

# ATLAS ITk strip detector – R&D and integration

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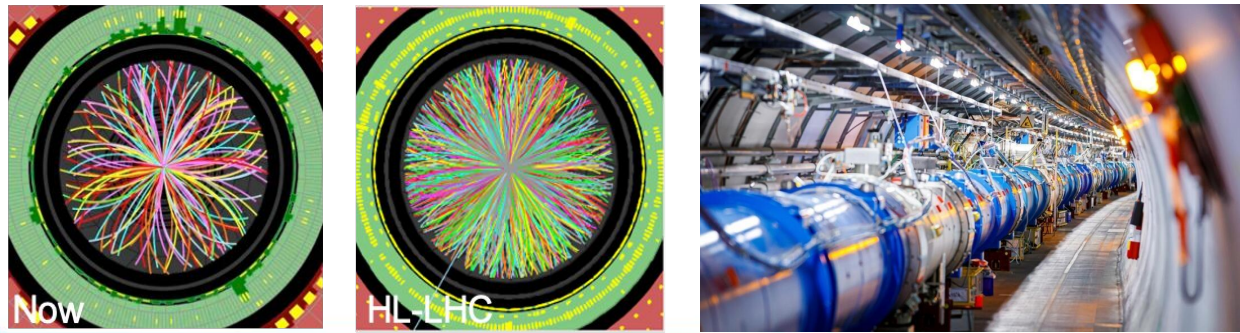
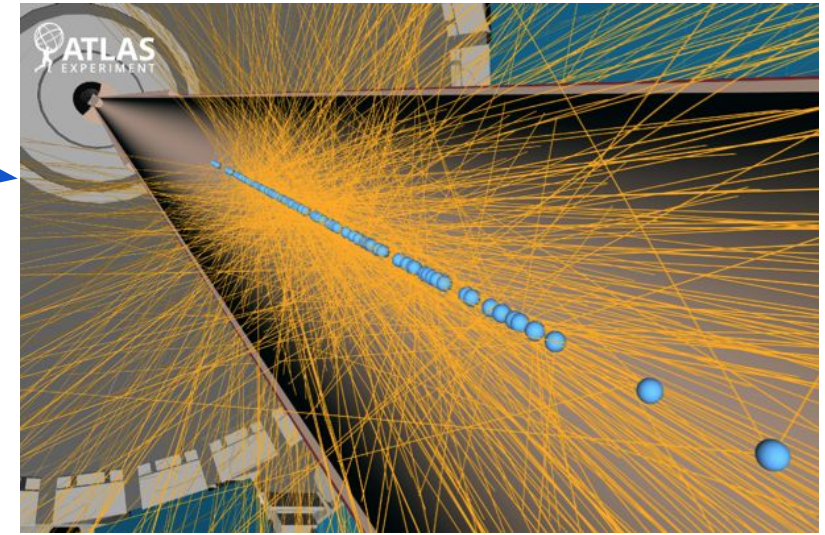
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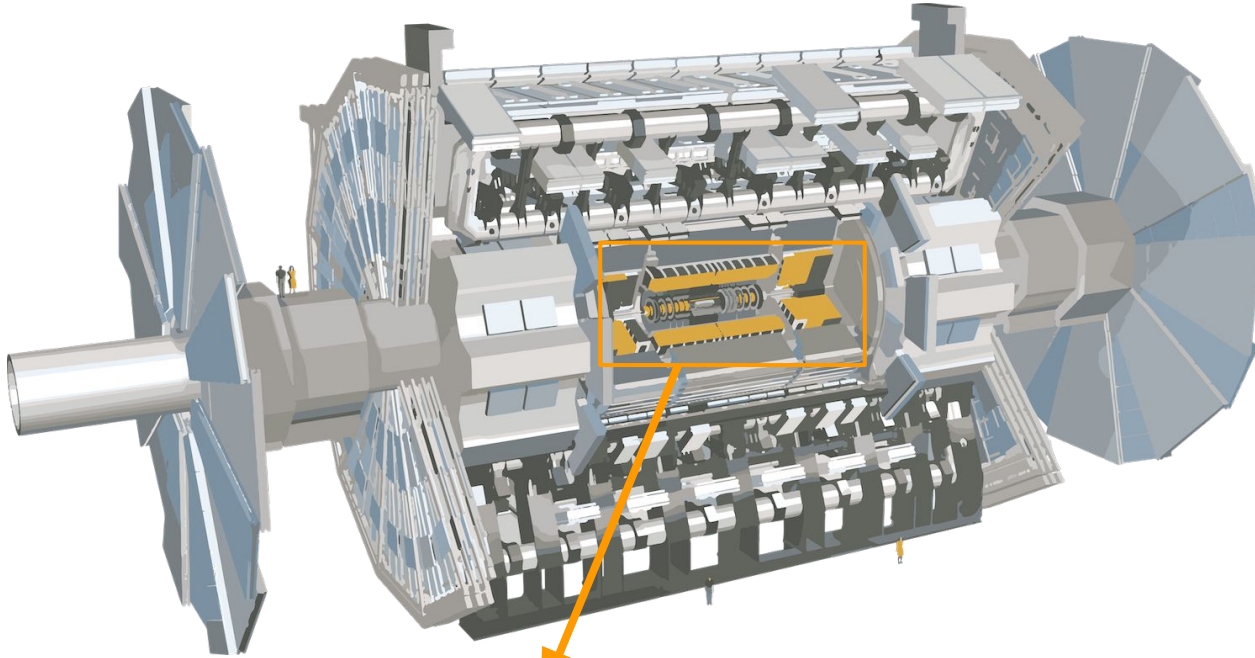
# Introduction

The **HL-LHC** will increase the complexity of LHC collisions!

- Luminosity increase by 10x wrt design, much higher radiation
- Number of inelastic (pileup) collisions from ~45 to 200 per bunch crossing
- Large track multiplicity up to 10,000
- Harsh environment: **ATLAS experiment needs to be upgraded!**

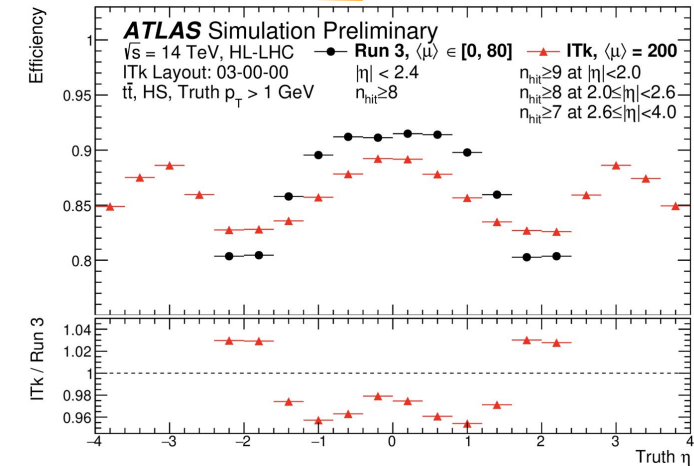
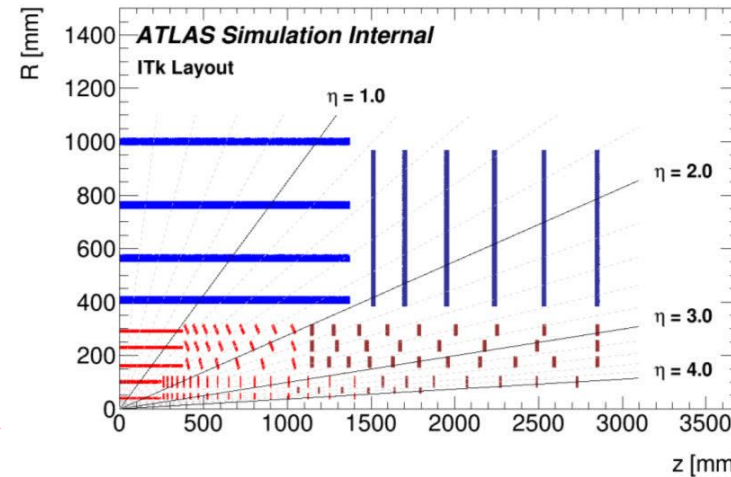
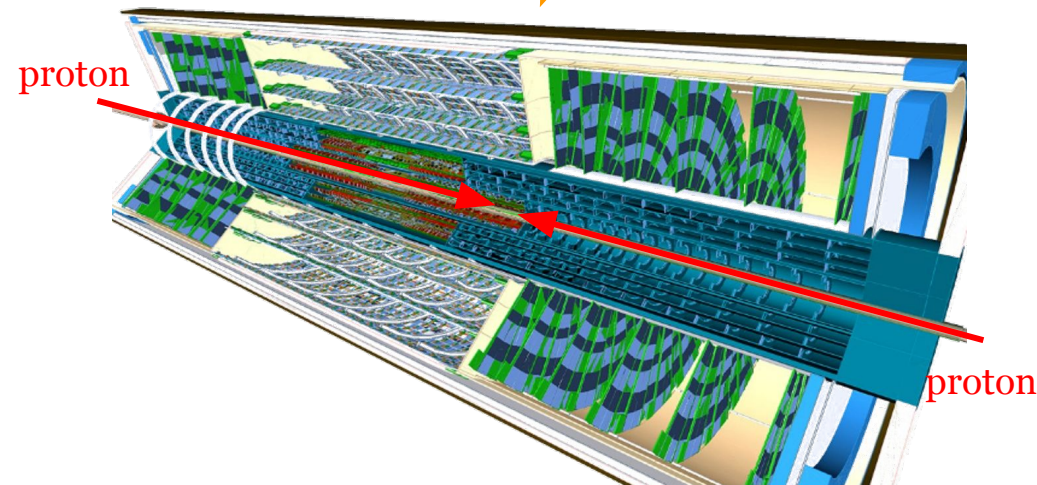


# New inner tracker - ITk



New ATLAS **Inner Tracker (ITk)** replaces current inner-most tracking detector - inner detector (ID)

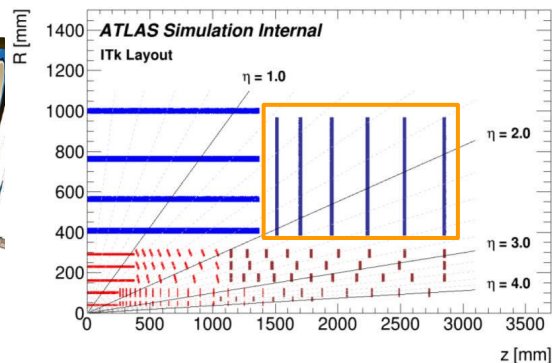
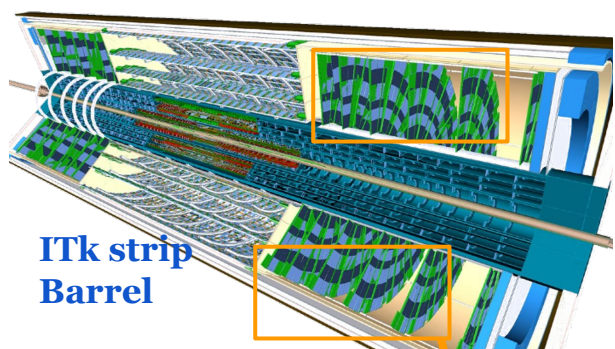
- **All silicon** - pixels and strips
  - 168 m<sup>2</sup> of silicon strip + 13 m<sup>2</sup> silicon pixel detectors
- Higher **radiation tolerance**
- Finer **granularity**: 100M → 5000M channels
- Larger **coverage**:  $|\eta| < 2.5 \rightarrow |\eta| < 4.0$
- Faster **response** and reduced **material**
- similar/better **tracking performance** in a harsher environment



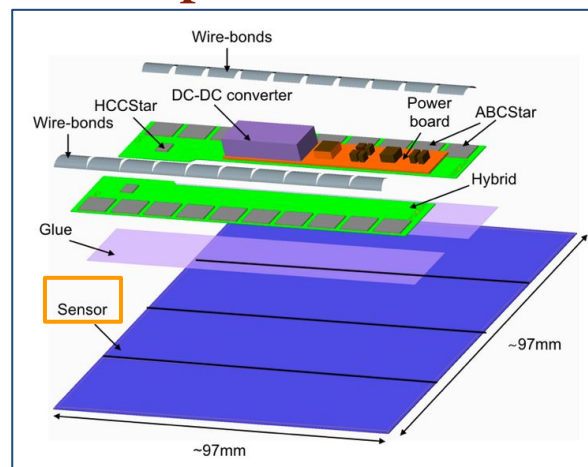
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# ITk strip endcap, petal, module, sensor

## ITk detector

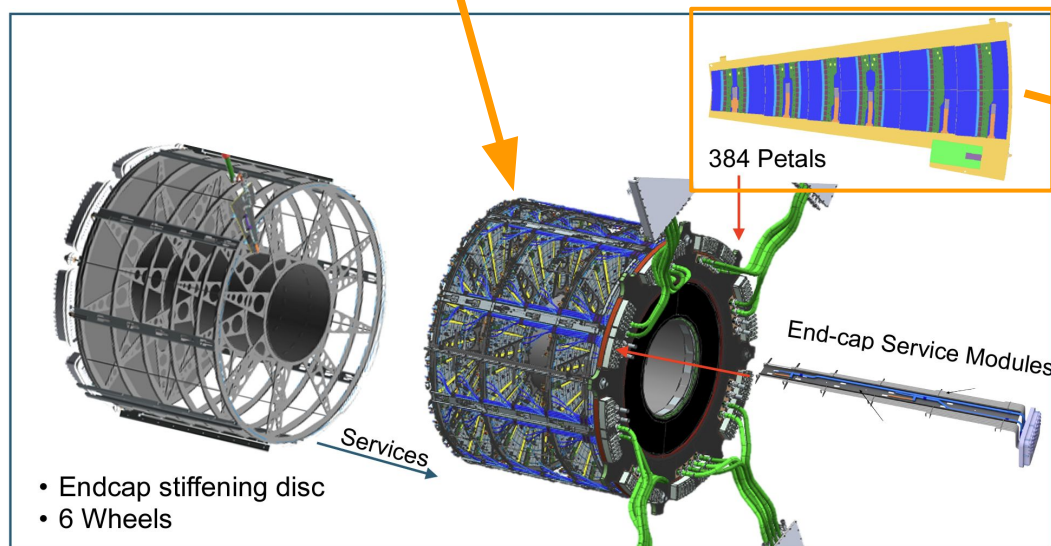


## ITk strip module and silicon sensor

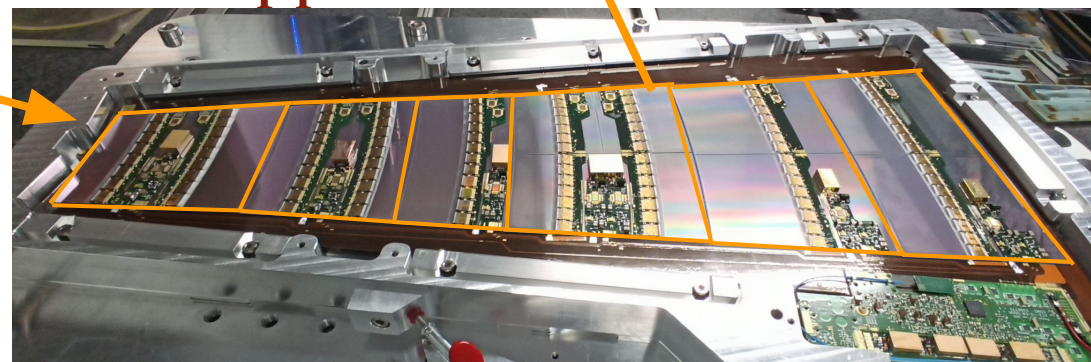


- Smallest electrically functional unit
- Comes in 6 flavors for strip endcap: R0/1/2/3/4/5 (from closest to beamline to furthest)
- Comes in 2 flavors for strip barrel: long/short-strip

## ITk strip Endcap



## ITk strip petal



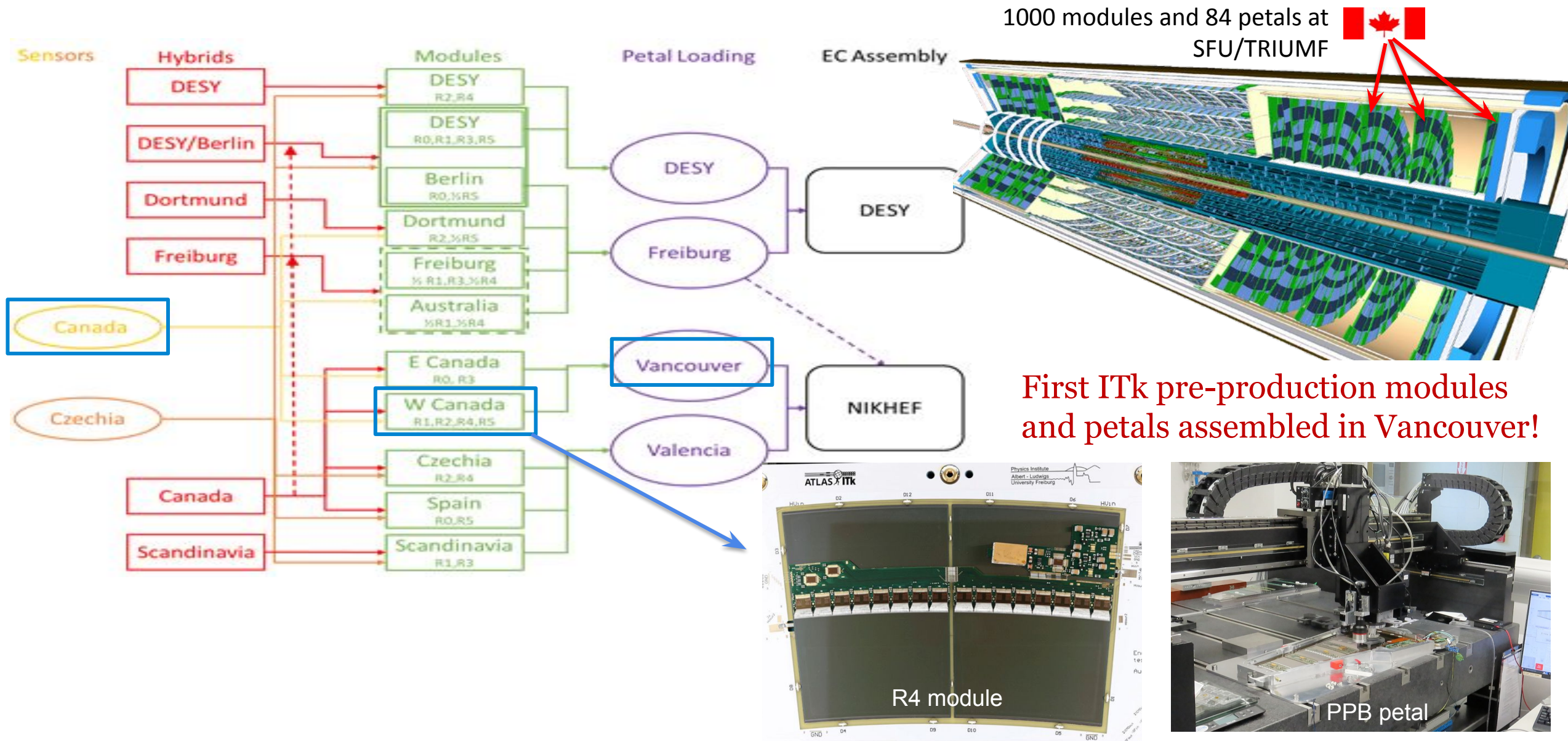
- Support and cooling structure for the modules
- power supply and data transfer

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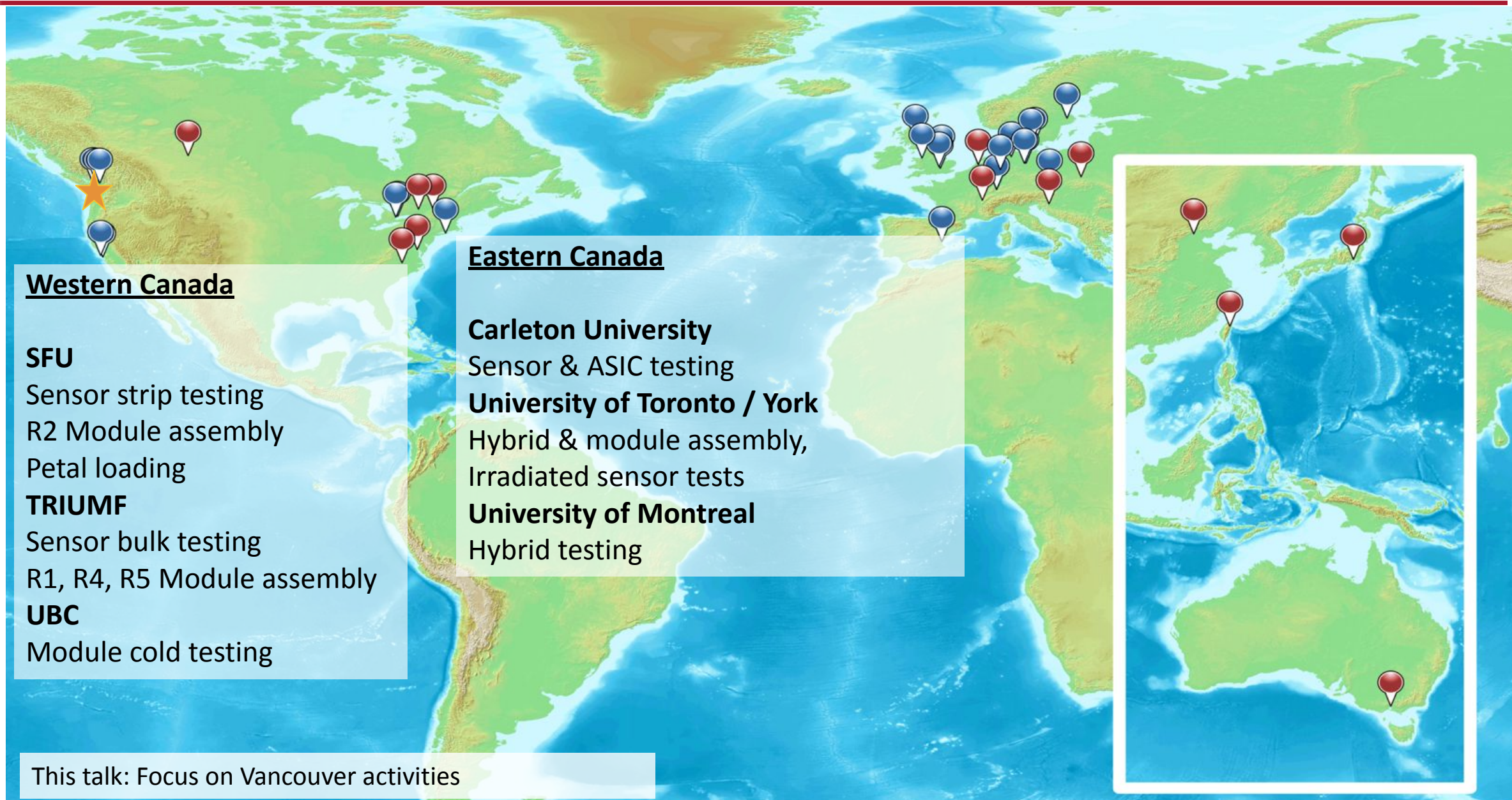
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# ATLAS ITk strips Production



# ATLAS ITk strips - A Global Project



# The collaboration

- ITk strip detector production takes place at around 60 institutes in 14 countries around the world
- **Vancouver team** is very active in many areas of the ITk strip project, in particular, **production of endcap modules** and **petals** as well as **cutting-edge silicon detector science programs** aimed at better understanding the detector mechanism and improving the qualification procedures of the production
- Let's take a look at some **production procedures** developed at Vancouver and some interesting **R&D opportunities (study cases)** for improving our understanding to the detector and the reliability of the production workflow



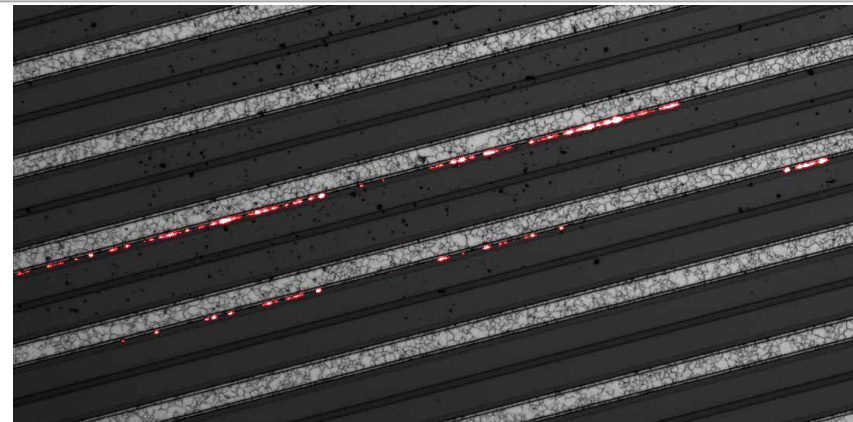


# R&D case - Hot Spot camera

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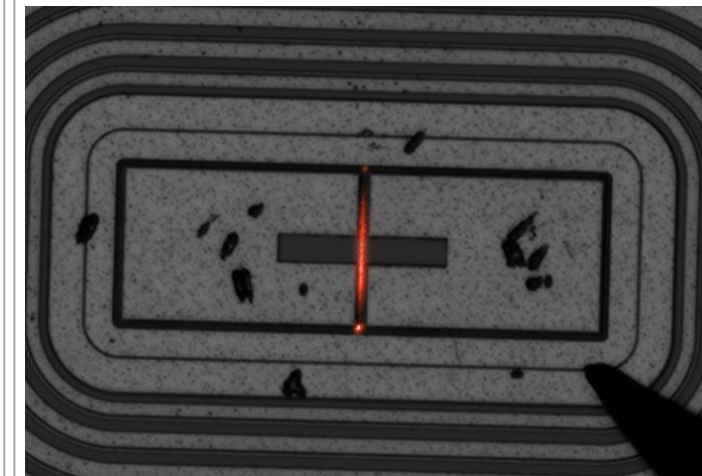


- **Early leakage current breakdown** (An unexpected significant increase in leakage current shown below) is a common failure mode for silicon based particle detectors, but its source was normally assumed and not verified.  
- The **Hot Spot setup** using the Retiga E7 (left) can capture emissions of hot electrons from silicon breakdown, allowing us to **identify** the damage **source** and better understand failure modes.

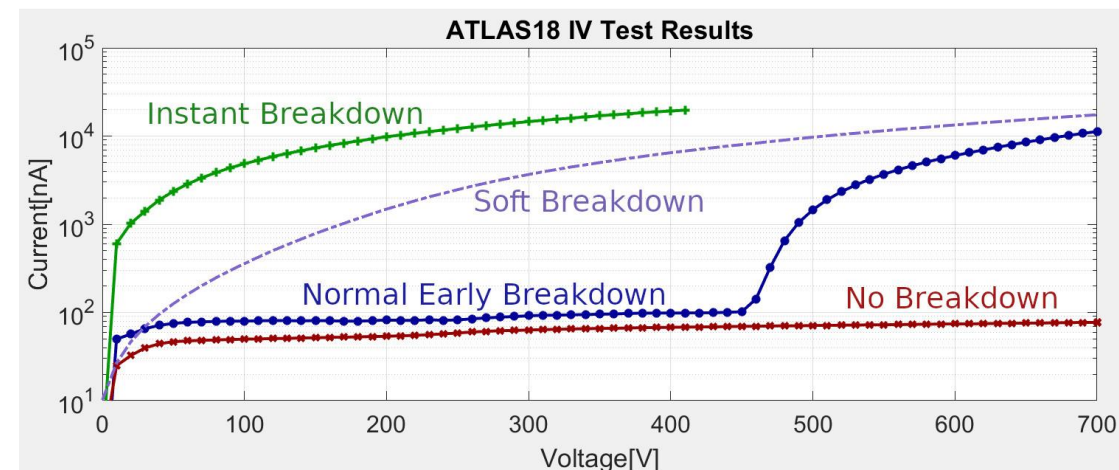
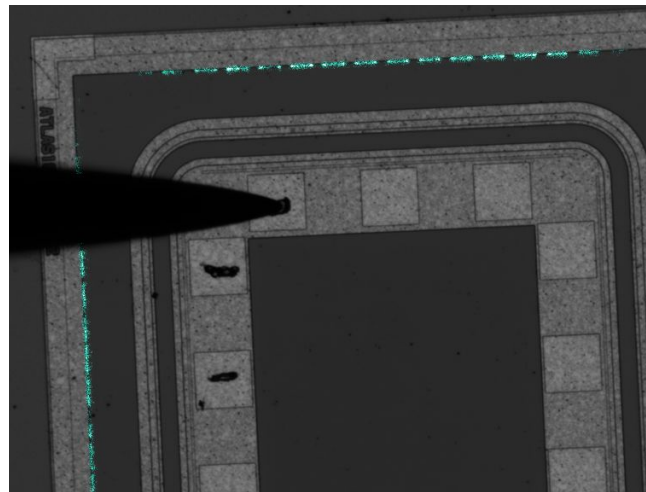


- Emissions can be seen (left) along the edge of strips on an ATLAS endcap sensor. These were caused by damage to the protective passivation layer on the sensors surface.

- Emissions can be seen (below) along the inner edge of the guard ring of a test structure diode. This breakdown was induced by irradiating the sample heavily.

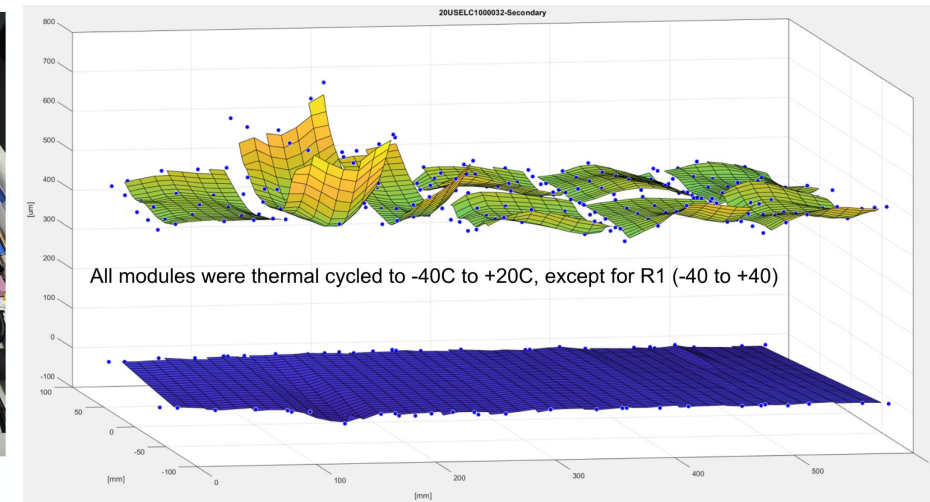
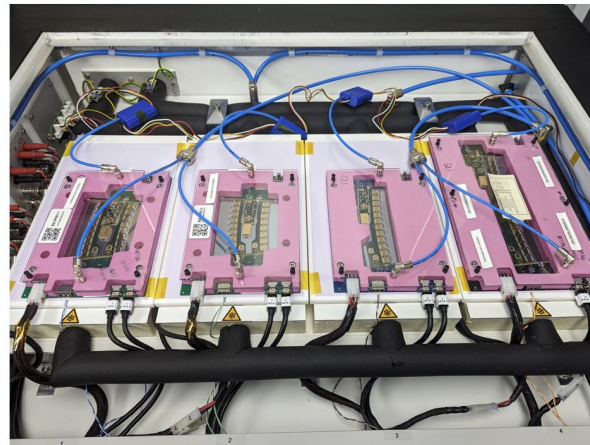
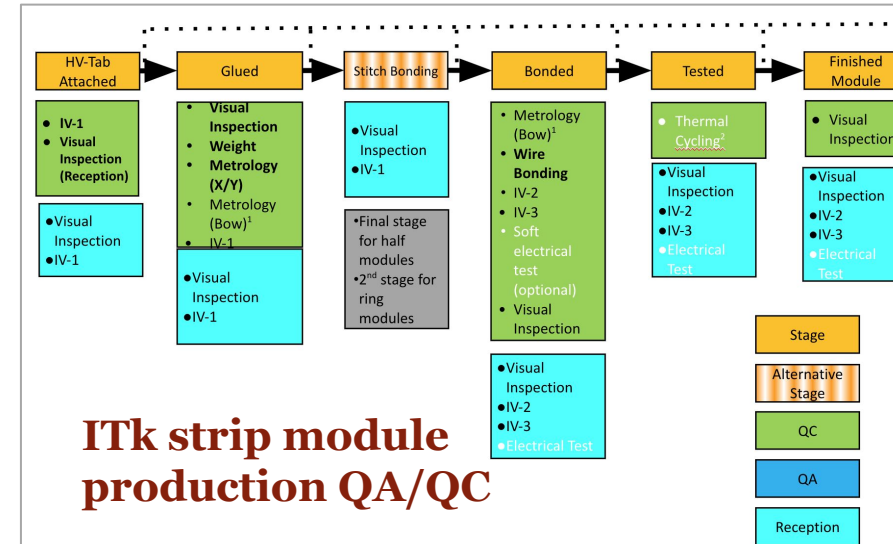


- Emissions can be seen (above) originating from the trench of a damaged Trench Isolated LGAD device.



# R&D case - module deformation caused by thermal cycling

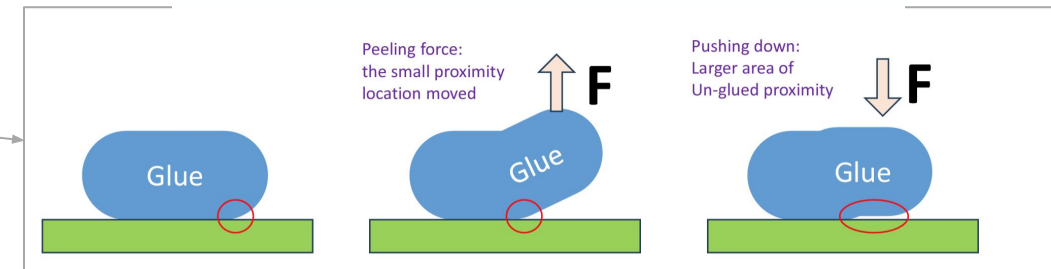
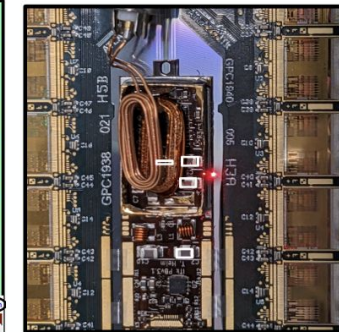
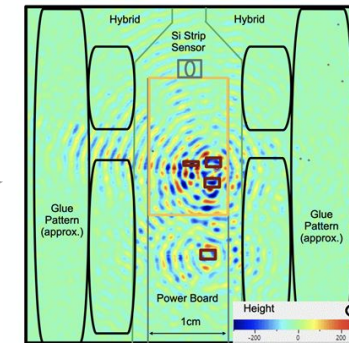
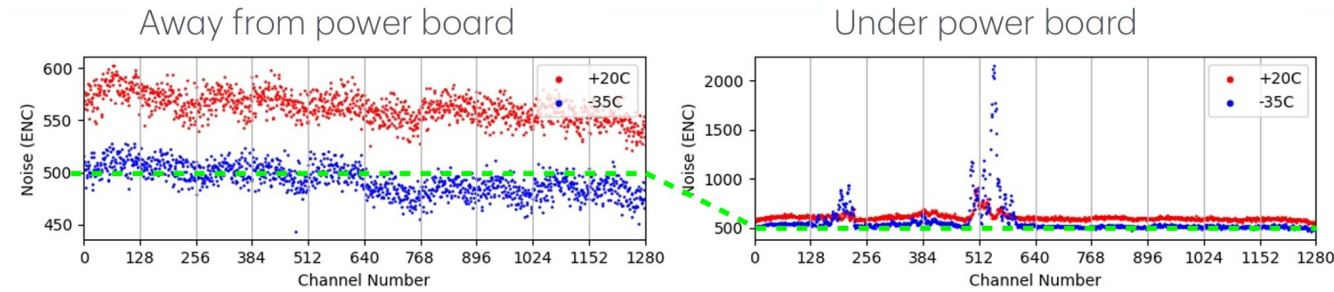
- Module production is streamlined with assembly and QA/QC procedures, e.g.
  - IV scan (look for early breakdown)
  - metrology (measured module bow)
- *Quality concerns caused by quality control - deformation of silicon strip detector modules caused by thermal cycling tests (Richard Salami, et al.)*
  - As part of the QC, modules were requested to be thermal cycled between -35C and +40C
  - Investigation shows this process deforms the module shape
  - thermal cycle now modified to temperature from +40C to +20C, matching the maximum operating temperature.



# R&D case - module cold noise

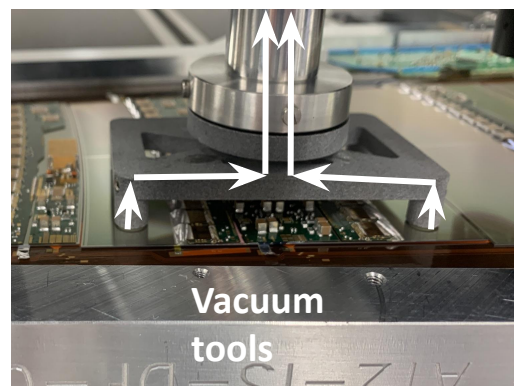
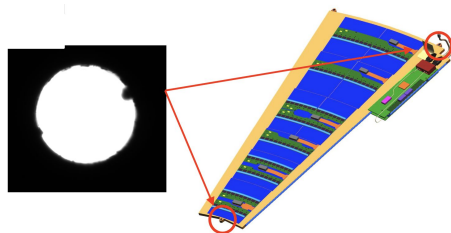
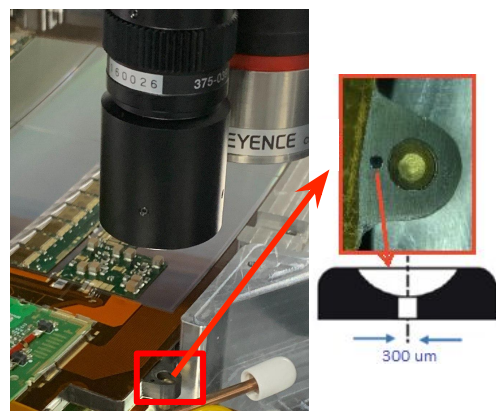
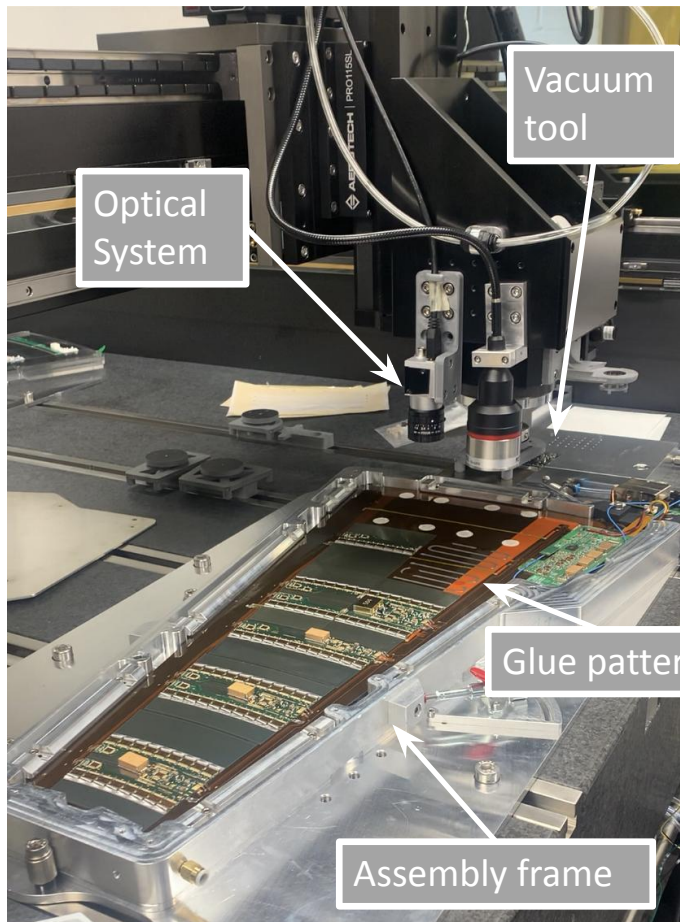
Reference: Sergio PISA [poster](#); Zhengcheng [ICHEP talk](#)

- Expect noise level at low temperature to be less, however, observed clusters of **noisy channels** around **-35C** and some remaining noise even after going back to warm
  - noisy channels only in rows of strips below the power board
- source identified to be **mechanical vibrations** from capacitors on the power board travelling through the sensor and inducing electrical noise
  - Laser vibrometer shows mechanical vibrations propagating through sensors
- Current theory under investigation: cooling cause hybrid to bend and glue to peel off under hybrid edge, releasing charge
- Mitigation strategies:
  - No cold noise on Endcap modules (magnitude of vibrations on endcap modules is  $\sim 10x$  smaller)
  - No cold noise in long-strip barrel modules using new type of glue
  - Cold noise reduced but still detectable in SS modules with new glue type
- Cold noise no longer blocks the start of module production



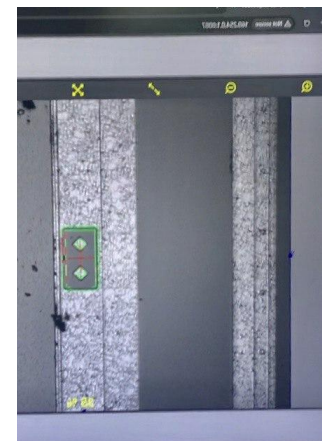
# Petal loading

- Automated petal loading: Matlab program that controls robotic gantry to



- calibrate between lab frame and petal frame

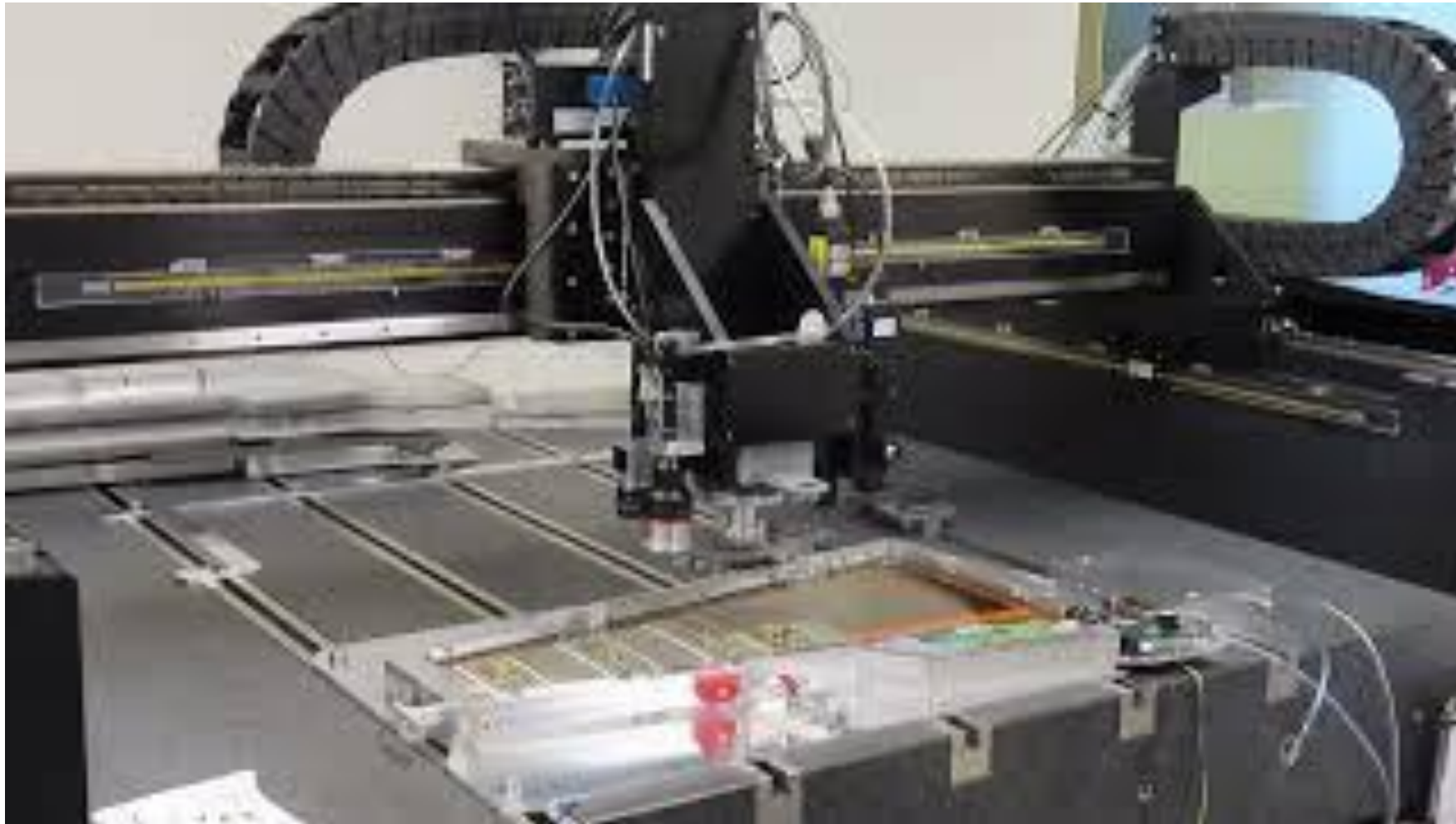
- pick up and place modules precisely (well within 50-micron specification)



- Dispense adhesive (thermal conductivity)
- 3D metrology and visual capture
- picture shows field of view from mega-pix cameron on gantry

# Petal loading in action

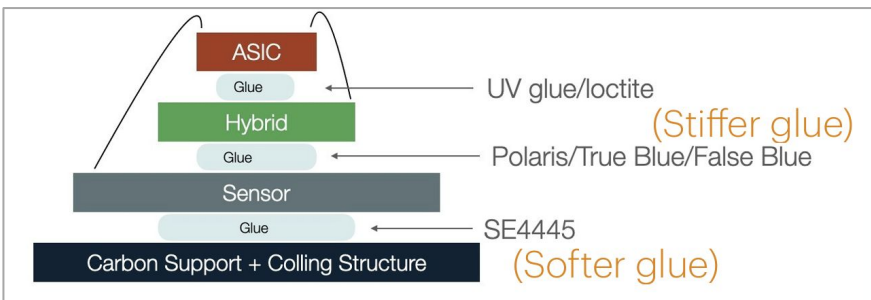
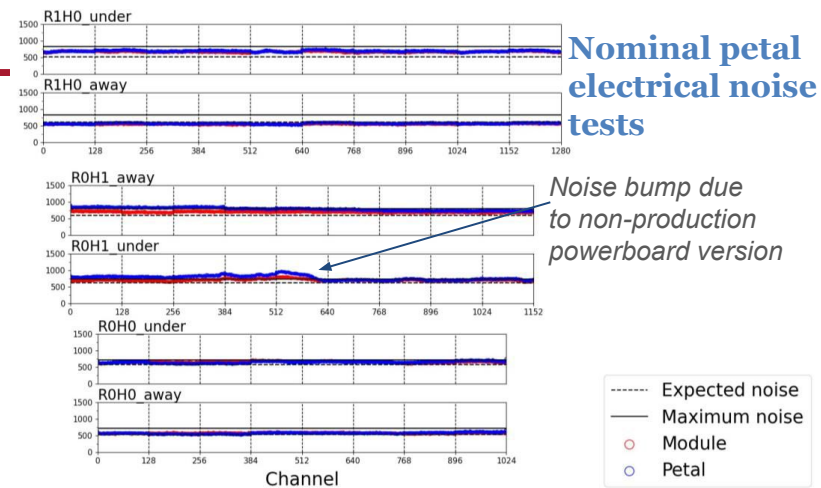
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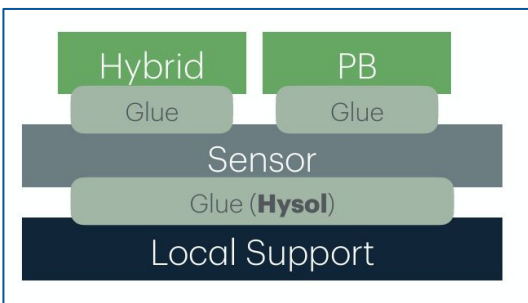
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# Local support testing

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- For temperatures **colder than -35C**, some sensors have early breakdown after loading and visual inspection manifested these sensors have **cracks**
  - source is mismatch of thermal expansion between sensor and electronics
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  - several mitigation strategies are experimented at Vancouver



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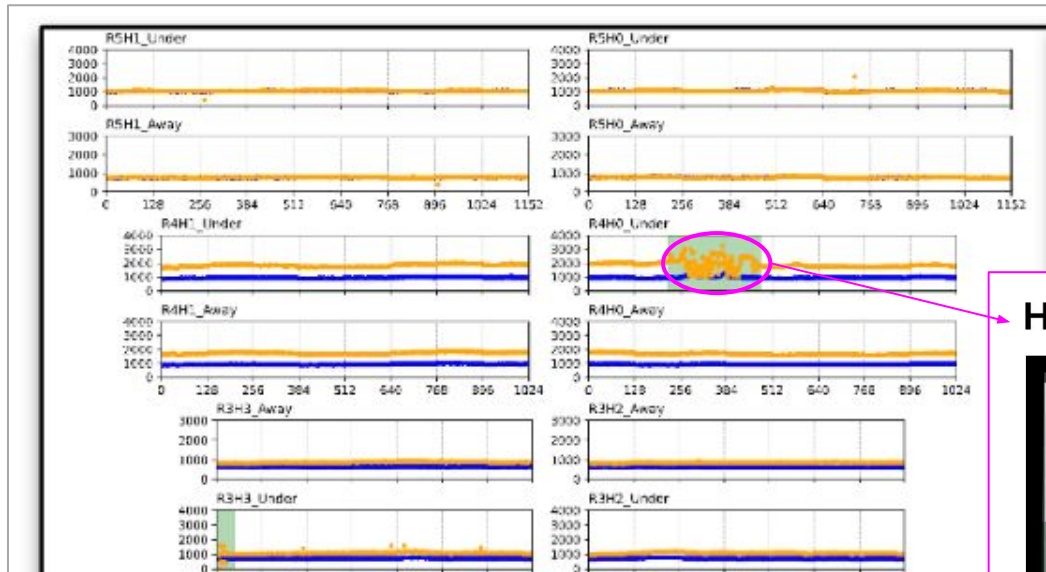
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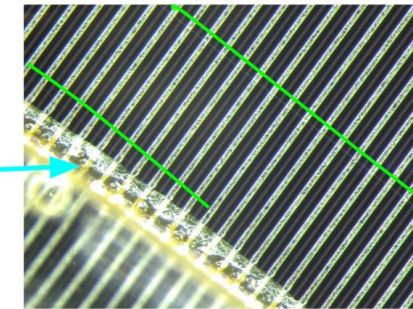
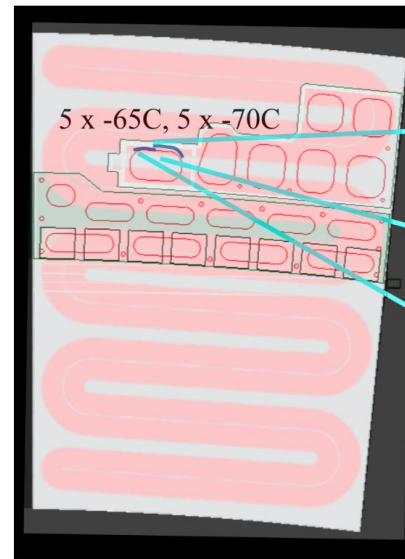
# R&D case - identify “crack” suspect

- cracking signature: cluster of channels with “bumpy noise”
- Example from the **1st Hysol petal** built at Vancouver
- Cracking is suspected via noise and IV and later visualized under microscope

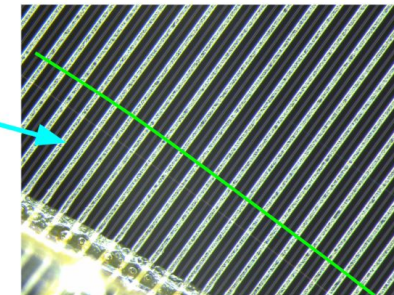
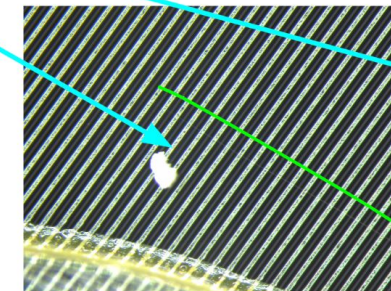
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HYSOL S Side R4H0



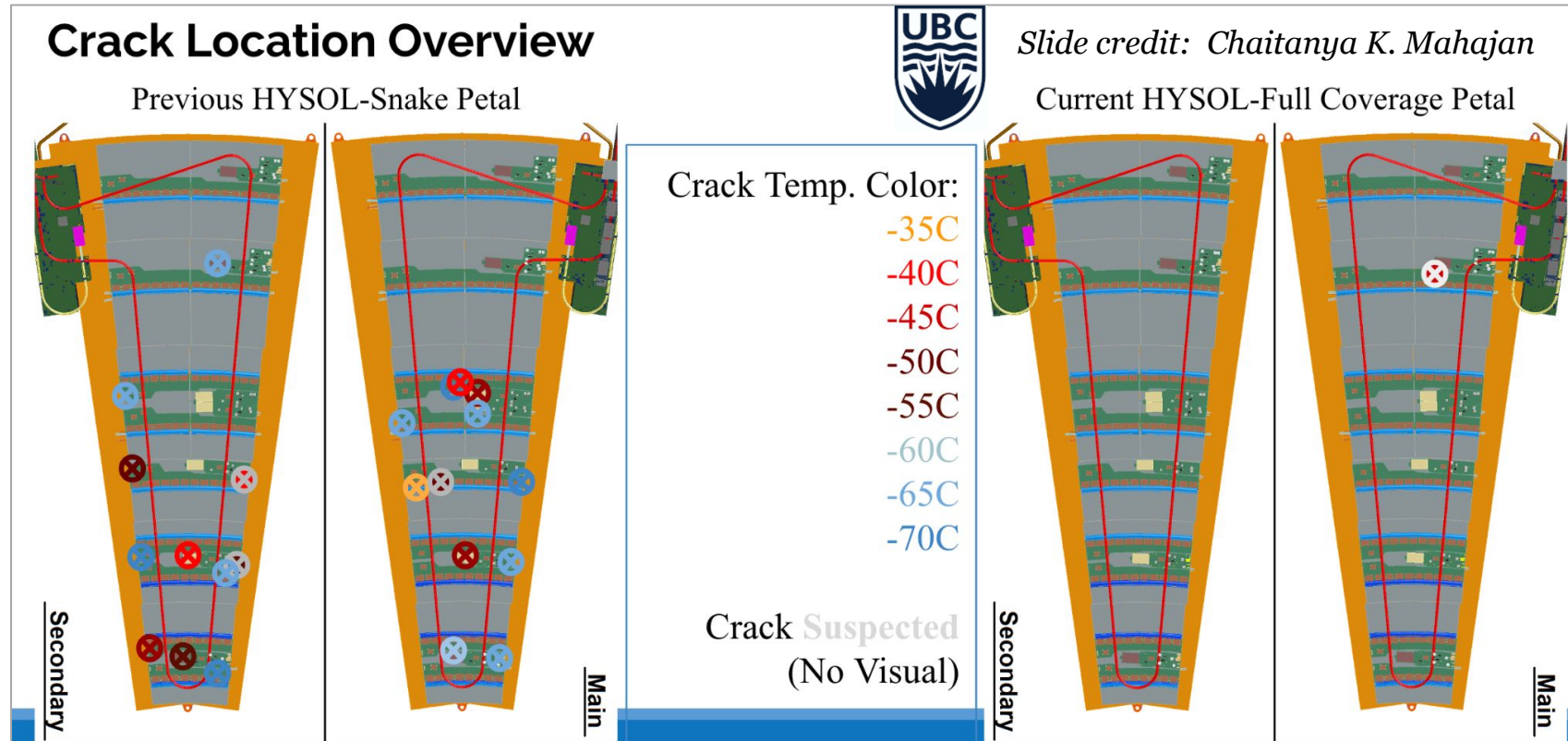
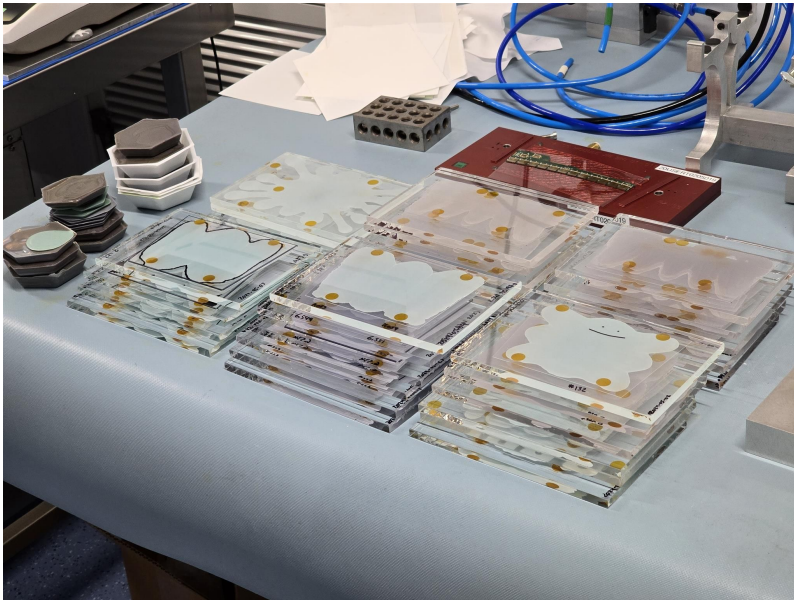
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# R&D case - study sensor cracking with hysol (stiffer glue)

- After the 1st Hysol petal, an **enormous** amount of work was devoted into glue test, finding the optimal glue coverage
  - see pictures of glue test using plexiglass
- 2nd Hysol petal was freshly built early July and just went through the first week of thermal cycle
  - currently only have one suspected crack (seeing bumpy noise feature), but this petal is undergoing more cycles at the moment to deliver more confirmative results
- The test will continue and other mitigation strategies will also be explored (e.g. adding kapton layer for module)

Picture credit: Andrew Fournier and Scott Beaupre





# There's more!

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Please take a look at the list of publication of papers of the Vancouver ITk strip team:

- [\*All silicon Curing early breakdown in silicon strip sensors with radiation\*](#) (Luise Poley, et al.)
  - Controlled irradiation studies on the ITk Strip modules showed that exposure to low levels of radiation can improve the breakdown voltage in susceptible sensors. Gamma irradiation and neutron exposure on silicon sensor test structures both led to discernible improvements in the breakdown voltage. For any future modules showing an early breakdown after assembly, **gamma irradiations** are planned to be conducted to study the reliability of **curing premature breakdown in modules** with radiation.
- [\*Hot spot visual evaluation of breakdown locations in ATLAS18 ITk strip sensors and test structures\*](#) (Andrew Fournier, et al.)
- [\*Threshold bounce – occupancy-dependent modulation of the discriminating threshold in silicon detectors\*](#) (Matthew Basso, et al.)
  - **Threshold bounce is measured** with ITk strip modules using micro-focused photon beam at the B16 Test Beamline at the Diamond Light Source synchrotron. Its impact is significant during beam tests with high local occupancy. However, it is **not expected to impact the operation of the ATLAS ITk strip detector** due to much lower hit occupancy.

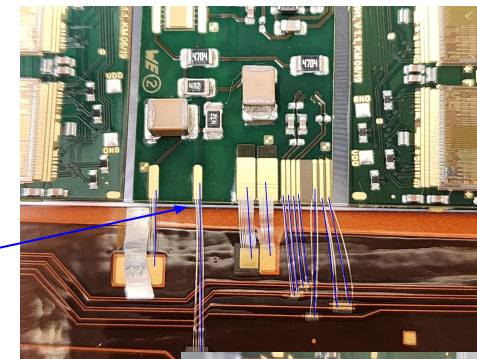
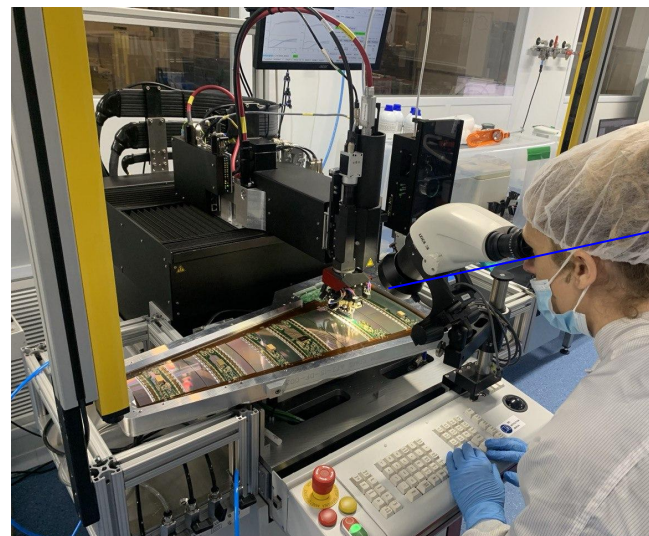
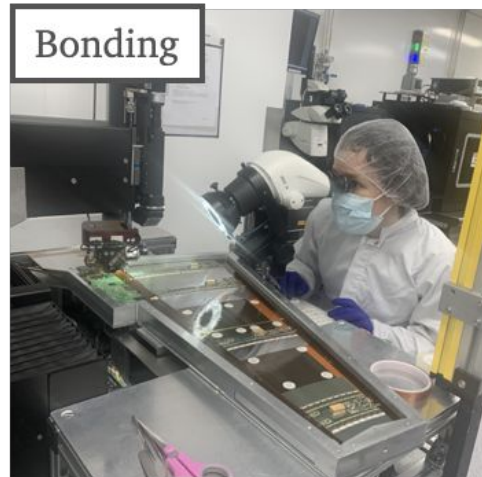
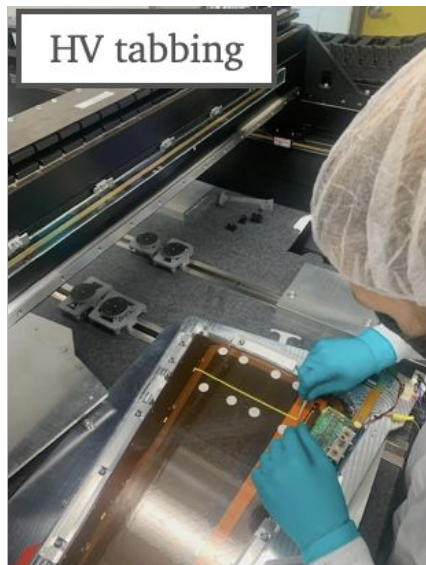
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- *Early breakdown caused by sensor defects* (Jack Osieja, et al.)
  - we know that some effects cause early breakdown on sensors (glue on guard ring, scratches), but not why it happens sometimes and sometimes not and what the mechanism is. This study uses ITk sensor diodes to introduce defects in a controlled way and to check the impact on the breakdown voltage afterwards to get **a better idea of what causes early breakdown and why**.
- *Investigating the impact of the diode edge ring geometry on the active area of silicon sensors using AREA-X* (Luise Poley, et al.)
  - This one studies how various design geometry parameters affect the diode behaviour, mostly for **future sensor designs**. The assumption used to be that the active sensor area is defined by the size of the guard ring and bias ring, but we have shown that it actually depends on the sensor edge ring and is almost independent of the other two, which is important to know for future sensors.

# Thank you and questions?

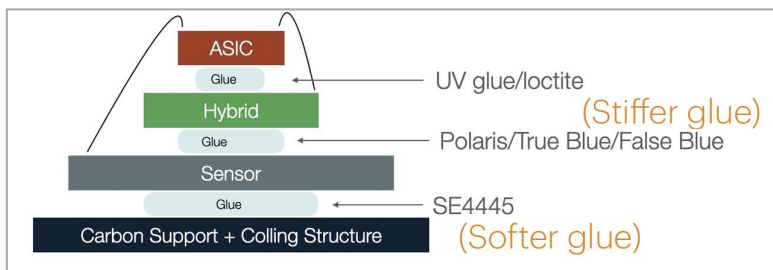
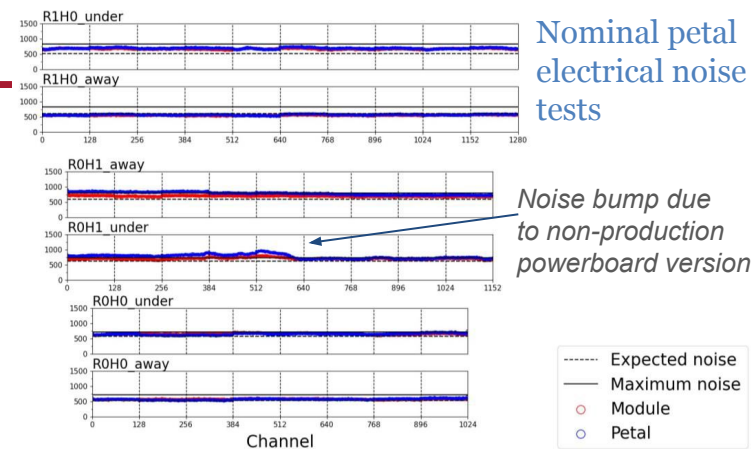


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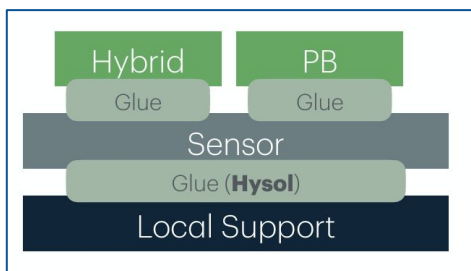
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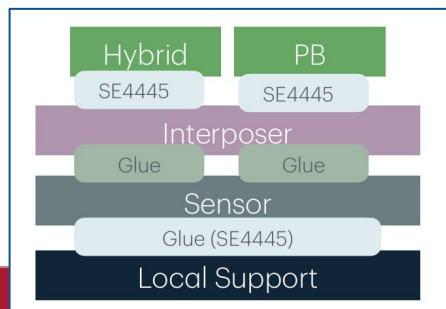
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- Additional **kapton layer for module** assembly
- would be major module design change and comes with additional QC



# R&D case - sensor cracking with hysol (stiffer glue)

- 2nd Hysol petal noise after TC

Slide credit: Chaitanya K. Mahajan

## Noise Overview

Full coverage petal  
(tested down to -45C)

Blue: No TC - Warm

Orange: 5 x -35C

Green: 5 x -45C

- Petal cycled to temperature lower than end-of-lifetime temperature (-35C) or QA (-55C)



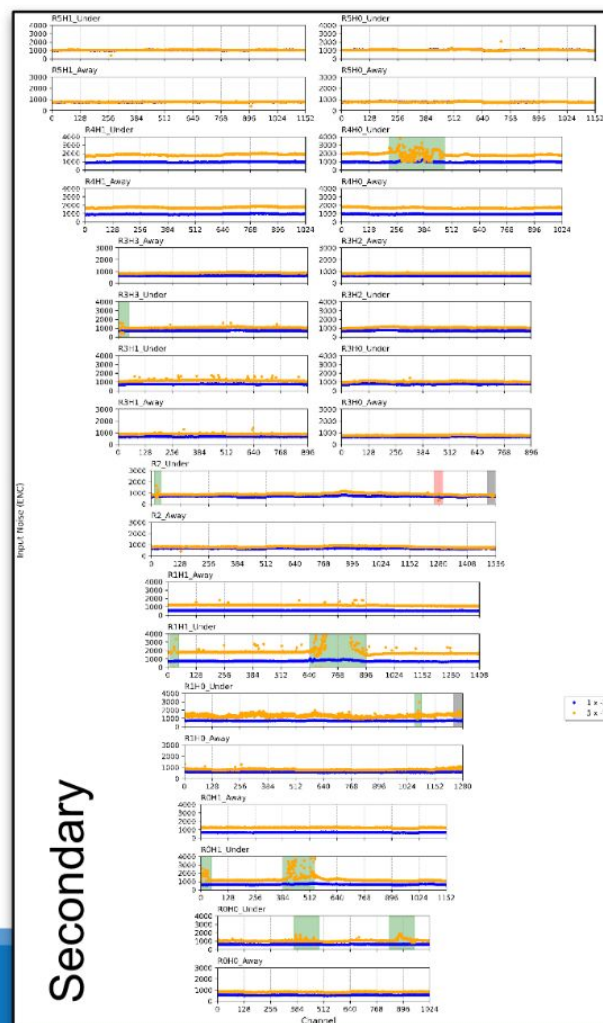
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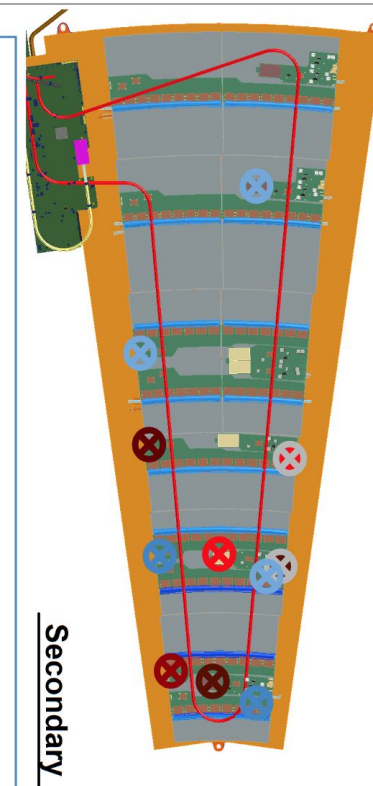
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(feature present since no TC)



Crack Temp. Color:

-35C  
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-50C  
-55C  
-60C  
-65C  
-70C

Crack Suspected  
(No Visual)



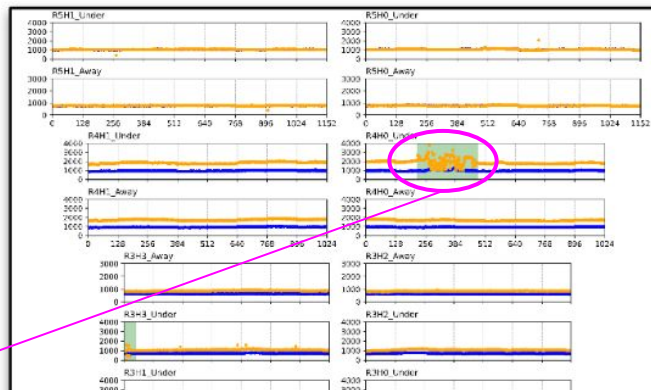
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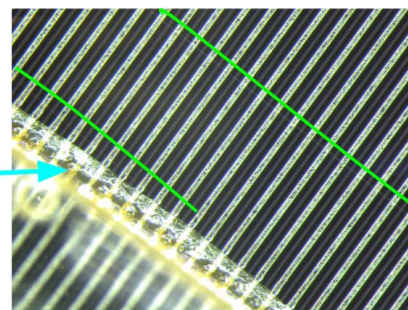
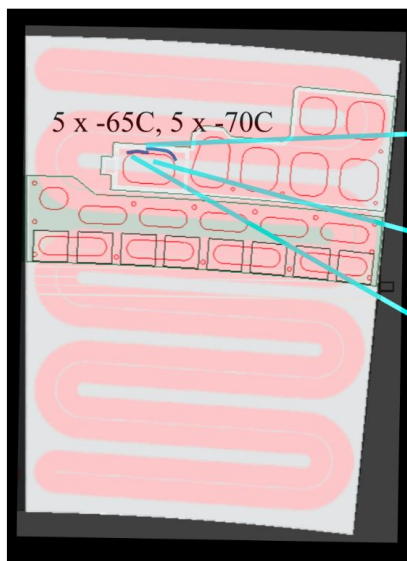
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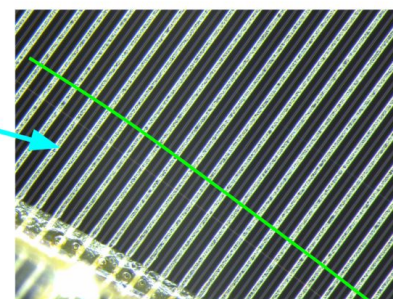
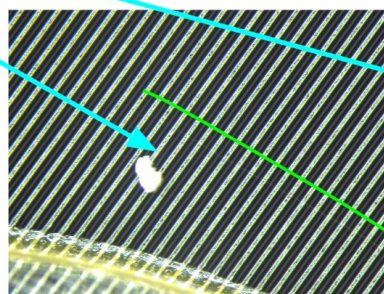
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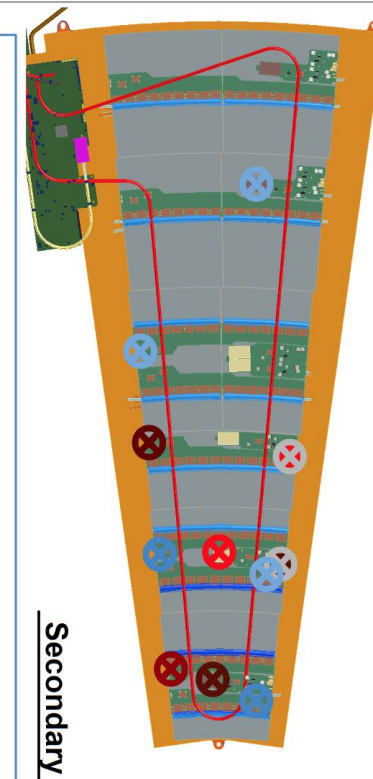
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