

# Sensor and Module development for the CMS Phase-2 Tracker Upgrade

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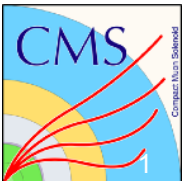
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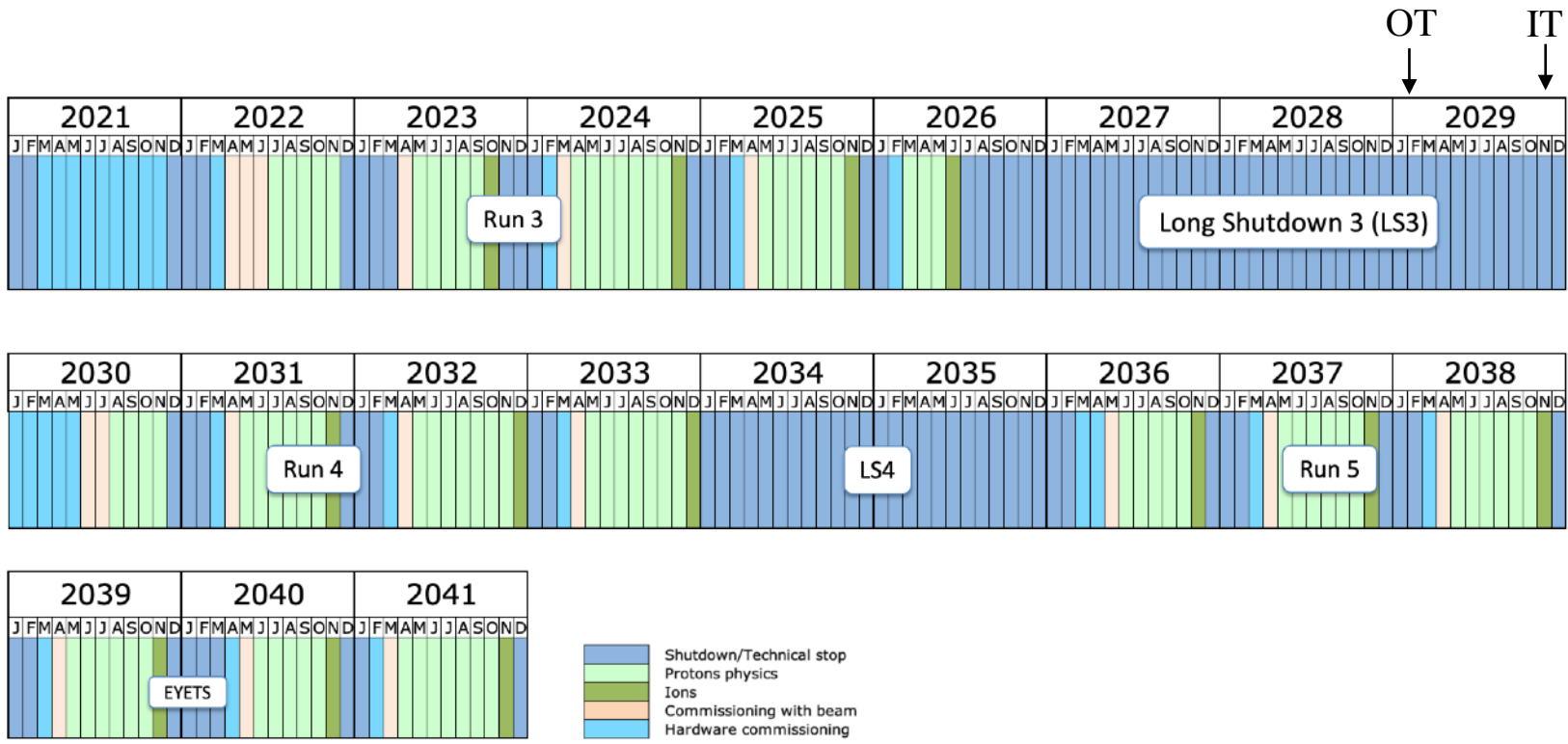


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# CMS Phase-2 Tracker in HL-LHC

- High Luminosity LHC in 2030
  - Peak luminosity:  $5 - 7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
  - High pileup: 200 events per bunch cross
  - Integrated luminosity: 3000 - 4000  $\text{fb}^{-1}$
  - High radiation environment

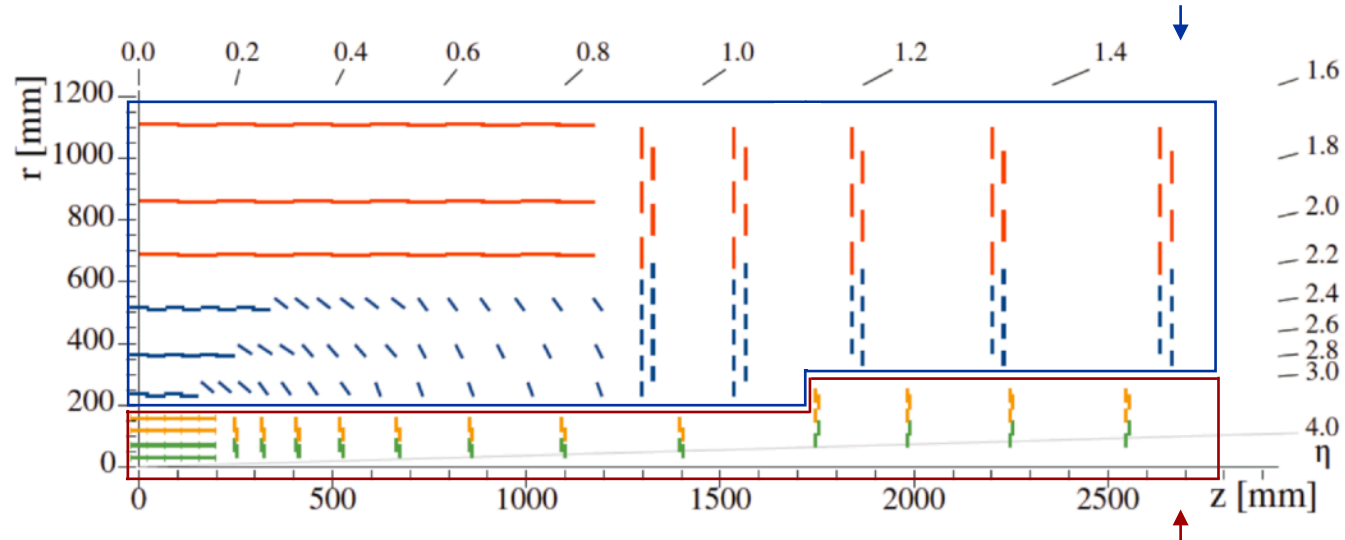


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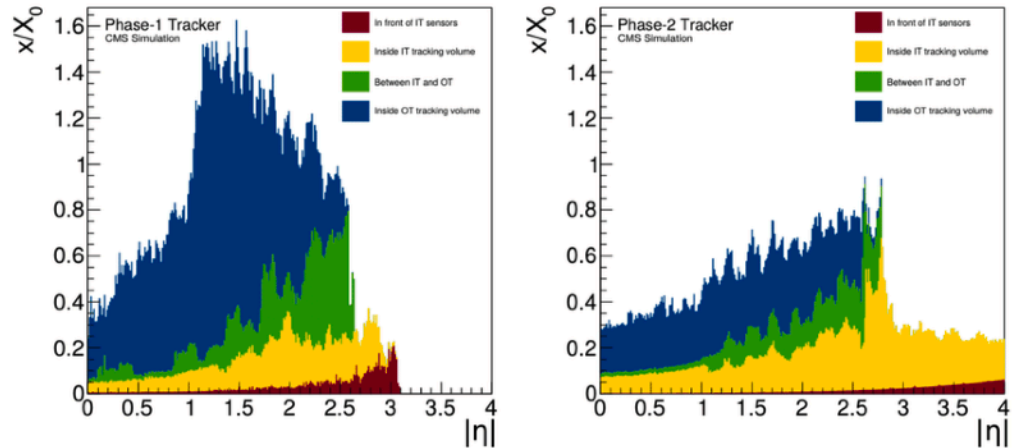
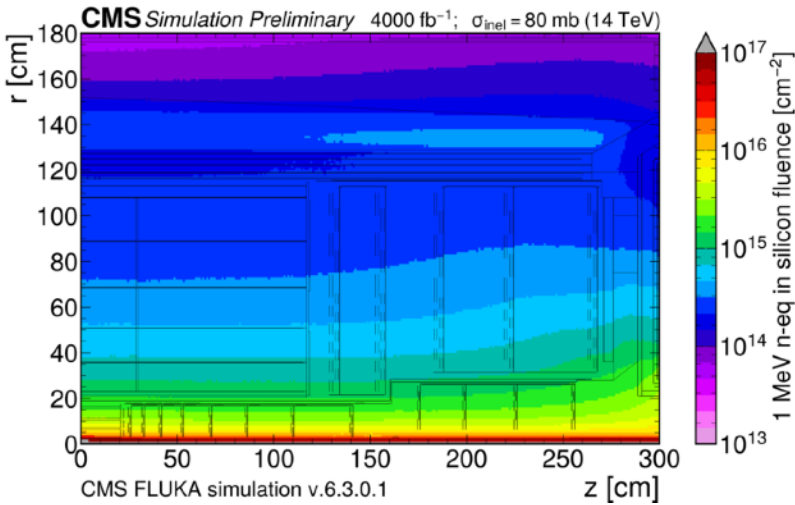
# CMS Phase-2 Tracker upgrade

- Increased granularity -> High reconstruction efficiency at increased pile-up conditions
- Extended acceptance from  $|\eta| \sim 2.5$  to  $|\eta| \sim 4$
- Reduced material budget
- Radiation level up to  $\sim 2.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$  ( Inner tracker)
- Tracking information to L1 trigger

**Outer Tracker:** Radius > 15 cm , Area 192 m<sup>2</sup> with  $1.7 \times 10^8$  macro-pixels &  $42 \times 10^6$  strips



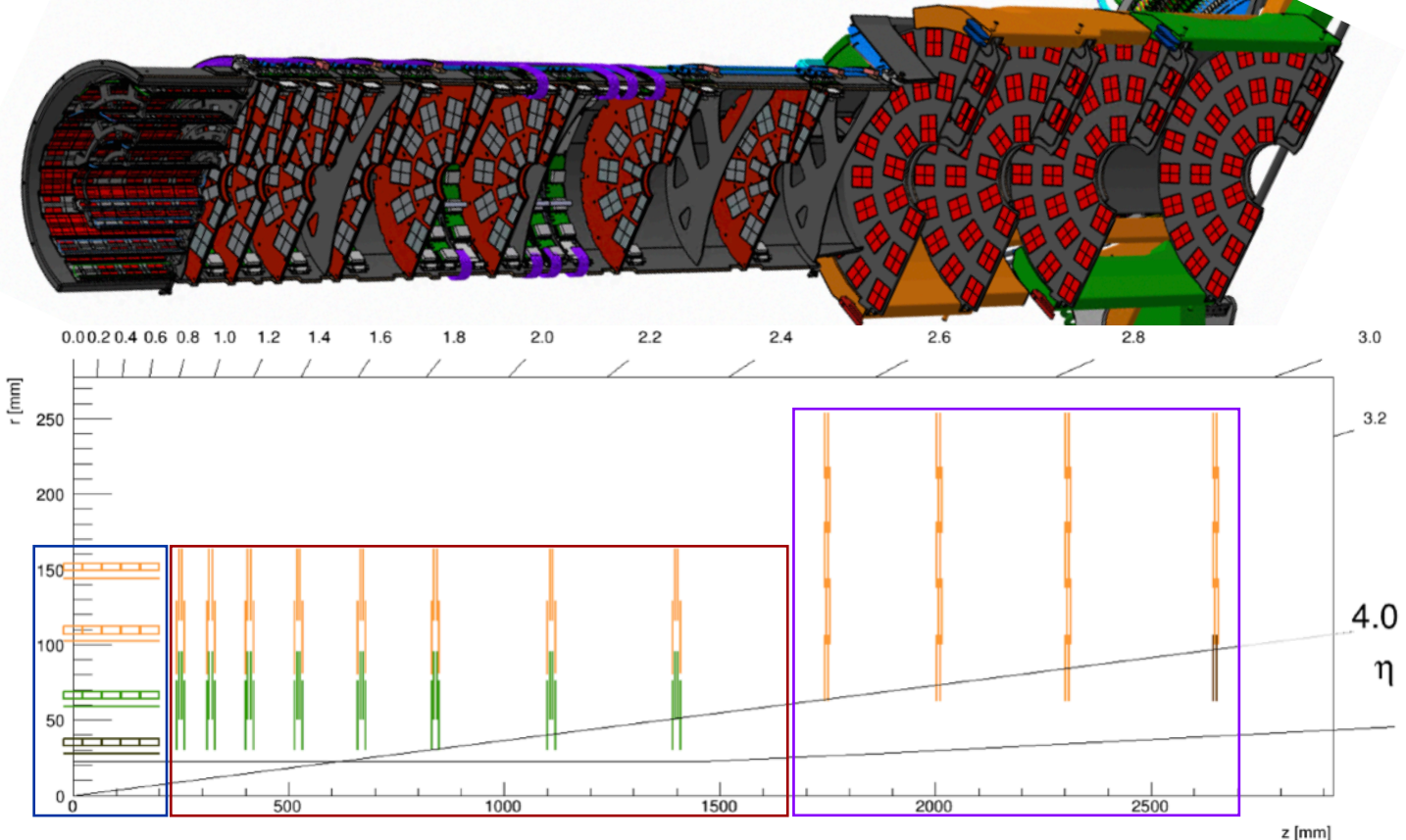
**Inner Tracker:** Radius < 15 cm , Area 4.9 m<sup>2</sup> with  $2 \times 10^9$  pixels



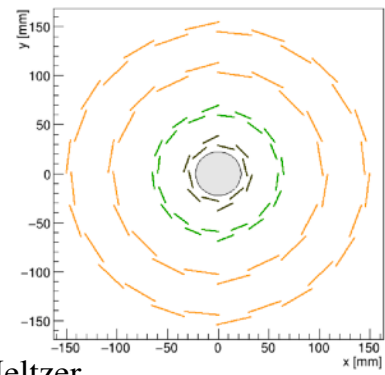
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# Inner Tracker Upgrade

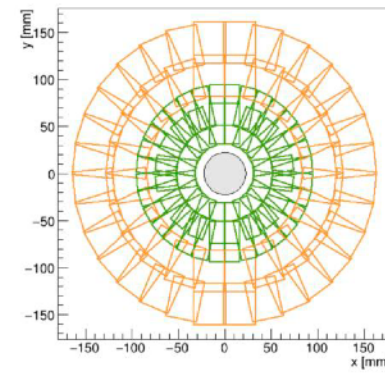
- Tracker Barrel PiXel (TBPX)
  - 4 layers
  - 756 modules
  - Replaceable innermost layer (3D)
- Tracker Forward PiXel (TFPX)
  - 8 small double-disks on each side
  - 1728 modules
- Tracker Endcap PiXel (TEPX)
  - 4 large double-disks on each side
  - 1408 modules
  - Luminosity measurements, Disc 4, Ring 1: BRIL



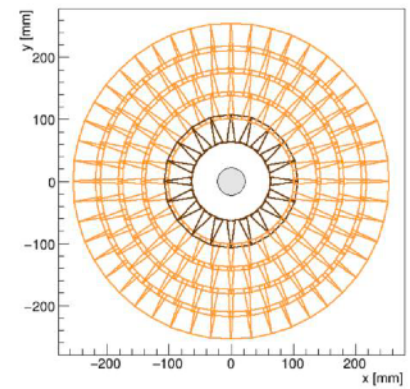
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TFPX



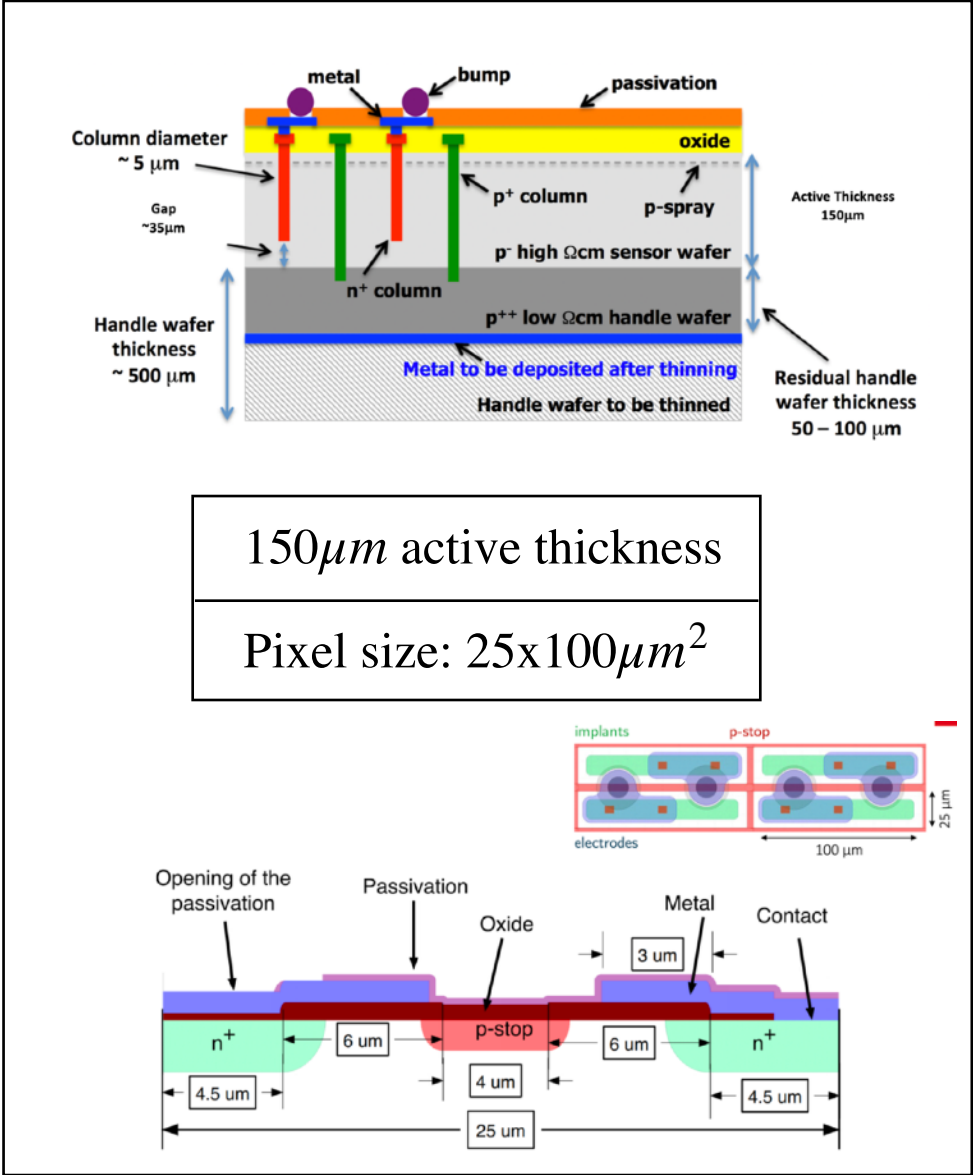
TEPX



Poster [Using the CMS Tracker for BRIL Operations in the HL-LHC](#) by Philip Meltzer

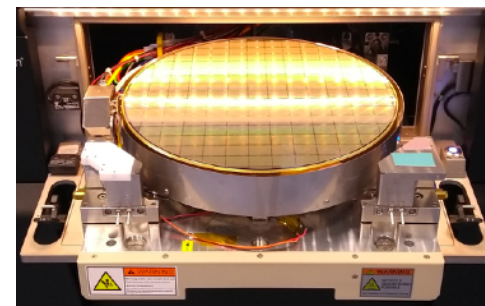
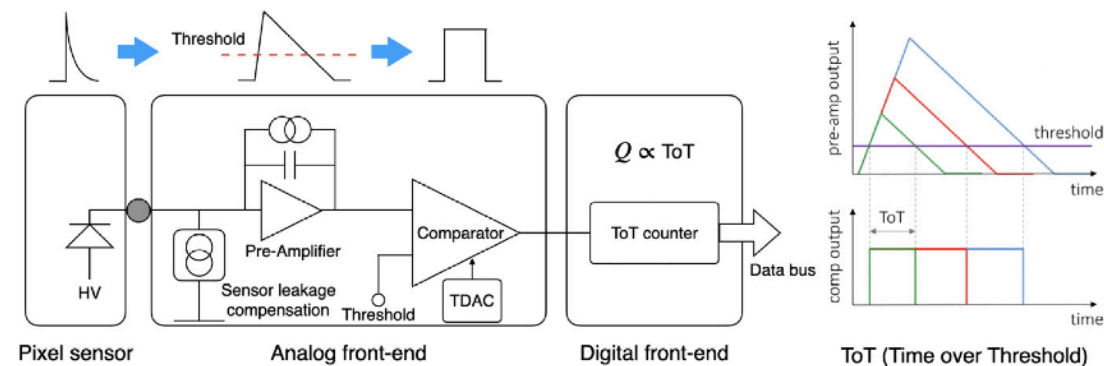
# Inner Tracker: Sensors

- 3D Si sensors from FBK
  - Only in the innermost layer of TBPX, reduced risk of thermal runaway due to lower power consumption.
  - Hit efficiency > 96% (normal incidence), qualified  $\Phi_{eq} = 1.6 \times 10^{16} cm^{-2}$
- Planar Si sensors from HPK
  - n-in-p
  - Minimised cross talk with bitten implant
  - Elongated pixels in the inter chip region, to avoid inactive areas
  - Single-sided processing
  - Hit efficiency > 99%, qualified  $\Phi_{eq} = 1 \times 10^{16} cm^{-2}$



# Inner Tracker: CMS Readout Chip (CROC)

- CROC 65 nm CMOS ASIC developed by joint ATLAS - CMS within RD53 Collaboration
- Previous versions:
  - RD53A (half-size, 3 AFE investigated)
  - RD53B - CROCv1 (full size, Linear AFE)
- Final version RD53C - CROCv2:
  - Pixels: 432 x 336, Size 21.6 x 18.6 mm<sup>2</sup>, Cell size: 50 x 50  $\mu\text{m}^2$
  - Linear Analogue Front-End (adjustable threshold <1000 e-).
  - Time-over-Threshold (ToT) measurements at 40MHz
- Radiation tolerance up to 1Grad
- Serial powering via on-chip Shunt-LDO regulators



# Inner Tracker: Modules

## TBPX Modules

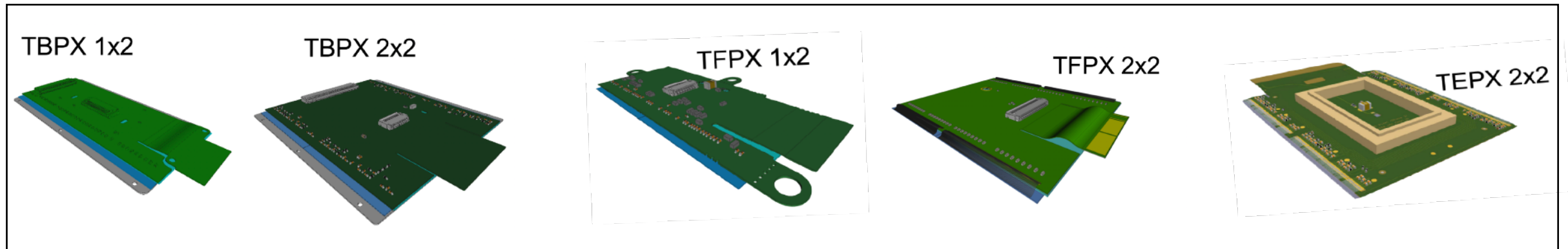
- Planar Double (2 ROCs and 1 sensor)
- Planar Quad (4 ROCs and 1 sensor)
- 3D Double (2 ROCs and 2 sensors)

## TFPX Modules

- Planar Double
- Planar Quad

## TEPX Modules

- Planar Quad

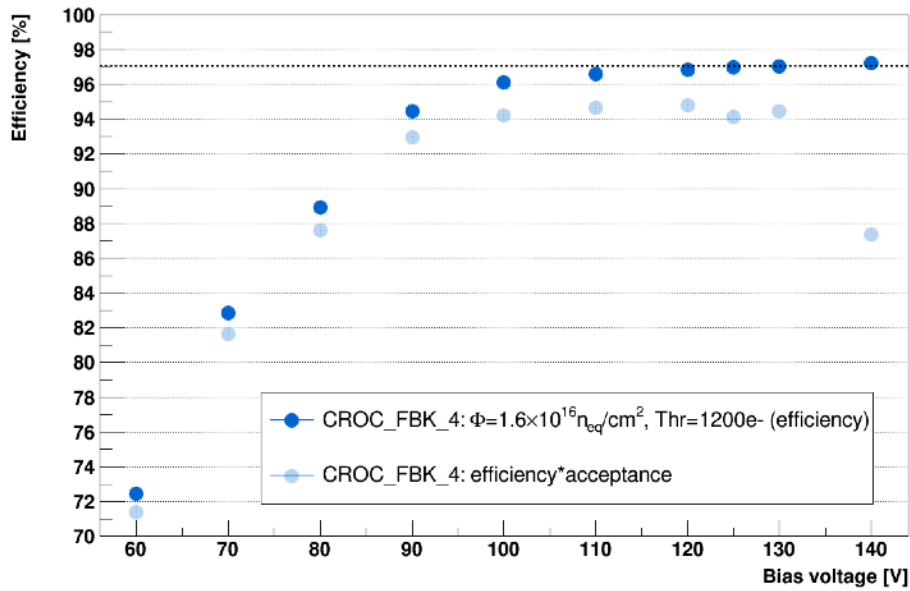


Bi-phase CO<sub>2</sub> cooling -> Operating temperature -35 °C

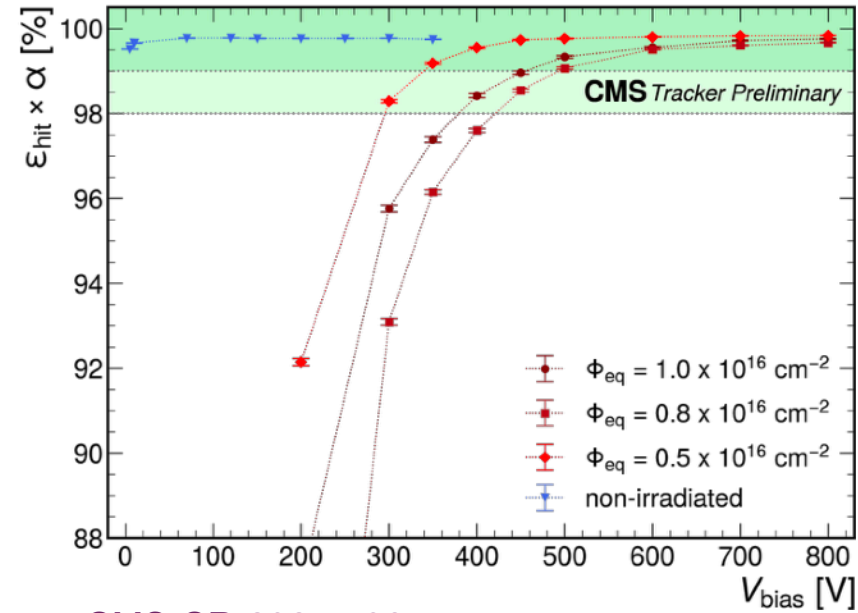
# Inner Tracker: Irradiation studies

- 3D pixel modules
  - $\epsilon_{hit} \geq 96\%$  at  $\Phi_{eq} = 1.5 \times 10^{16} cm^{-2}$  for  $V < 200V$  at normal incidence
  - Within requirements for  $V > 100V$

- Planar pixel modules
  - $\epsilon_{hit} \times \alpha$  non irradiated  $> 99\%$
  - $\epsilon_{hit} \times \alpha$  at  $\Phi_{eq} \leq 5 \times 10^{15} cm^{-2}$   $> 99\%$  for  $V \leq 600V$
  - $\epsilon_{hit} \times \alpha$  at  $\Phi_{eq} > 5 \times 10^{15} cm^{-2}$   $> 98\%$  for  $V \leq 600V$



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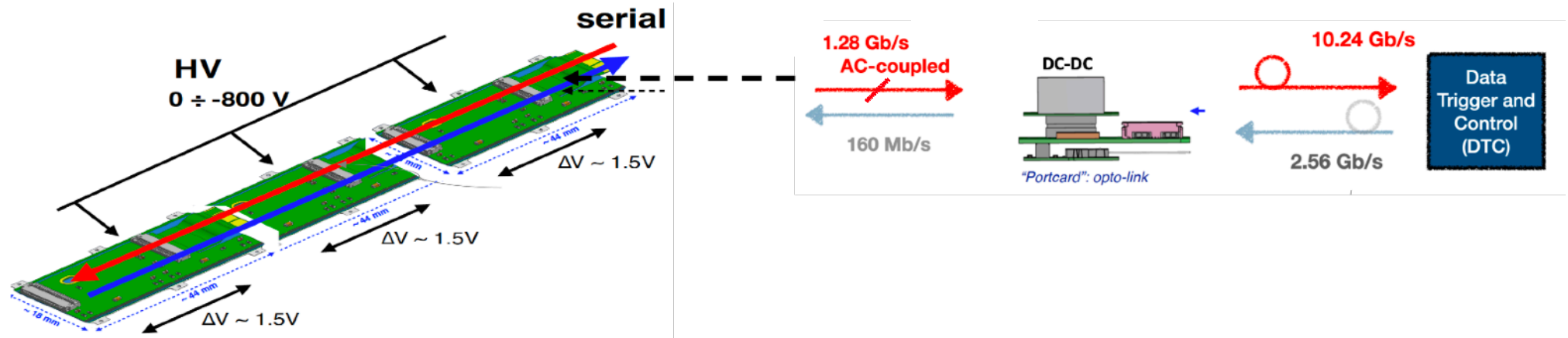
# Inner Tracker: Module powering and readout

## Serial powering of modules

- Low material budget for a 50 kW detector power
- More than 500 power chains
- Up to 12 modules/chain serially powered
  - Chips on each module are connected in parallel
  - HV supply in parallel

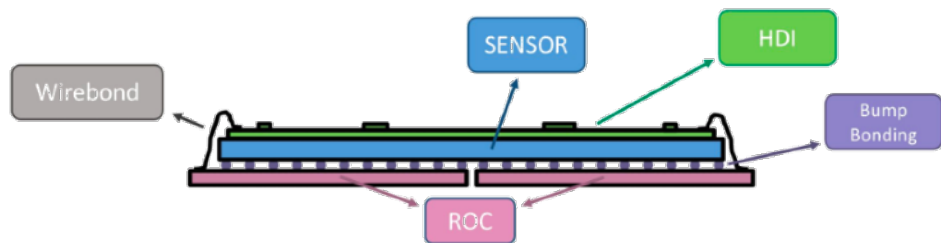
## Readout of modules

- E-links from module to lpGBT - up to  $6 \times 1.28 \text{ Gb/s}$
- Portcards: 3 lpGBTs/ opto-card
- Optical fibers -> between portcards and the Data, Trigger, and Control (DTC) boards.



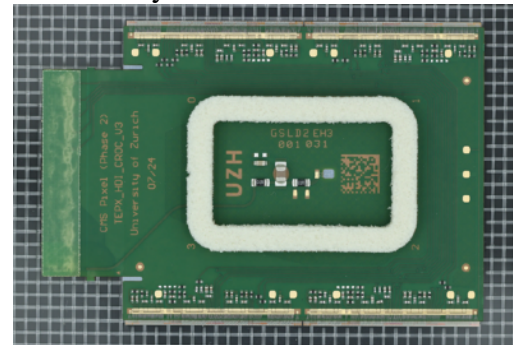
# Inner Tracker: Module production

- Sensor bump-bonding to the ROC (bare module)
- Cooling plate attachment to bare module (only for TBPX)
- Airex frame attachment to the HDI (only for TEPX)
- High Density Interconnect (HDI) glueing to the sensor.
- Wire bonding of ROC to the HDI
- Parylene coating (spark protection)
- BURN-IN: 10 thermal cycles  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$

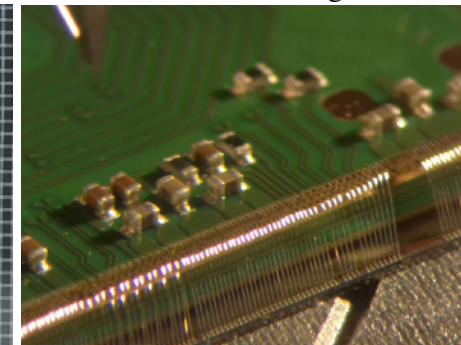


General structure of Inner Tracker module

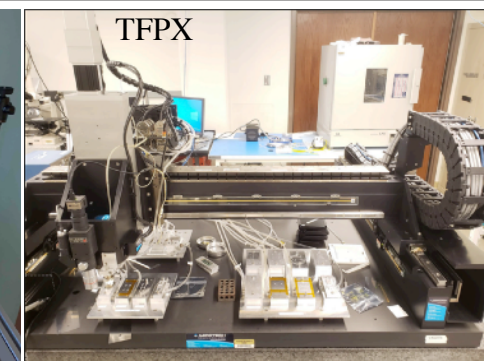
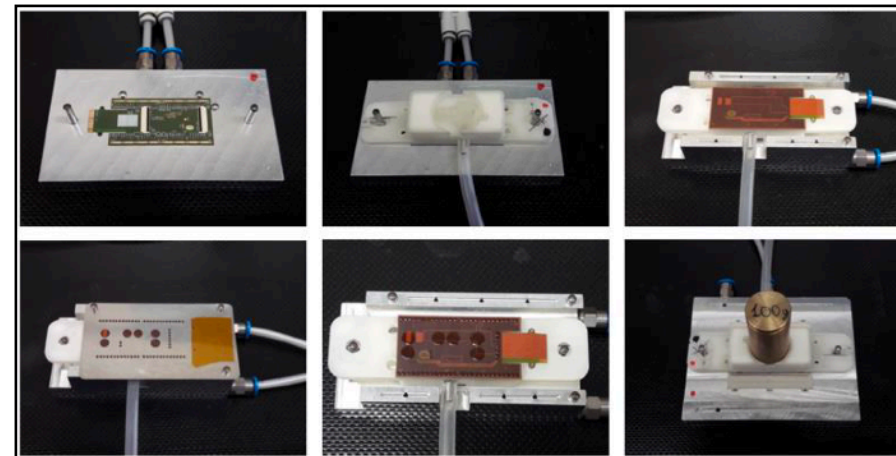
TEPX fully assembled module



ROC- HDI wire bonding



TBPX

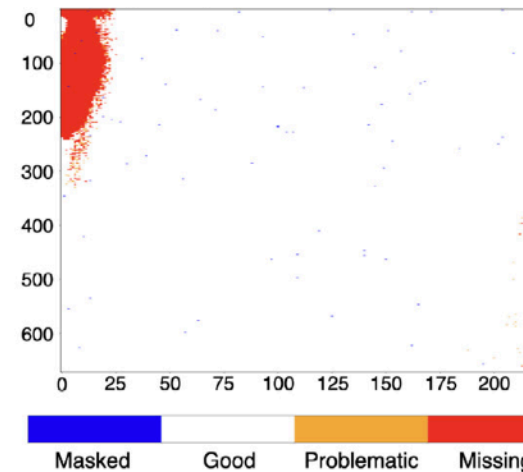


Poster: [Spark Protection for the HL-LHC Upgrade of the CMS Forward Pixel Detector](#) by Peter Kim

# Inner Tracker: Module qualification

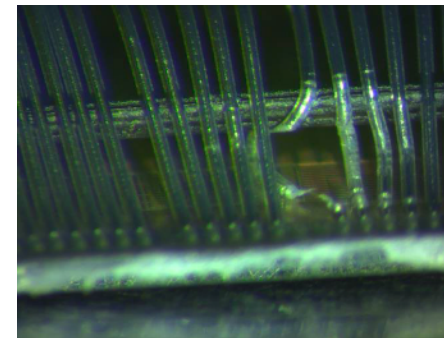
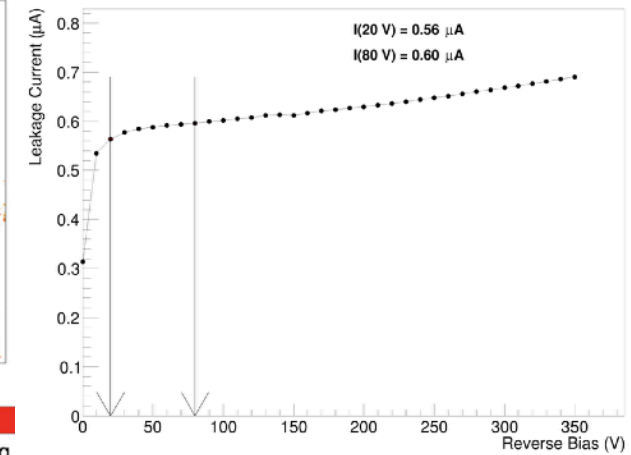
- Electrical tests and Visual inspection during assembly
  - SLDO tests (input, digital and analogue voltages of ROC)
  - Sensor I/V curves
  - Threshold tuning, Pixel scans (dead & inactive pixels)
  - Bump connectivity -> Cross talk measurements
- Issues observed during assembly
  - Broken bump-bonds (non optimal bonding jigs)
  - Issues after coating (contamination on connectors, damage in wire bonds ). Optimisation of procedures in order to mask critical zones

Missing bumps map with crosstalk

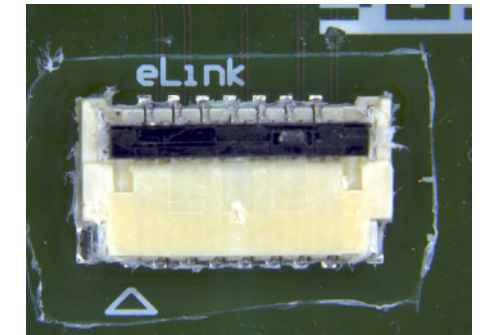


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Planar sensor - I/V curve



Damaged wirebond



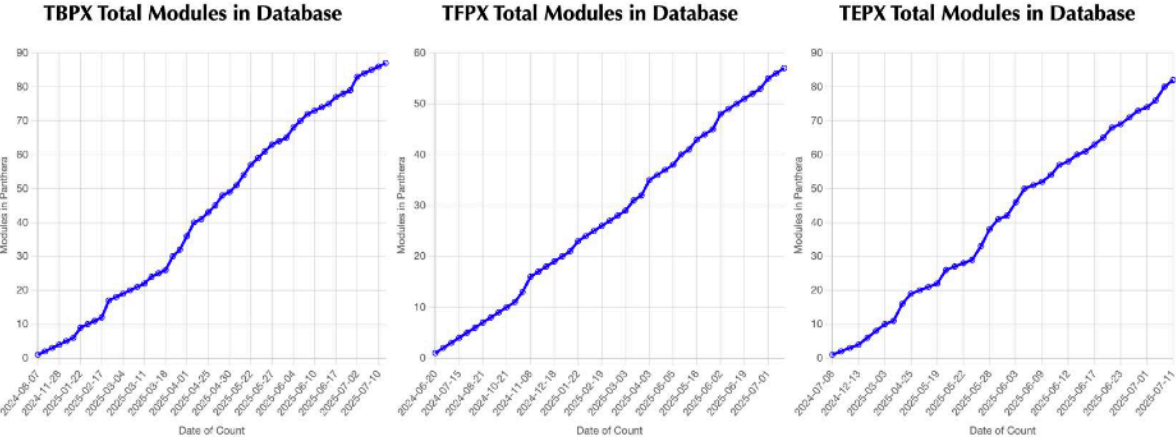
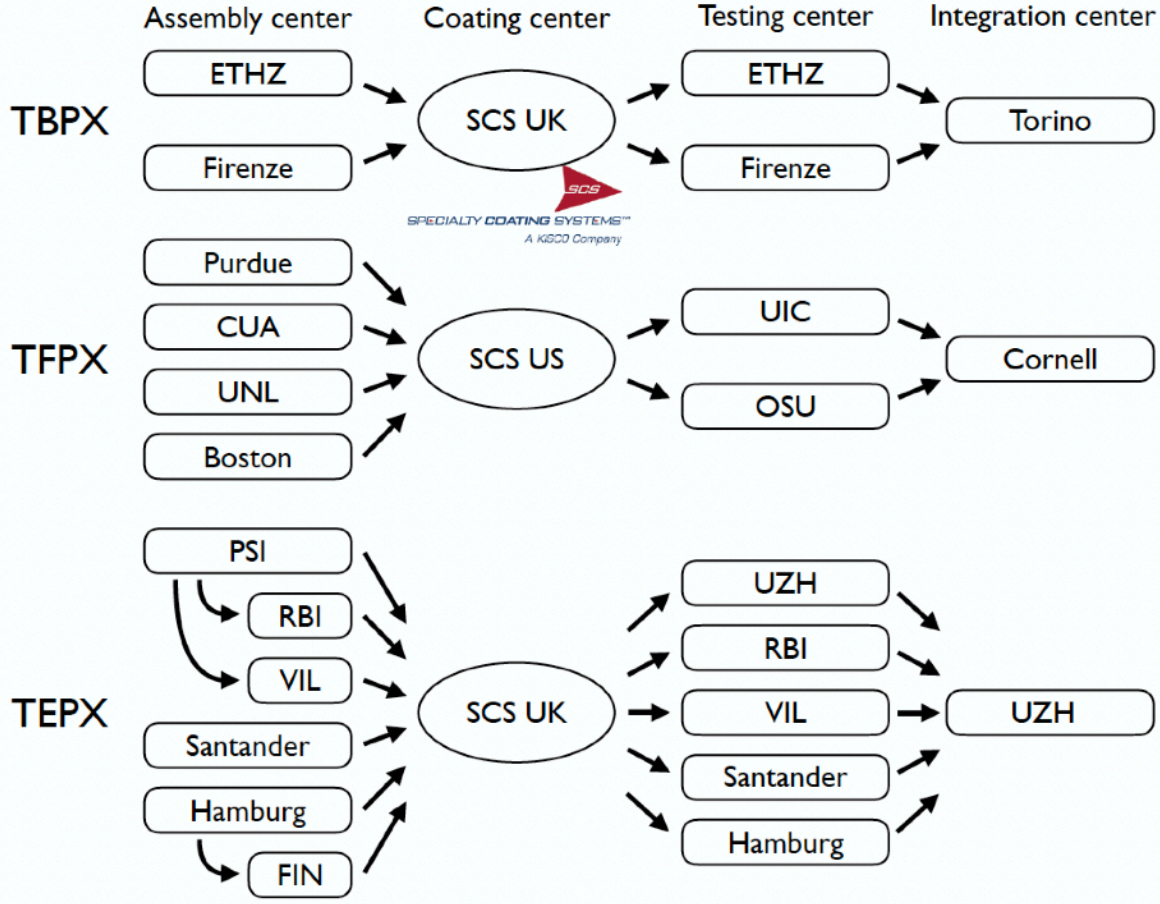
Coating on connector

Talk: [Readout implementation and testing procedures to characterise the pixel detector modules of the CMS inner tracker for the high luminosity upgrade of LHC](#) by Mauro Dinardo

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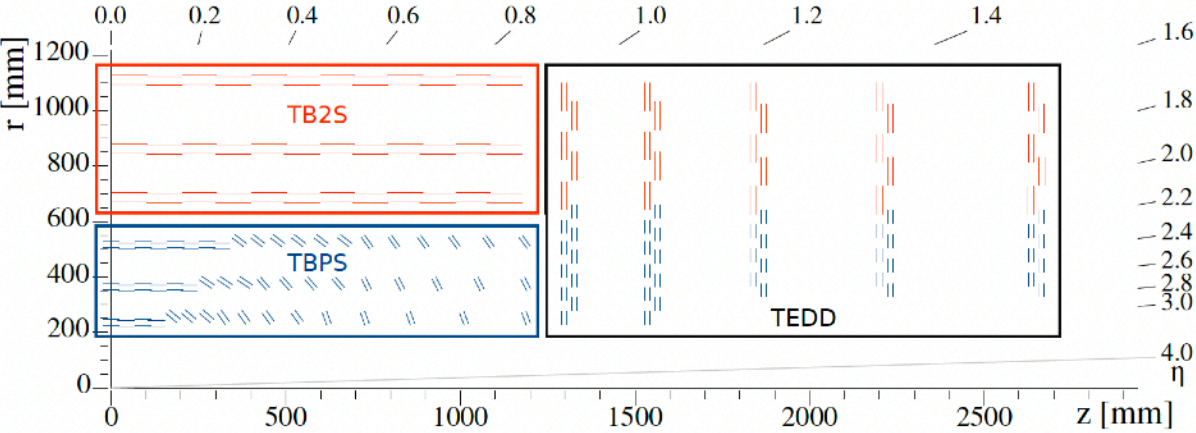
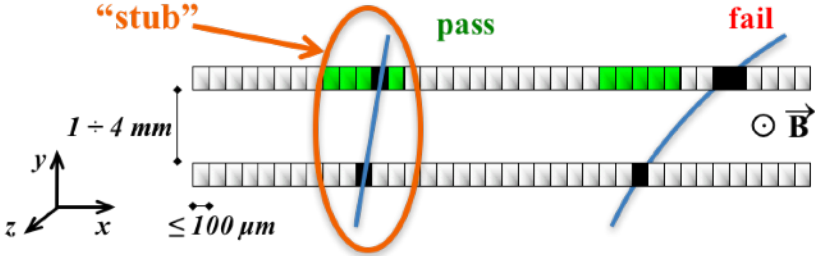
# Inner Tracker: Assembly status

- Module assembly and testing distributed > 10 institutes
- In total 3892 modules required for installation in CMS. More than 6000 modules are planned
- Currently in pre-production -> fall starting production



# Outer Tracker Upgrade

- Increased granularity -> shorter strips & macro-pixels
- Improved radiation hardness -> n-in-p silicon sensors
- Decrease of material budget
- $p_T$  module concept
  - Correlate hits from 2 closely spaced sensors to form “stubs”  $p_T > 2$  GeV
  - Pixel - Strip modules (PS) - Strip - Strip modules (2S)
- Tracker input to the L1 trigger at 40MHz



- Tracker Barrel with 2S modules (TB2S)
- Tracker Barrel with PS modules (TBPS)
- Tracker Endcap Double - Discs (TEDD)

| Module type and variant | TBPS        | TB2S        | TEDD        | Total per variant | Total per type |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2S 1.8 mm               | 0           | 4464        | 2792        | 7256              | 7680           |
| 2S 4.0 mm               | 0           | 0           | 424         | 424               |                |
| PS 1.6 mm               | 826         | 0           | 0           | 826               | 5616           |
| PS 2.6 mm               | 1462        | 0           | 0           | 1462              |                |
| PS 4.0 mm               | 584         | 0           | 2744        | 3328              |                |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>2872</b> | <b>4464</b> | <b>5960</b> | <b>13296</b>      |                |

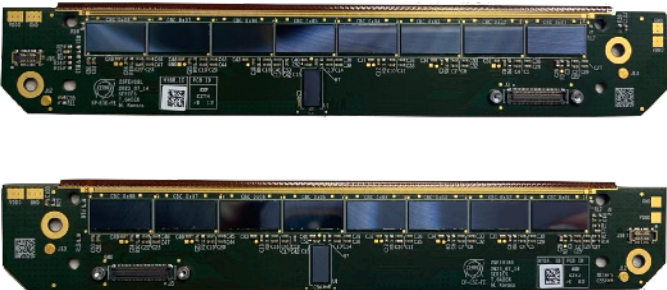
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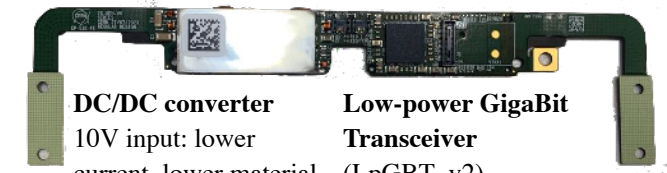
# Outer Tracker: Modules - Strip / Strip (2S)

**2S Module hybrids**

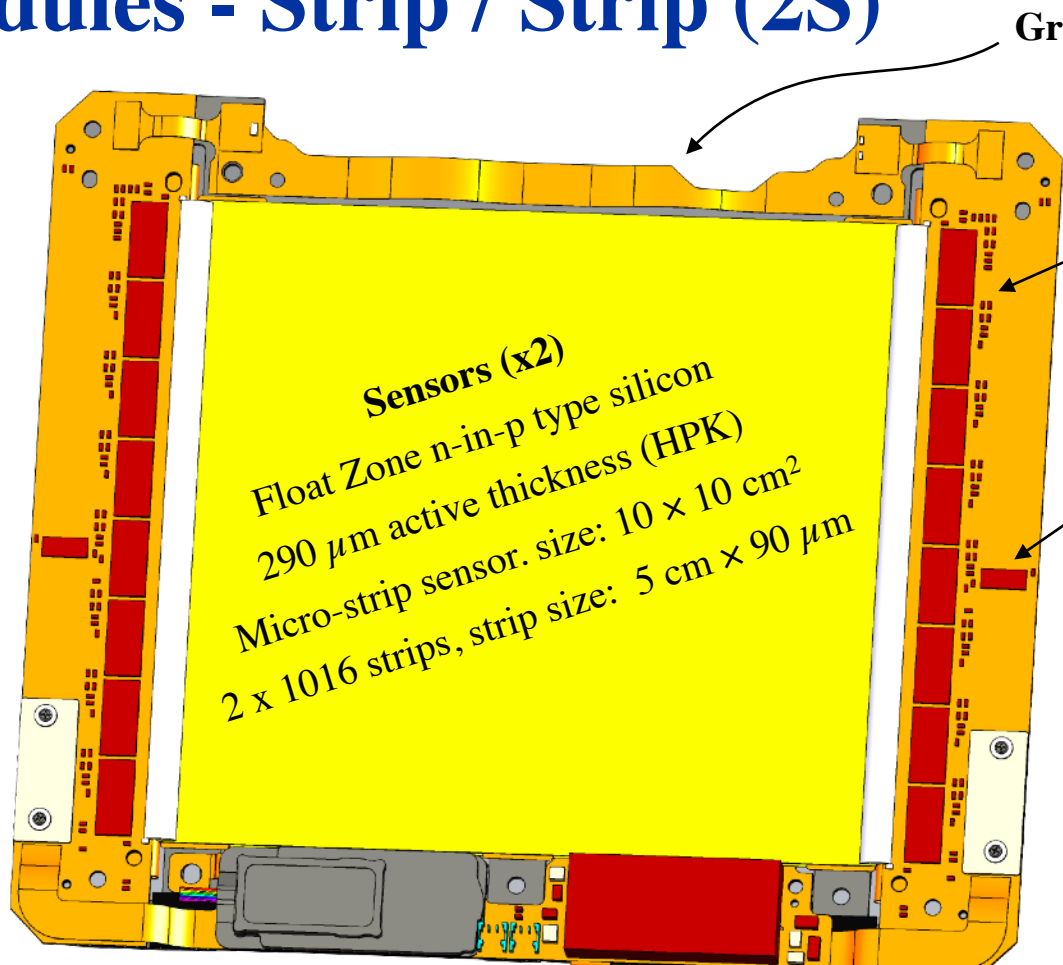
2S Front End Hybrid (x2)



2S Service hybrid



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| <b>DC/DC converter</b><br>10V input: lower current, lower material<br>bPOL12V , bPOL2V5 | <b>Low-power GigaBit Transceiver</b><br>(LpGBT_v2) |
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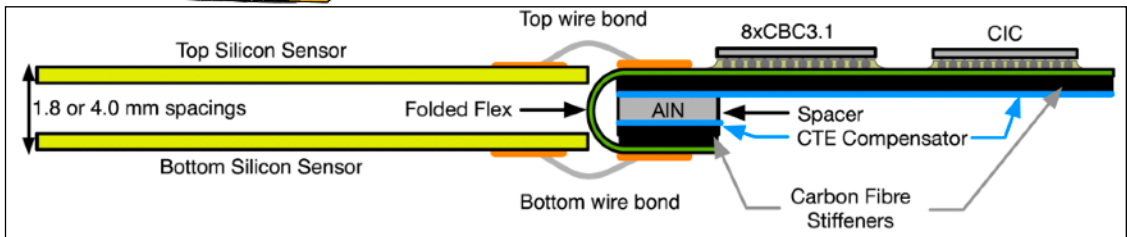
**CMS Binary Chip (CBC) 130nm**  
8 chips/ Front End Hybrid (FEH)  
Readout and stub finding for L1T  
Reads out both sensors  
254 channels per chip

**Concentrator Chip (CIC) 65nm**  
1 chip/ FEH  
Receives L1 information and serialises the data

**2SFEH Spacing variants:**  
1.8mm  
4.0mm

Max fluence at 4000fb<sup>-1</sup>: 4.9 × 10<sup>14</sup> n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

VTRX+: 5 Gb/s optical readout + Light shield



# Outer Tracker: Modules - Pixel / Strip (PS)

## Short-Strip ASIC (SSA) 65nm

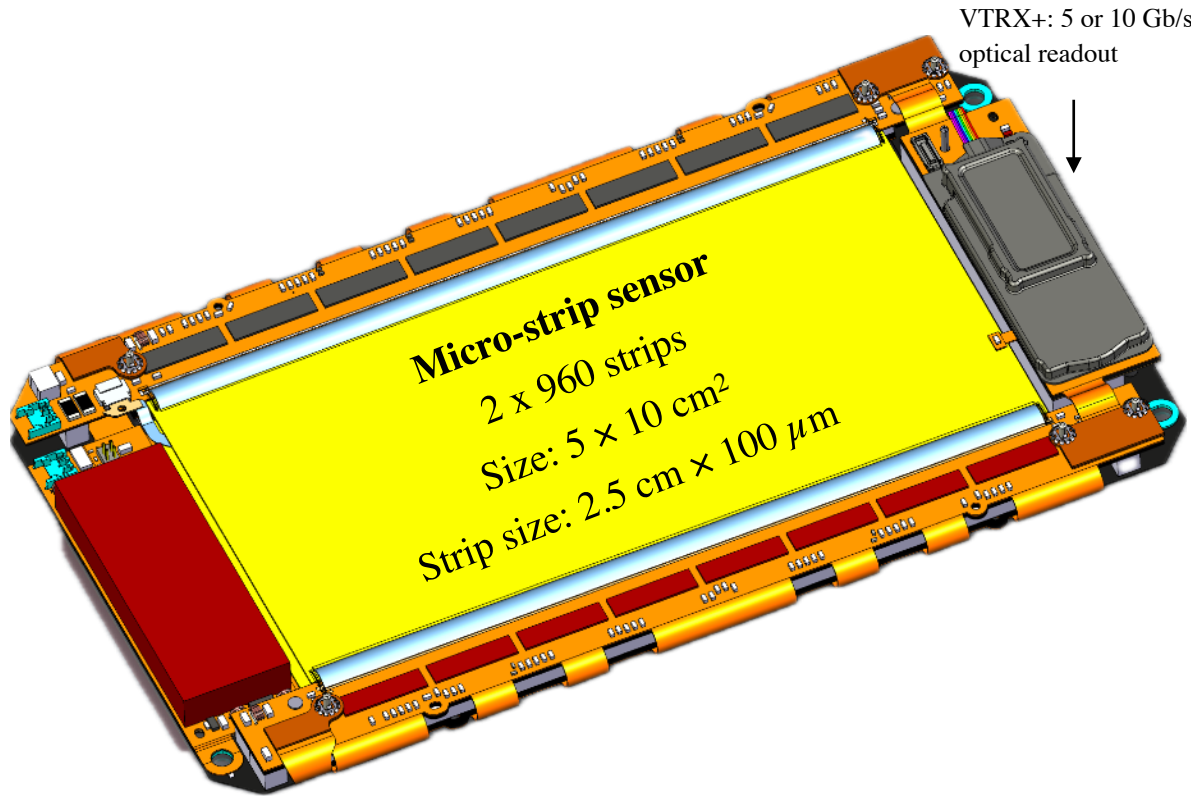
Readout of sensors, 8 / FEH  
 SSA sends cluster and L1 information to MPA to enable match in space and time

## Concentrator Chip (CIC) 65nm

Back side of the hybrid (common with 2S modules), 1 / FEH (back side)

## Macro-Pixel ASIC (MPA)

Stub finding  
 Bump bonded to the sensor  
 16 / Module

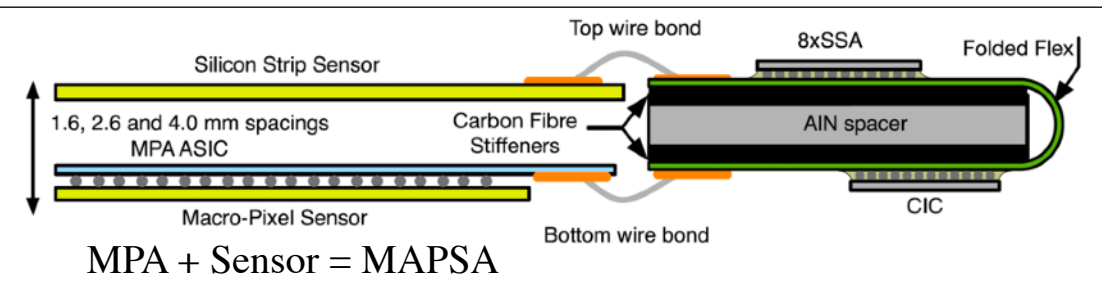


**PS Module hybrids**

PS Readout Hybrid  
 2 variants: 10 / 5G, LpGBT\_v2

PS Front End Hybrid (x2)  
 Spacing variants: 1.6mm, 2.6mm, 4.0mm

PS Power Hybrid  
 DC/DC: bPOL12V , bPOL2V5

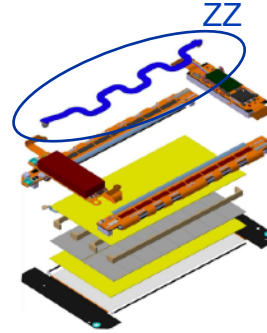


**Macro-pixel sensor**  
 32 × 960 pixels  
 Size: 5 × 10 cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Pixel size: 1.5 mm × 100 μm

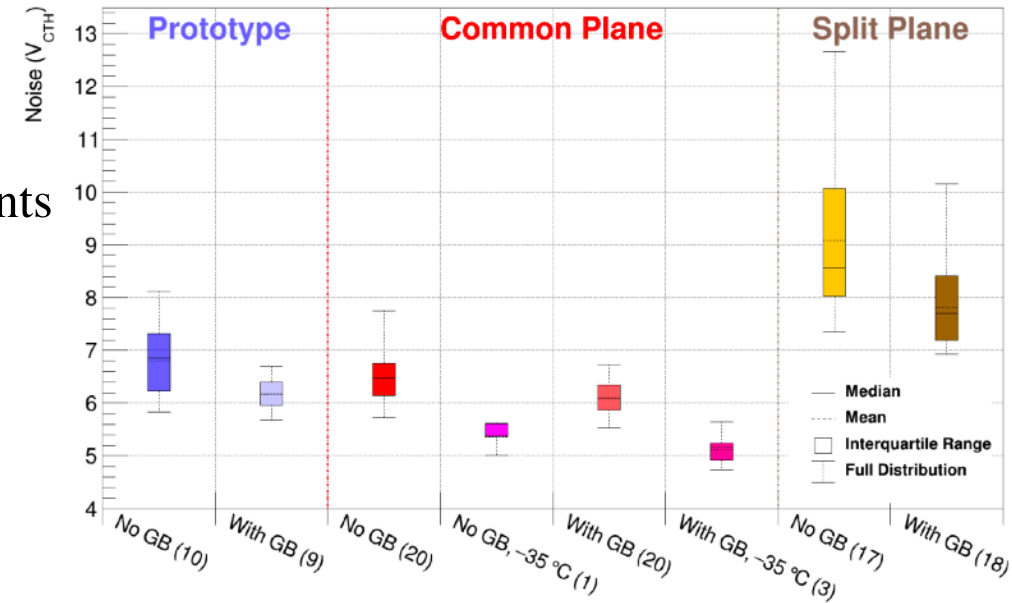
Max fluence at 4000fb<sup>-1</sup>: 1.4 × 10<sup>15</sup> n<sub>eq</sub>/cm<sup>2</sup>

# Outer Tracker: Hybrids optimisation

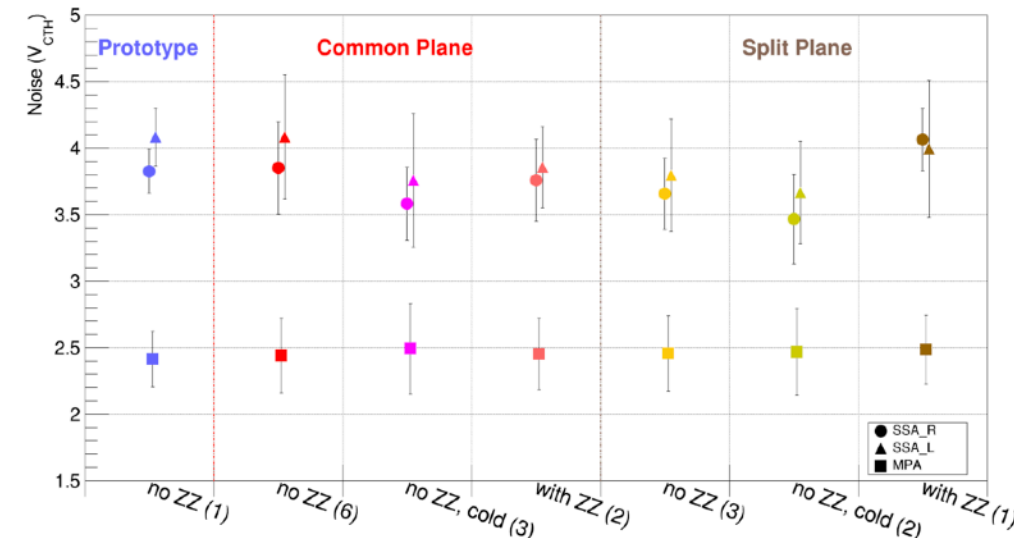
- Grounding optimisation
  - PSPOH & 2SSEH ground: DC outputs and switching power currents
    - Common plane vs Split plane
- 2S: Ground Balancer (GB) / PS: ZZ connection
- Final choices:
  - 2S: Common plane with Ground Balancer
  - PS: Common plane with no ZZ connection
- Oscillations in PSPOH at cold -> increased noise
  - Optimisation of the PSPOH DC-DC stage
- Fold over integrity
  - PSFEH cracks in the fold over -> 4 layer -> 5 layer design



2S Module Noise Comparison

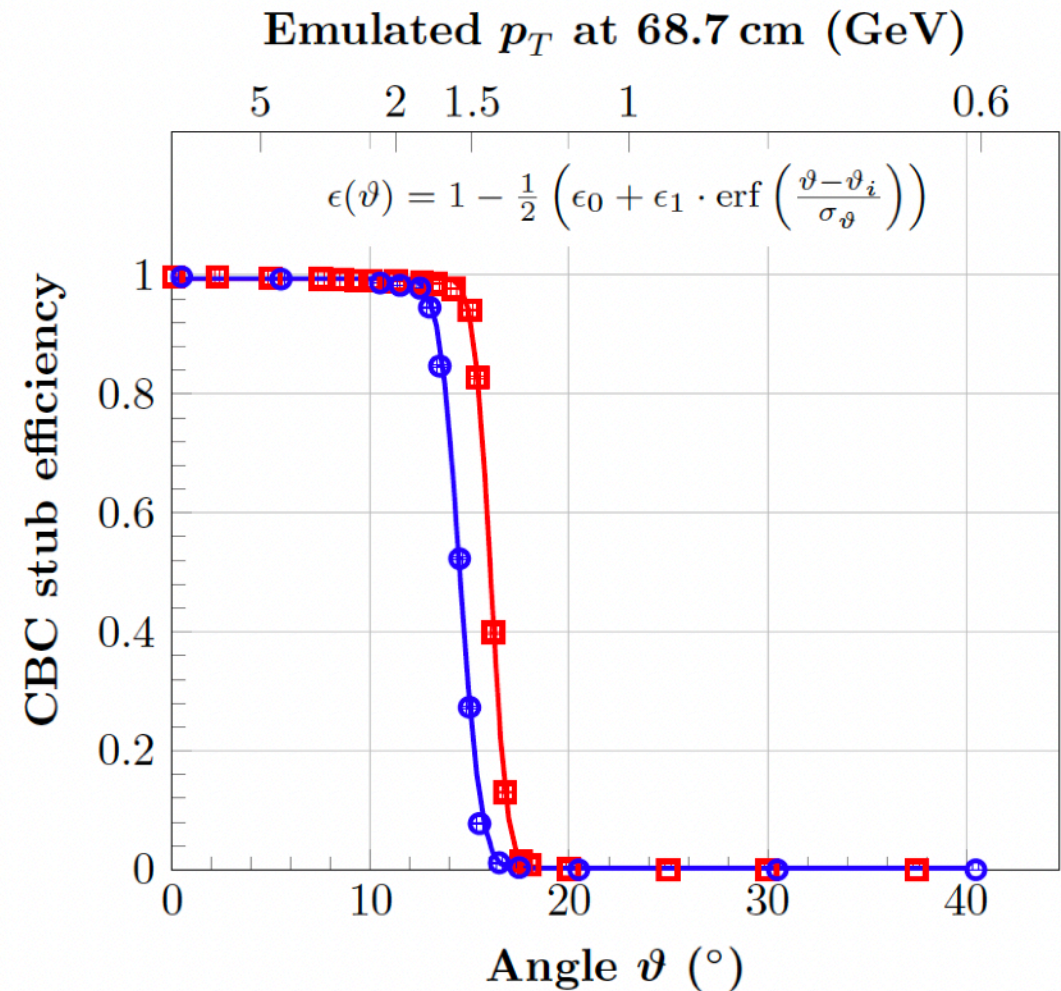


PS Module Noise Comparison [CMS-CR-2025-081](#)



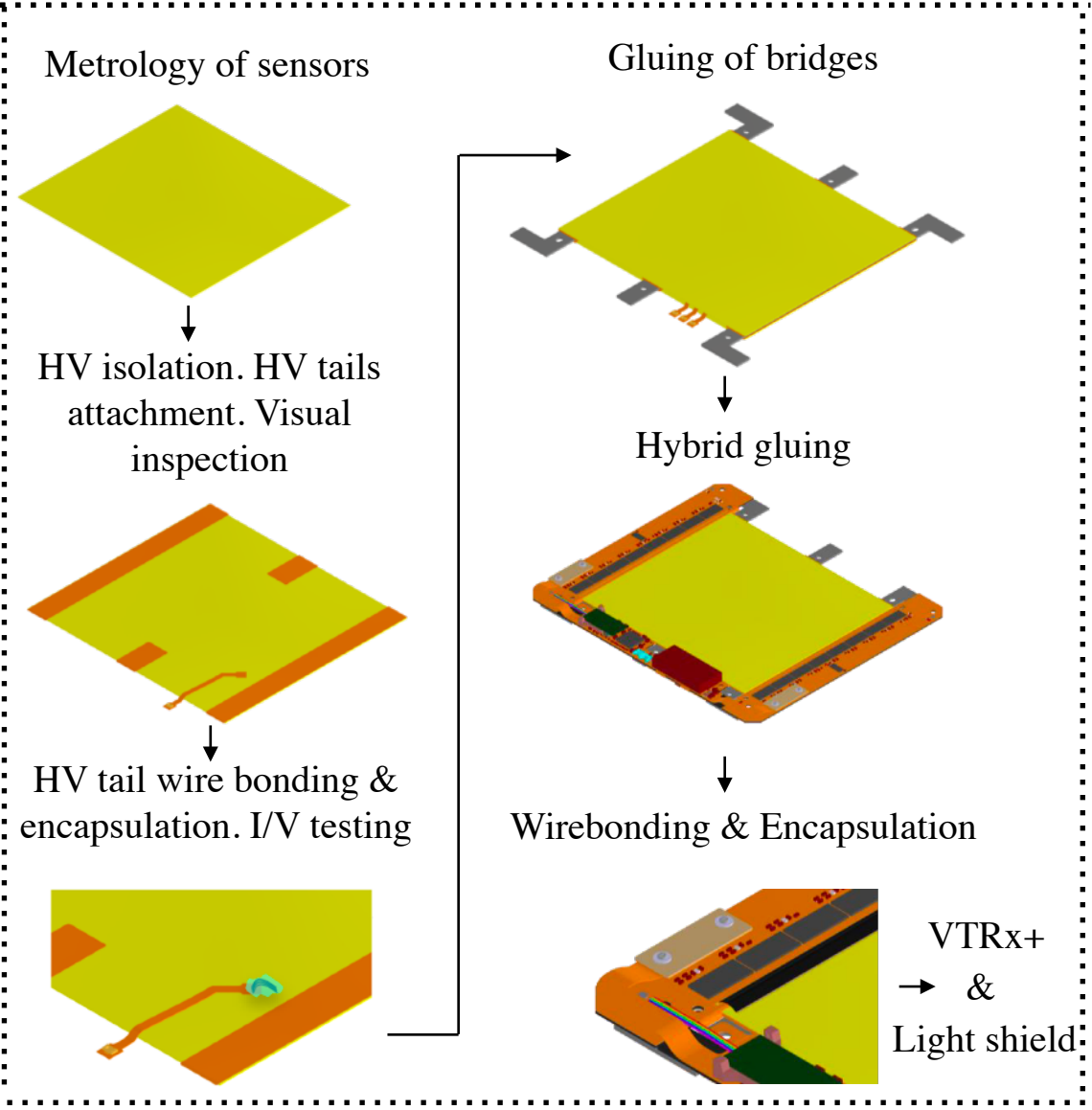
# Outer Tracker: Irradiation studies

- Conditions:
  - 2S prototype irradiated module (blue) at  $4.6 \times 10^{14} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$ , Stub window size:  $\pm 4.5$  strips,  $V = 600\text{V}$
  - 2S prototype non irradiated module (red), Stub window size:  $\pm 5$  strips,  $V = 300\text{V}$
  - 68.7cm  $\rightarrow$  closest distance of 2S modules to the interaction point
- Stub efficiency:
  - Drop at  $\sim 16^\circ$  and  $14.5^\circ$
  - Meeting the geometrical expectations



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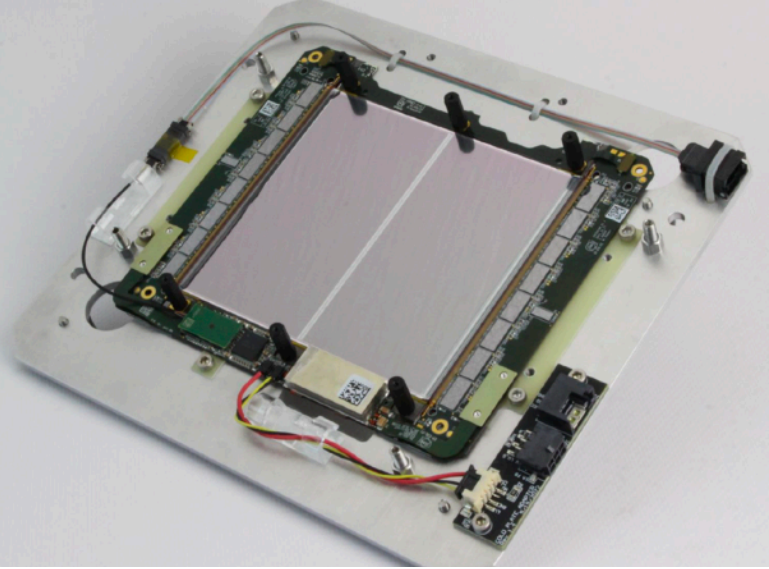
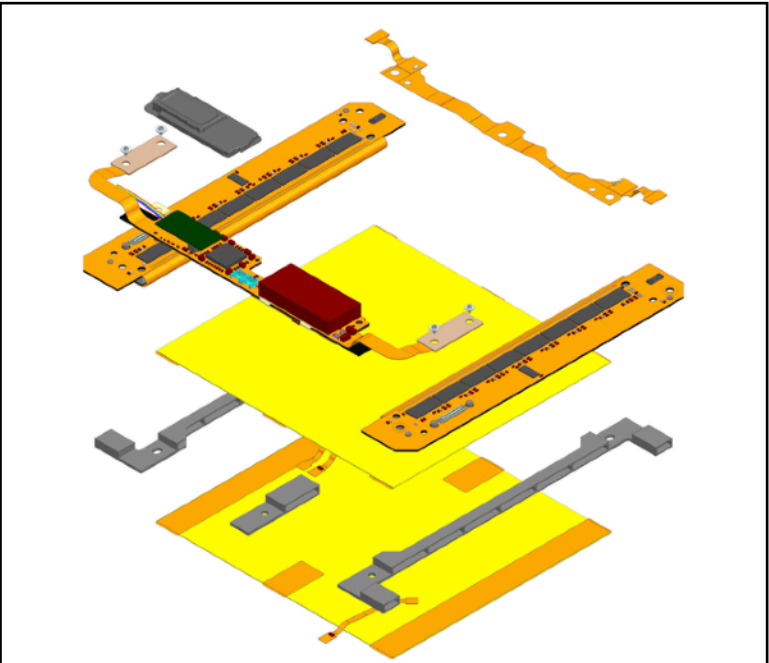
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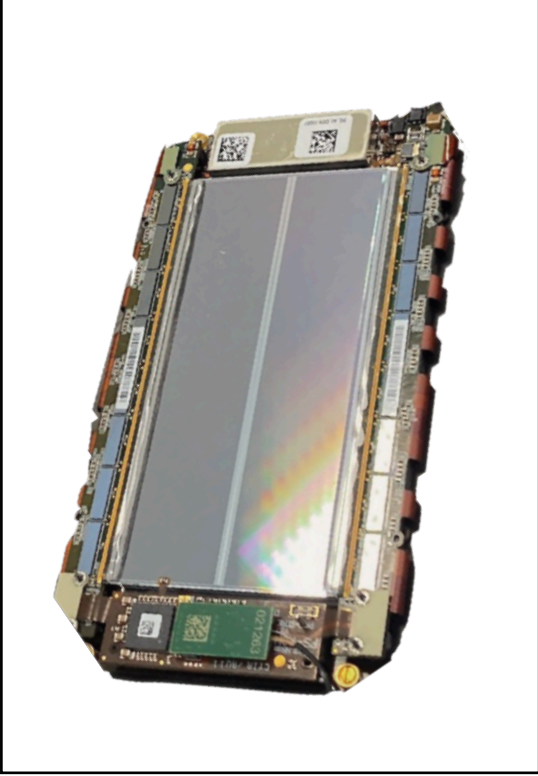
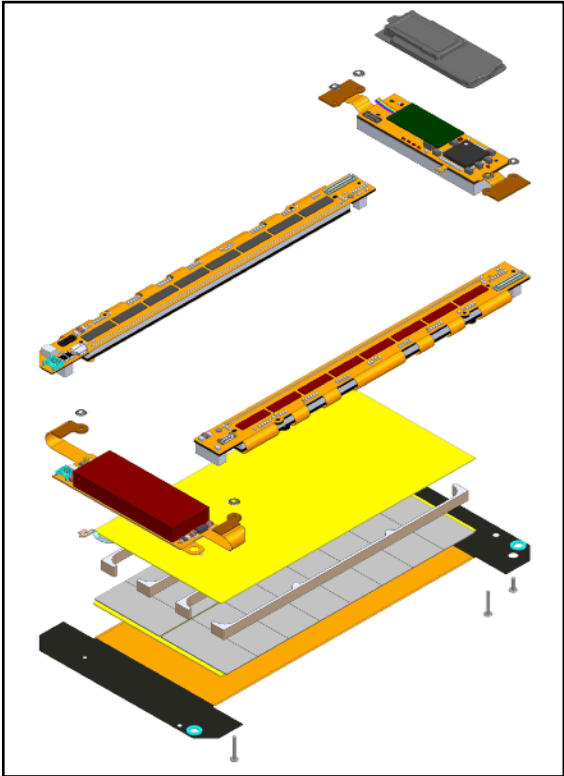
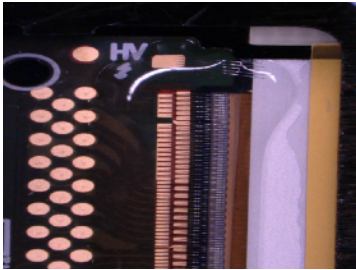
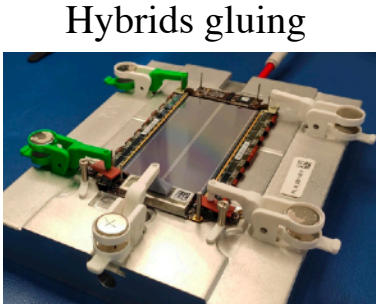
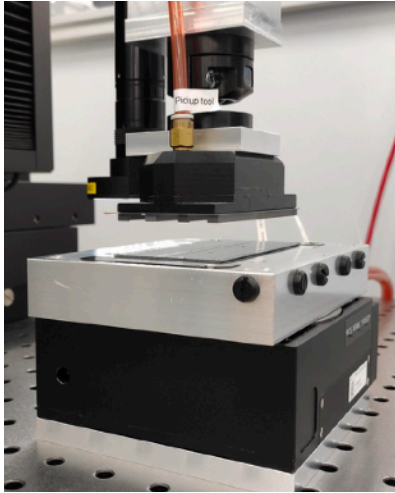
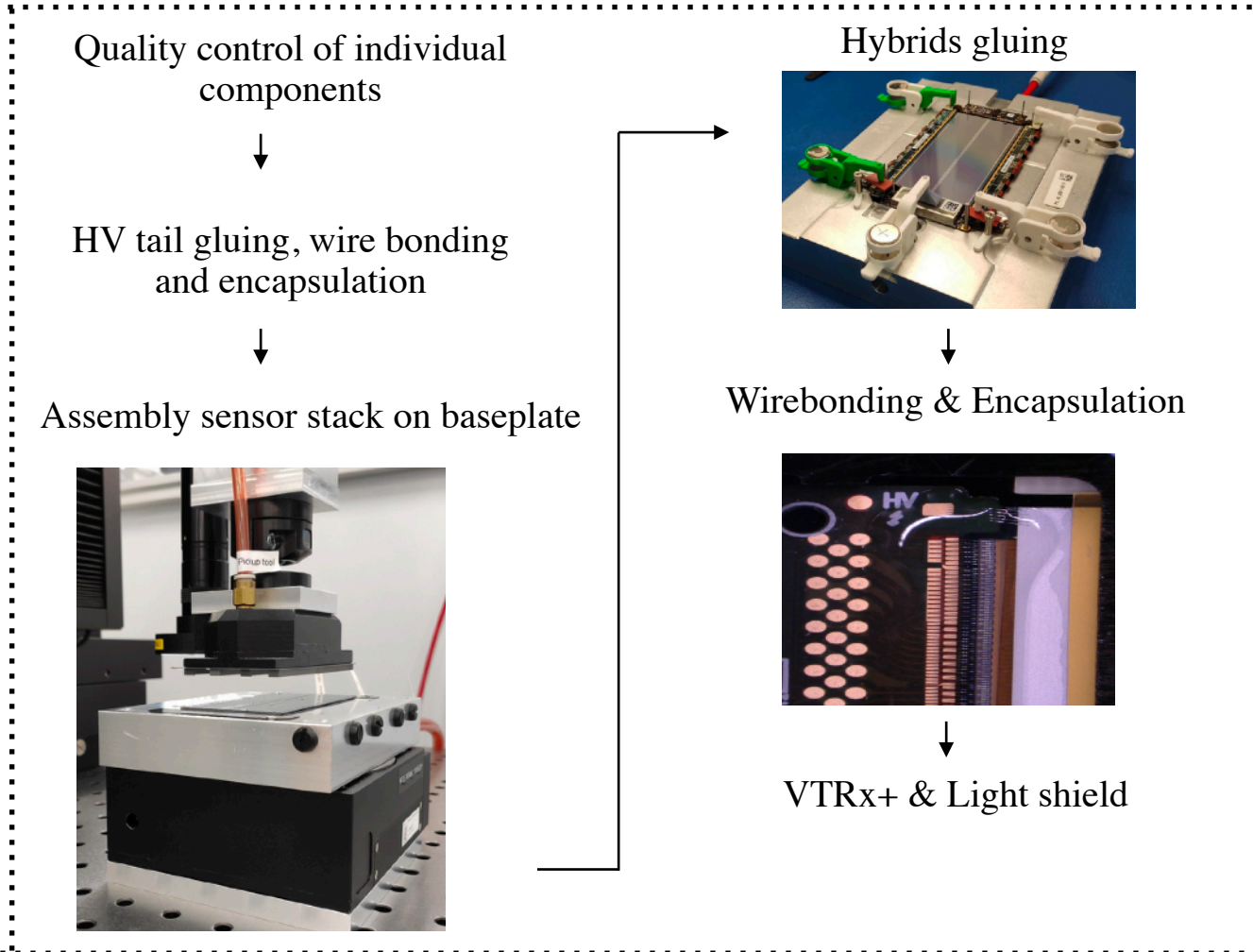
- Skeleton test on hybrids, before hybrid gluing



- Electrical tests & Metrology at different production stages



# Outer Tracker: PS Module assembly



- Electrical tests & Metrology at different production stages
- Automated procedures to comply with the high precisions

# Outer Tracker: Module Quality Control

- Module electrical tests
  - I/V characteristic of the sensors before and after assembly
  - Configuration of the module, chip alignment and verification
  - Noise measurements
- Module Burn-in
  - 48h thermal cycles between 20 °C to -35 °C
  - Electrical tests at 5 different cycles



Analysis, Grading & Database storage of module results

Phase 2 Outer Tracker Analyzer of Test Outputs

**POTATO!**

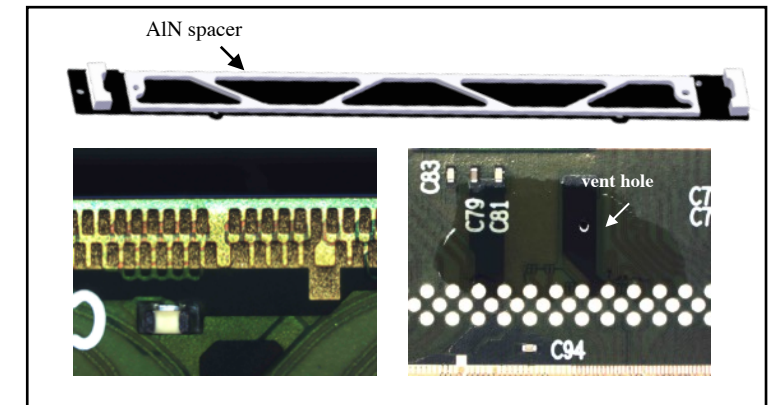
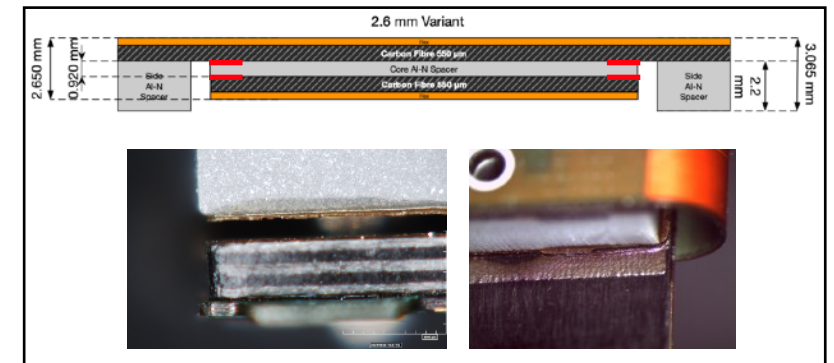
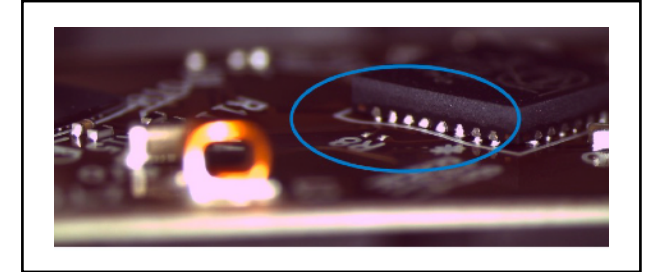
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[Quality-control tools for CMS Phase-2 Outer Tracker module production](#) by Micah Hilman

# Outer Tracker: Assembly insights (hybrids)

- Flex delamination in hybrids of PS family
  - Delamination - induced bulges on the surface of the flex. Confirmed with cross sections.
  - Improvements in the drying process of bare flexes
- Cracks in the glue joints in PS-FEHs between CF stiffener and AlN spacer (2.6 & 4.0mm versions) after reflow
  - Improvements in the gluing process
- Contamination on wire bonding pads (FEH)
  - Main source: Trapping of cleaning agent in the cavities of the spacers, entering through the vent holes
  - Wire bonding pads cleaning -> in place. Different spacer designs available - under investigation.

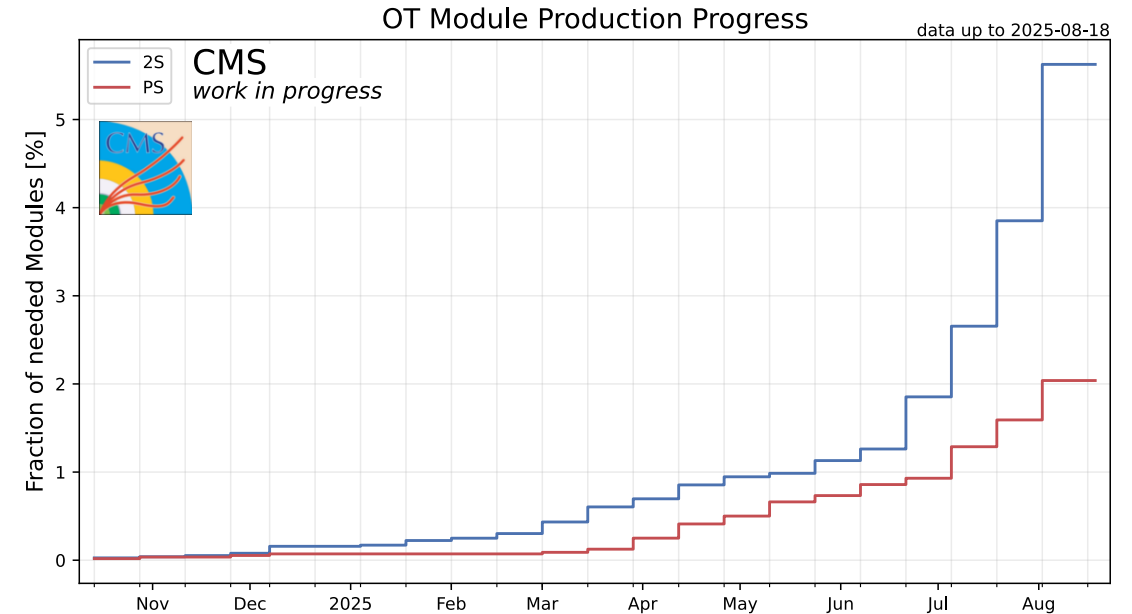


# Outer Tracker: Assembly insights (modules)

- MaPSA HV isolation initially with kapton strips. Difficulties in application and in long term reliability. Sylgard -> sensor to MPA isolation.
- Alignment issues of MaPSA and FEH hybrid.
  - Differences in actual MPA/MaPSA dimensions and CAD model.
  - Resolved with alignment pin adjustments.
- Tooling adjustments to facilitate the assembly of different module thicknesses.
- Mitigation of lpGBT issue
  - lpGBT v1 hybrids were intentionally not glued to the modules, to facilitate replacement
  - lpGBT v2 hybrids -> distributed. To be glued to modules & complete QC

# Outer Tracker: Assembly status

- PS modules: 5 production centers in Europe and US
- 2S modules: 7 production centers in Europe, US, India and Pakistan
- Pipeline assembly (one by one) -> Parallelised assembly of modules
- Module production rates -> Increasing
- 2S scaled up in June. PS limited by FEH availability
- Module production monitoring
  - Latest assembly status & quality
  - Production plan
  - Logistics: module components / site
  - Tracking of shipments



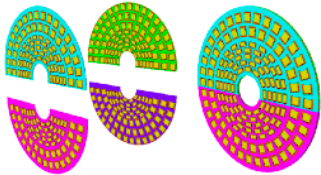
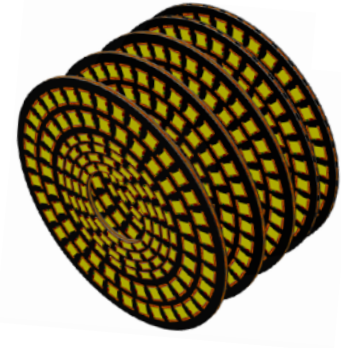
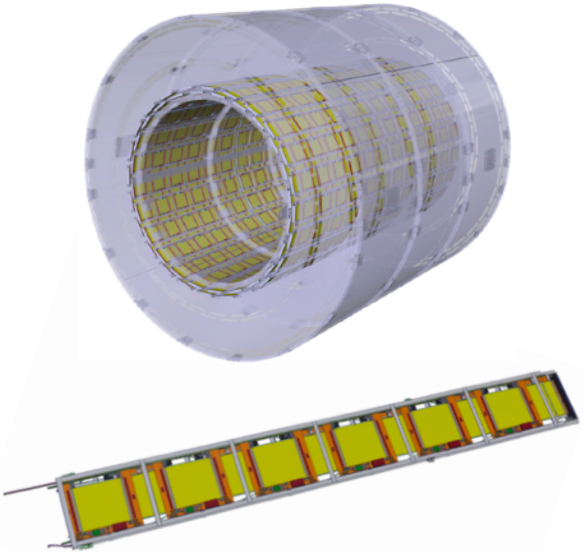
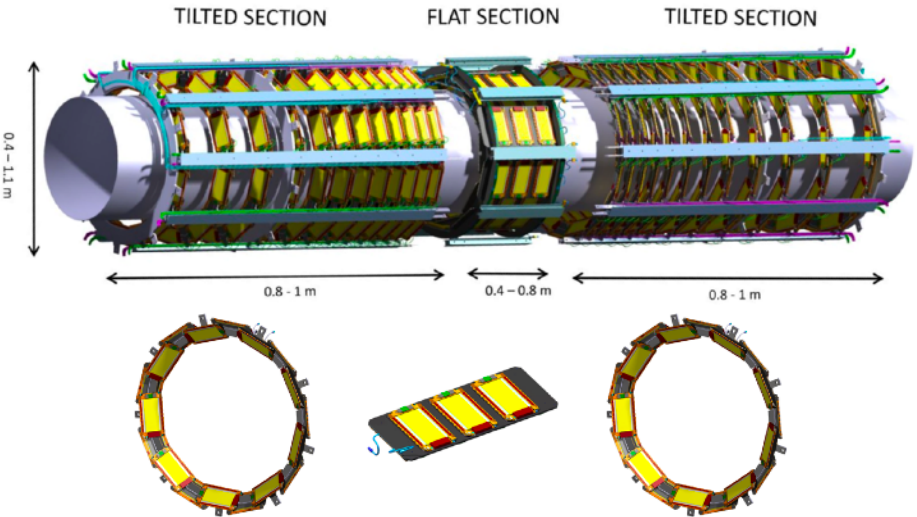
Fraction of needed modules produced excluding spares grouped by module type. The granularity is in production periods of two weeks.

# Outer Tracker: Mechanics

- TBPS
  - Planks & Rings

- TB2S
  - Ladders -> Cylindrical layers

- TEDD
  - Double disks with dees (D shaped parts)

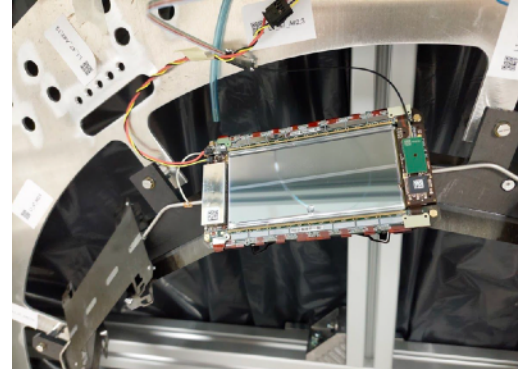


Bi-phase CO<sub>2</sub> cooling -> Operating temperature -35 °C

Talk: [Mechanical Design and Integration of the CMS Phase-2 Tracker](#) by Pierre Rose

# Outer Tracker: Integration

- TB2S
  - Fully integrated ladders -> Mechanical & thermal integrity validated
  - Electrical testing at different temperatures and comparison with single module results
- TBPS
  - Electrical tests (noise) at room temperature and at cold
  - Evaluation of the ground connection
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  - Module integration process, routing of services & tooling -> Validated for a sector
  - Evaluation: Electrical testing & Thermal tests



TBPS ring



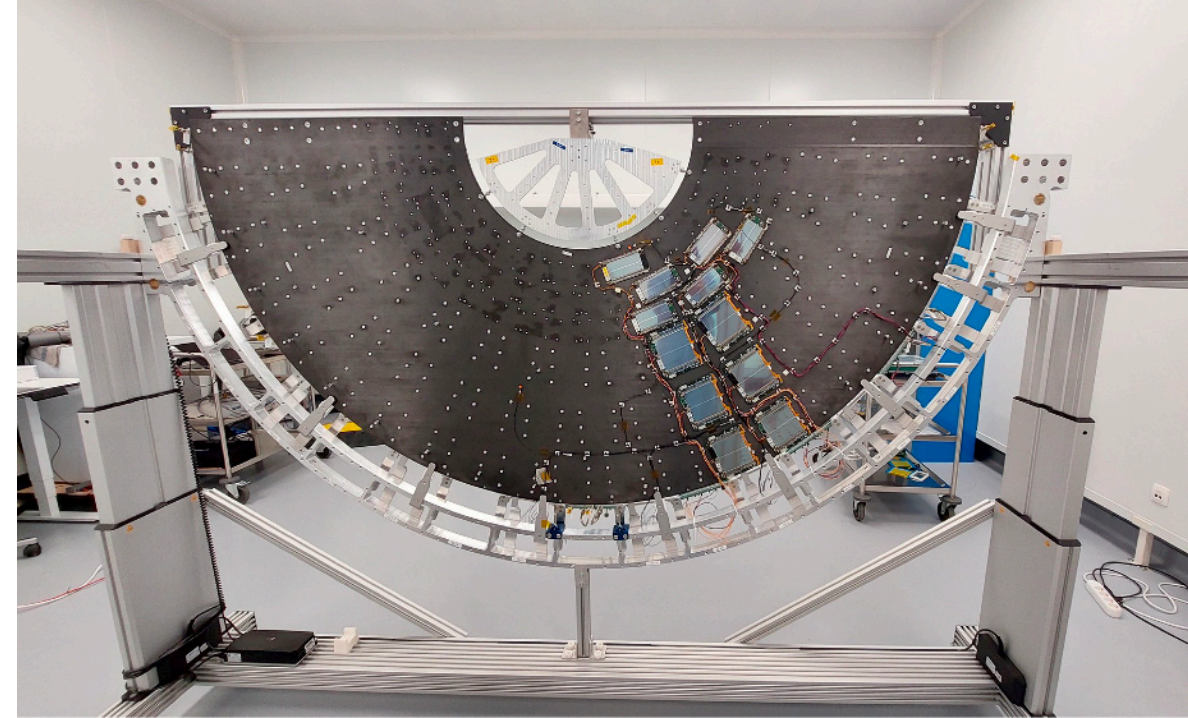
TBPS plank



TB2S ladder

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# Conclusions

- Inner Tracker
  - Key design choices: smaller pixels for low occupancy, extended acceptance, serial powering
  - Pre-production phase -> several modules were assembled and tested
  - Automated assembly & QC procedures -> high throughput production
  - Production is starting for ~ 4000 required in 3 years
- Outer Tracker
  - Key design choices:  $p_T$  module concept -> input to L1 trigger, reduced material budget
  - Module assembly & QC -> well established processes. Limitations on the PS -> hybrid issues being addressed
  - Integration of final modules (LpGBTv2) on larger structures is imminent
  - Production phase 2025 - 2027 ~ 13k modules

Thank you!