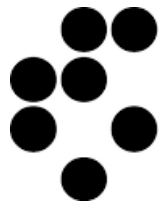


Design and construction of the ATLAS ITk Strip Detector

Igor Mandić, on behalf of the ITk Strip Community

17 October 2023



Jožef Stefan Institute
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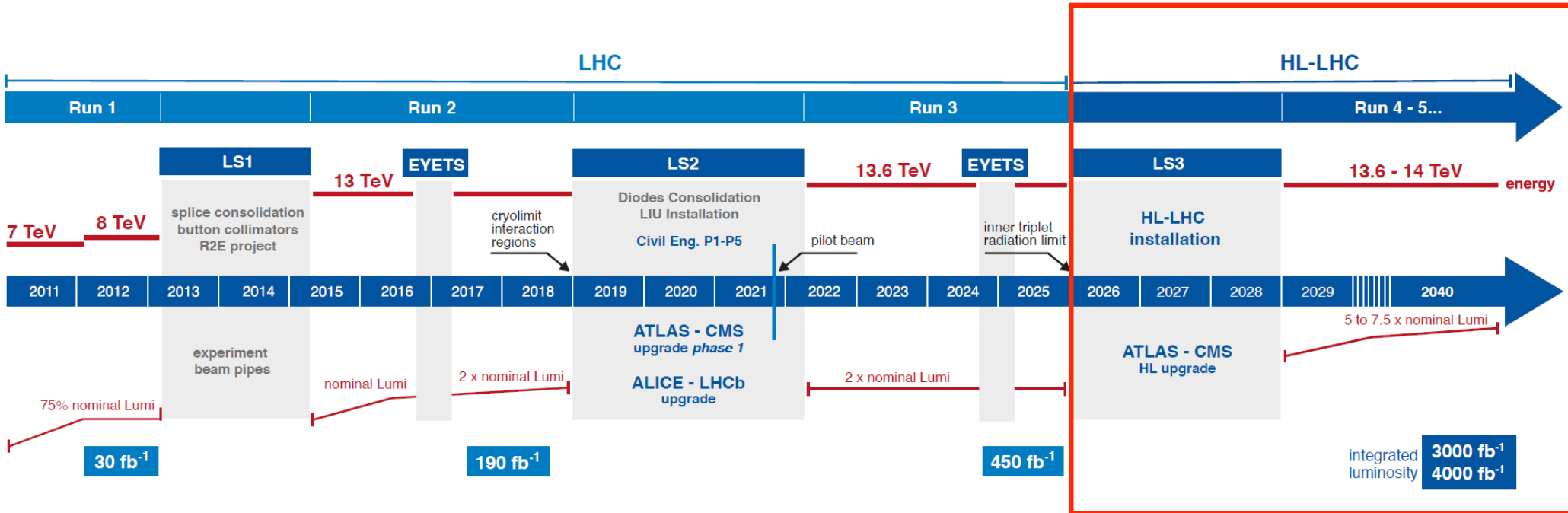
Mandić, ITk Strips, Vertex 2023

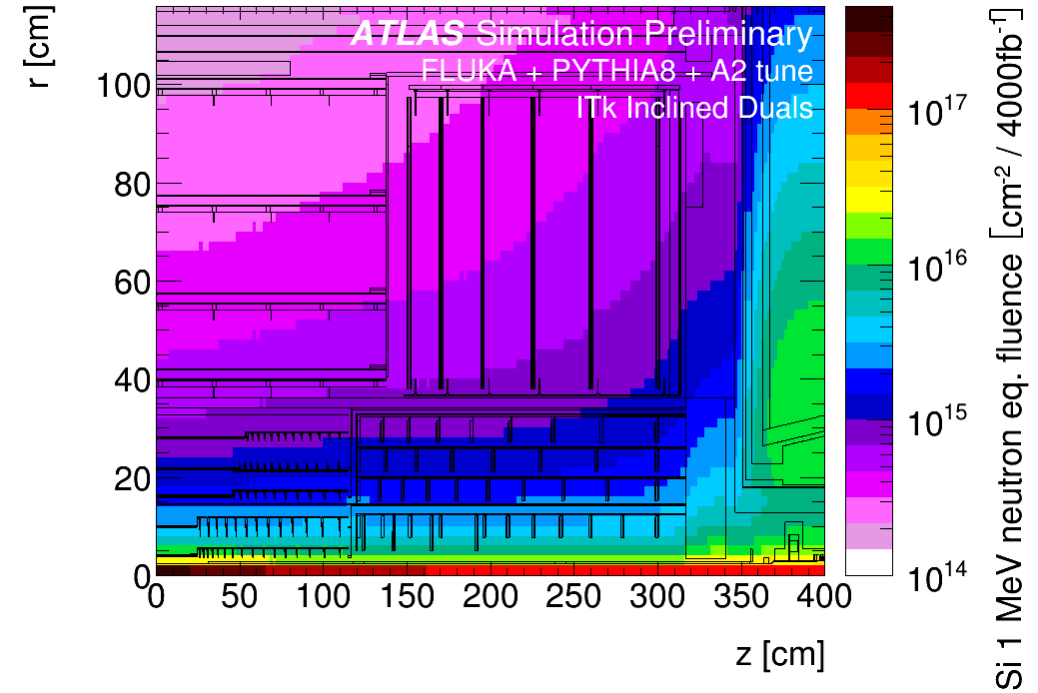
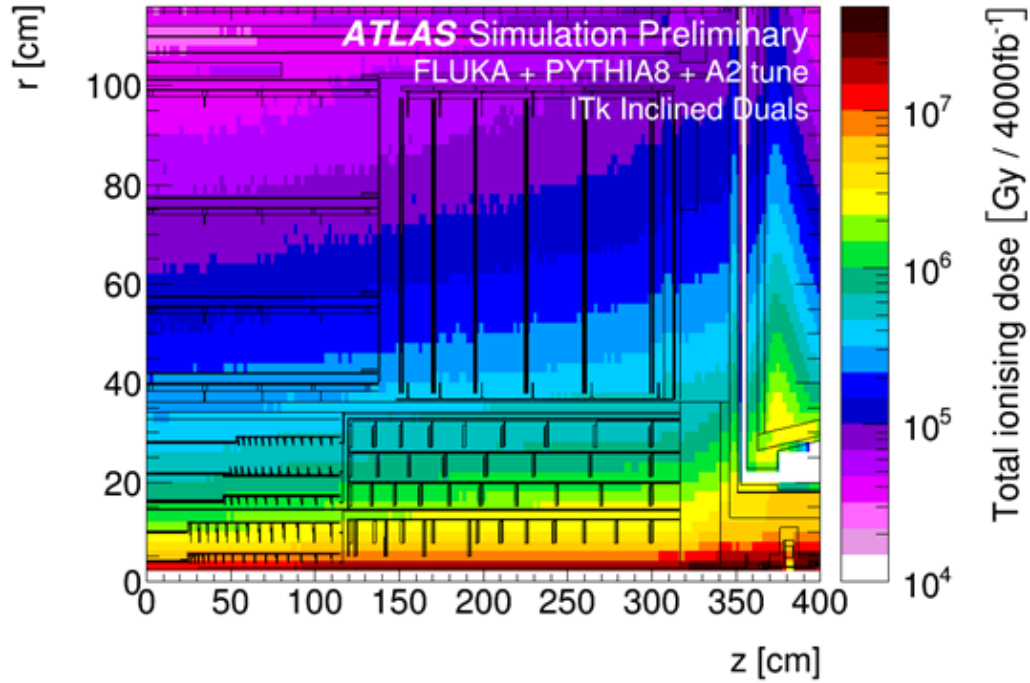


Upgrade to HL-LHC

- proton energy similar as LHC: 6.8 TeV - 7 TeV
- increase of luminosity ($L_{peak} = 7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$)
- aim for integrated luminosity $L_{int} = 3000(4000) \text{fb}^{-1}$

- ➔ 200 p-p collisions per bunch crossing
- ➔ higher radiation levels





https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/RadiationSimulationPublicResults#Phase_II_Upgrade_Mar_2018_AN1

Radiation levels (including safety factor of 1.5) @ 4000 fb⁻¹ :

- ➔ Pixels: TID = 10 MGy, $\Phi_{eq} = 2 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ n}_{eq} / \text{cm}^2$
- ➔ Strips: TID = 660 kGy, $\Phi_{eq} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ n}_{eq} / \text{cm}^2$

Current ATLAS **Inner Detector (ID)** will be replaced with **Inner Tracker (ITk)**

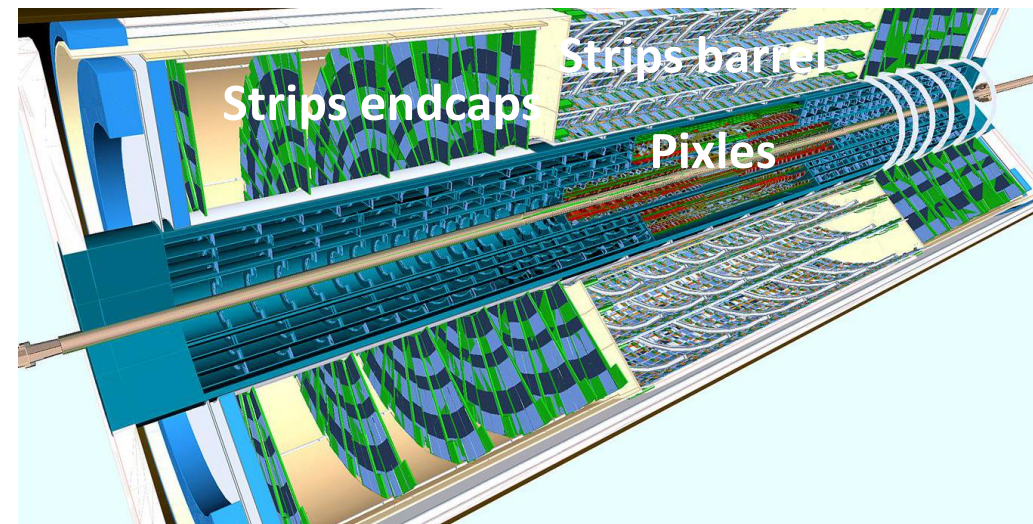
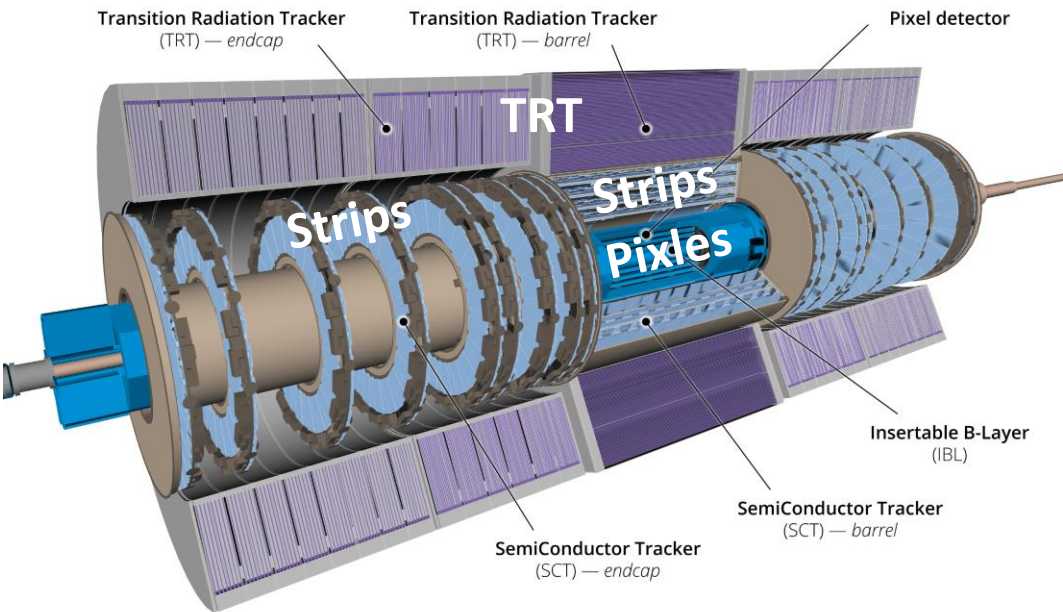
- not suitable for HL-LHC environment
- radiation damage accumulated by many years of successful operation

ATLAS Inner Detector

- silicon: **IBL (pixels), Pixel Detector, SCT (strips)**,
- gas: **Transition Radiation Tracker (TRT)**

New ATLAS Inner Tracker:

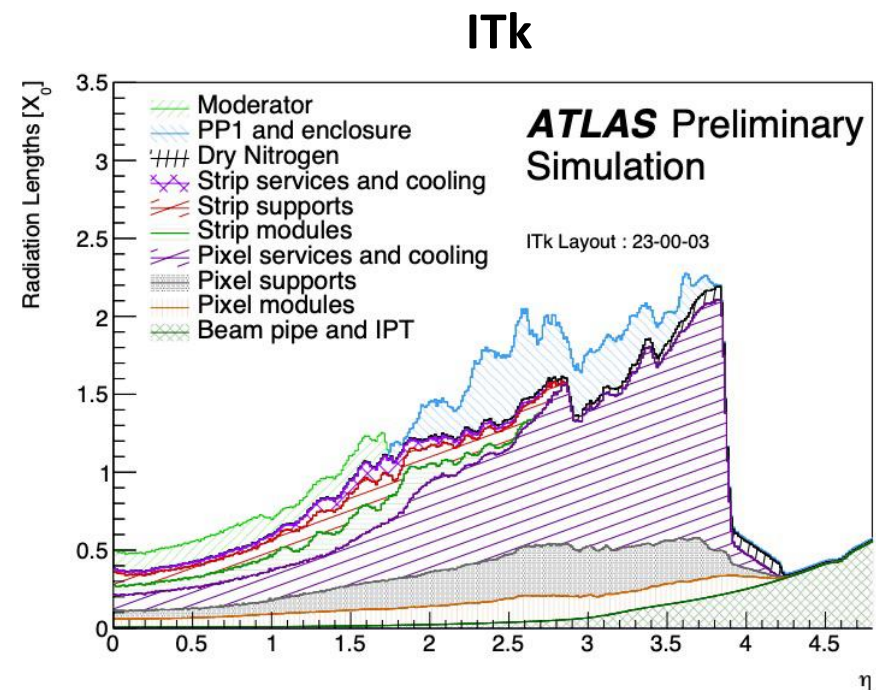
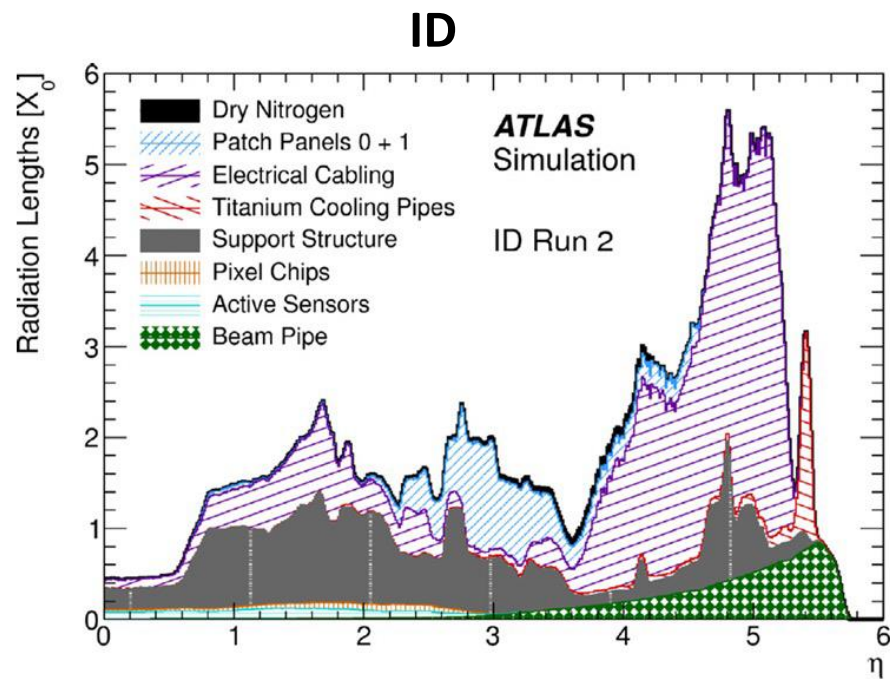
- silicon only: **pixels and strips**



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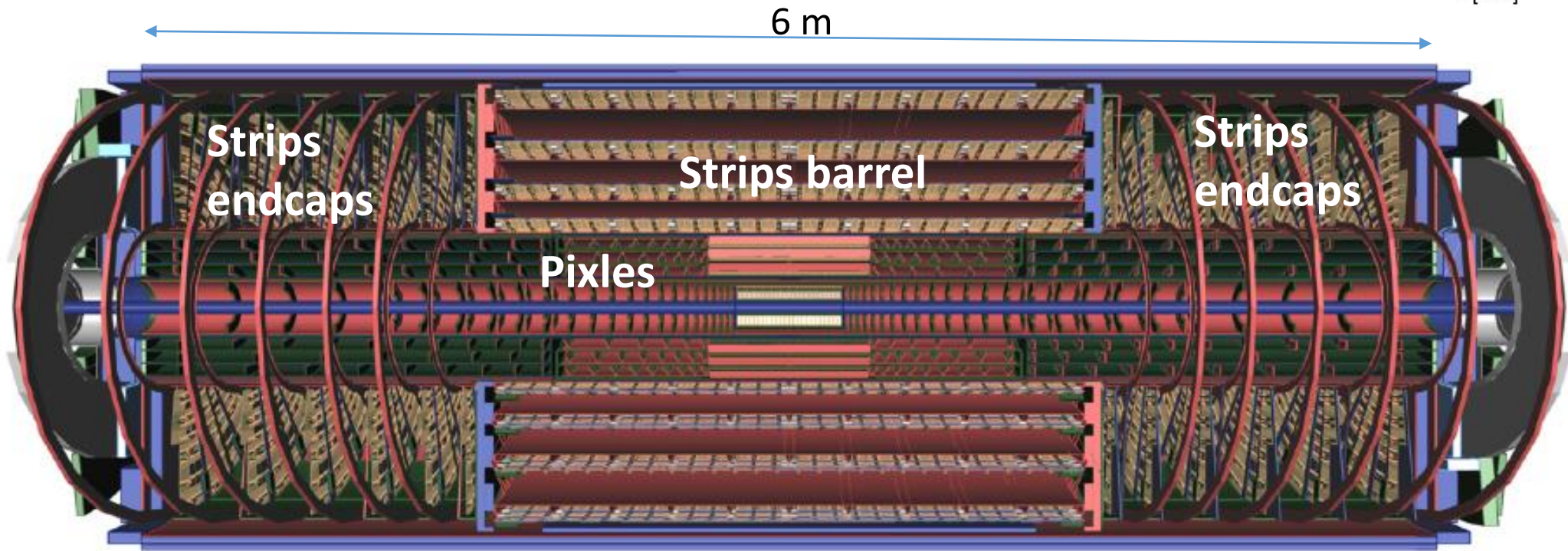
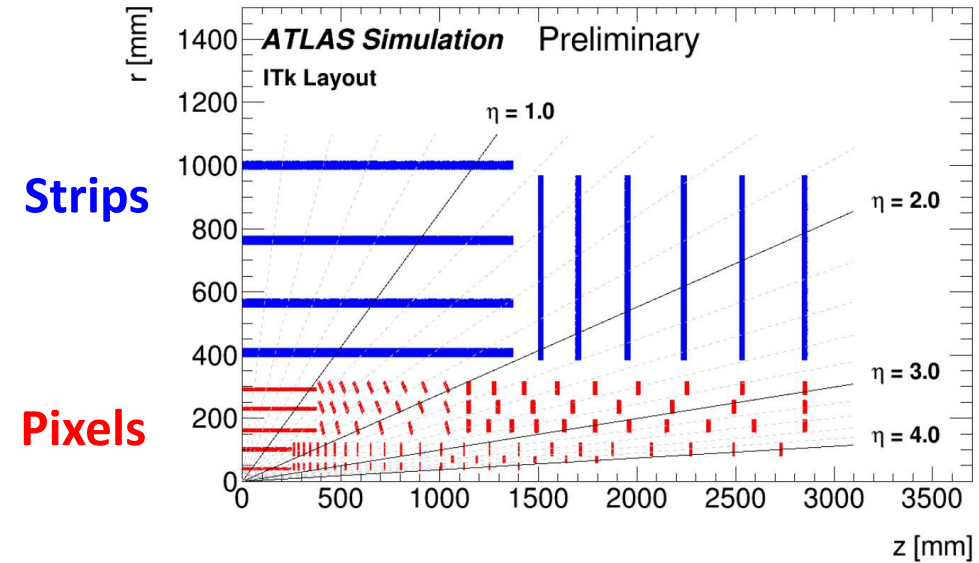
- Improvements of **ITk** compared to **ID**:

- higher radiation tolerance
- finer granularity
- higher trigger rate
- less material in the tracking volume



ITk strip detector:

- 4 barrel layers
- 6 strip disks in each end-cap
- coverage up to $\eta = 2.7$
 - ~ 18000 strip sensors
 - ~165 m² of silicon
 - ~ 60 million channels



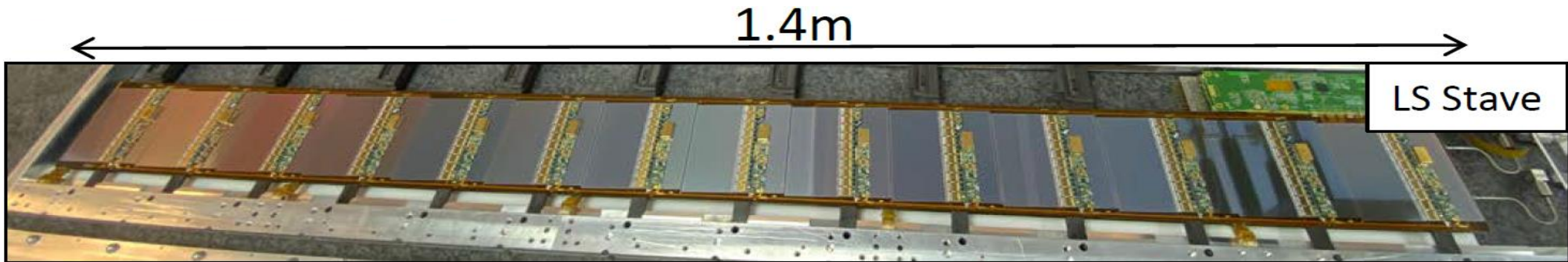
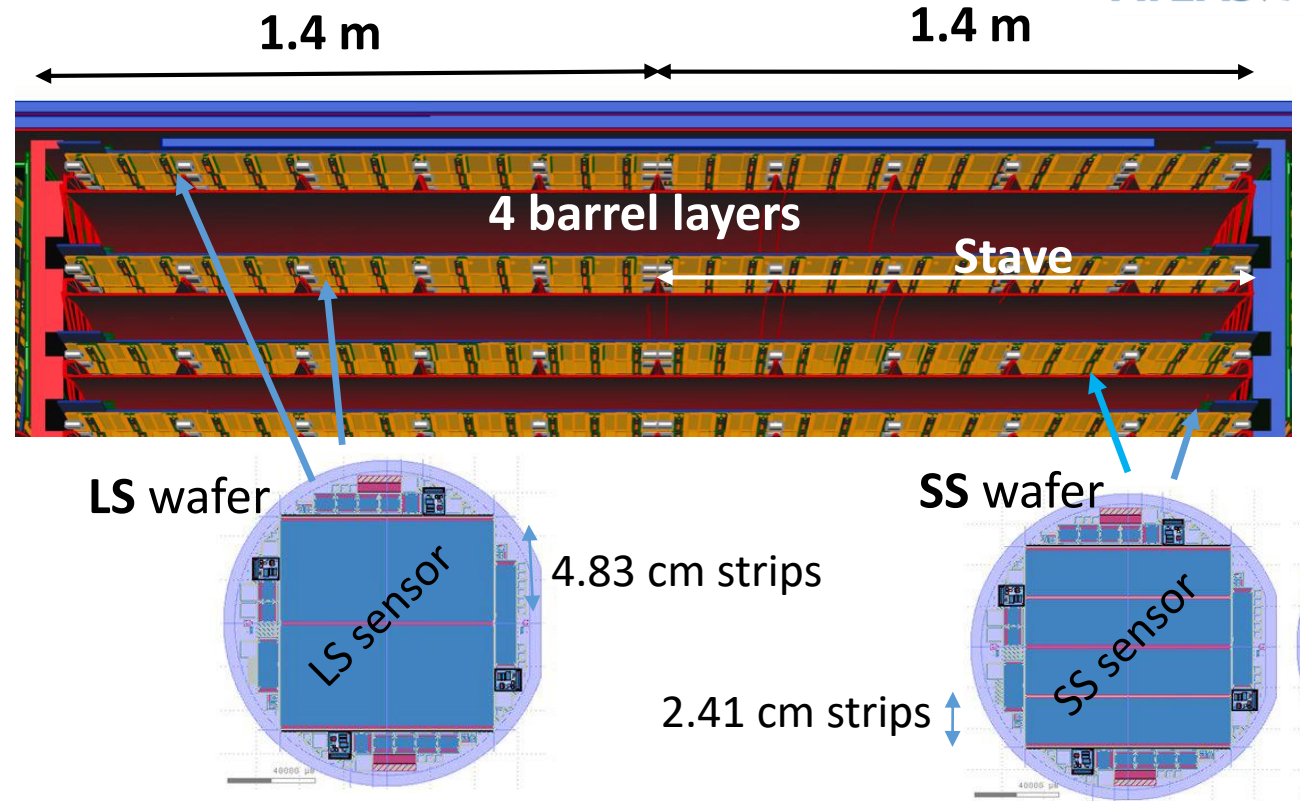
ITk strips - barrel

Barrel:

- 4 barrel layers
- barrels are divided in 392 double sided **staves**
- 14 modules/stave/side
→ **10976** modules (sensor+electronics)

- Two types of ~ 9.7 cm x 9.7 cm sensors:
 - outer 2 layers: Long Strips (**LS**)
 - inner 2 layers: Short Strips (**SS**)

- 14 modules mounted on each side of **stave**



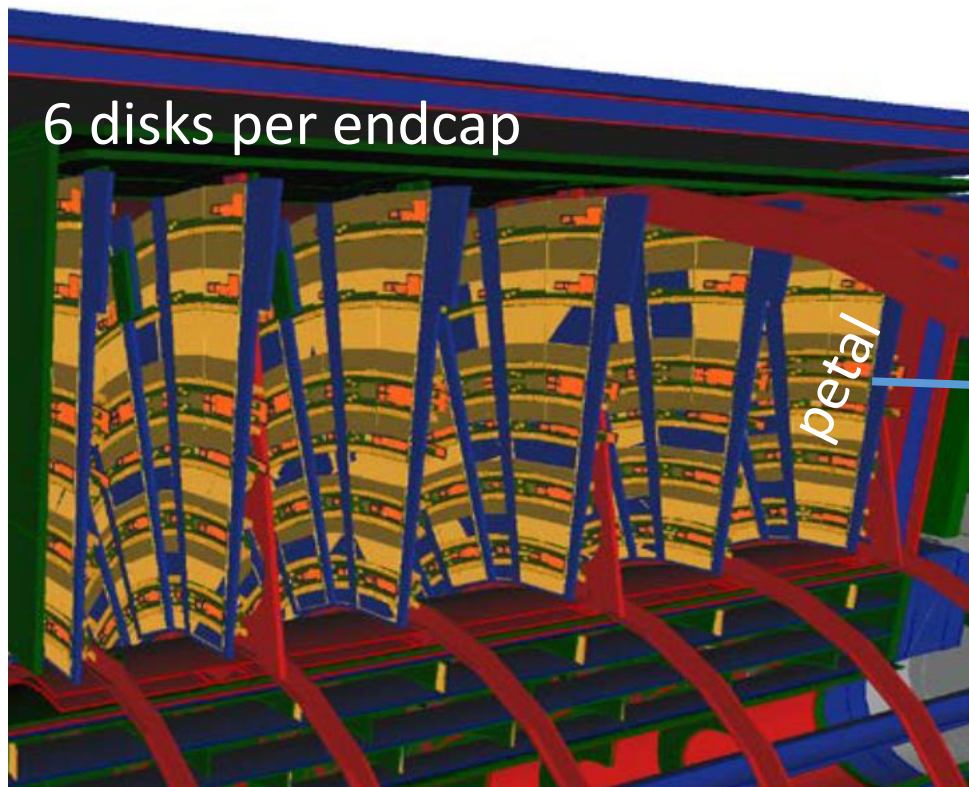
ITk strips - endcaps

Endcaps:

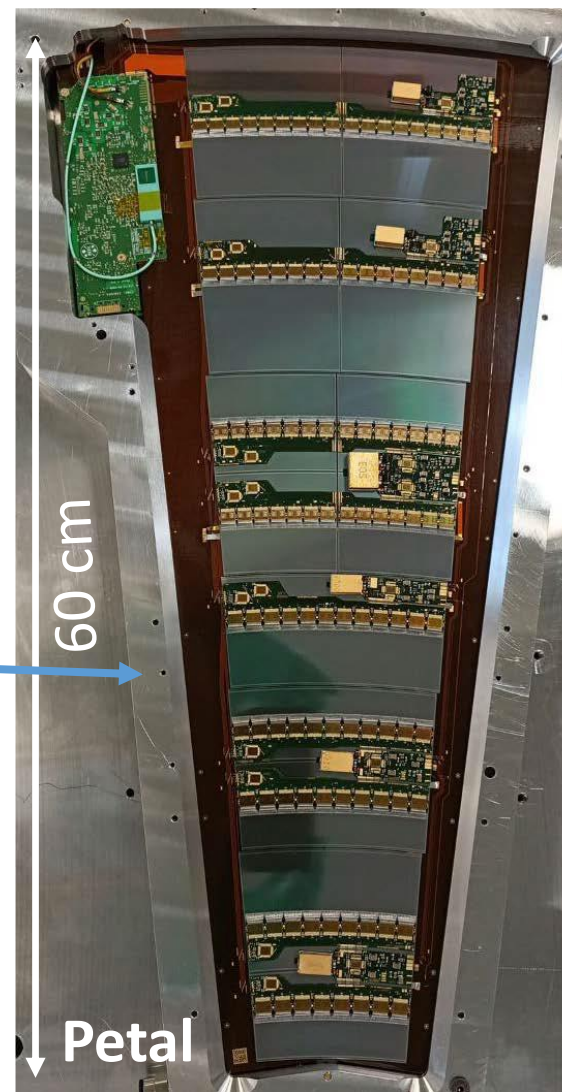
- 2 endcaps
- 6 disks per endcap
- 32 petals per disk
- 6 modules per petal-side
→ **4608** modules

Petal:

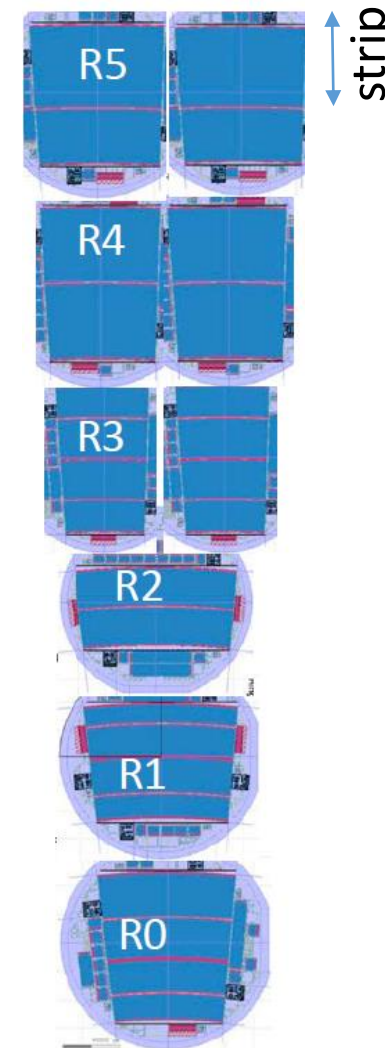
- 6 sensor geometries
- R0,R1,R2 one sensor/module
- R3, R4, R5 two sensors
- strip length: 1.4 –6



6 modules on each side



Sensor geometries

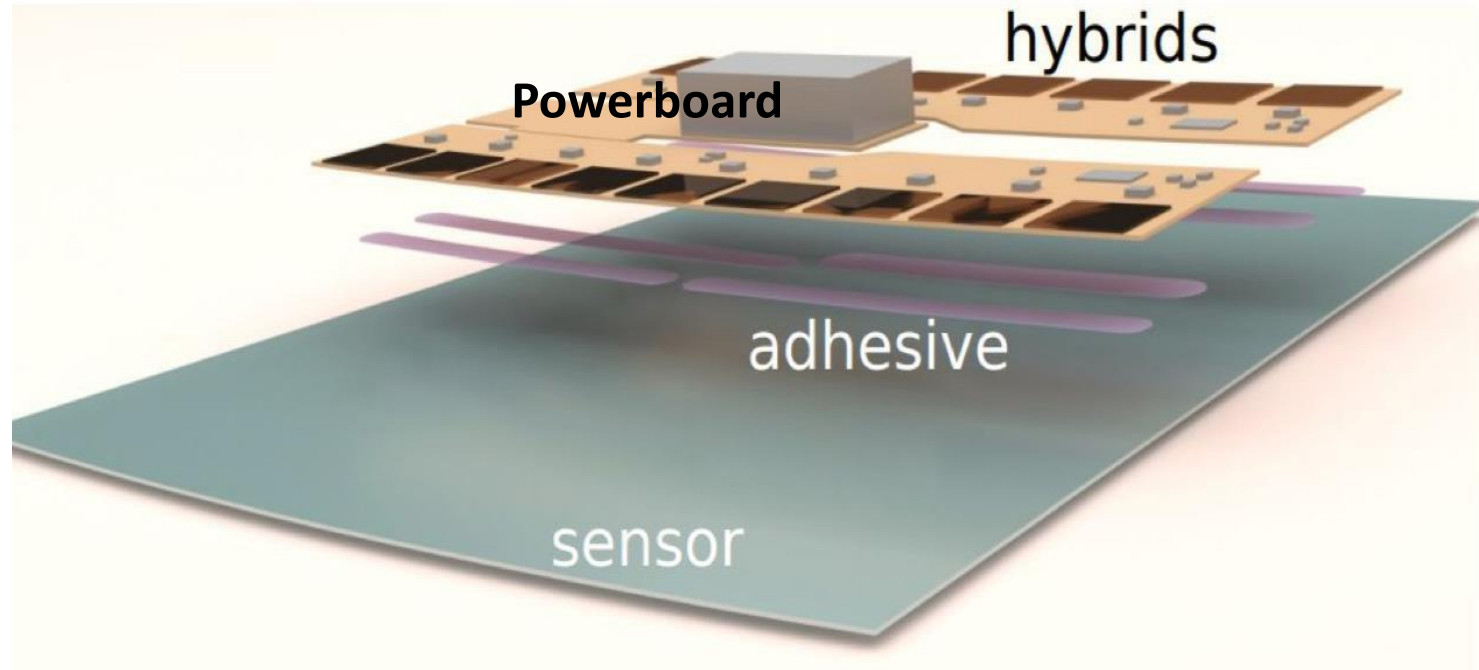


Module:

- Silicon sensors + ASICs + Power control

Hybrids, Powerboard:

- flexible printed circuits
 - glued on the sensor
- strips wire-bonded to front end ASIC on hybrids



Modules

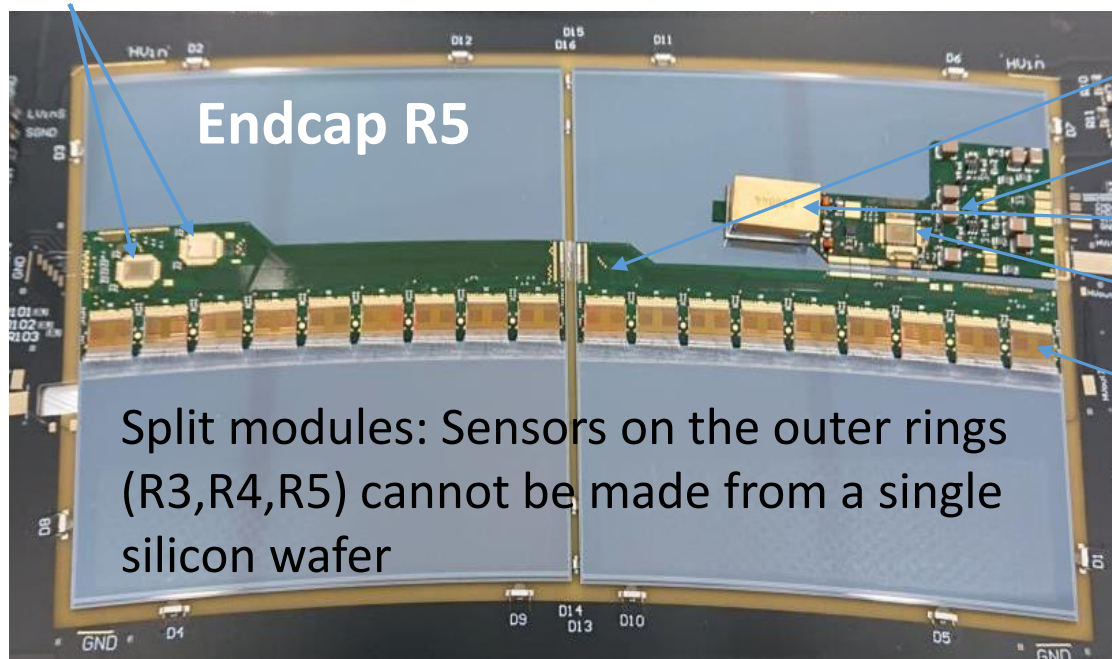
Hybrids:

- ATLAS Binary Chip **ABCstar** (front-end, 256 channels)
- Hybrid Controller Chip (**HCCstar**)

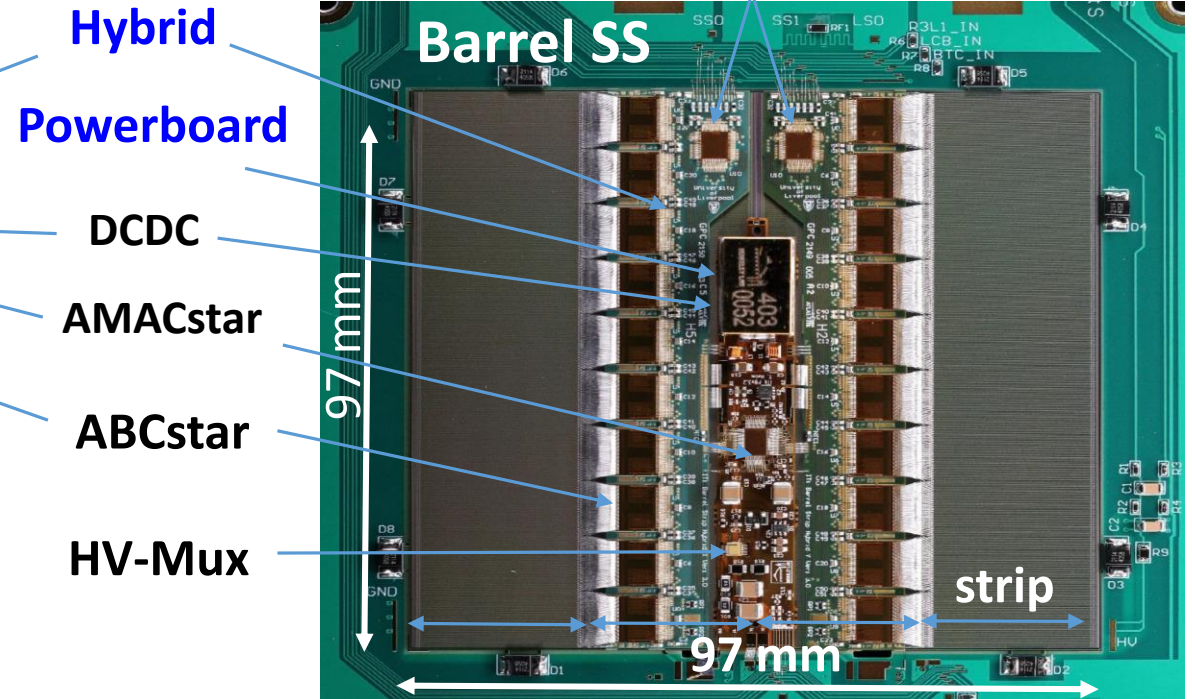
Power-board:

- **DCDC** converters: transform 11 V supply to 1.5 V for ASIC
- Autonomous Monitor And Control chip (**AMACstar**) → monitors currents, temperatures, voltages
- High Voltage filter and switch (**HV-Mux**)

HCCstar



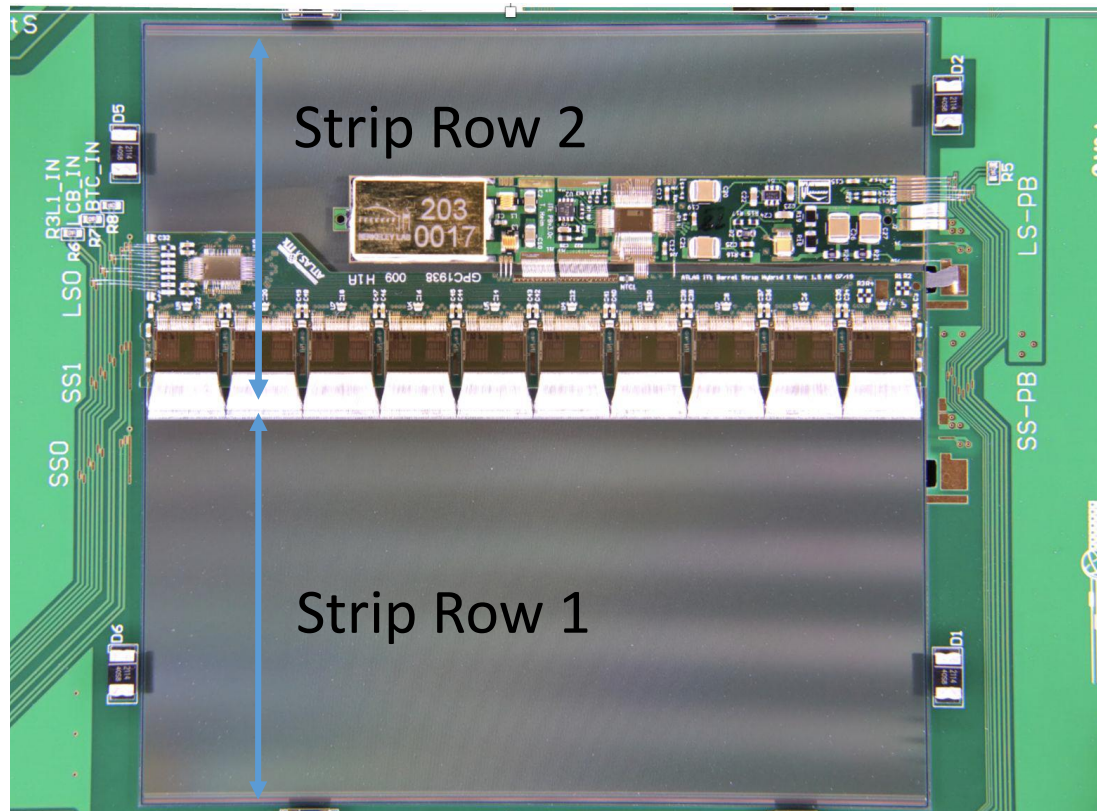
HCCstar



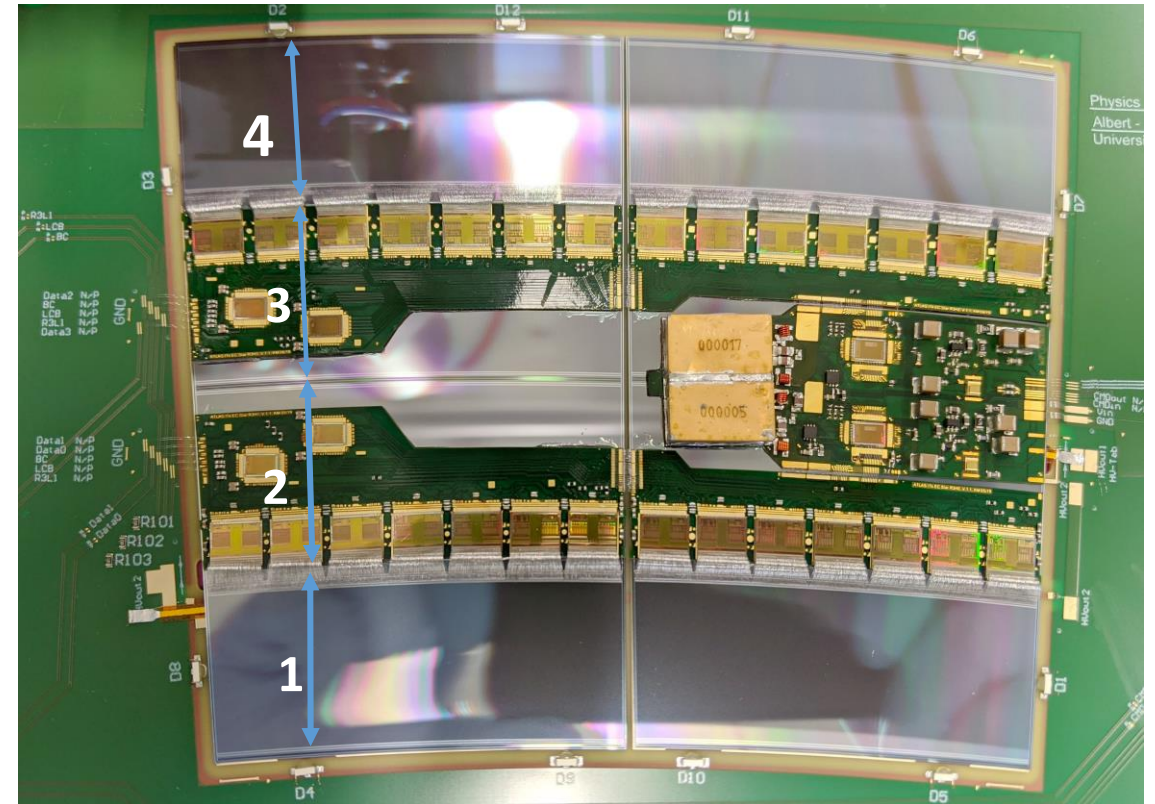
Modules

- Different module flavours:
 - two for barrels: SS and LS
 - six for endcaps: R0 to R5

Long Strips barrel module (2 rows of strips):

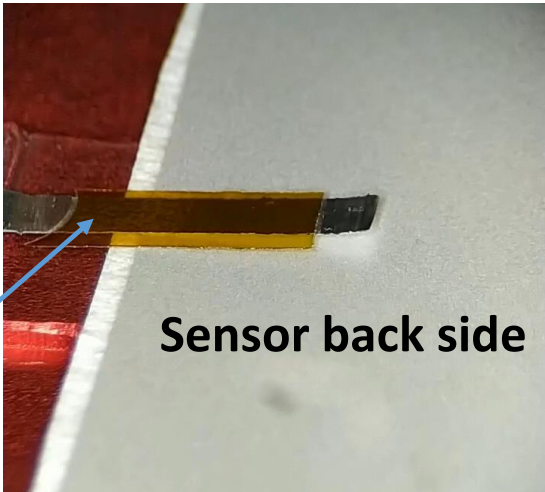


R3 endcap module (4 strip rows, 2 sensors, 4 hybrids):

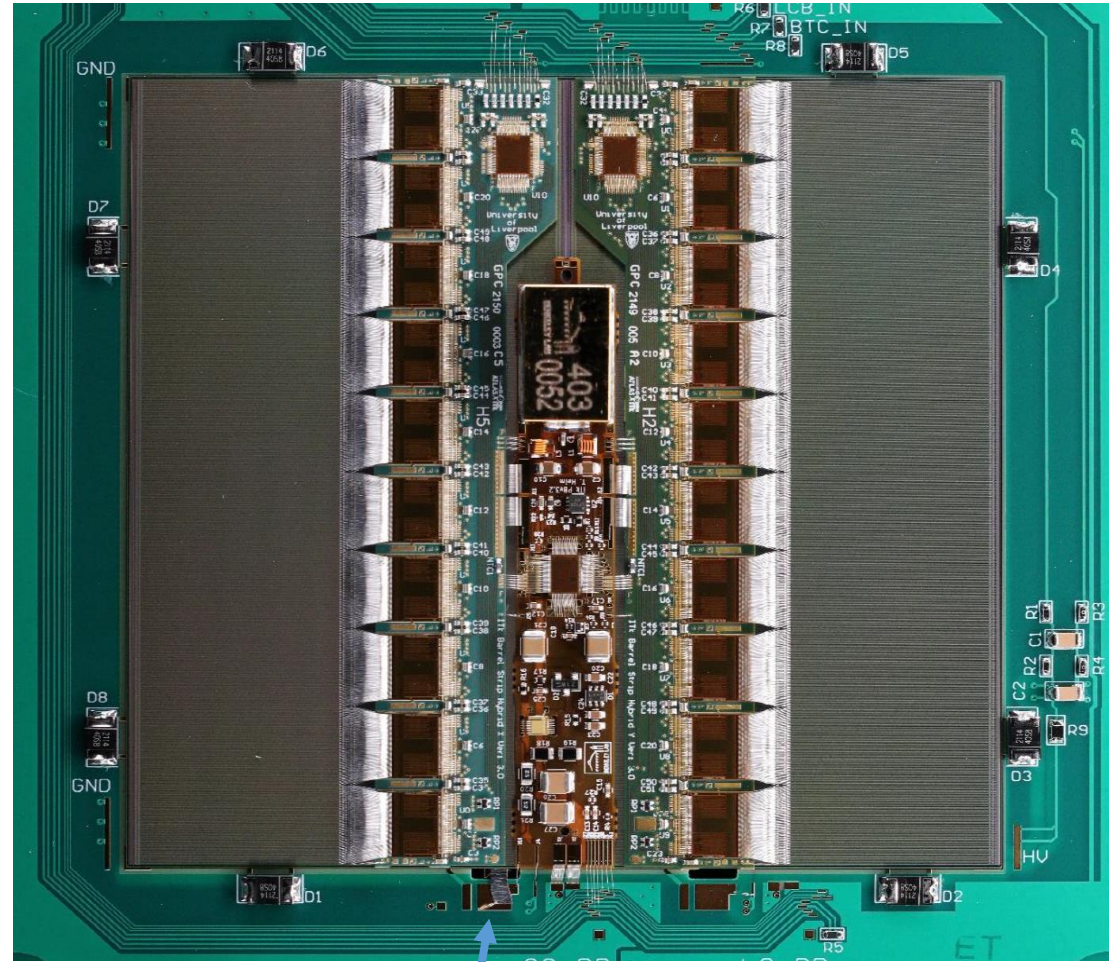


Modules

- High Voltage for sensor bias is connected to sensor back plane by **Tape Automated Bonding (TAB)** bonding
- maximum bias voltage **-500 V**



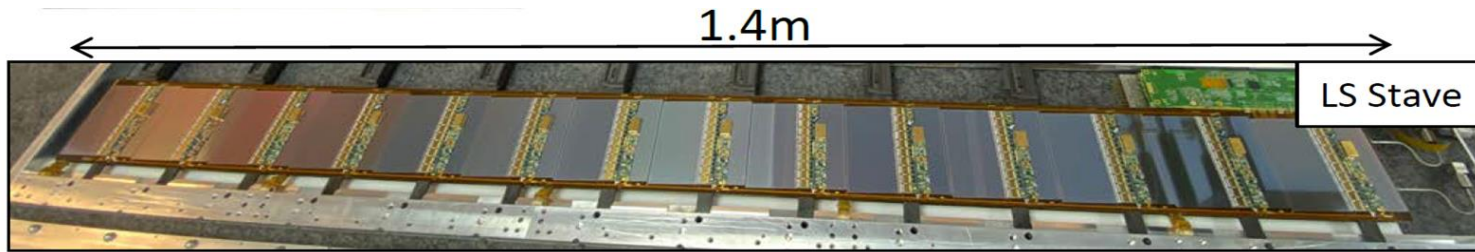
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HV tab

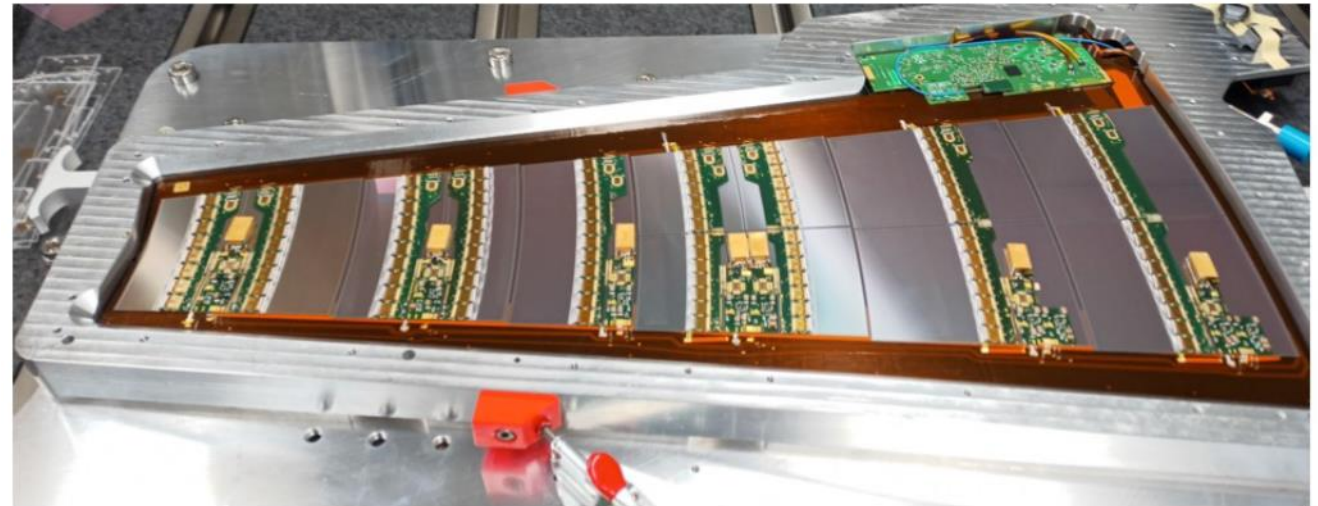
Support structures

- modules are mounted on light weight support structure: **cores**
 - barrel modules on “stave cores”
 - endcap modules on “petal cores”



Stave

Petal



Low mass support structures

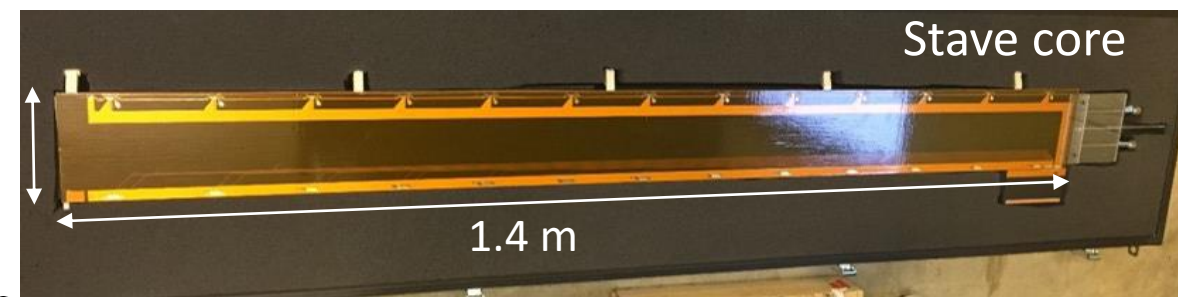
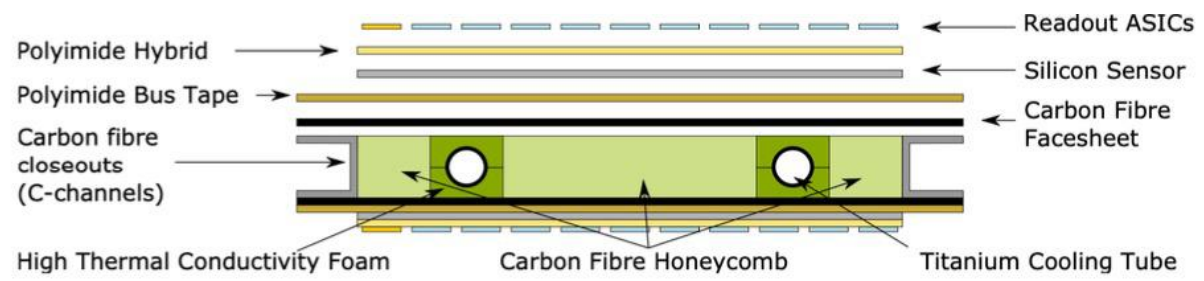
Cores:

- copper on Polyimide (kapton) bus tapes is routing electrical connections for power and signals
- pipes for evaporative CO₂ cooling in highly thermal-conductive carbon-fibre structure

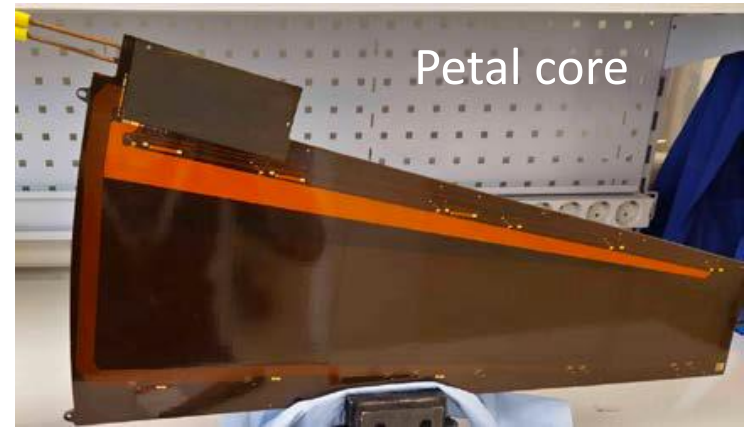
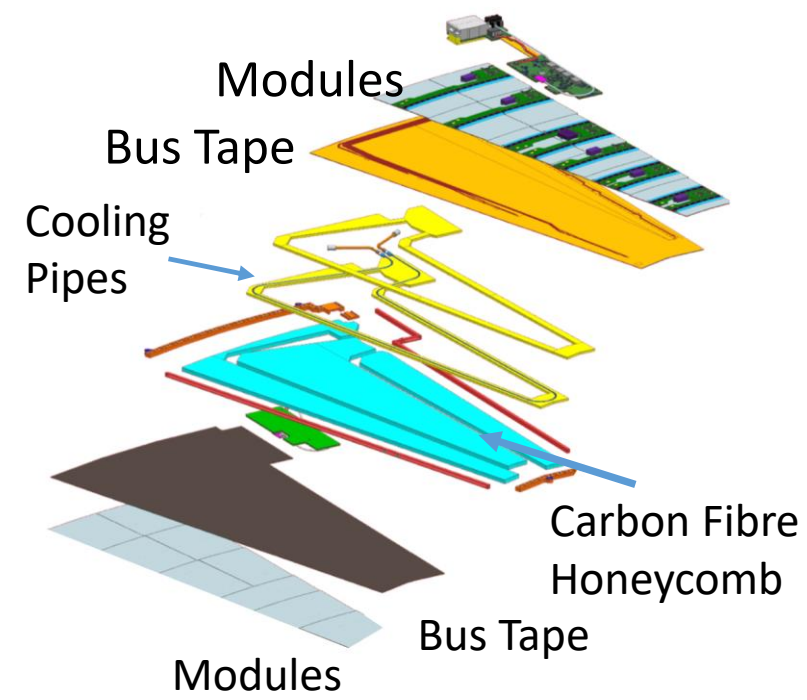
co-cured

- ➔ modules are glued to both sides of cores
- ➔ wire-bonds from modules to bus-tapes (tab bonds for HV)

Stave Cross section



Petal core exploded view

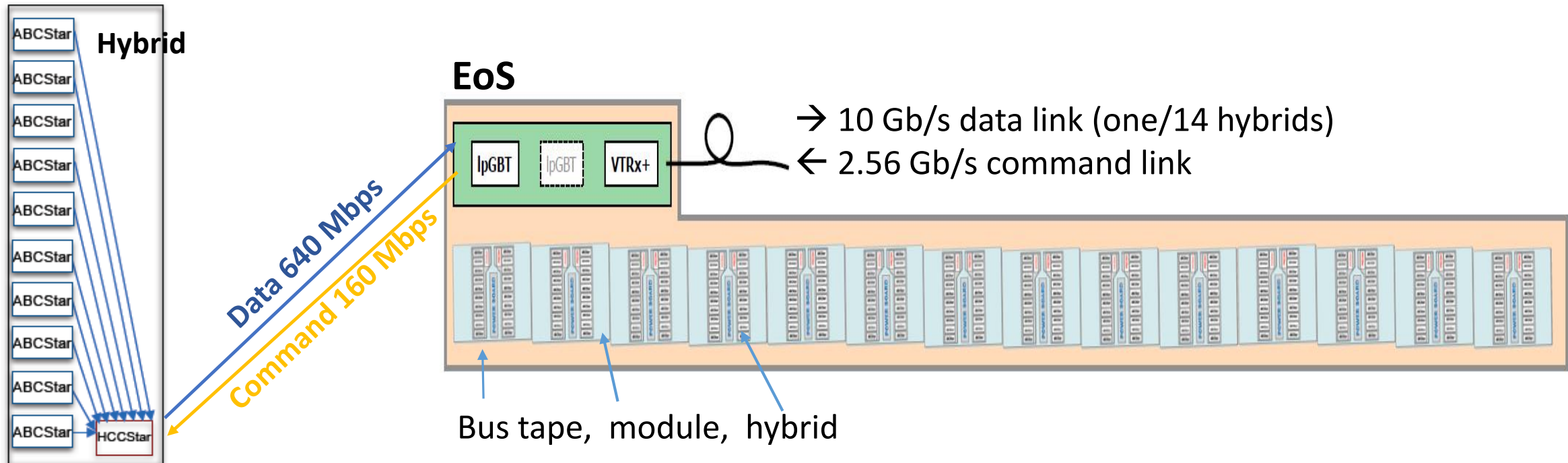


Readout and control electronics

- **ABCDstar**: front-end chips communicate with **Hybrid Controller Chip HCCstar** on each hybrid
- **HCCStar**: sends data at 640 Mbps to and receives clock and commands at 160 Mbps from **End of Substructure board over bus tapes (e-links)**

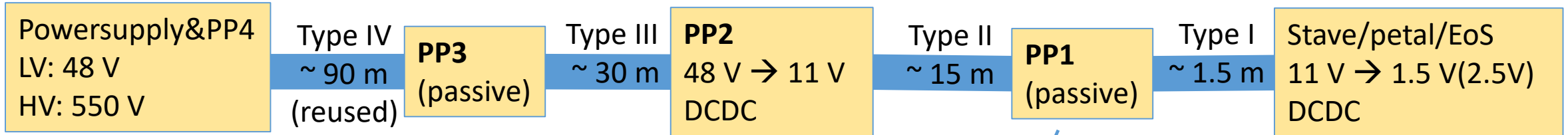
End of Substructure board (EoS):

- **IpGBT (Low Power GigaBit Transceiver, 65nm CMOS ASIC)** and **VTRx+**: fibre optic driver/receiver
 → communicates with off detector electronics: 10 Gb/s data link (uplink), 2.56 Gb/s command link (downlink)



Powering

- one Low Voltage power supply channel per stave/petal side
- to reduce voltage drop in cables: start with 48V → transform to 11V on PP2 → to 1.5 V(2.5 V) on modules/EoS
- High Voltage: 4 channels per SS stave side, 2 channels (multiplexed to 4 at PP2) per LS/EC stave/petal side



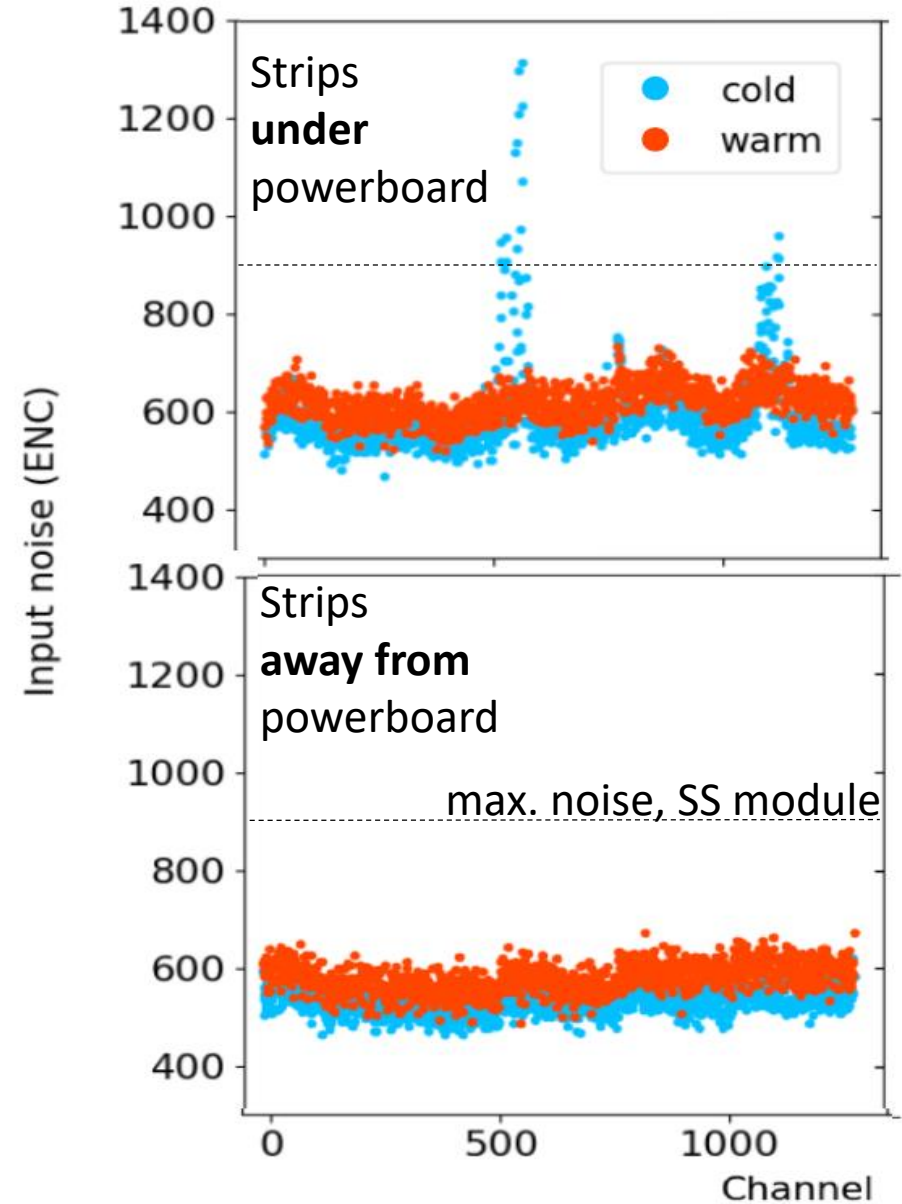
Cold Noise

High noise channels observed when testing modules at low temperatures (-40°C) → **Cold Noise**

- **CN** seen only in **barrel** modules, for strips under power-board
 → **source of noise:** mechanical vibrations of capacitors on power-boards
- **CN not** observed in **endcap** modules
 → different power-board circuit material and layout, curved geometry...

Solution for barrel **LS** modules:

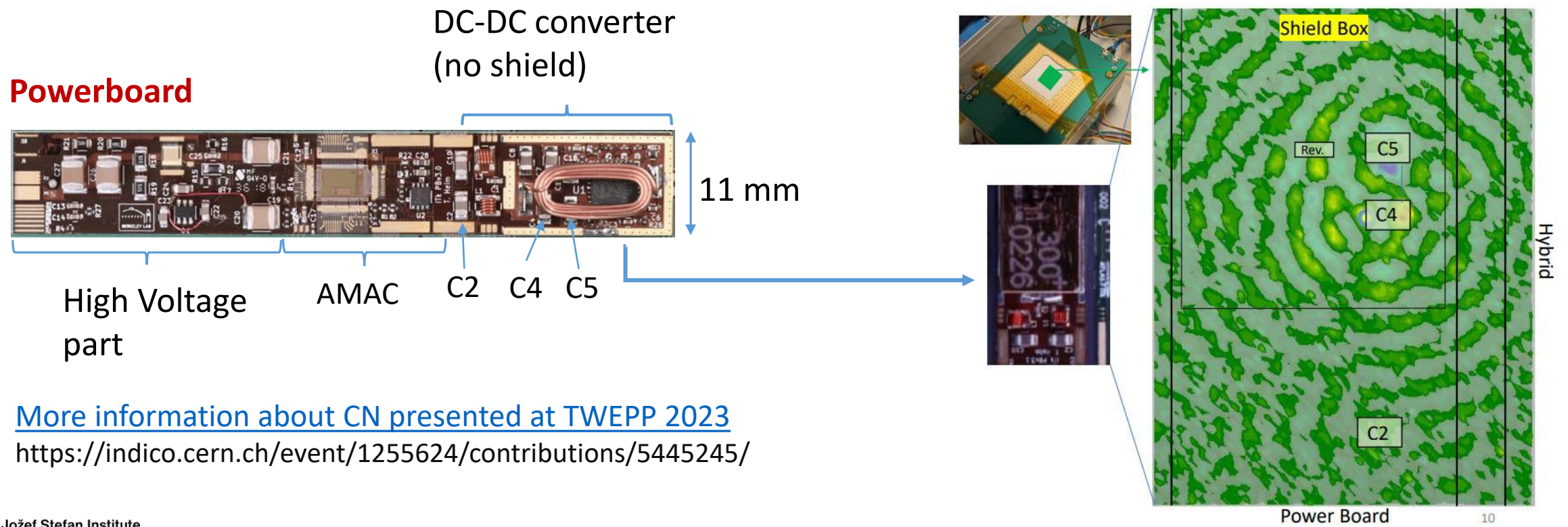
- use right glue (Eccobond F112) for module assembly
- production of LS modules **started**
- changing the glue doesn't fully cure the problem for **SS** modules
 → investigating: thicker glue, filling glue gaps, endcap-style power-board
 - time to find solution by summer 2024



Cold Noise

- buck converter switching at 2 MHz with air core coil used for DC-DC conversion form 11 V to 1.5 V
 - ➔ vibrations in capacitors because of switching
 - ➔ vibrations are transferred to sensor
 - ➔ mechanism of coupling between mechanical vibrations and electronic noise not yet understood

Vibration pattern measured on the back side of sensor



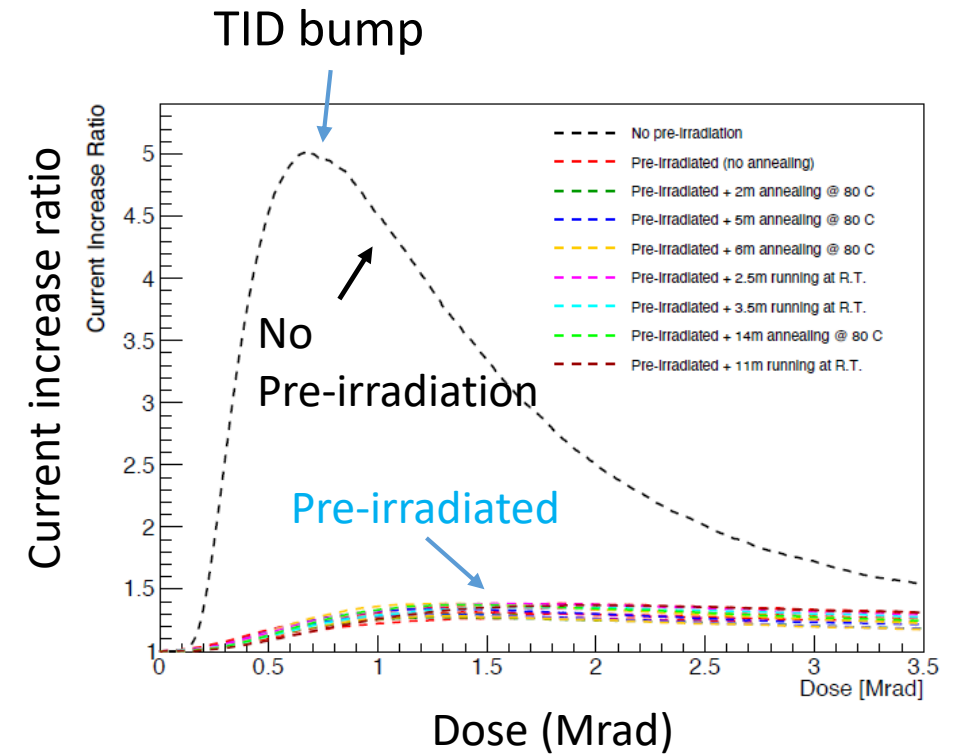
[More information about CN presented at TWEPP 2023](https://indico.cern.ch/event/1255624/contributions/5445245/)
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ASICs

- all three ASICs (**ABCstar, HCCstar, AMACstar**) produced by Global Foundry (GF) in **130 nm** technology
- chips are pre-irradiated to 5 Mrad with ^{60}Co to avoid TID bump
 → pre irradiation of production chips at RBI, Zagreb, Croatia

Production of ASICs going on

ASIC	Manufactured	Probed	Probing Yield	Diced	Pre irradiated
ABCStar	330000 (95%)	49%	88%	30%	3%
HCCStar	32000 (93%)	93%	97%	71%	21%
AMACStar	28000 (117%)	100%	93%	88%	27%

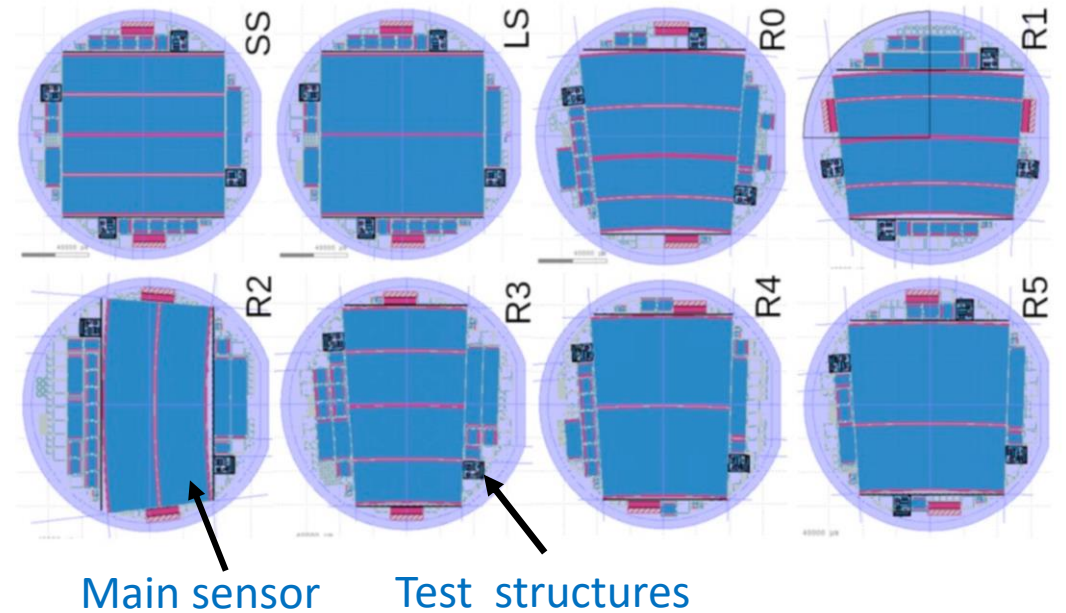


Sensors

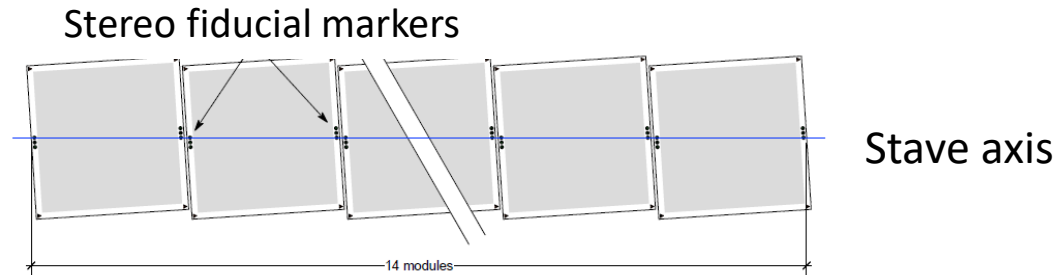
- n-in-p type, float zone, AC coupled, single sided
- active thickness 300 μm
- full depletion voltage $V_{fd} \sim 280 \text{ V}$
(specifications $V_{fd} < 350 \text{ V}$)
- 8 sensor geometries:
 - 2 for the barrel, 75.5 μm strip pitch
 - 6 for the end-caps, trapezoidal, 70 to 80 μm pitch
 - one sensor per 6 inch wafer + test structures

Wafers with 8 sensor geometries

SS, LS are barrel, R# are end-cap

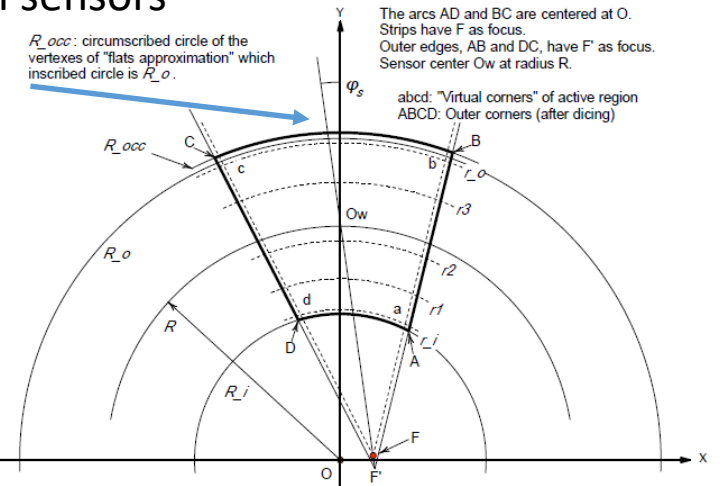


Barrel: sensors are rotated by 26 mrad to stave axis for stereo hit reconstruction



Endcap: stereo angle is “built” in sensors

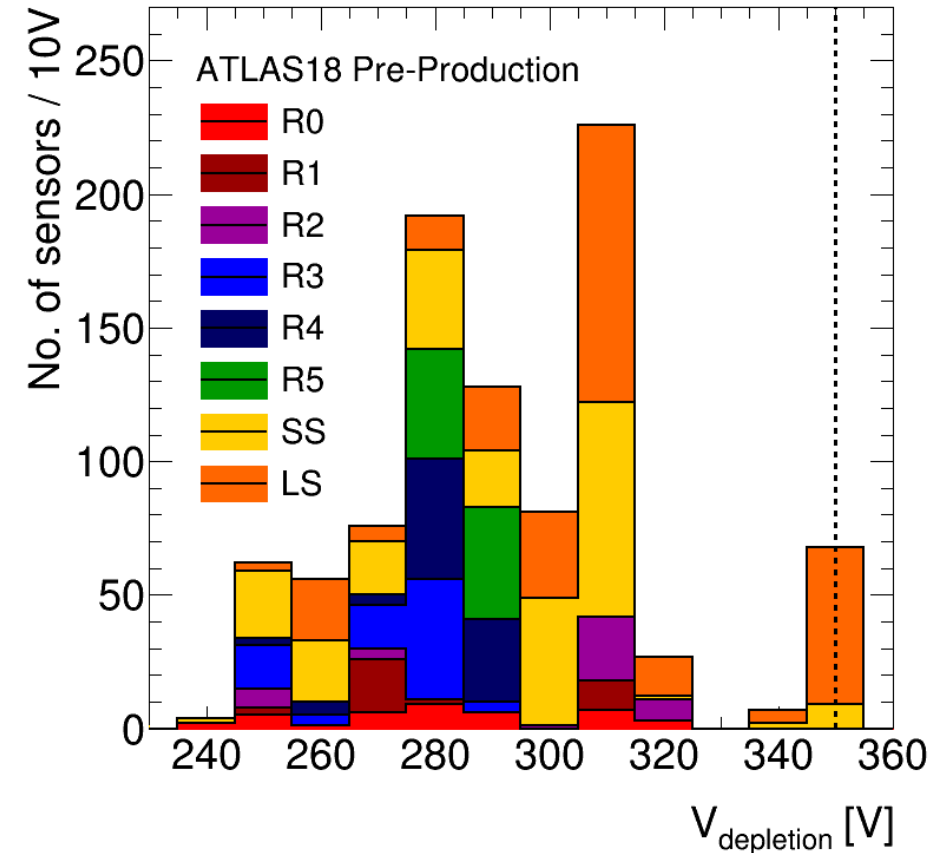
- strips rotated by $\varphi_s = 20 \text{ mrad}$ around centre of sensor



[Y. Unno et al., 2023 JINST 18 T03008](#)

- production at HPK started in 2021 and will finish in 2025
- ~ 22000 sensors will be produced
 - ➔ **57%** sensors delivered according to the plan
- extensive **Quality Control** and **Quality Assurance** procedures
- low rejection rate **2 to 3 %**
 - sensors mostly fail breakdown criteria ($V_{bd} > 500 \text{ V}$)
 - some correlation with high static charge on sensors
 - part of failed sensors can be recovered with different treatments (UV, ion blowing, baking ...)
 - ➔ more detail in talk by [M. Mikestikova on Thursday 15:50](#)

Full depletion voltage V_{fd} distribution



[C. Klein et al., ATL-ITK-PROC-2023-002](#)

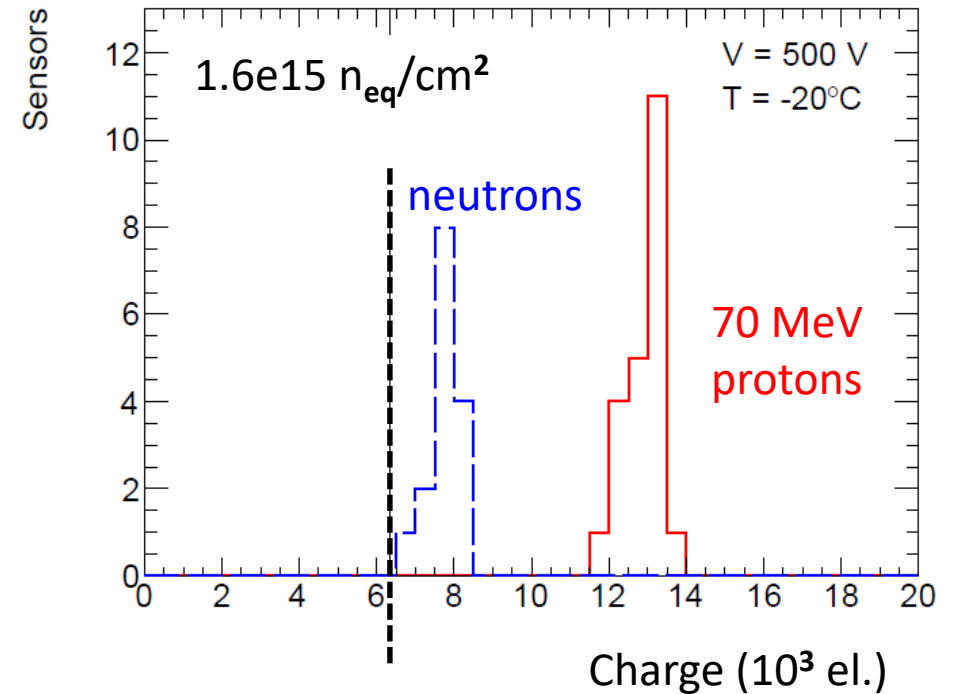
- structures sampled from batches of wafers
- irradiated up to $1.6e15 \text{ n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$ with:
 - neutrons at TRIGA reactor in Ljubljana
 - protons at CYRIC(KEK) (70 MeV) or Birmingham (27 MeV)
 - [CSNS \(70 MeV protons\)](#) Dongguan, China, is being qualified
- TID to 660 kGy with γ from ^{60}Co source in Prague
- various parameters followed (Charge Collection, V_{bd} , R_{int} , PTP...)
- few imperfect batches identified

Tests structures cut from wafer



Mini strip detector Test chip

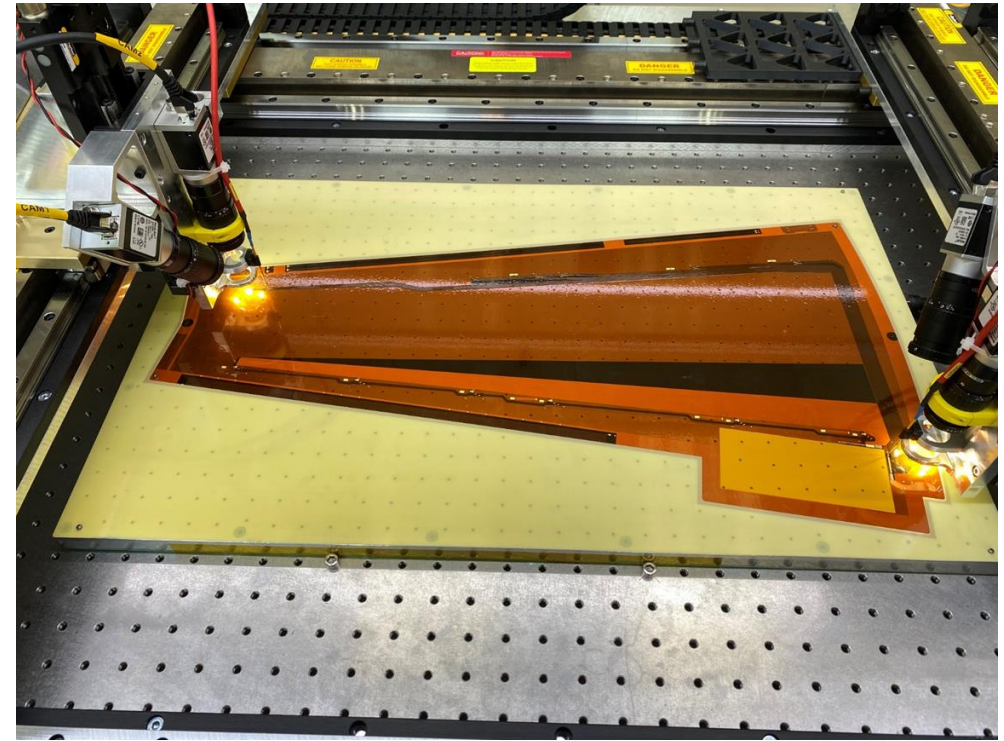
- Mini strip detectors, $\Phi_{eq} = 1.6e15 \text{ n}_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$
- collected charge measured with ^{90}Sr on AliBaVa system
 - **acceptance: Charge > 6350 electrons** at sensor bias = 500 V



Core production

- stave and petal cores in pre-production stage
- **Barrel:**
 - some delays with start of bus tape production because of problems with nickel gold plating, ..
 - solutions searched, recent results encouraging
 - expect to start production soon
- **Endcap:**
 - production of bus tapes ongoing
 - 16 pre-production cores finished, good results
 - production of cores will start soon

Robot testing of petal bus tape



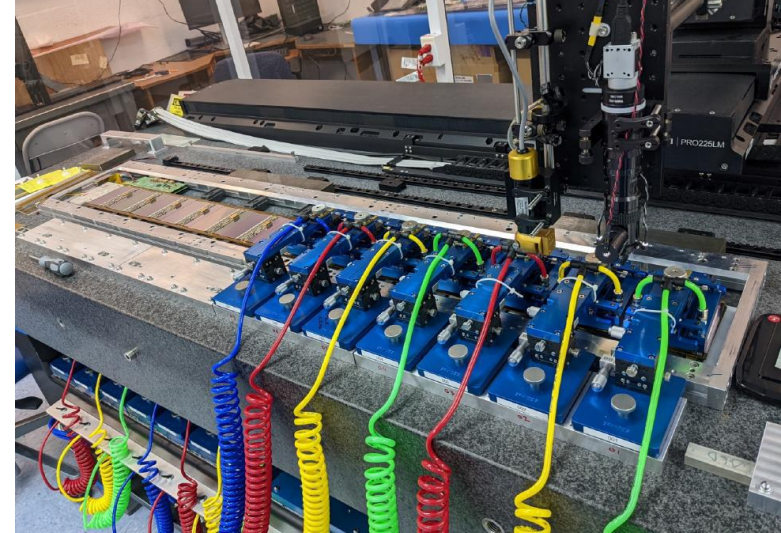
Module production

- starting production for **barrel LS** and **endcap** modules at **module production sites**:
 - precision work:
 - parts need to be positioned within $10\ \mu\text{m}$
 - glue thickness controlled with $10\ \mu\text{m}$ accuracy to ensure good thermal contact etc..
 - wire-bonding
- modules are mounted (“loaded”) to stave and petal cores at **loading sites**:
 - dispensing the glue
 - high precision module positioning
 - wire-bonding to bus tapes
- staves and petals will be inserted into barrels and endcaps at CERN, Nikhef and DESY

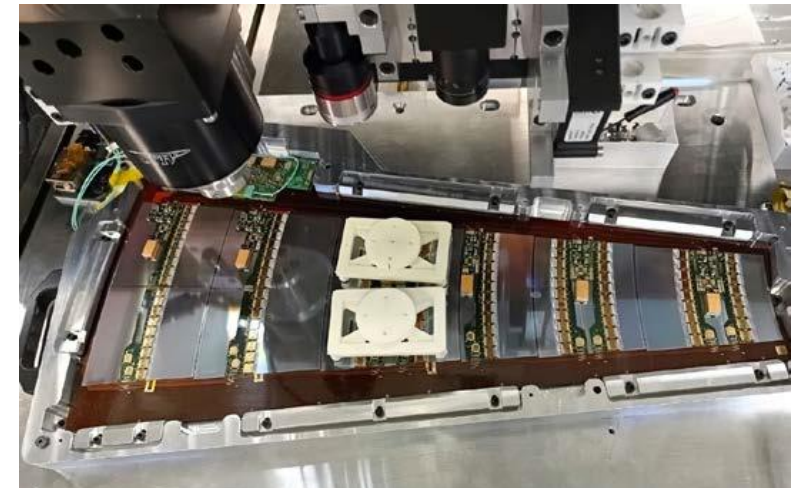
[See poster by L. Franconi](#)

<https://agenda.infn.it/event/35597/contributions/211792/>

Stave loading – mounting modules on cores



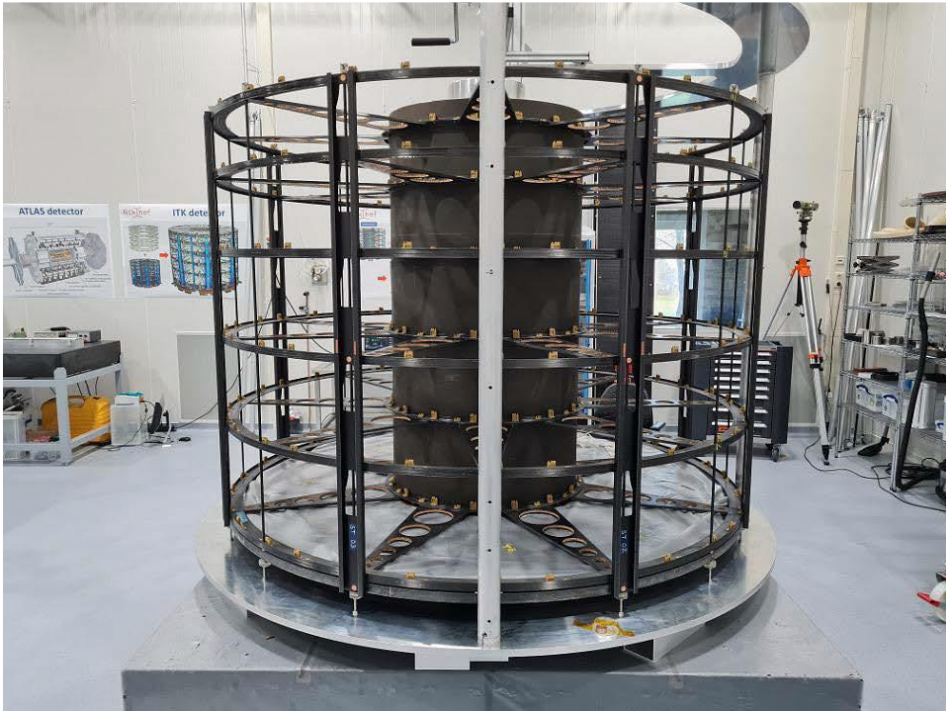
Petal loading system



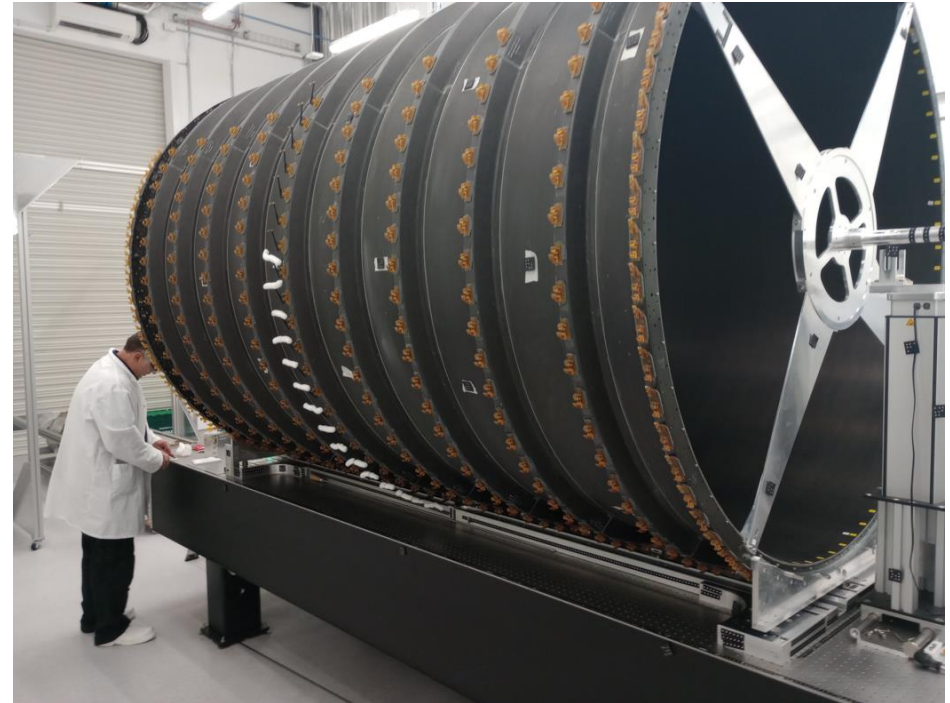
Global structures

- carbon fibre structures holding staves and petals
- first endcap structure finished, second in production
- 4 barrel cylinder in production
 - outer barrel cylinder (L3) finished, being equipped with mounting brackets in Oxford

Endcap structure



Barrel cylinder with mounting brackets

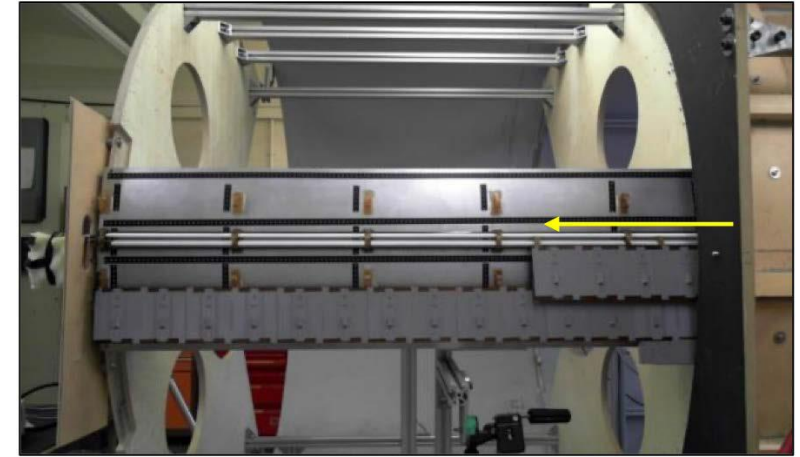


Integration

Preparing for integration:

- staves inserted to barrel at CERN
- petals inserted to endcap at DESY and Nikhef
- barrel and endcaps will be integrated into ITk at CERN

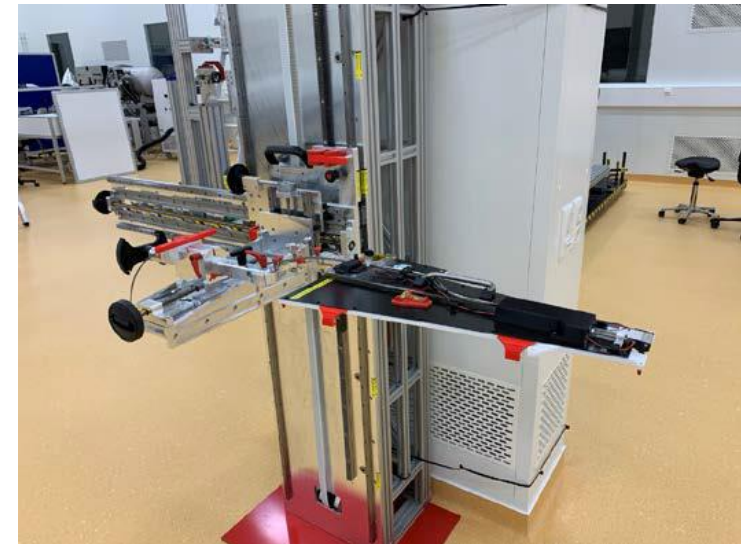
Stave insertion tool



Barrel (and later ITk) integration room at CERN



Petal insertion tool

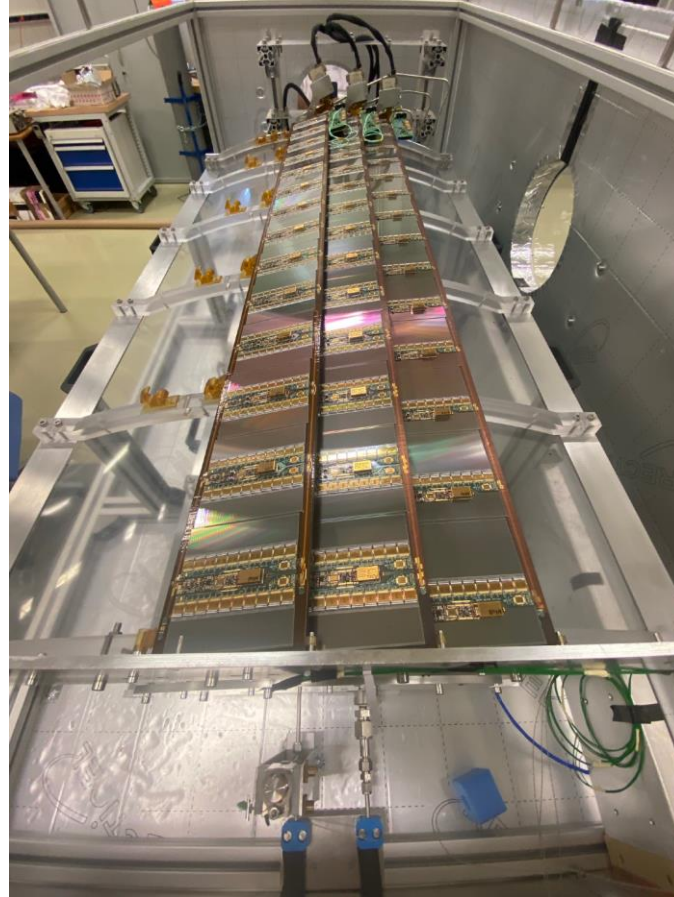


System Tests

- **Barrel (at CERN)**
 - can host up to 8 staves
 - tests made with 4 preproduction stave
 - demonstrated parallel readout of multiple staves at 1 MHz
 - first tests with CO₂ cooling system

- **End-cap (at DESY):**
 - can host up to 12 petals
 - electrical services and cooling infrastructure ready
 - powering chain installed and tested
 - installation of first petal in progress

Barrel System Test at CERN



End-cap System Test at DESY



Summary

ITk Strip Detector will provide excellent particle tracking in the extremely demanding HL-LHC environment!

- components in pre-production (final confirmation of the design before production):
 - ➔ staves, petals, services, power supplies
- components in production:
 - ➔ sensors, ASICs, modules, global structures
- building of staves and petals should start soon
- installation of first staves and petals in the global structures is starting in 2024 and should finish by the end of 2026
- barrel and both endcaps should be ready to integrate with pixel detector in 2027
- complete ITk (Strips and Pixels) installation in ATLAS planned for 2028
 - ➔ many challenges to overcome
 - ➔ on track for installation of the integrated ITk system in 2028