



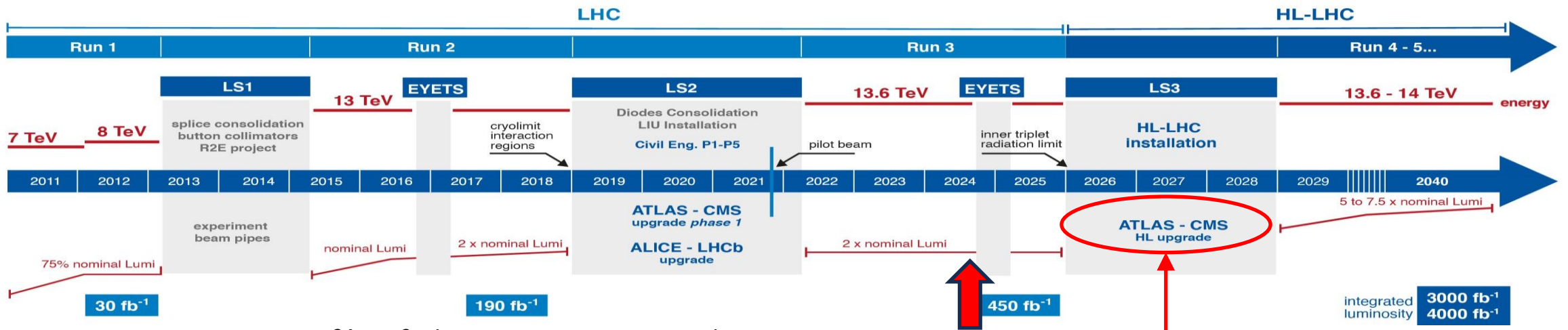
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# ATLAS Inner Tracker (ITk) modules

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# LHC timeline



- HL-LHC luminosity  $\sim 7 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  integrated  $\sim 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- $\sim 3.5$  times Run-3 peak luminosity
- $\sim x5$  times integrated luminosity at end of Run-3

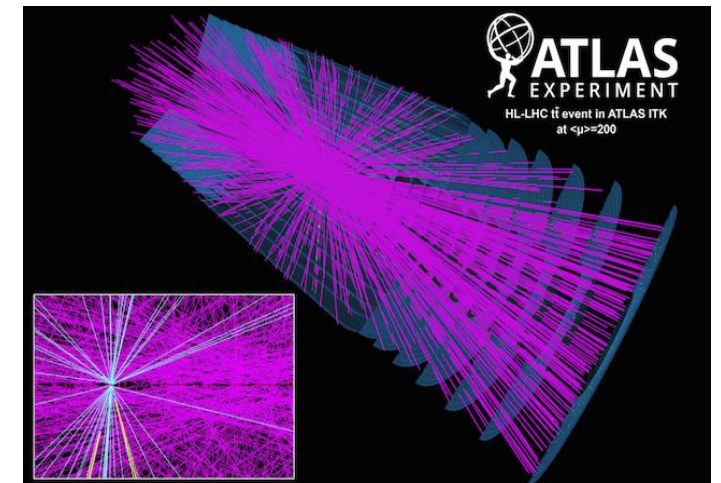
- Increased luminosity  $\rightarrow$  Increased pile-up:

- Up to 200 pile-up events expected at the HL-LHC compared to  $\sim 48$  in current Run-3 data
- Increased pile-up compromises pattern recognition and requires higher granularity and higher readout rates

- Increased luminosity  $\rightarrow$  Increased radiation damage

- Damage scales approximately linearly with luminosity  $\sim x10$  increase

Today  $\rightarrow$  “Phase-II” upgrade of ATLAS in  $\sim 2027$



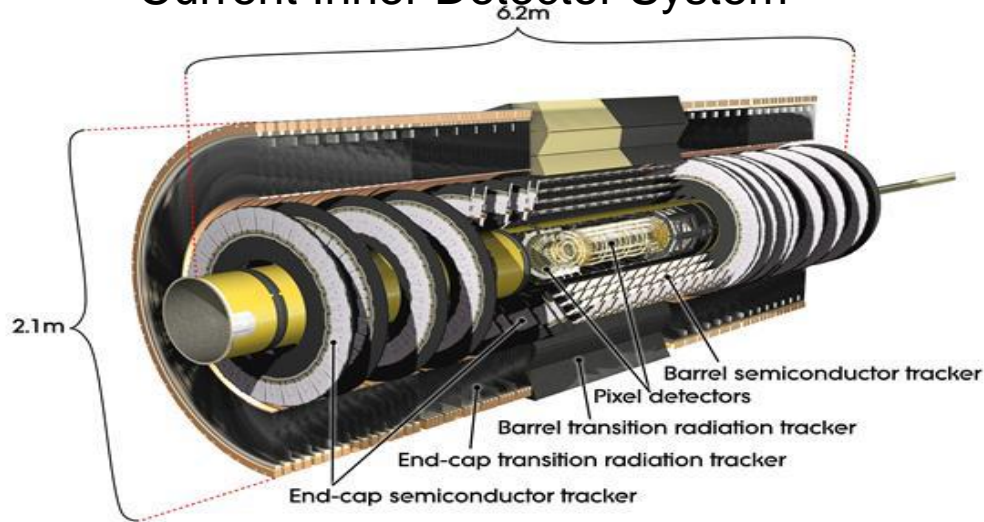
Simulated ttbar events with 200 pileup

[ATLAS public plot](#)

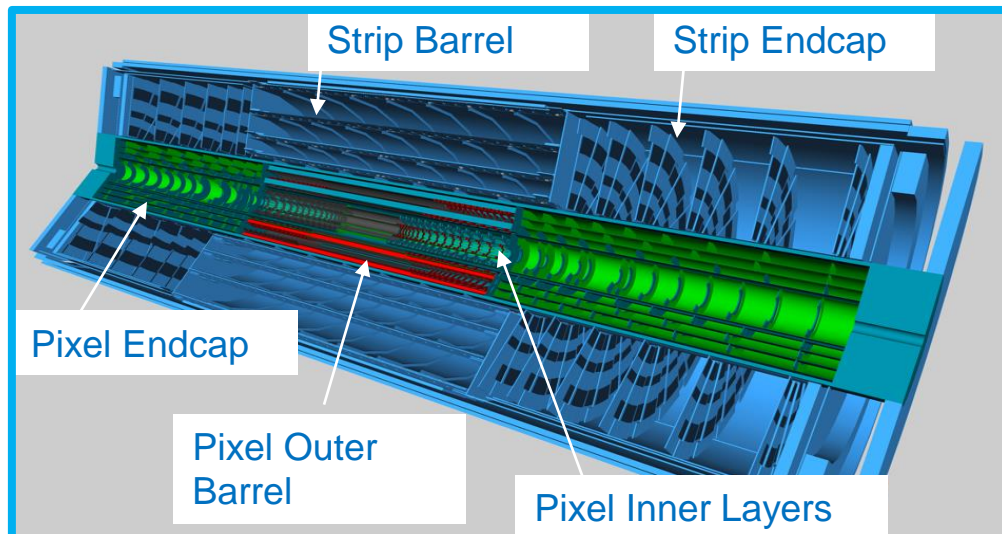


# ATLAS Inner Tracker (ITk)

Current Inner Detector System



Phase-II Inner Tracker (ITk)



The current inner detector system will be replaced with a new all-silicon tracking system -- ITk

- New tracker
  - Targeting the same or better performance than current Inner Detector
  - Increased granularity to maintain occupancy  $<1\%$
  - Low mass mechanics, cooling and serial powering to minimize material
  - Increased radiation hardness

# ITk Pixel detector layout

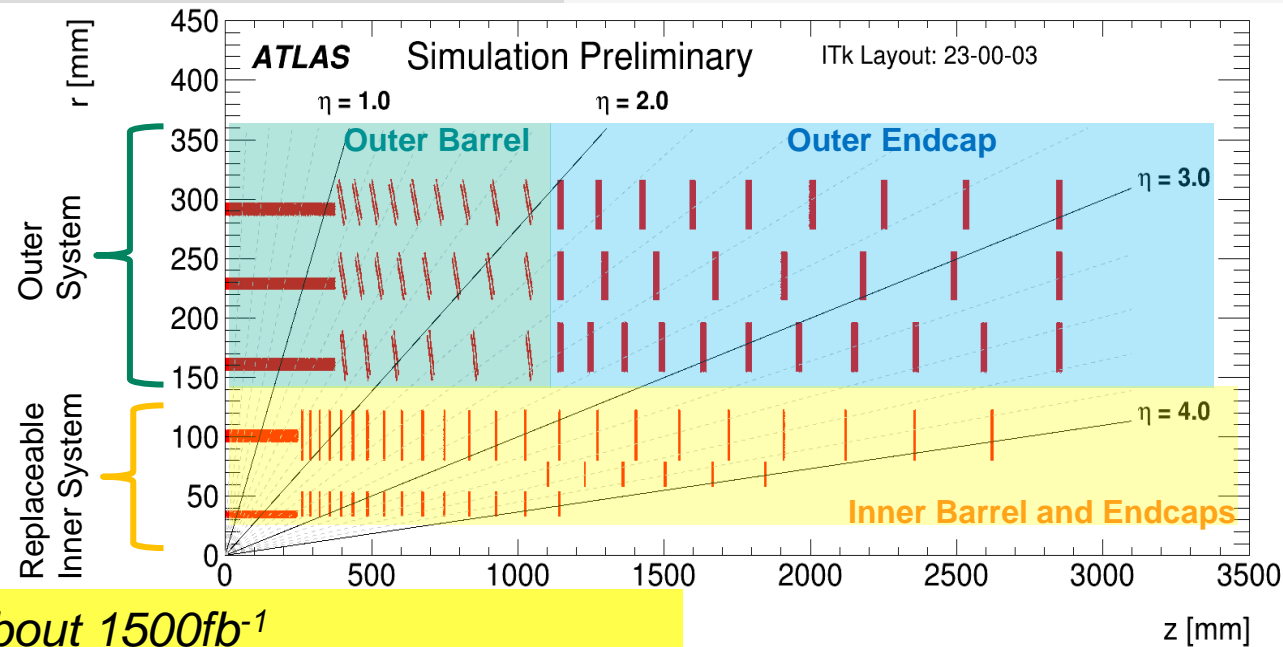
## Outer Barrel:

3 layers of flat staves and inclined rings  
 Si n-in-p planar quad modules  
 4472 quad modules, 6.94m<sup>2</sup>  
 2.3x10<sup>15</sup>n/cm<sup>-2</sup> 1.7MGy @4000fb<sup>-1</sup>

## Endcap:

3 layers of rings  
 Si n-in-p planar quad modules  
 2344 modules, 3.64m<sup>2</sup>  
 3.1x10<sup>15</sup>n/cm<sup>-2</sup> 3.5MGy @4000fb<sup>-1</sup>

- 5 layers of pixel detectors
- Layers 0-1 : Inner System (IS)
- Layers 2-4: Outer System (OS)
  - Outer Barrel (OB)
  - Endcaps (EC)



Current pixel system  
 ~92M pixels  
 ~2000 modules  
 ~1.9m<sup>2</sup> active area

ITk Pixel System  
 ~5G pixels  
 ~9,400 modules  
 ~13m<sup>2</sup> active area

Inner System *Replaced after about 1500fb<sup>-1</sup>*

2 layers of flat staves and rings

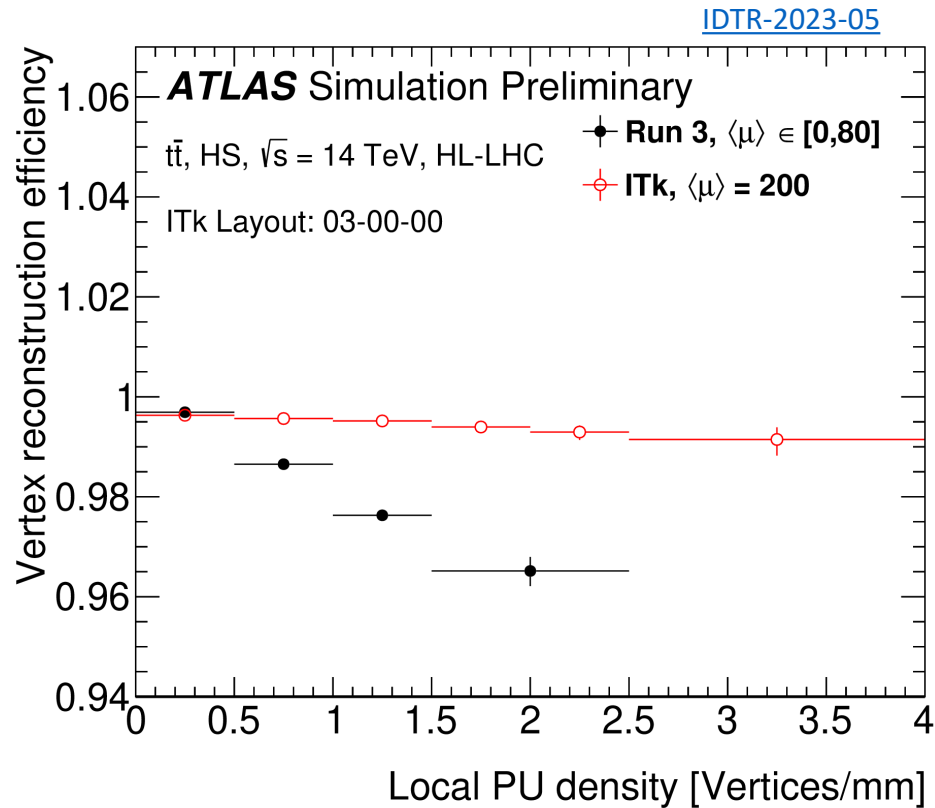
L0: 396 3D Si triplet modules and 1160 L1: n-in-p planar quad modules, 2.4m<sup>2</sup>

9.2x10<sup>15</sup>ncm<sup>-2</sup> 7.3MGy @2000fb<sup>-1</sup>

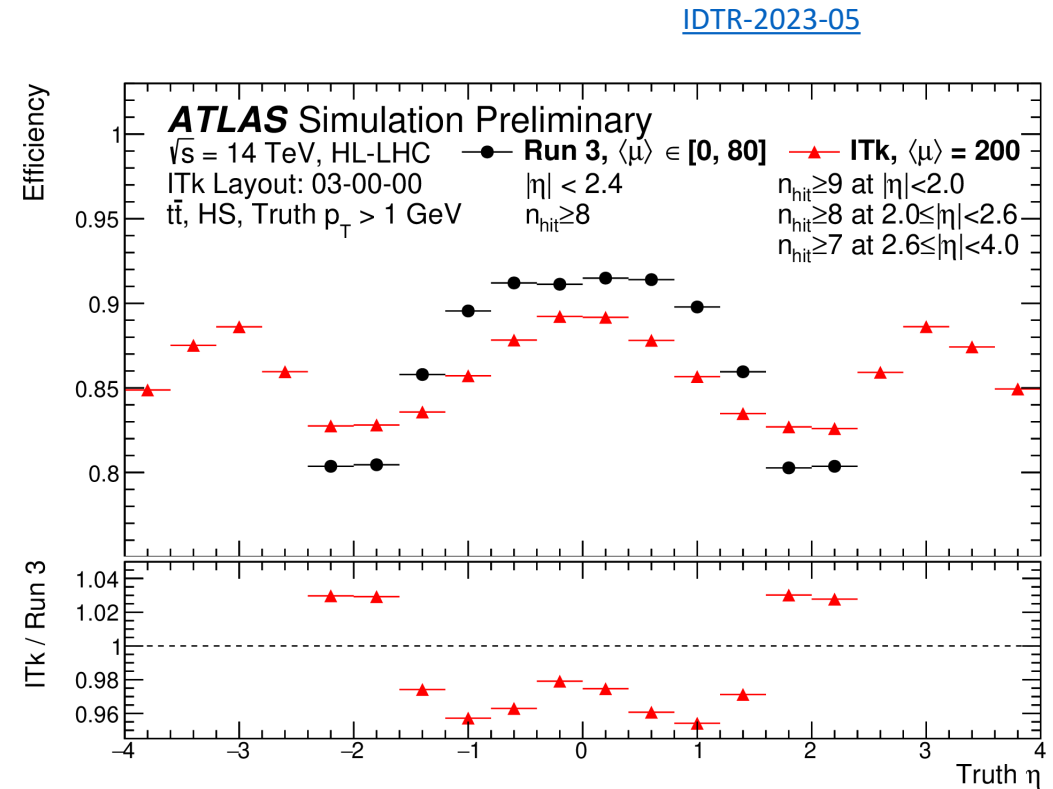
Layout described in  
[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2021-024](#)

# Simulation studies of performance

Aim for a performance as good as or better than the current inner tracker

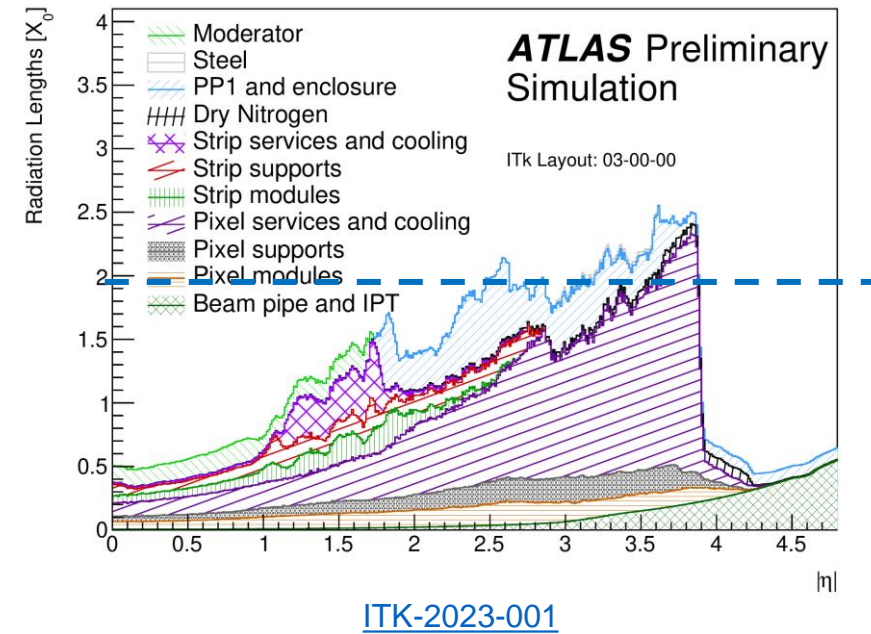
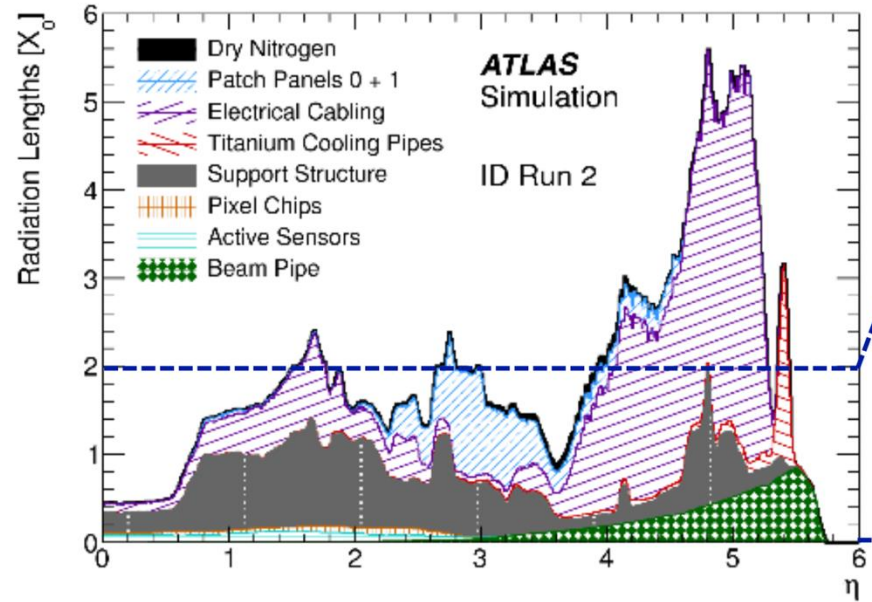


Vertex reconstruction efficiency vs pileup density



Track efficiency in  $t\bar{t}$  events

# Material

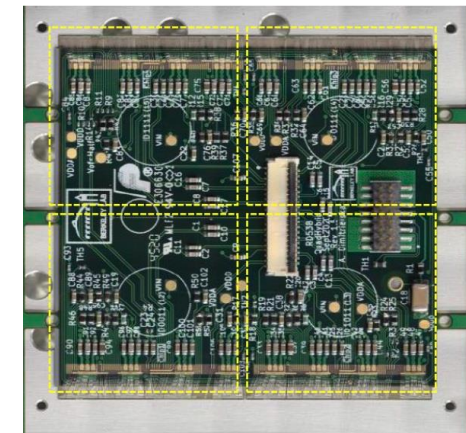
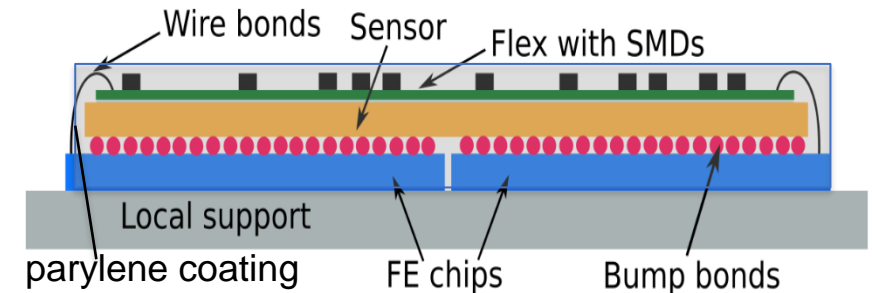


- Material impacts tracking, radiation levels, data rates and downstream detectors such as the calorimeter.
- It is important to minimize the material.
- Reduce material using
  - $\text{CO}_2$  cooling with thin titanium pipes
  - Modules with thin Si sensors (100-150 $\mu\text{m}$ ) and FE-chips (150 $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - Serial powering of pixel modules to reduce cabling
  - Low-mass carbon structures for mechanical stability and mounting
  - Optimize number of readout cables using data link sharing

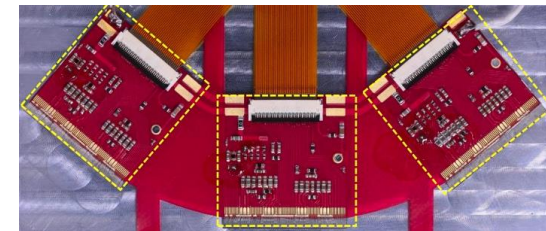


# Modules

- 1 or 4 FE chips bump-bonded to sensor
  - Quad modules: 4 FE-chips bonded to 1 sensor
  - Triplet module: 1 FE-chip bonded to 1 sensor
- Cu-Kapton flex hybrid glued to sensor
  - Flex provides connections for power, DCS and data
- Mix of materials with different coefficients of thermal expansion make the module design challenging
  - Modules assembled at.  $+20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , but lowest module temperature can be  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the experiments
  - Difference in CTE between Cu and Si leads to thermal stress on the bumps
  - Amount of Cu needs to be carefully balanced between low power requirements and thermal stress on the bumps
  - Qualify bump-strength of solder-based bumps after 100 thermal cycles ( $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$   $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for different vendors
  - Good results from qualification, being followed up in the pre-production
  - Indium bumps needs further evaluation



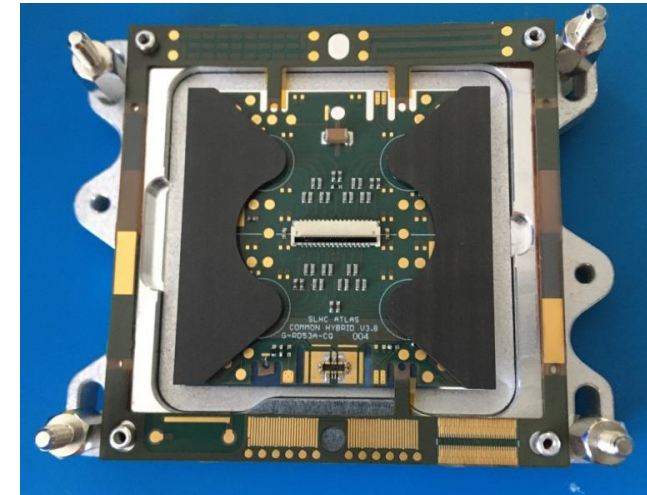
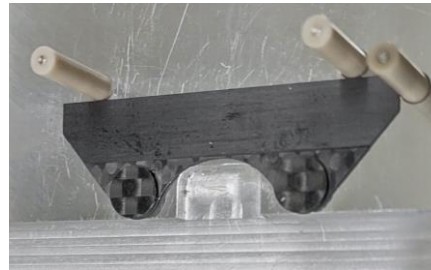
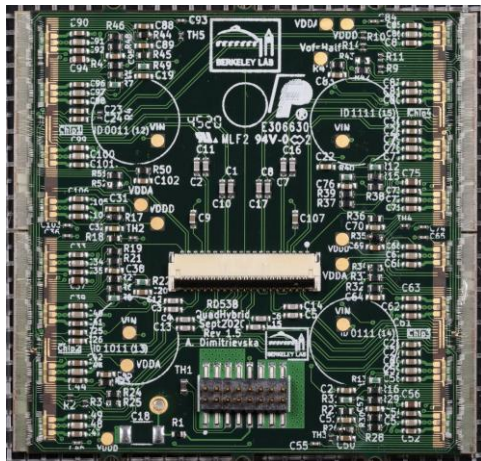
Quad module



Triplet module

# Module Flavors: Quads

- Quad modules on L1-4
    - L1: 100 um thick sensor
    - L2-4 150 um thick sensor
- } Slightly smaller in x & y for the L1 modules
- EC modules
  - OB modules with wire bond protection canopy

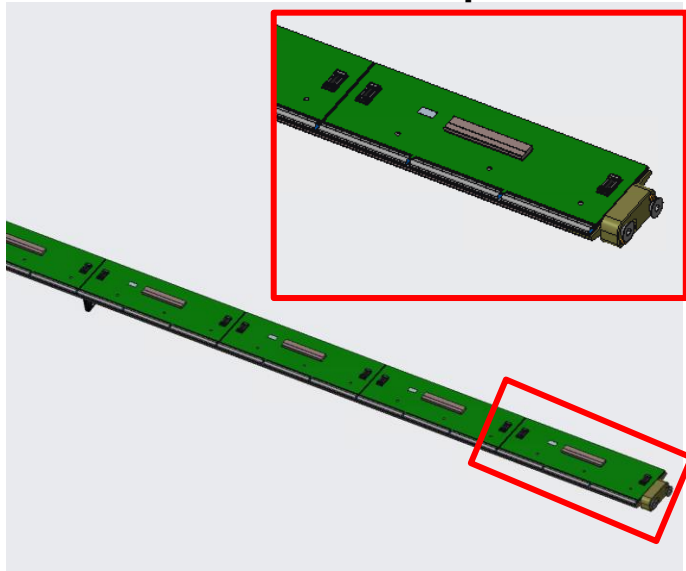




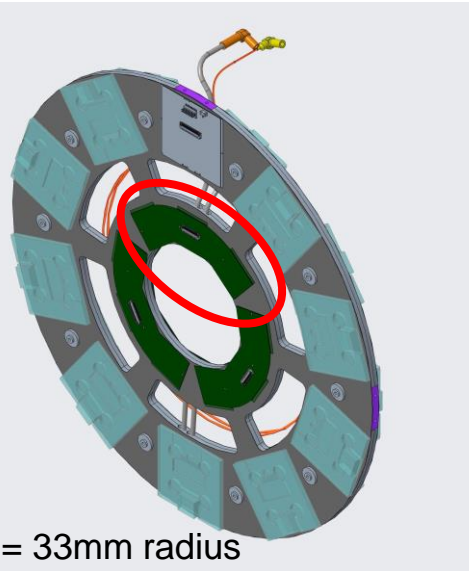
# Module Flavors: IS

- Pseudo-triplet modules for L0
  - 3 single bare modules glued to triplet hybrid

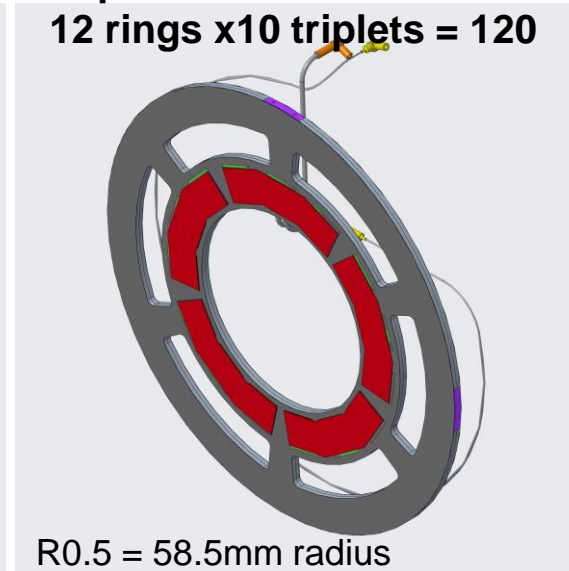
**Linear Triplet:**  
12 L0 staves x 8 triplets = 96



**R0 Coupled-ring Triplet:**  
30 rings x 6 triplets = 180



**R0.5 Intermediate-ring Triplet:**  
12 rings x 10 triplets = 120

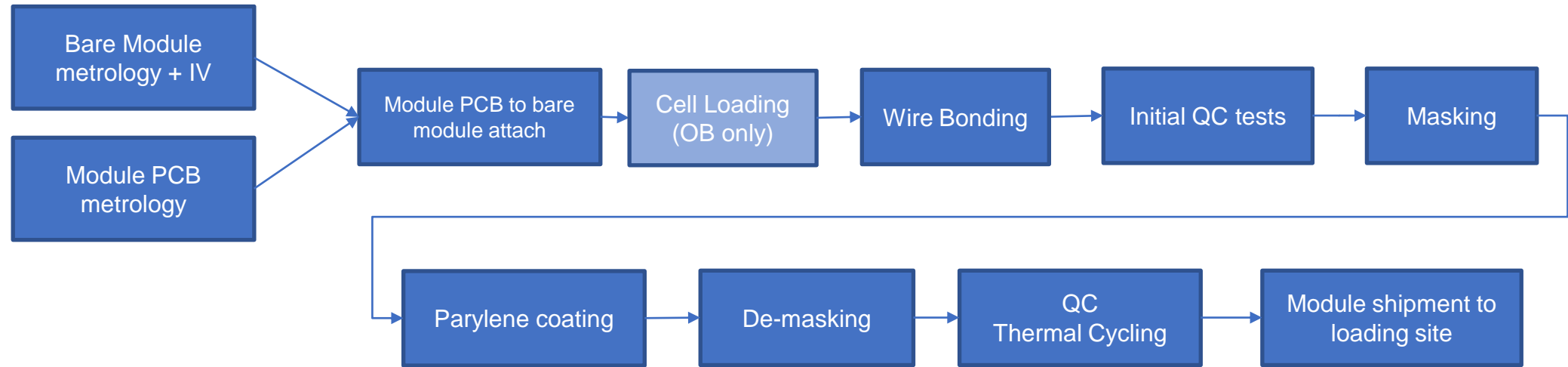


# Module Production Numbers

Item	Pre-production	Production	Installed	Yield factor
<b>Module hybrids</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>12370</b>	<b>8372</b>	
L0 – Stave	10	141	96	1.46
L0 – Coupled Rings	18	264	180	1.46
L0 – Endcap Rings	12	176	120	1.46
Common Quad Hybrids	799	11789	7976	1.48
<b>Assembled Modules</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>12011</b>	<b>8372</b>	
L0 – Stave	10	141	96	1.47
L0 – Coupled Rings	18	264	180	1.47
L0 – Endcap Rings	12	176	120	1.47
L1 Quad	120	1690	1160	1.46
L2-L4	683	9740	6816	1.43

Yields from MoU/BoE document and may change

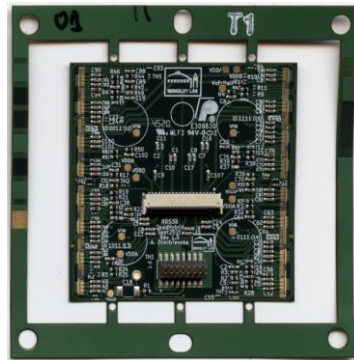
# Overview



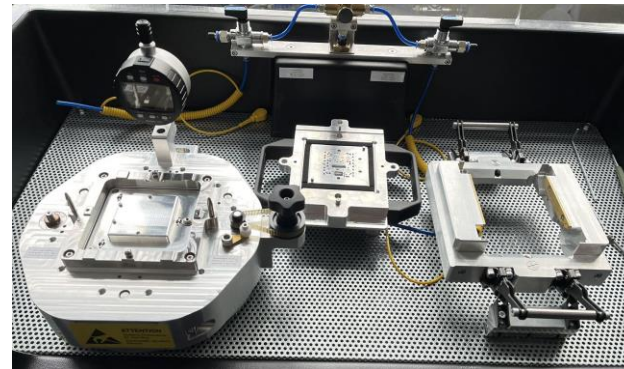
Bare Module



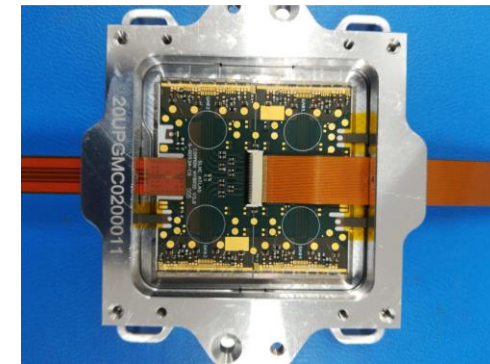
Quad Hybrid



Assembly

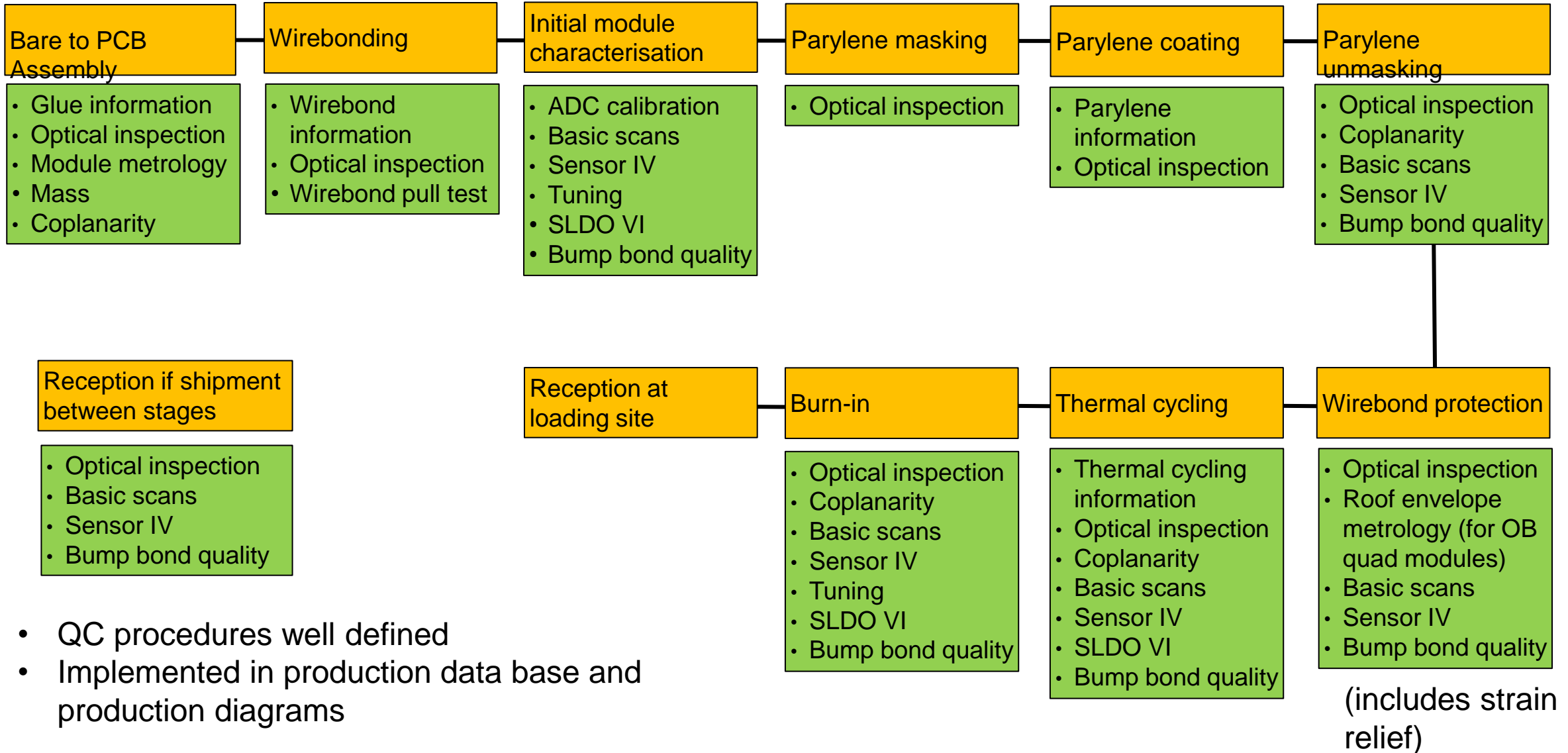


Testing





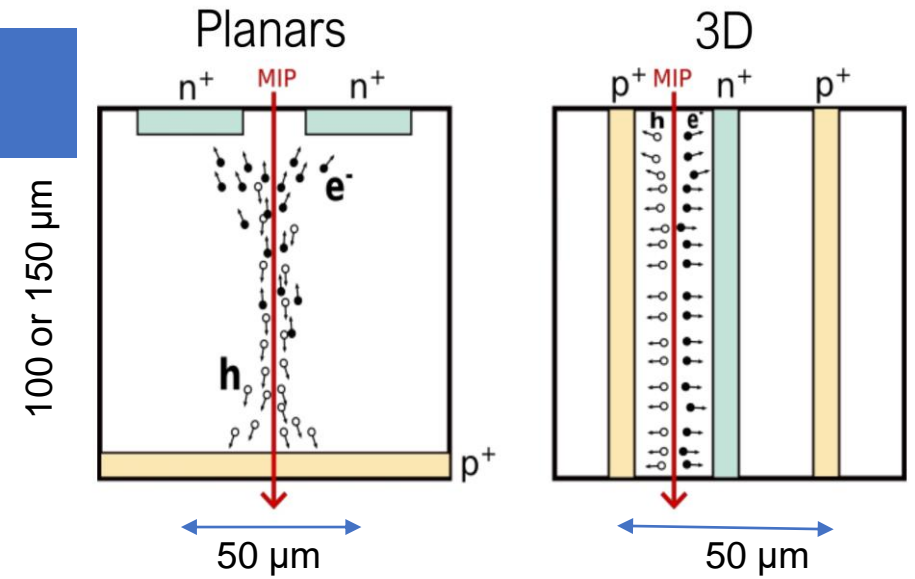
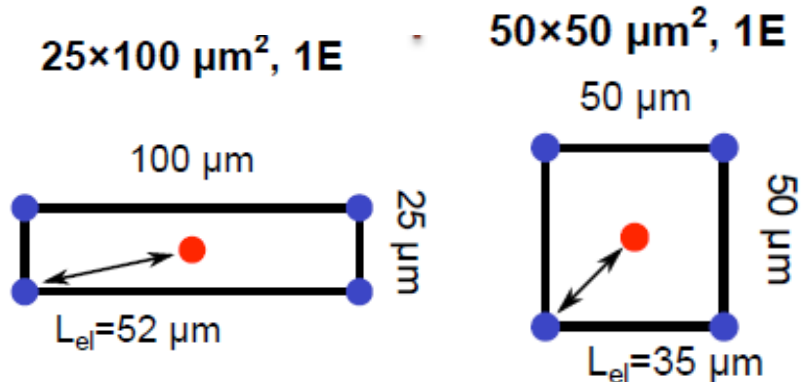
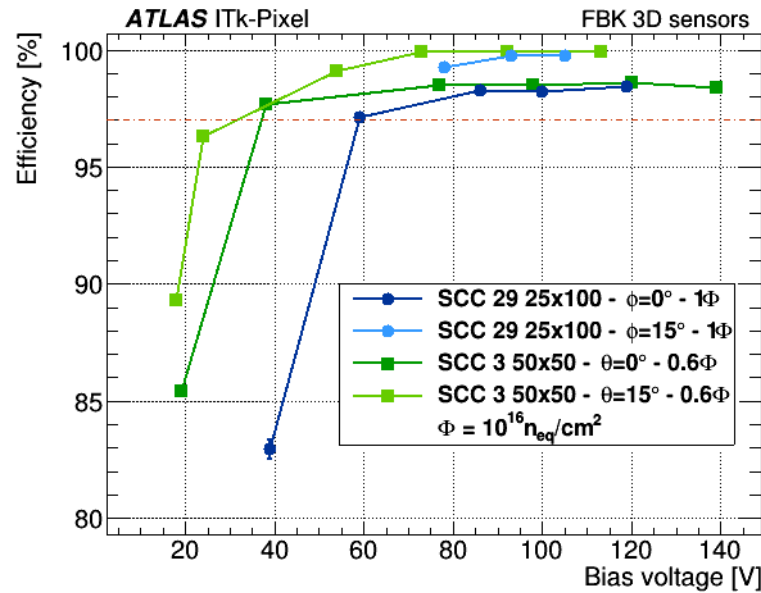
# Quality Control



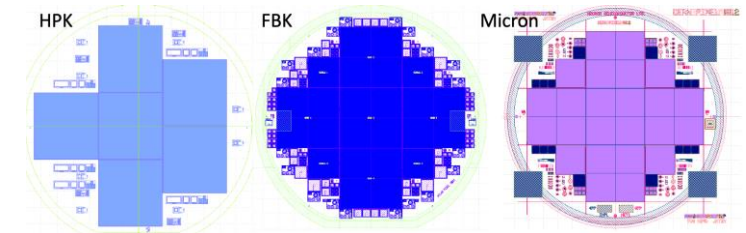
# Sensors

- Improve radiation hardness by:
  - Using thin planar sensor 100+150 $\mu\text{m}$  thickness
  - Use 3D sensors in inner layer

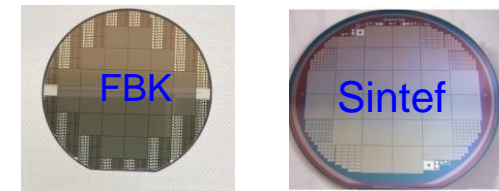
Irradiated 3D 25x100mm<sup>2</sup> & 50x50 $\mu\text{m}^2$  module with ITkPixV1.1 readout irradiated to  $1 \times 10^{16} n_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$



## Planar silicon



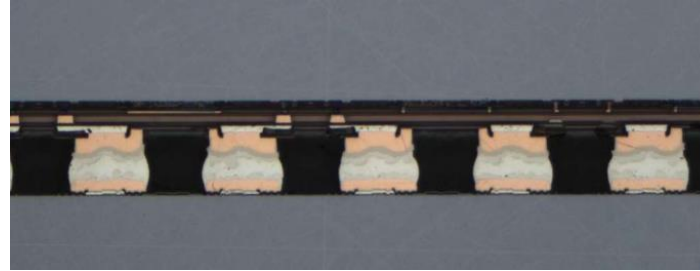
## 3D sensors



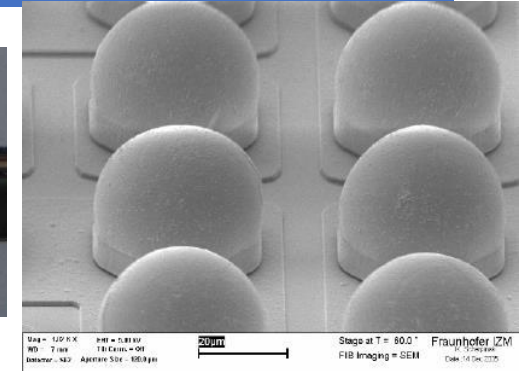
Planar preproduction complete and 3D close to completion

# Hybridization

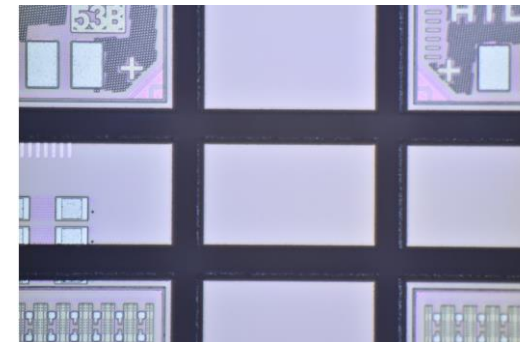
- Number of modules requires 4 hybridization vendors to meet the needed capacity
- Technical issues
  - Dicing of FE-chips can lead to chipping and debris
  - flip-chip of multiple FE-chips to a sensor has caused problems for some vendors
  - Handling the bow of sensors during flip-chip
- Currently, approximately 380 quad modules and 100 3D single modules delivered for technical evaluation and module pre-production



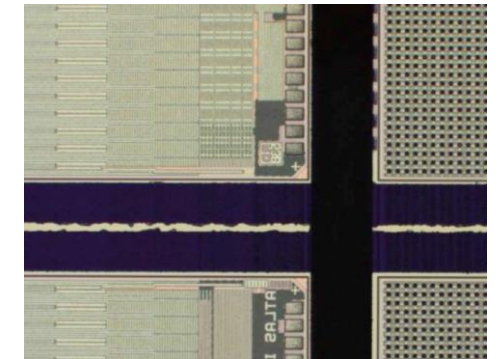
Cross-section of sensor & FE-chip connection



Solder bumps



laser pre-grooving and dicing



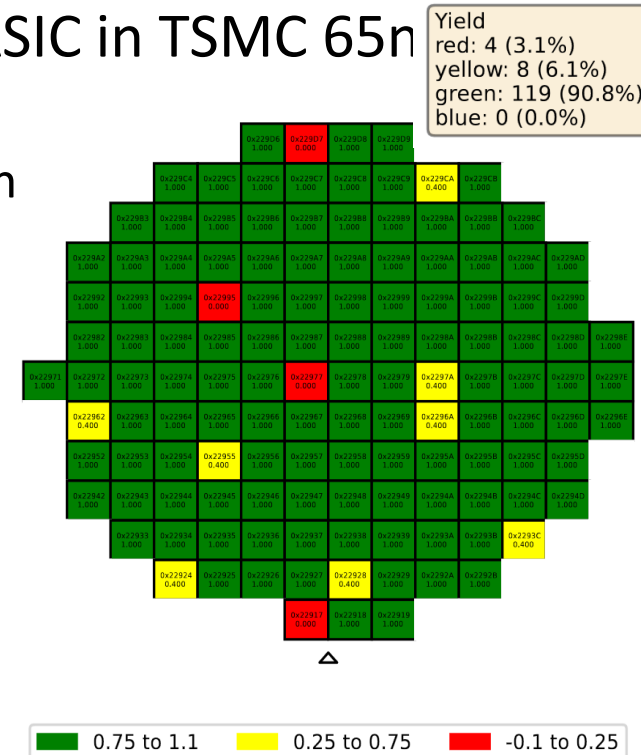
blade dicing



# FE-chip: ITkPixV2

Wafer probing yield map

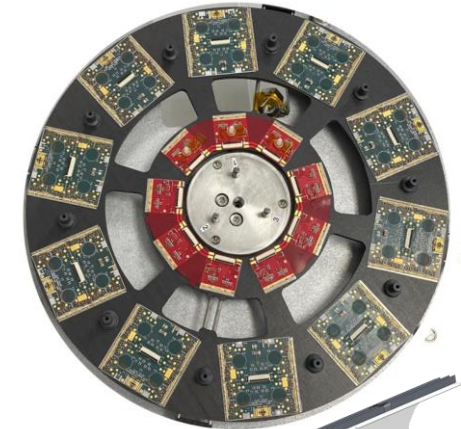
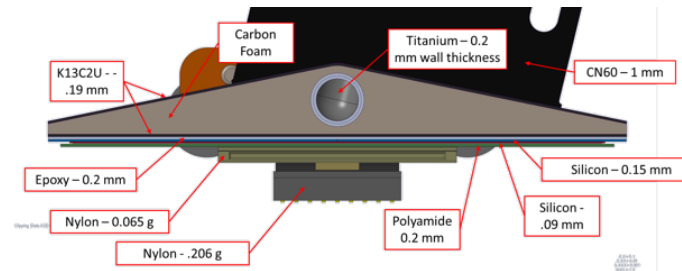
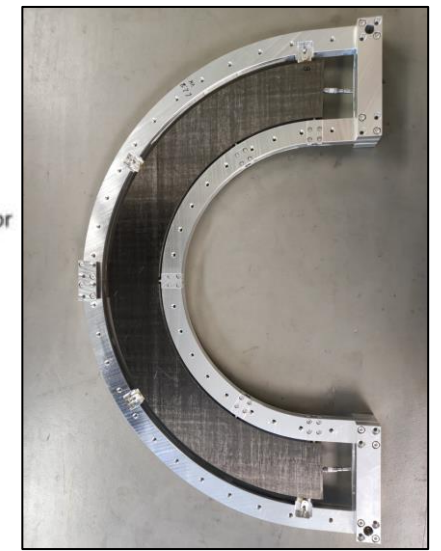
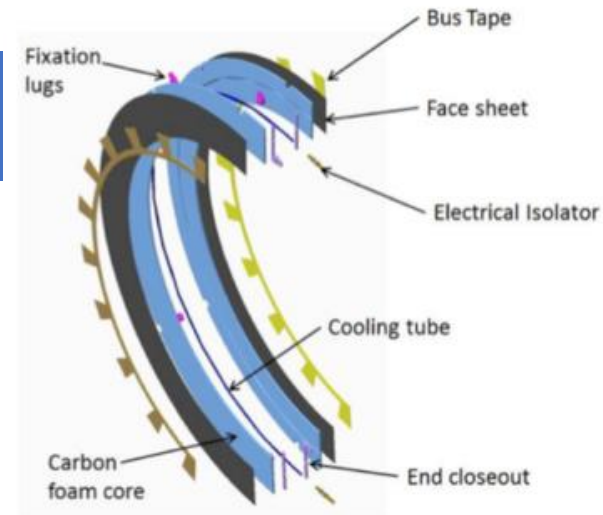
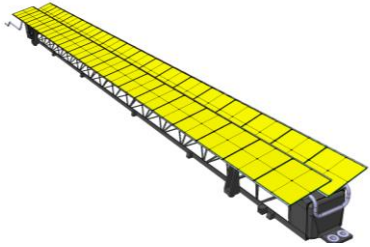
- RD53 Collaboration: joint R&D for ATLAS and CMS ASIC in TSMC 65nm
- Main features for ATLAS
  - 65nm technology, 152800 pixels per chip, 50x50  $\mu\text{m}^2$  pitch
  - Tracking in dense environments
    - Low threshold operation
    - Cluster charge readout using Time over Threshold
  - Radiation environment
    - Sensor leakage current compensation
    - SEE hardening
  - 1.28Gb/s data rates
    - 4 data links per chip at 1.28 Gb/s
    - data compression
  - Optimization of services
    - Merging of chip data in module
    - Integrated shuntLDO regulator for serial powering
- Final chip ITkPixV2 submitted March 2023
  - Wafer probing yield around 90% based on first 100 wafers



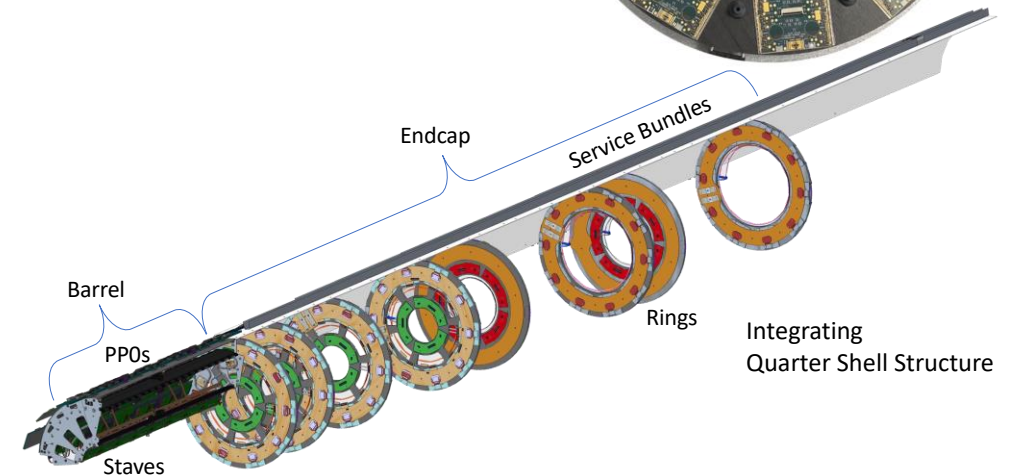
131 chips per wafer  
 Probing of full wafer takes about 24hrs

Yield map based on test of power, digital and analog functionality

# Local Supports

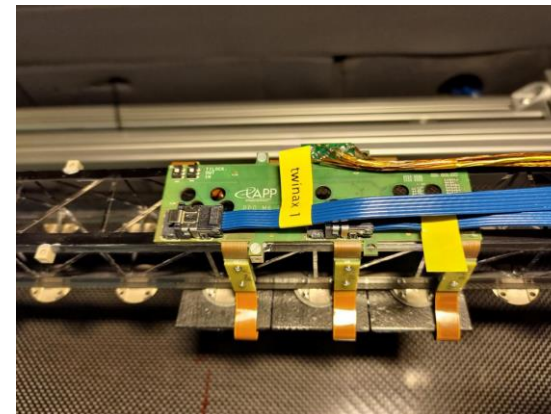
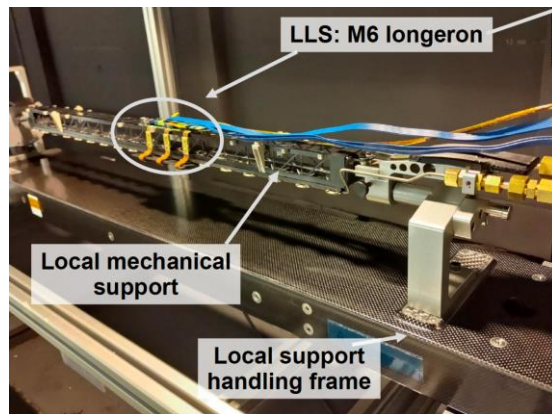
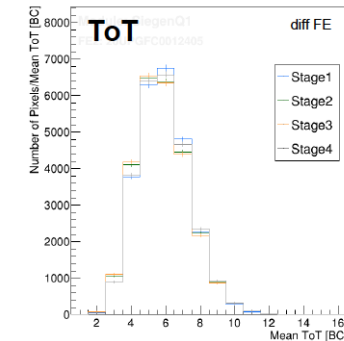
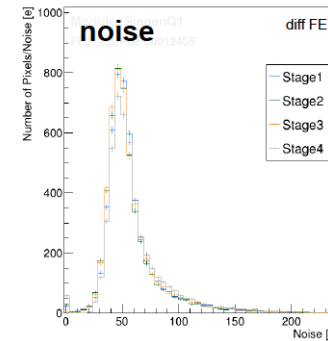
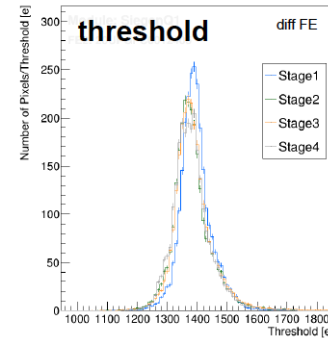
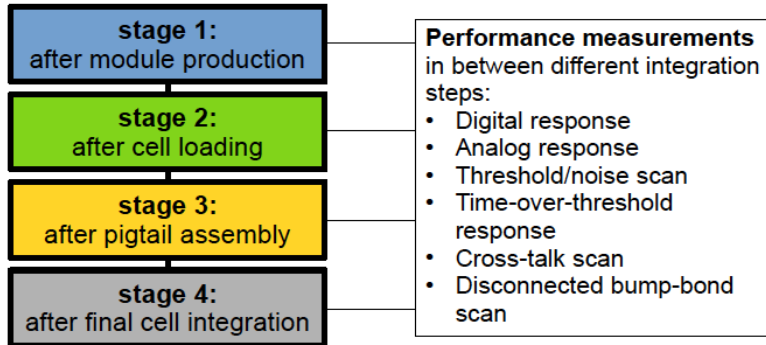


- Local supports provide stable low-mass supports for modules and services
- Critical element is interface between module and cooling pipes
- Production of parts underway



# Loaded Local Supports and System test

- Outer barrel module loading and system tests
  - RD53 prototype modules loaded on to cells and thermally tested mounted onto local supports system test
  - Performance of modules monitored through the loading process
  - Work on system tests preproduction items in progress





# Summary

- The ATLAS ITk Pixel detector has been designed to operate in the challenging HL-LHC environment and maintain the performance of the current tracking system
  - Increased radiation hardness
  - Maintain pixel hit occupancy at 1% by increasing granularity
  - Low mass achieved using carbon based mechanics, serial powering and data merging
- The project is now in pre-production
  - Large scale production brings a new set of problems as more sensitive to rare problems
- Moving from development of individual items system level tests
  - Loaded local support system tests are underway, excellent testbed for integration issues



Thank you for your time



# Status of the project

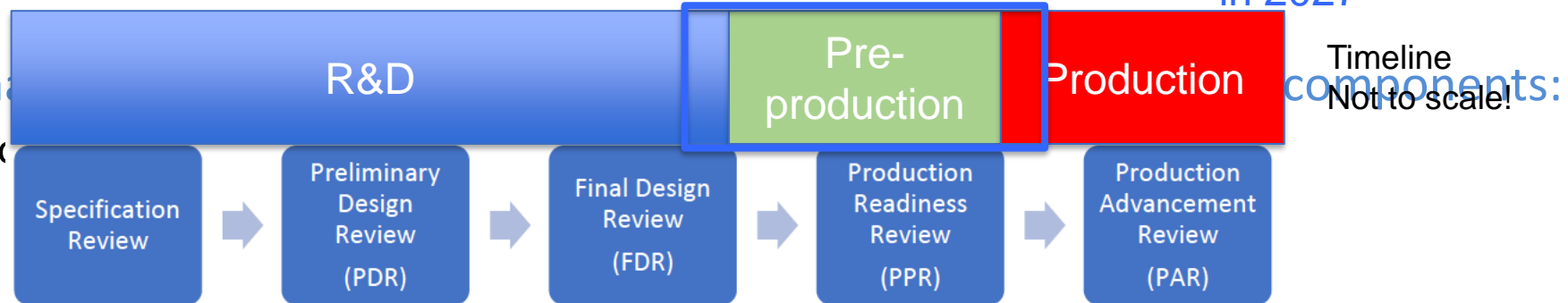
Project Stages

Currently

Completion  
in 2027

Tenders for major components:

- Planar sensors
- 3D sensors
- FE chips
- Module hybridisation
- Power supplies



Area	PDR	Prototyping	FDR	Preproduction	PPR	Production
Planar Si sensors	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming	Upcoming
3D Si sensors	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming	Upcoming
FE-ASIC	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming	Upcoming
Hybridisation	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming	Upcoming
Module assembly	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming	Upcoming
On-detector services	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming	Upcoming
Off-detector services	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming	Upcoming
Data Transmission	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming	Upcoming
Bare Local Supports	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming	Upcoming
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