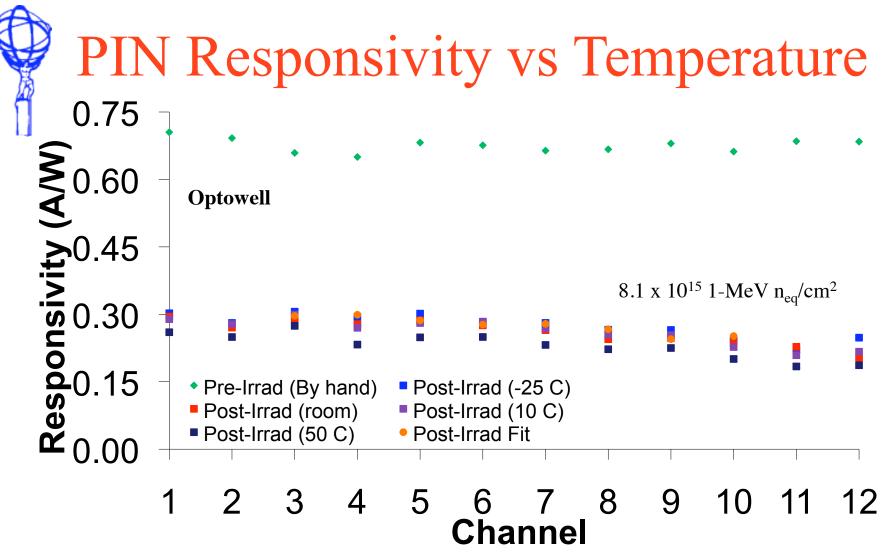
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VCSEL Power vs Temperature

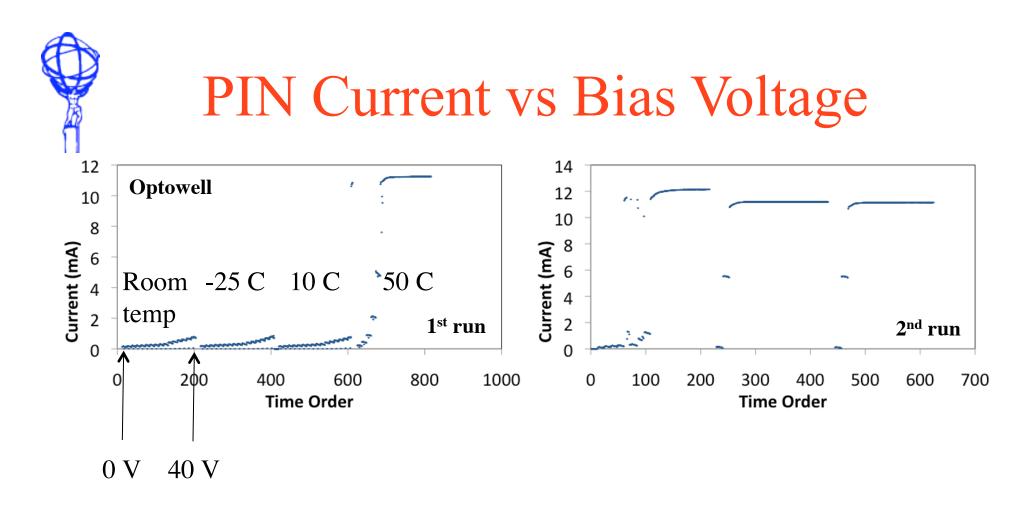


• Cooler VCSEL produces more optical power

 \Rightarrow Keep opto-board at ~ 10 C?



- Responsivity is slightly higher at lower temperature
- VCSEL and PIN have similar temperature dependence



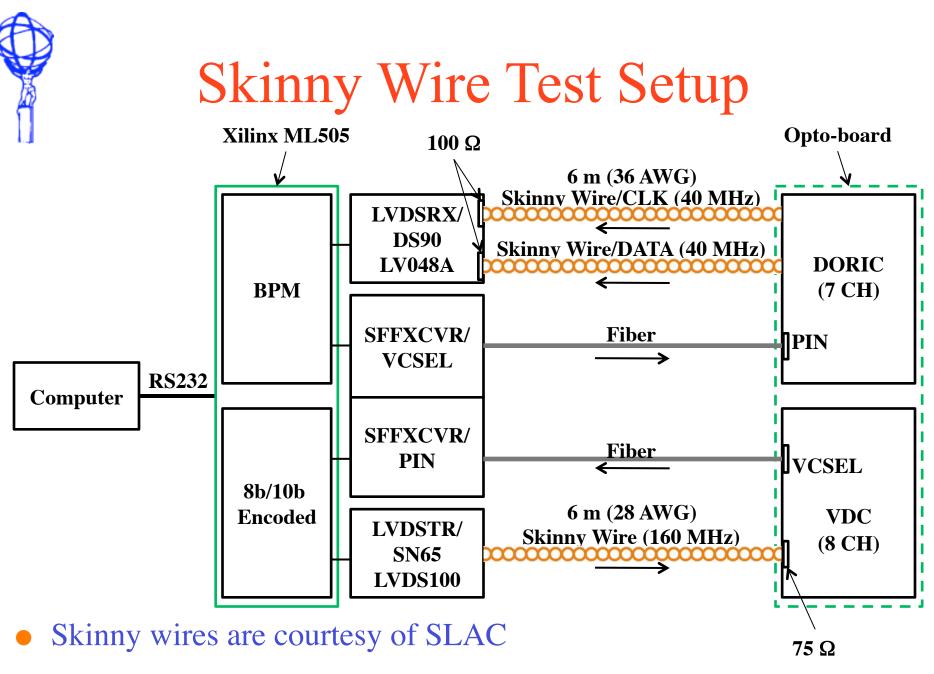
- Sudden breakdown in PIN current during ramping of bias voltage
- Once broken, entire array has high leakage current even at low voltages

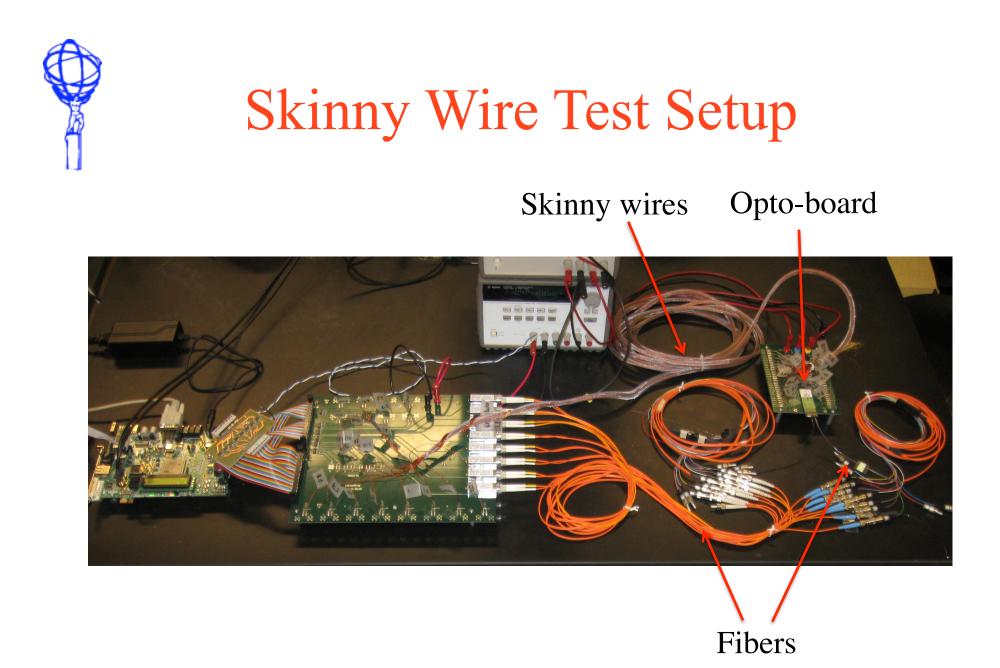
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PIN Leakage Current Problem

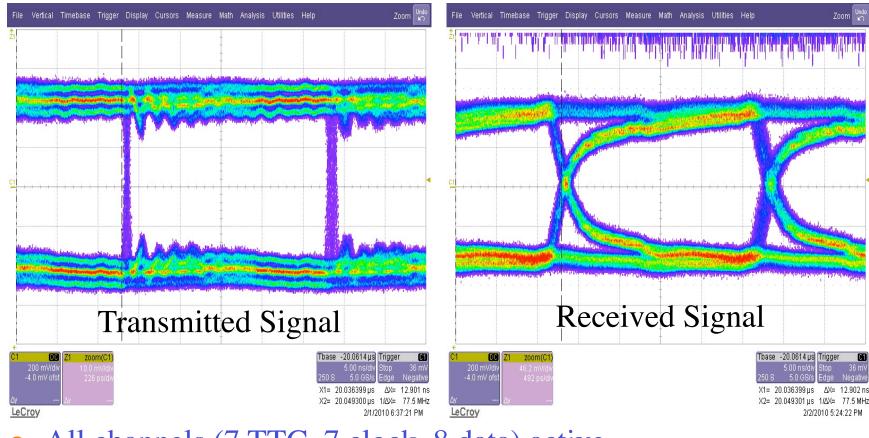
- Three out of 20 irradiated Optowell PIN arrays are now inoperable due to high leakage current
- Cause of breakdown unknown:
 - devices are not actually capable of operation at 40V as claimed by vendor?
 - did radiation damage reduce the operation voltage?
- Recovery plan:
 - need to purchase/package a large sample of Optowell arrays (> 20) for bias current study followed by irradiation in summer 2010
 - o communicate with vendor
 - need to purchase/package a large sample of arrays (> 20)
 from a second vendor (ULM) for irradiation in summer 2010
 - have made funding request to US ATLAS

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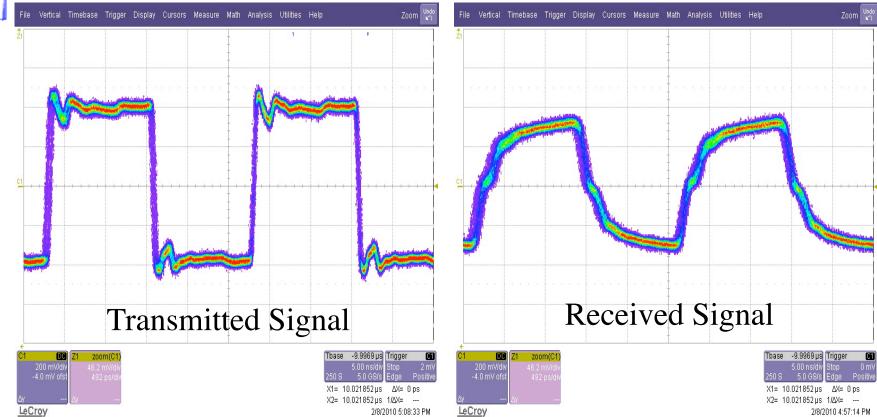
TTC Data (40 MHz) Eye Diagram



- All channels (7 TTC, 7 clock, 8 data) active
 - other TTC channels look similar
 - BER = $0/2.1 \times 10^{13}$

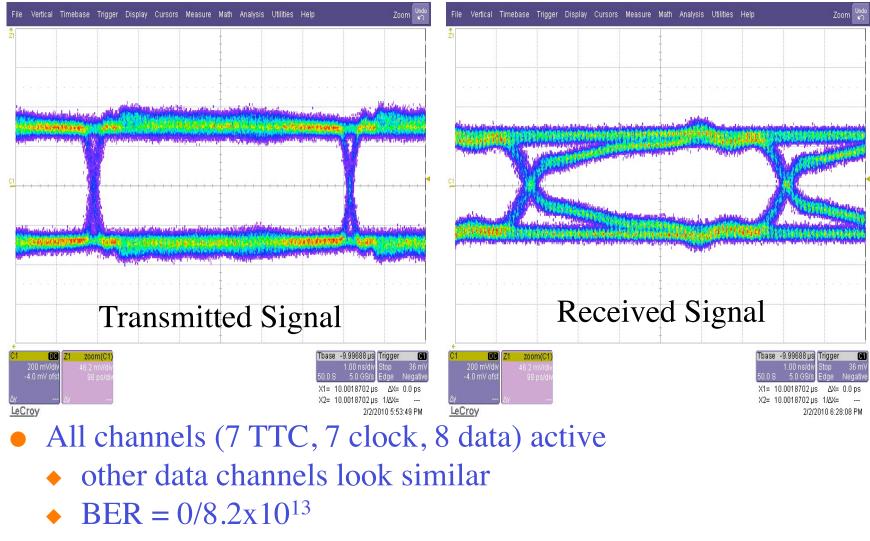
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All channels (7 TTC, 7 clock, 8 data) active
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Data (160 MHz) Eye Diagram





Summary

- VCSEL and PIN have similar temperature dependence
 - good to operate the devices at room temperature or lower
- 3 out of 20 Optowell PIN arrays broken
 - need further investigation and second vendor
- Skinny wires tested with opto-board and commercial LVDS receiver and transmitter
 - transmitted signals look quite reasonable