

# The ATLAS ITk Strip Detector for the Phase-II LHC Upgrade



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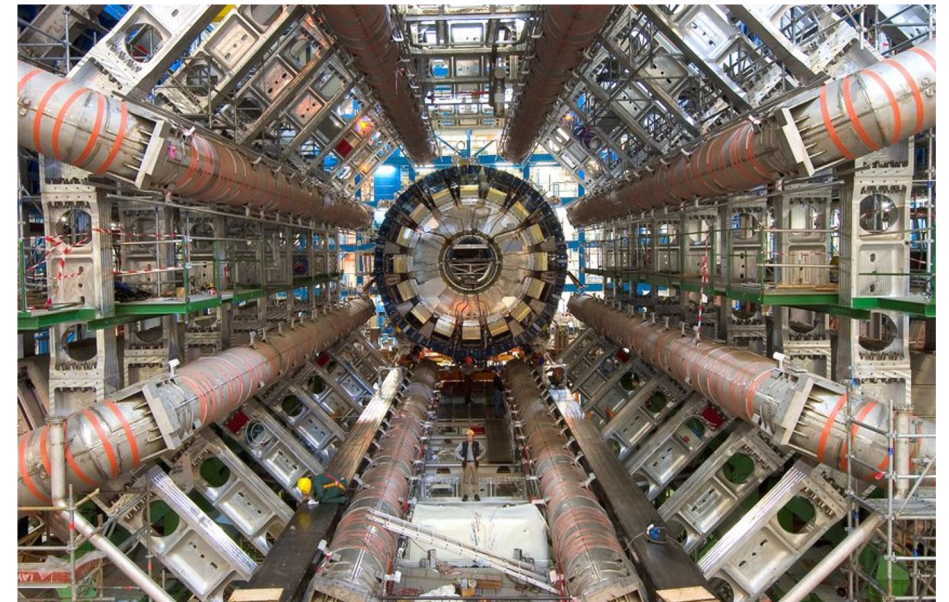
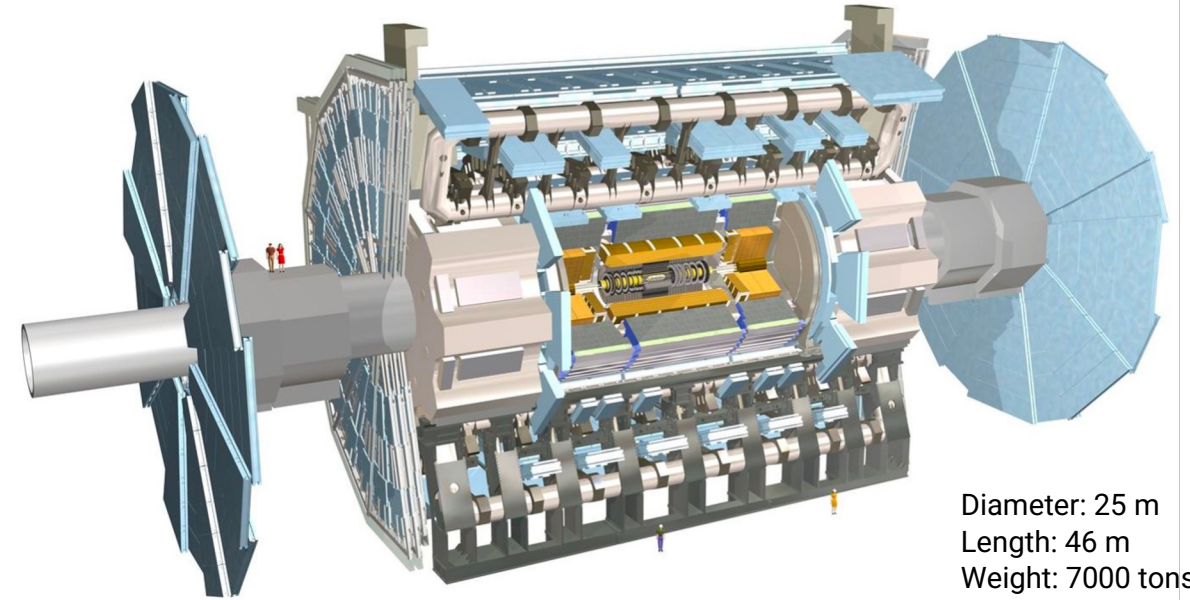
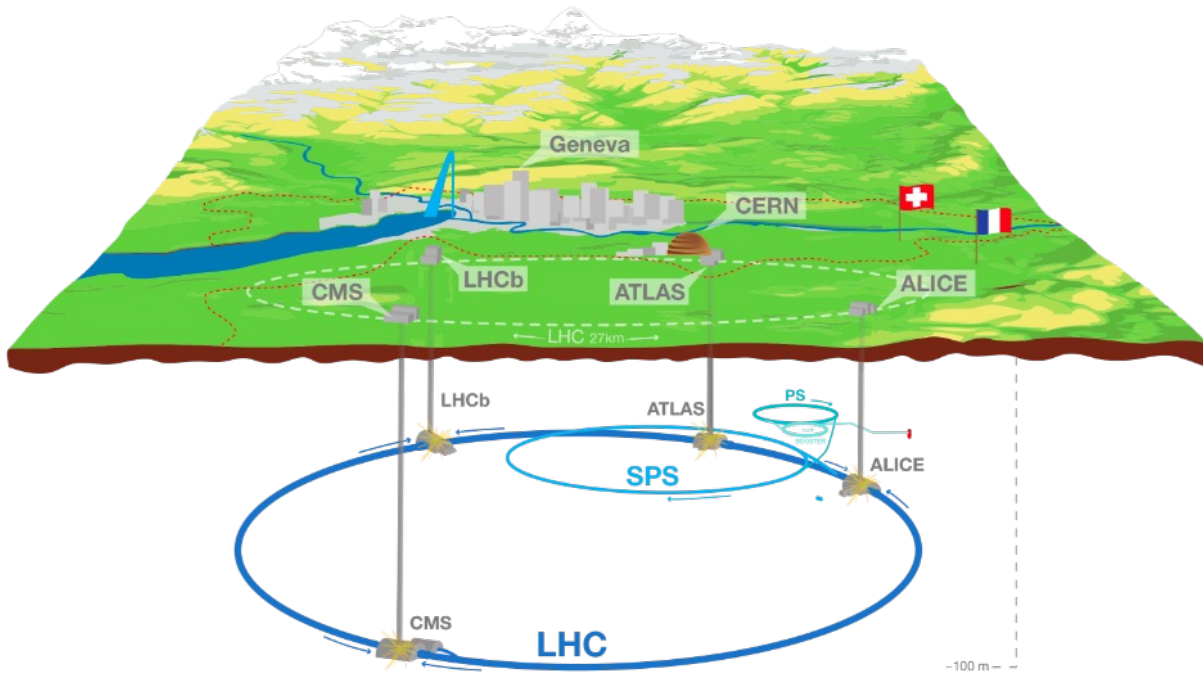


# Overview

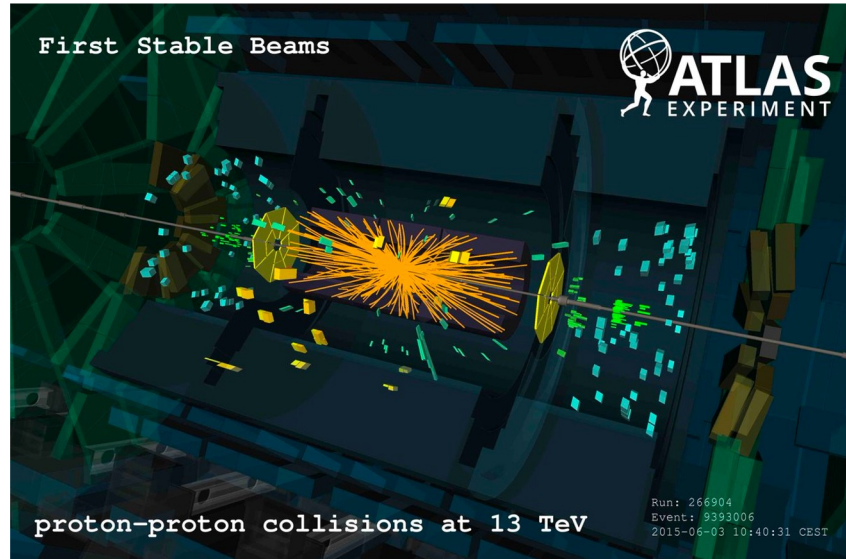
- ✓ LHC and the ATLAS detector
- ✓ Tracker, high luminosity upgrade and needs
- ✓ The next ATLAS Inner Tracker (ITk)
- ✓ The strip detector
- ✓ ITk production status and schedule

# LHC and the ATLAS detector

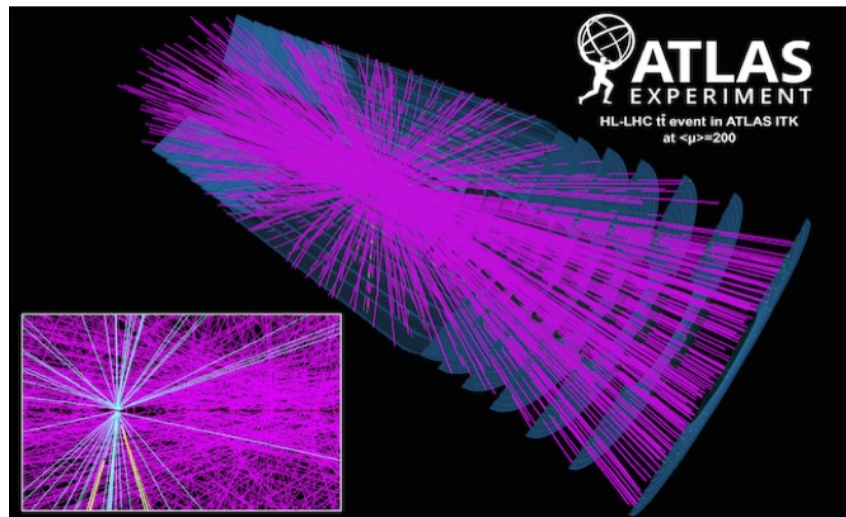
## A Toroidal Apparatus



# Tracker performance



Proton-proton collision in the current tracker



Proton-proton collision in the future ATLAS inner tracker, during HL-LHC

# Upgrade to HL-LHC

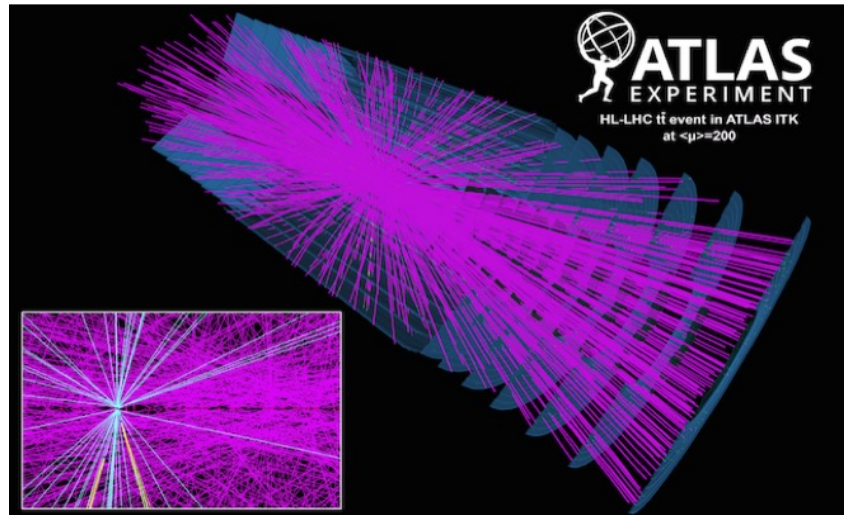
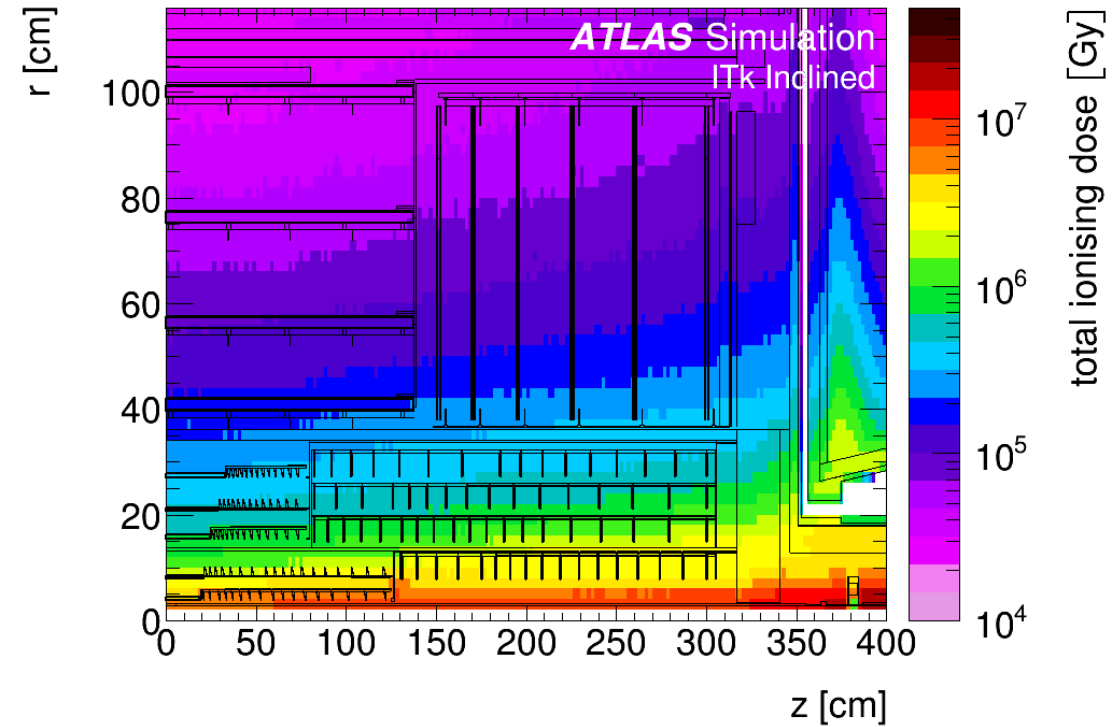
Particle densities and radiation levels will exceed current levels by factor 10

Instantaneous luminosity will reach  $7 \times 10^{34} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Up to 200 p-p interactions per bunch crossing

Large particle fluences, unprecedentedly high levels of radiation, pile-up

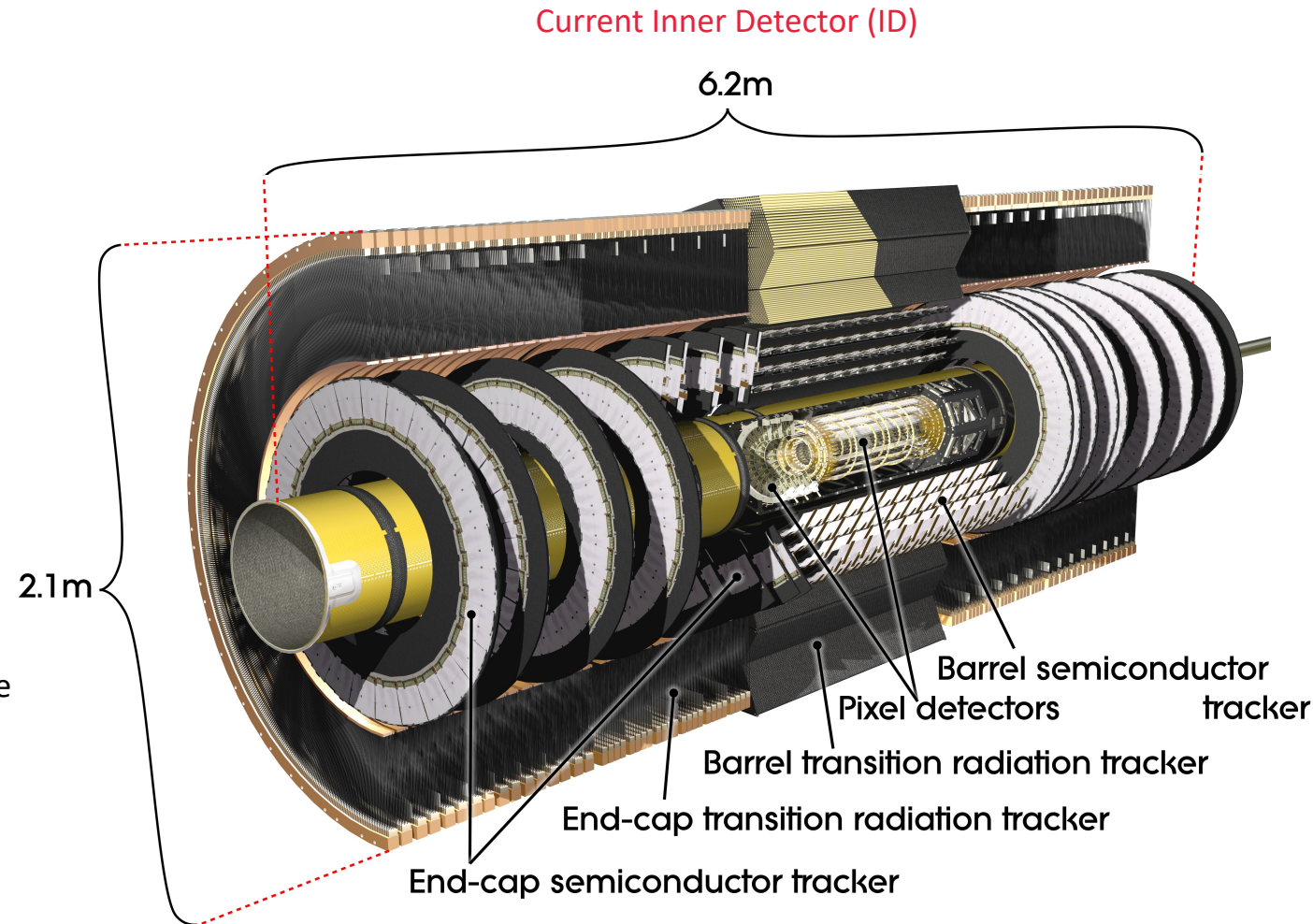
Plot from:  
Technical Design Report for the ATLAS Inner Tracker Strip Detector. ATLAS-TDR-025



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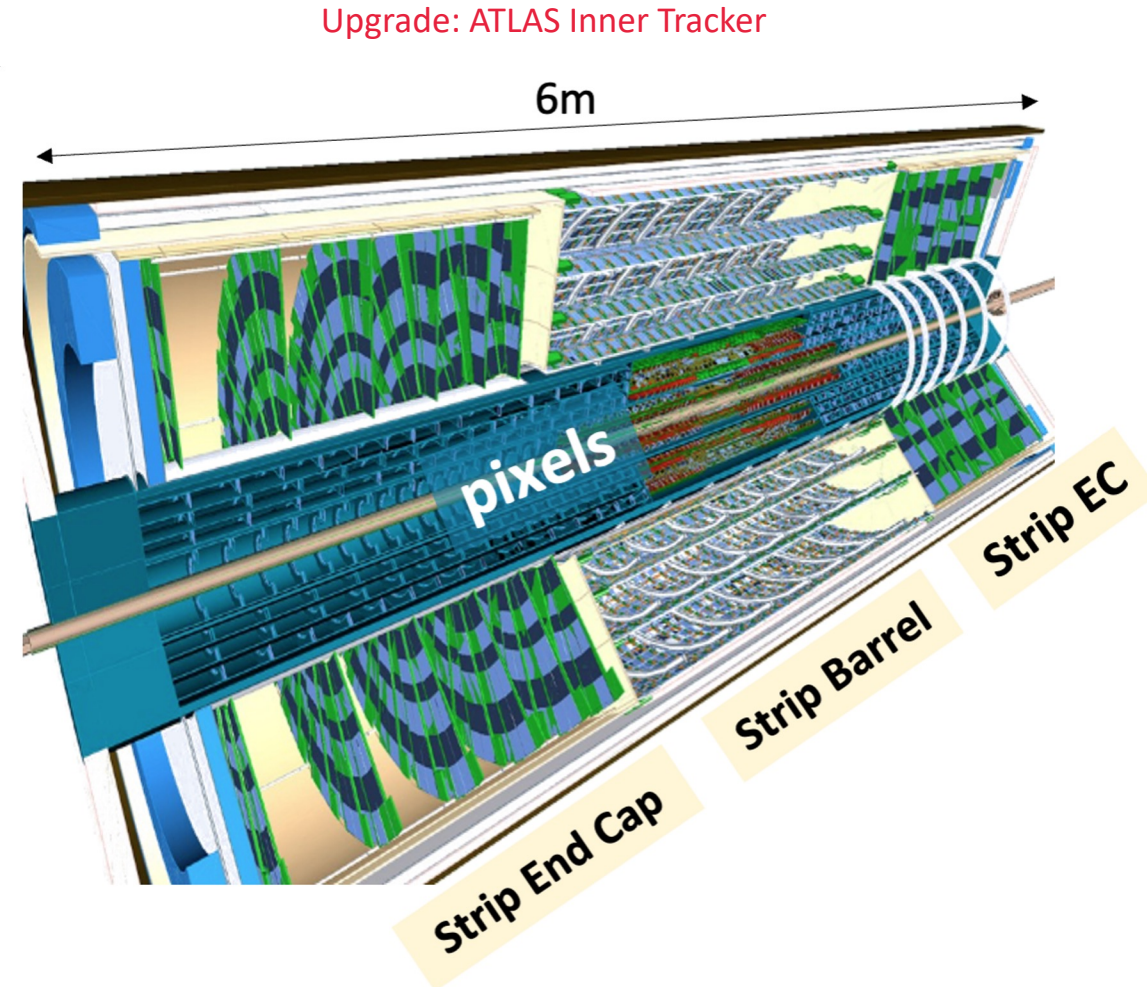
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- Higher radiation tolerance → high fluence
- Higher granularity → keep low occupancy
- Faster response → high track density
- Novel powering solutions → power x10 more channels
- Reduced material in tracking volume → keep performance
- Reduced pitch → improve high  $p_T$  performance
- Reduced sensor cost → cover larger area ( $\sim 175 \text{ m}^2$ )
- Trigger rate increased from 100 kHz to 1 MHz → bigger event size



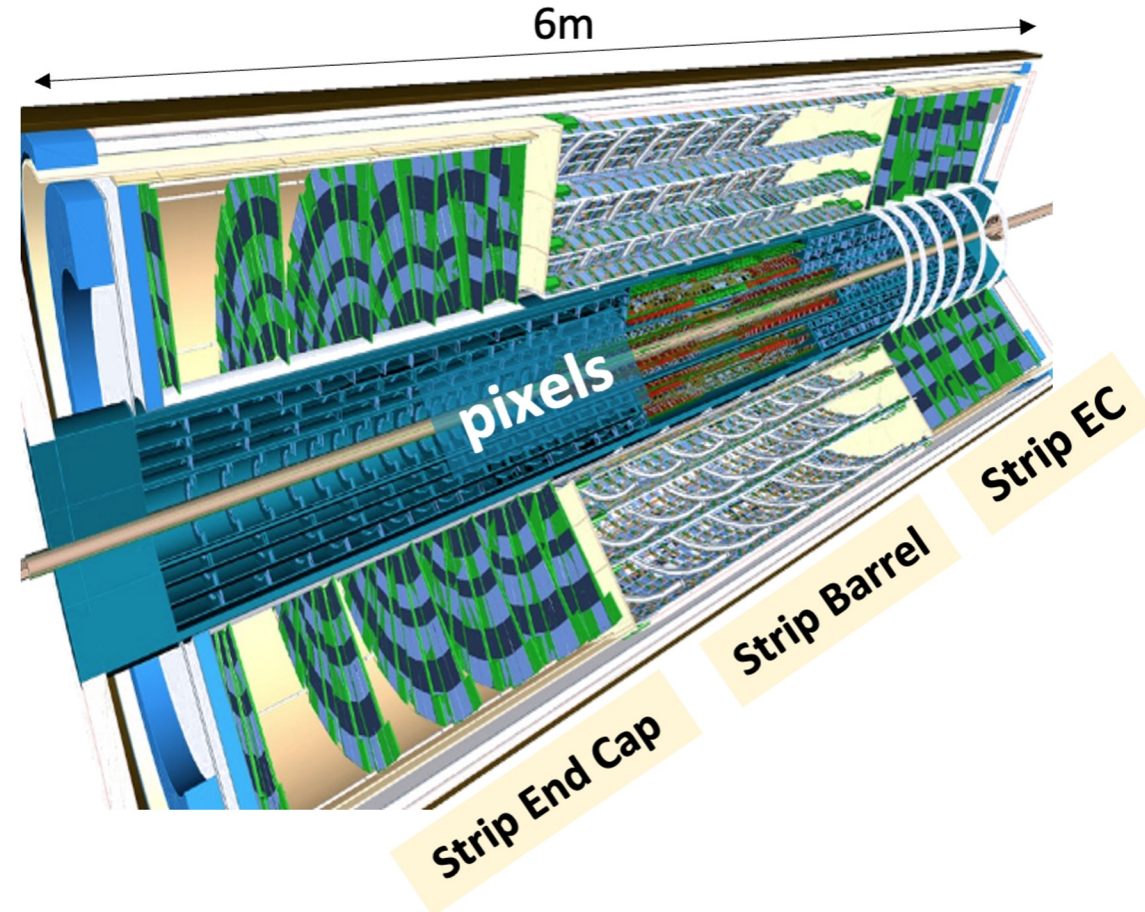
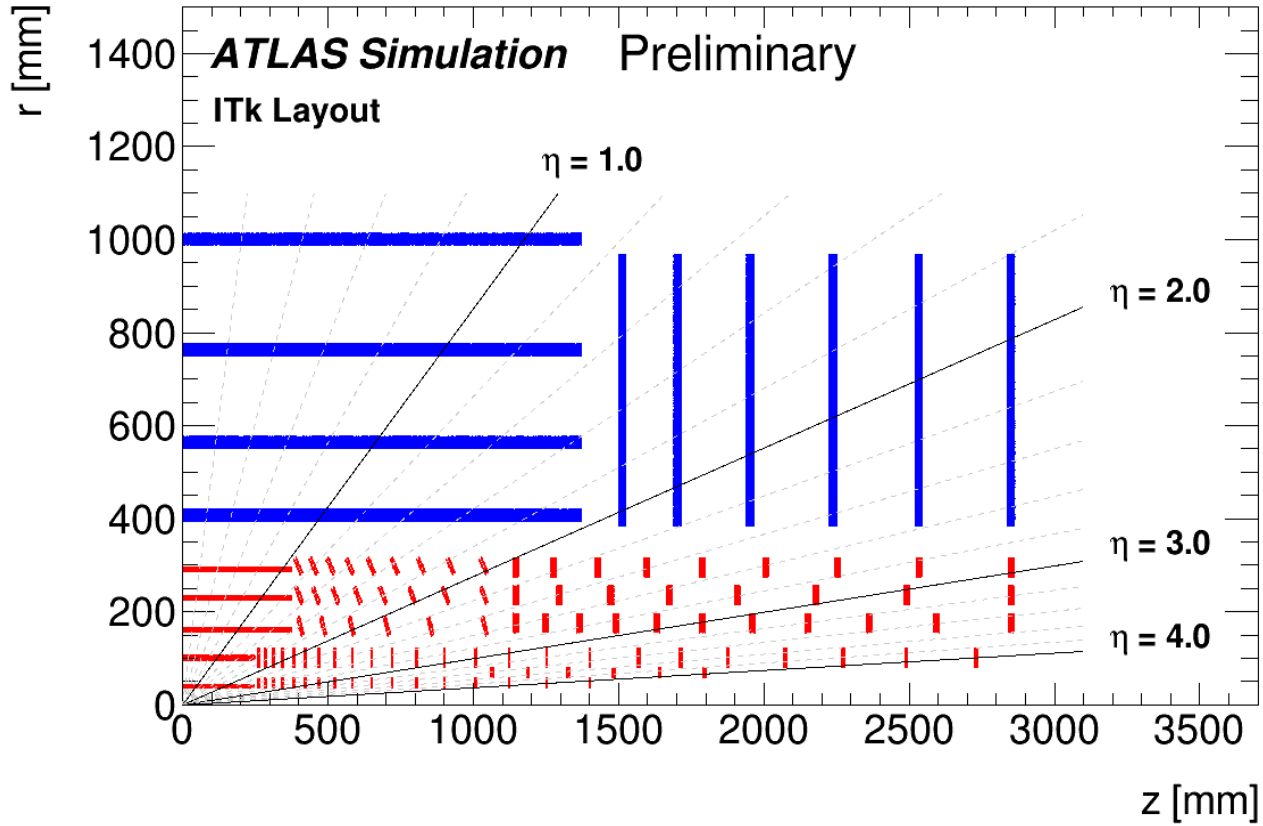
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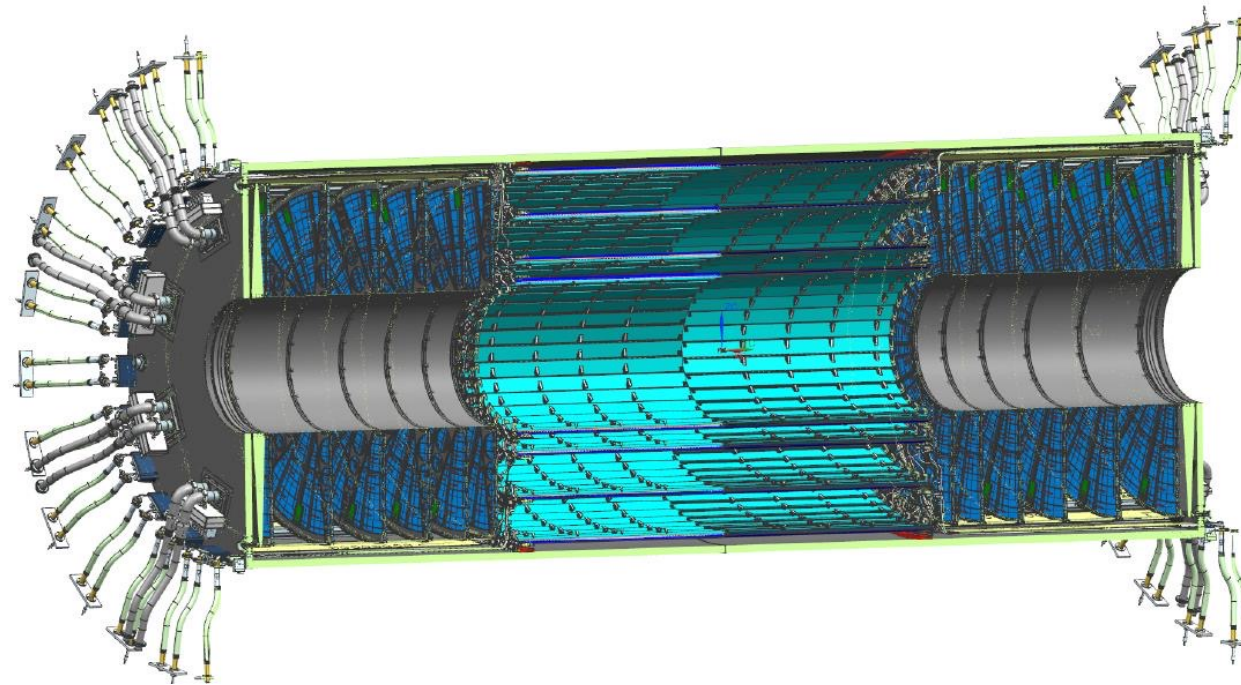
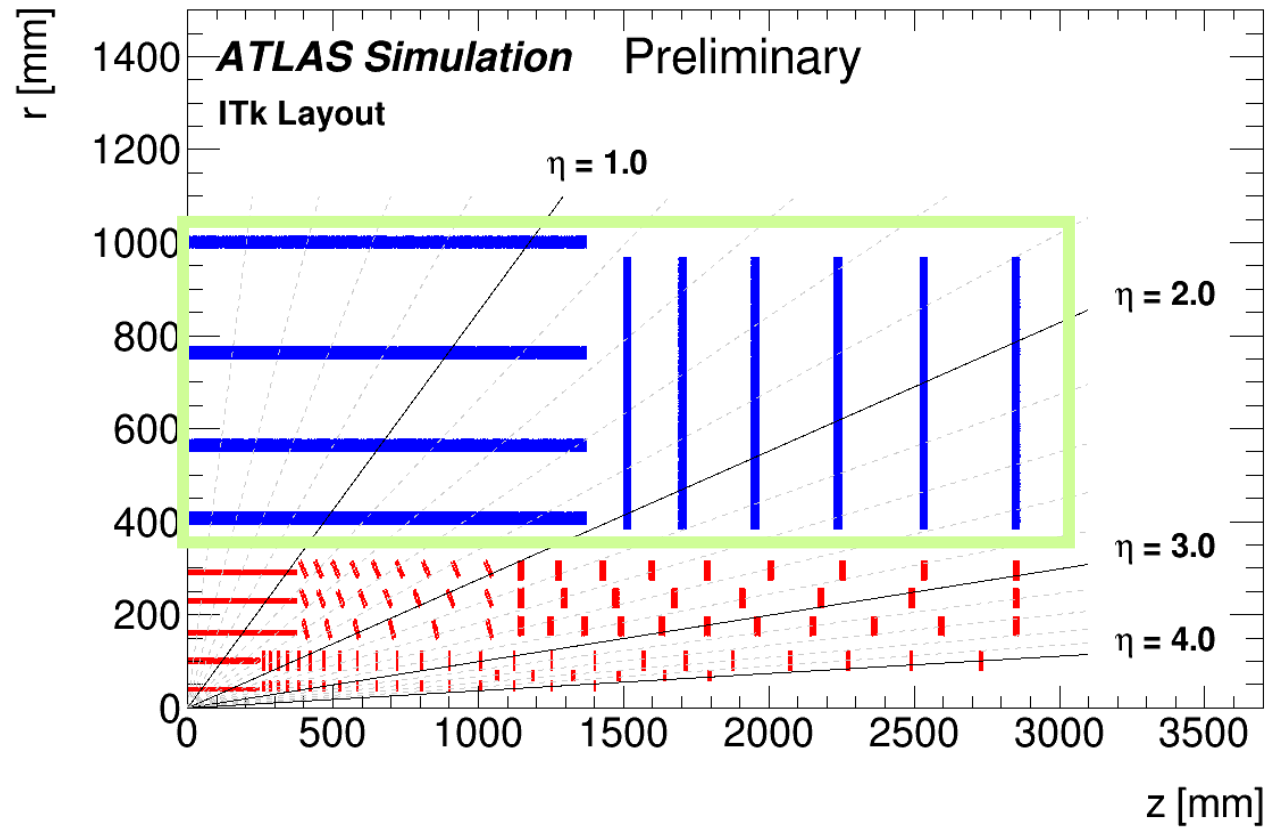
The *Inner Tracker* (ITk) will be a full-silicon detector with pixel (inner radii) and strip (outer radii) sensors  
The ITk is divided in a central region called *Barrel* and two lateral wheels called *End-caps*





# ATLAS ITk: the strip detector

The ITk-Strip detector covers pseudorapidity ( $\eta$ ) range of  $|\eta| < 2.7$   
About 18,000 modules and 60 M strip channels

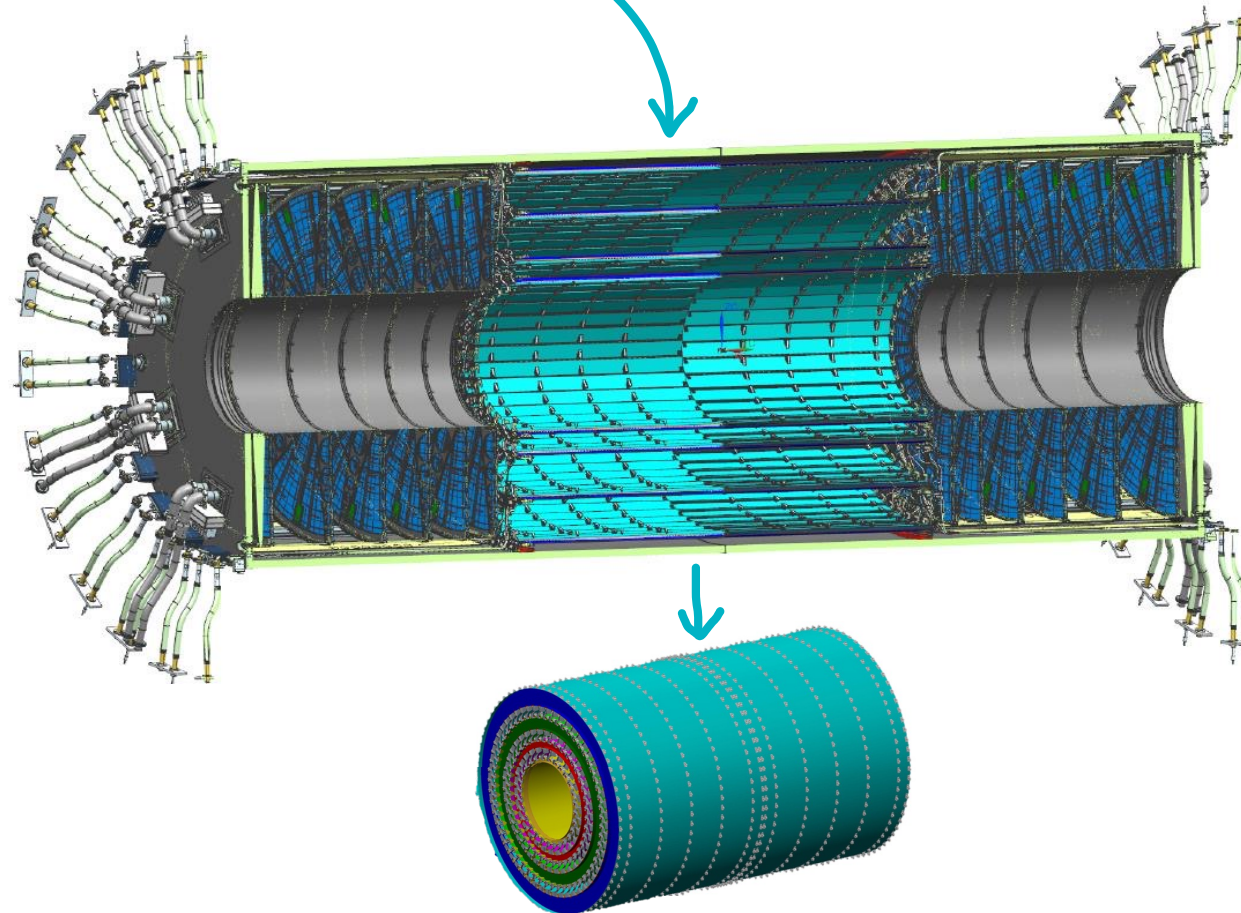
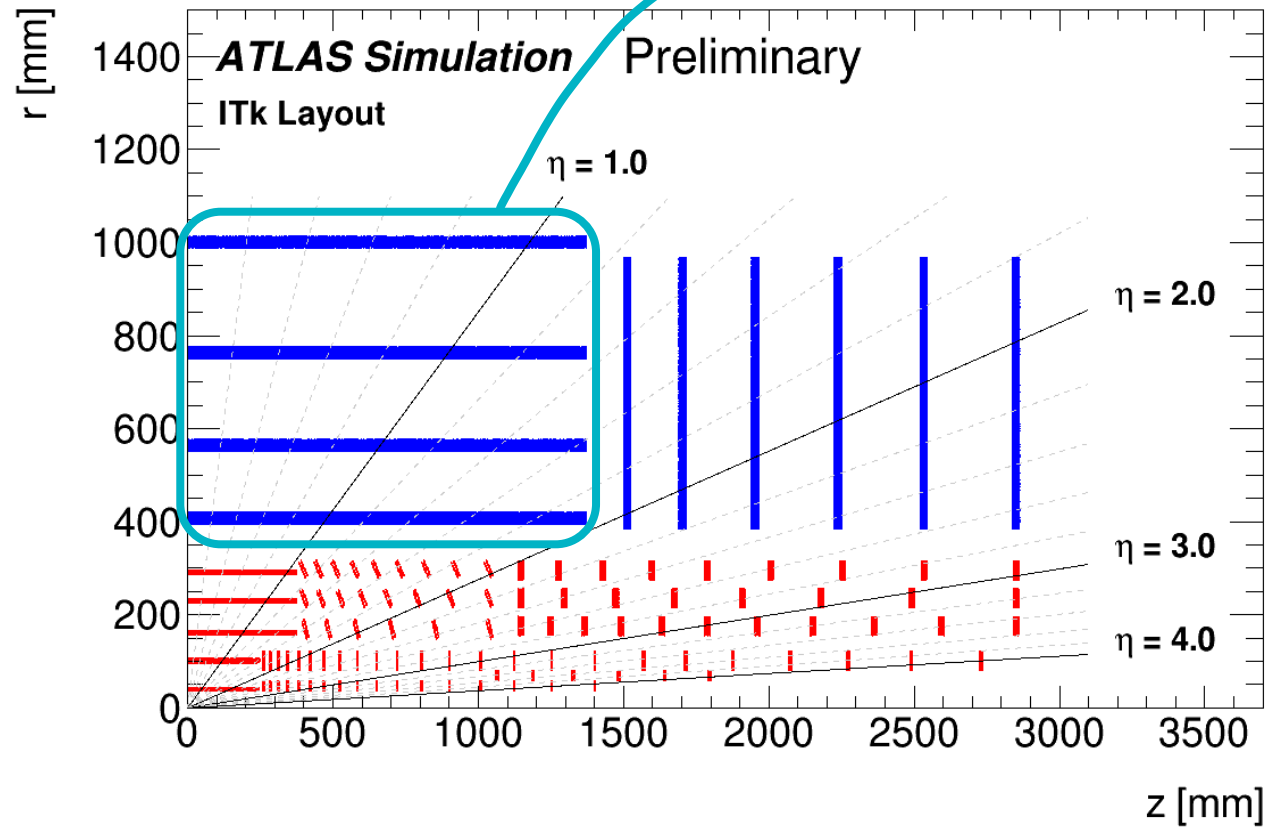


[i](#) More info about the pixel detector in the ATLAS ITk Pixel Detector talk by Leonardo Vannoli

# ATLAS ITk: the strip detector

the barrel

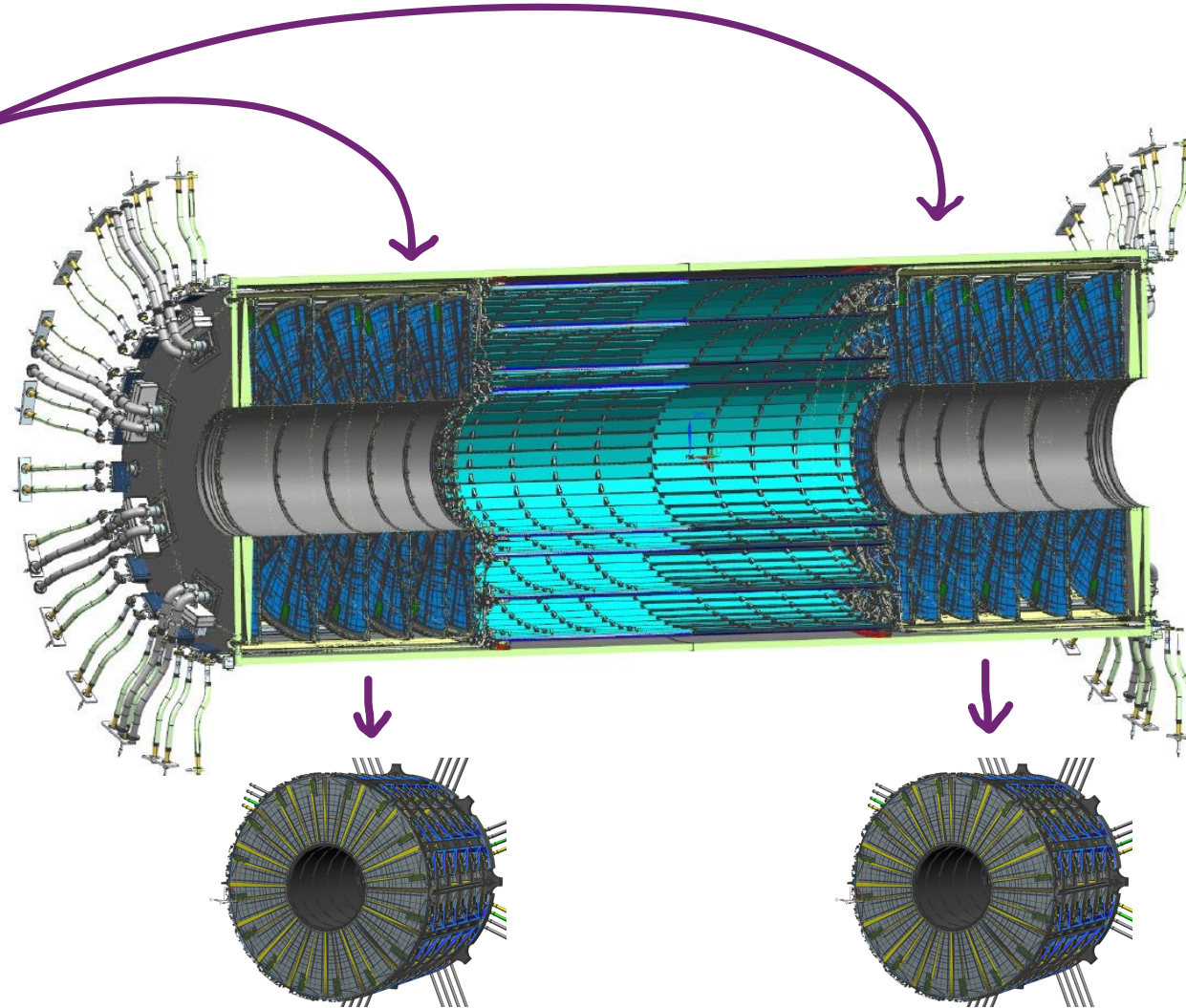
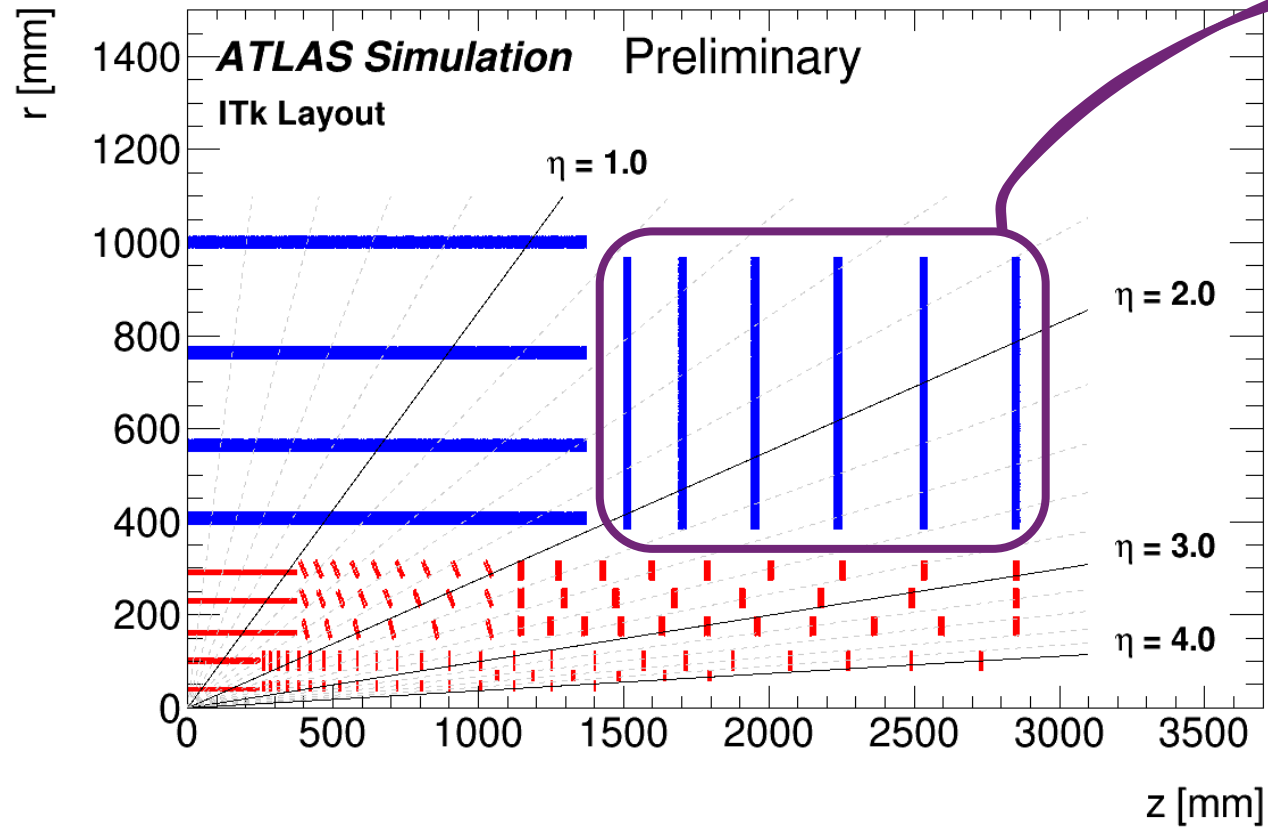
Cylindrical geometry made of four concentric layers



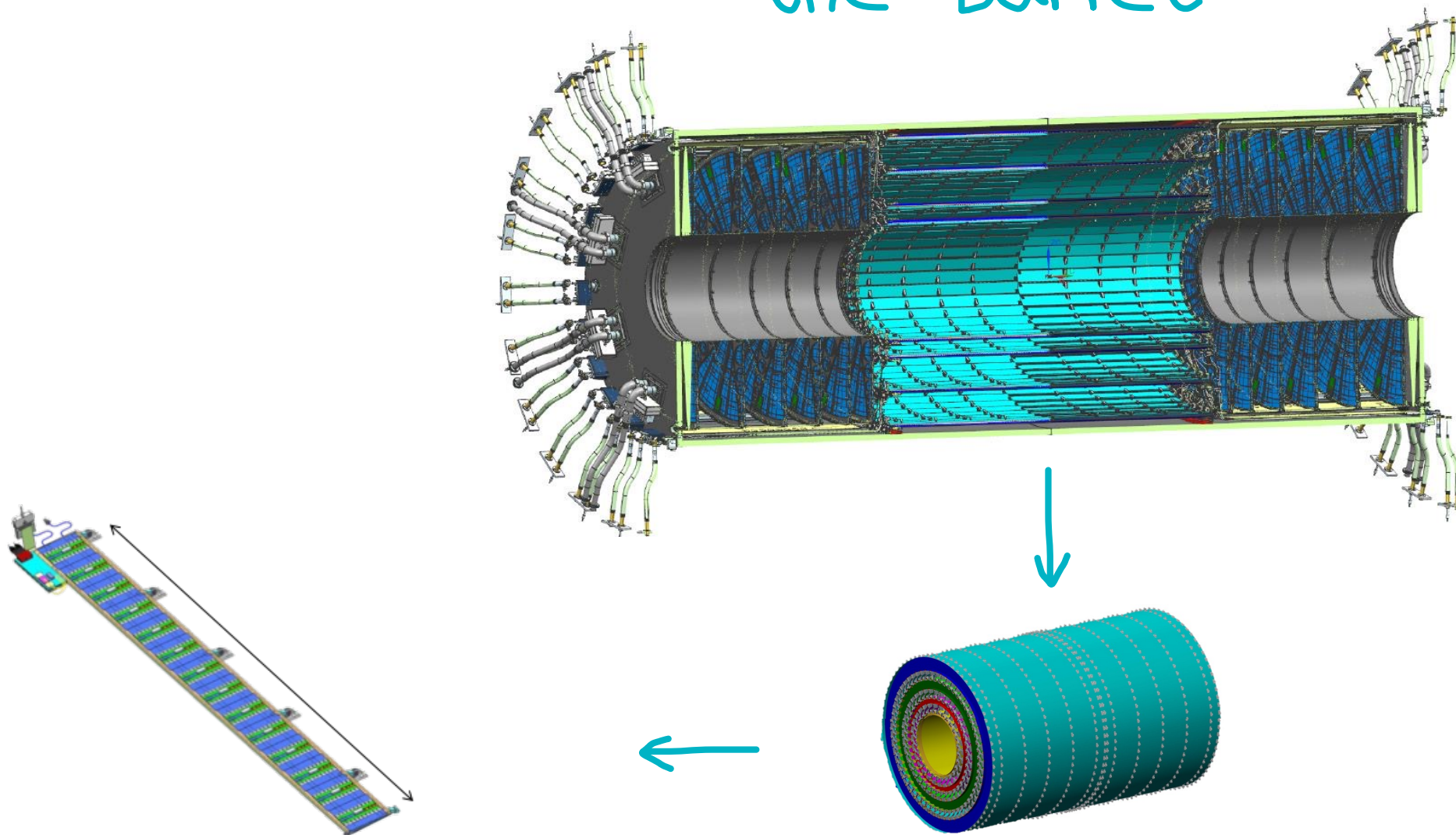
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the endcaps

Two cylinders with six disks each



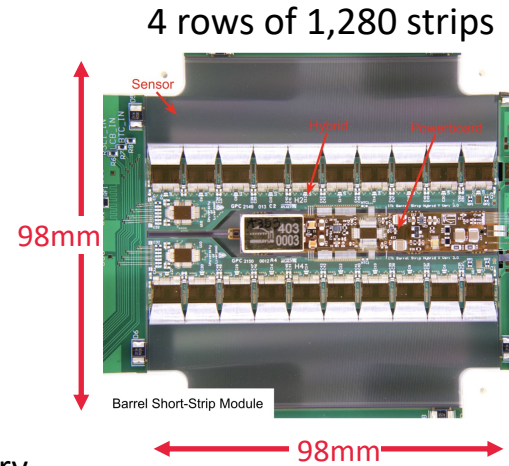
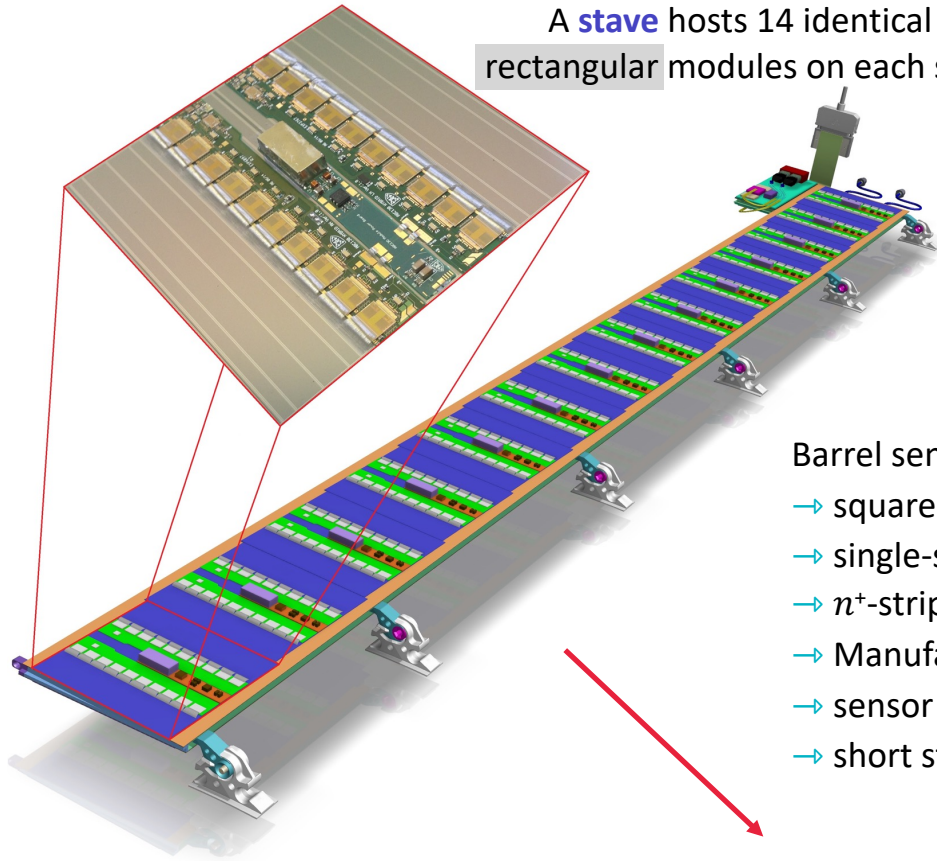
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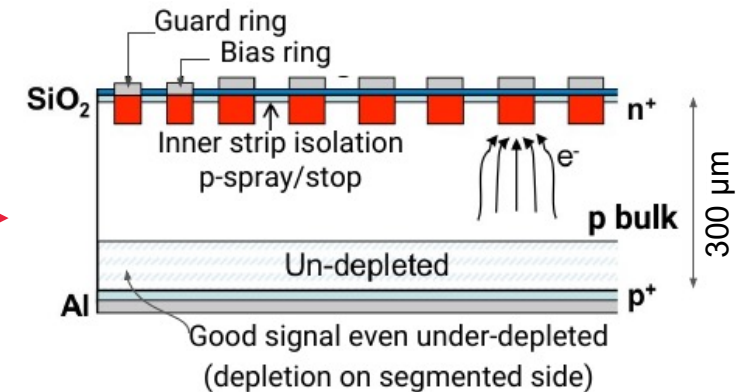
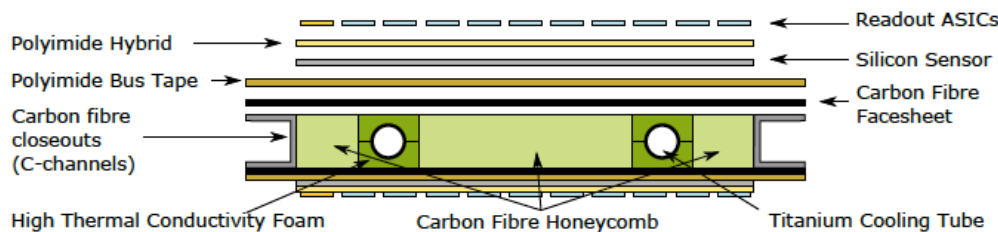
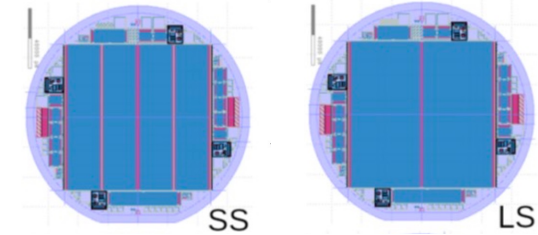
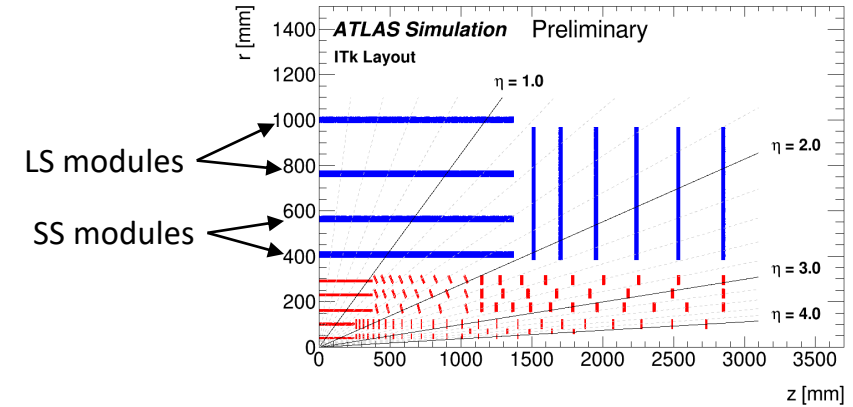
# The strip barrel. Staves

**Stave** → silicon sensors along with application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs) and high and low-voltage power controls for the sensors integrated into a barrel module

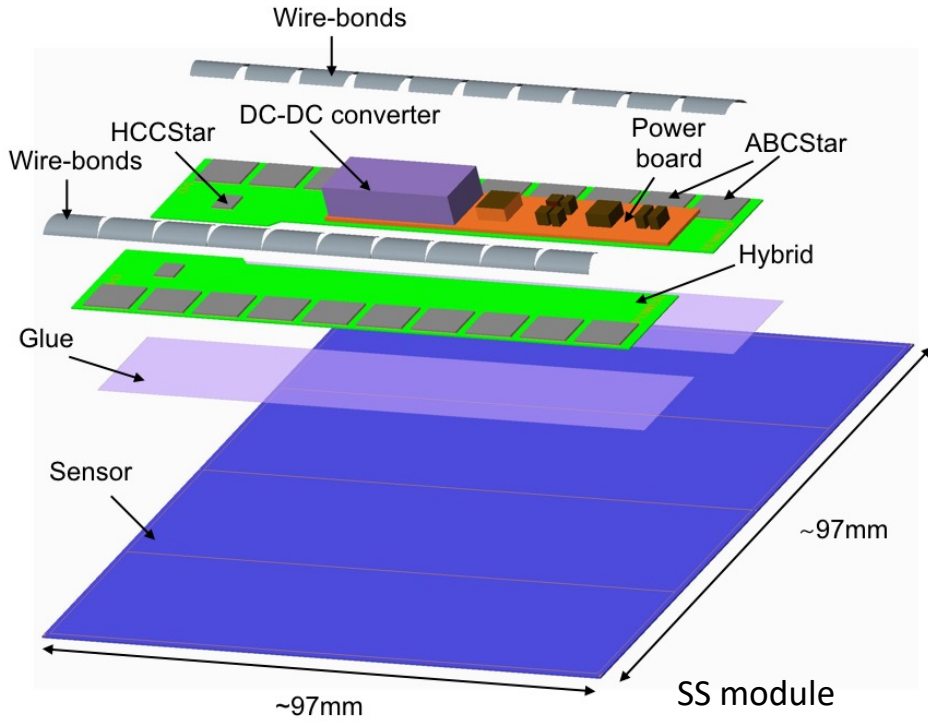
A **stave** hosts 14 identical rectangular modules on each side



- Barrel sensors:
- square geometry
  - single-sided micro-strips
  - $n^+$ -strips implanted on p-type silicon bulk ( $n^+$ -in-p)
  - Manufactured in 6" silicon wafer technology
  - sensor pitch: 75.5  $\mu\text{m}$
  - short strips: 24.1 mm long & long strips: 48.3 mm long



# The strip barrel. Staves



- ABCStar**  
 Front-end chip  
 Binary readout
- HCCStar**  
 On-hybrid digital interface chip
- AMAC**  
 On-module monitoring and control chip

- **Hybrid** (readout PCB). ASICs:

- ATLAS Binary Readout Chips (ABC)
- Hybrid Controller Chips (HCC)

- **Power board** (power PCB) module powering + monitoring

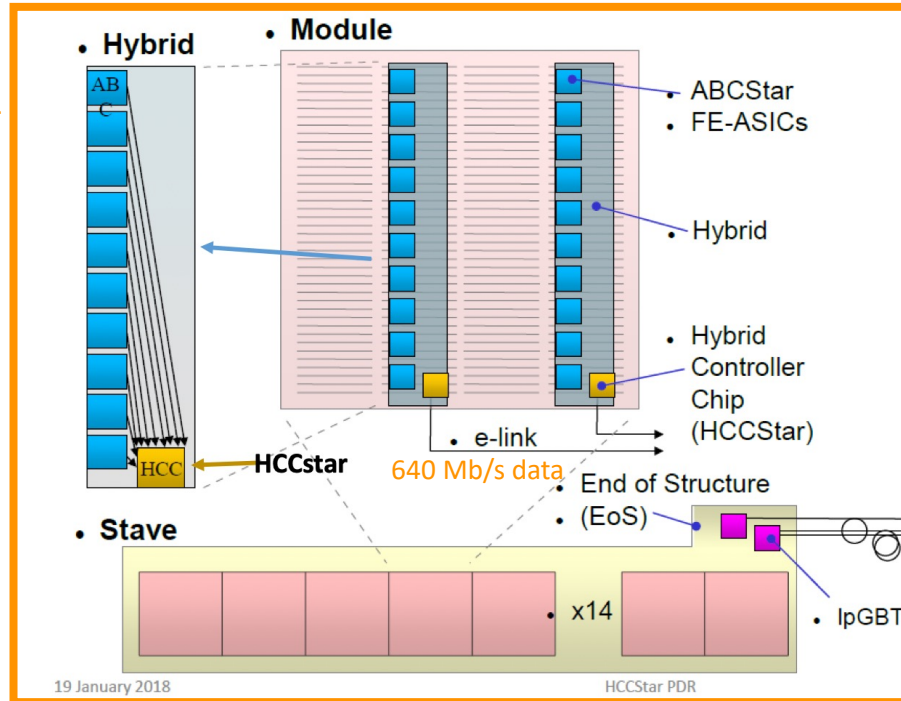
- Autonomous Monitor And Control ASIC (AMAC)

DCDC converter for LV powering (ITk Strip Baseline powering scheme uses parallel powering with DC-DC converters). Sensor biasing via HVSwitch

- **STAR architecture**: each ABC directly connected to 1 HCC

- Cope with 1MHz trigger rates
- 640Mbit/s downlinks from each HCC

On detector



**Stave-side (inner-barrels):**  
 14 Modules  
 2 HCC per module, 28 HCC total  
 1 e-link per HCC @ 640Mb/s  
 = 28x 640Mb/s e-links total  
 14 e-links per IpGBT  
 = 2x IpGBT Uplinks

**Stave-side (outer-barrels) / Petal-side:**  
 Similar but fewer: 14 HCCs total  
 = 1x IpGBT Uplink

**Total uplinks: 1824**

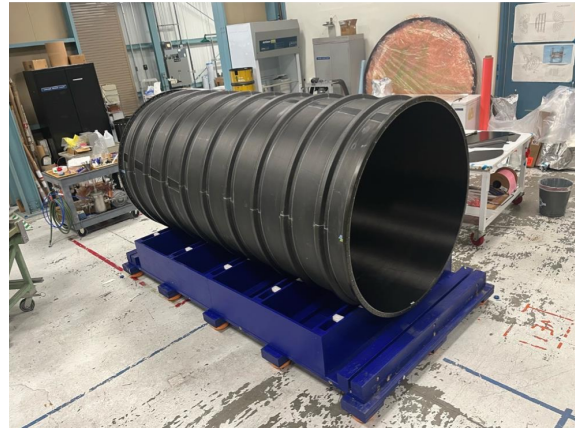


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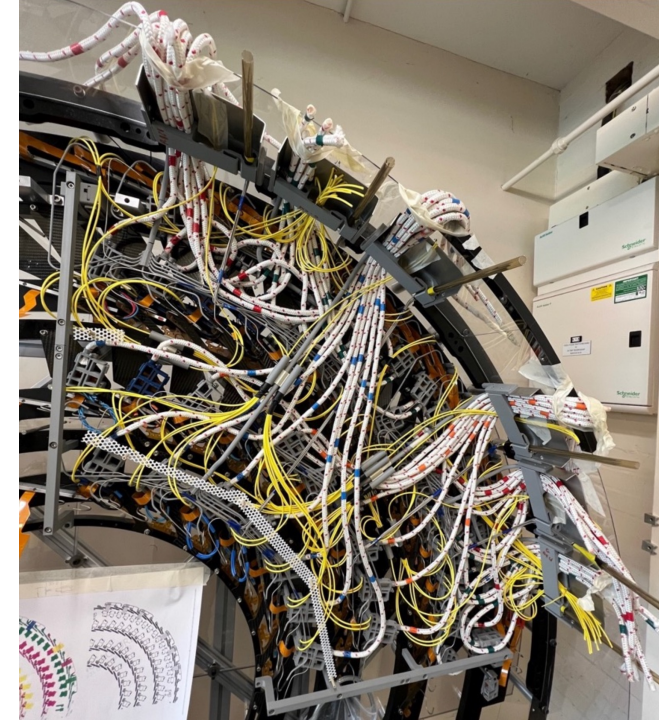
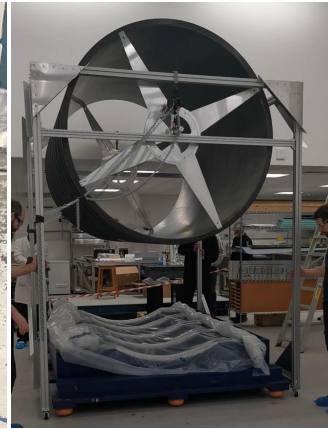
# Barrel. Integration & installation



Cooling & Environmental: CO2 for staves, C6F14 for PP2, Dry air to -60°C DP, H&T sensors

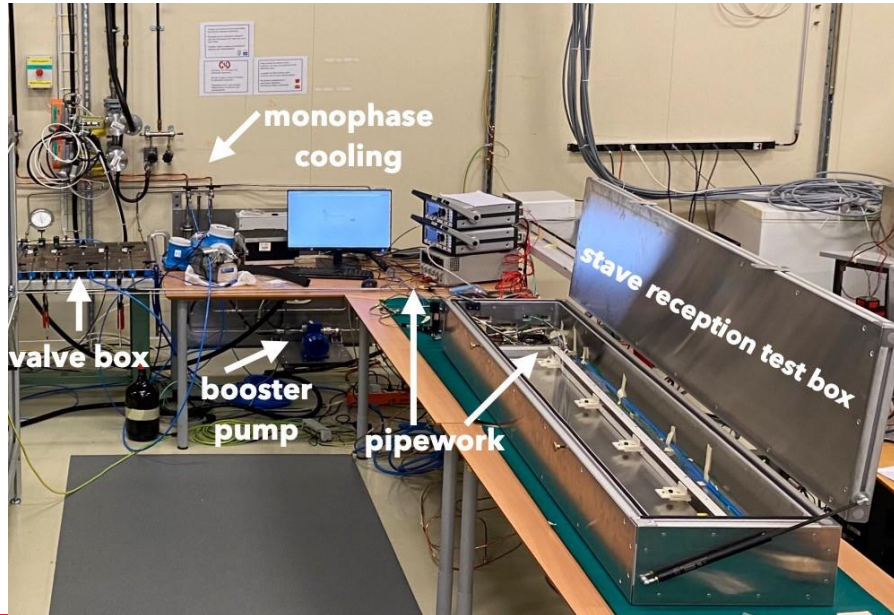
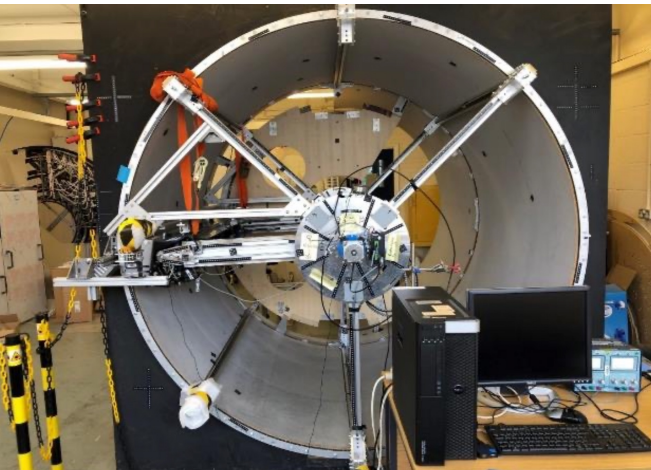


ITk Strip Cylinder 2 and 3

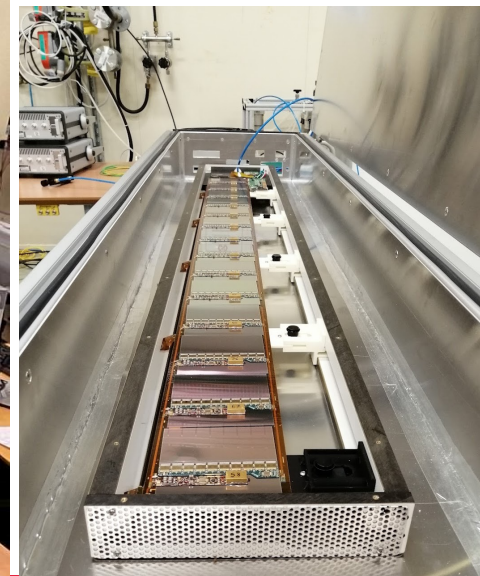


SM installation & connectivity to stave. Power, cooling, opto

Stave insertion tooling

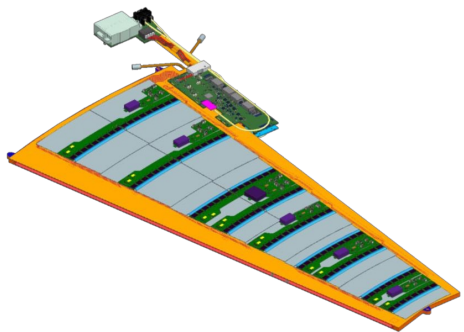
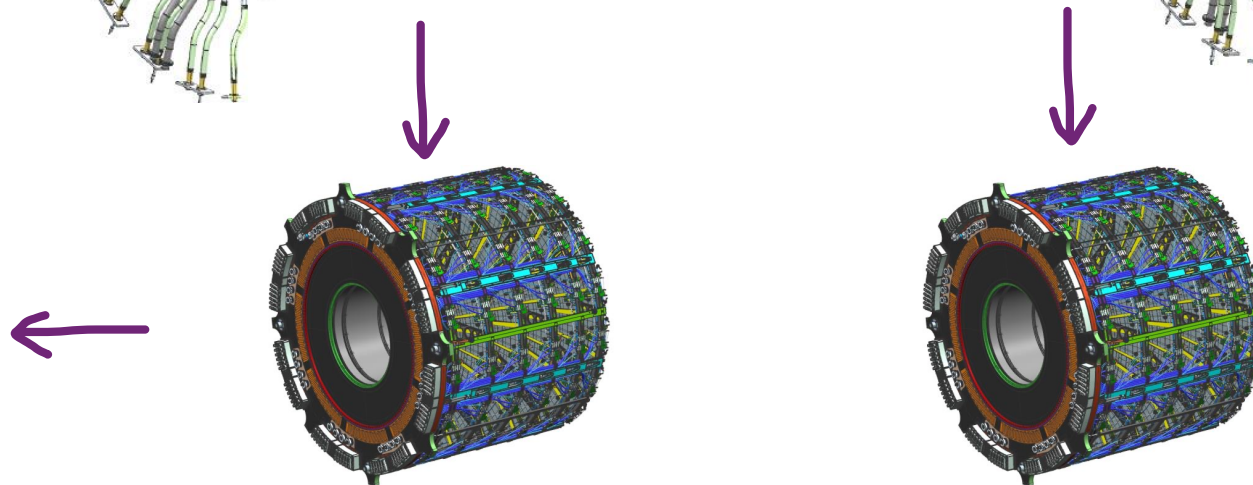
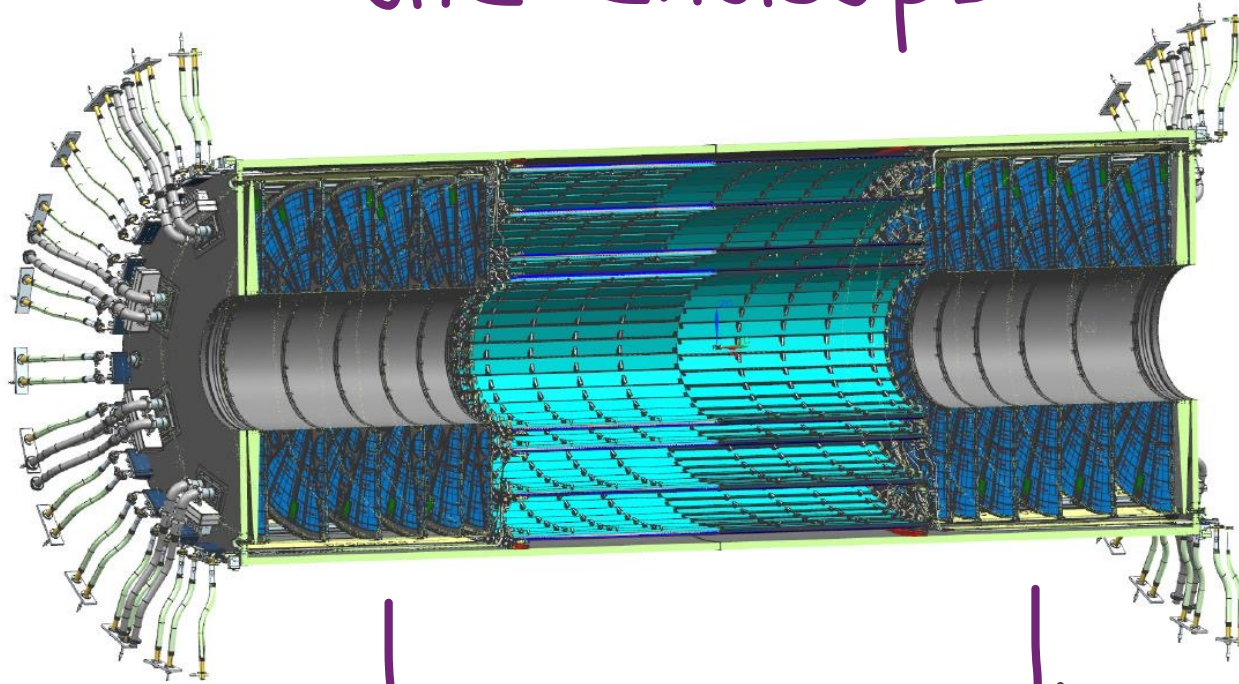


Stave testing YARR and ITSDAQ



Summary of slides of Dave Robinson.  
Global Mechanics meeting ITk week 8/3/2023

# the endcaps



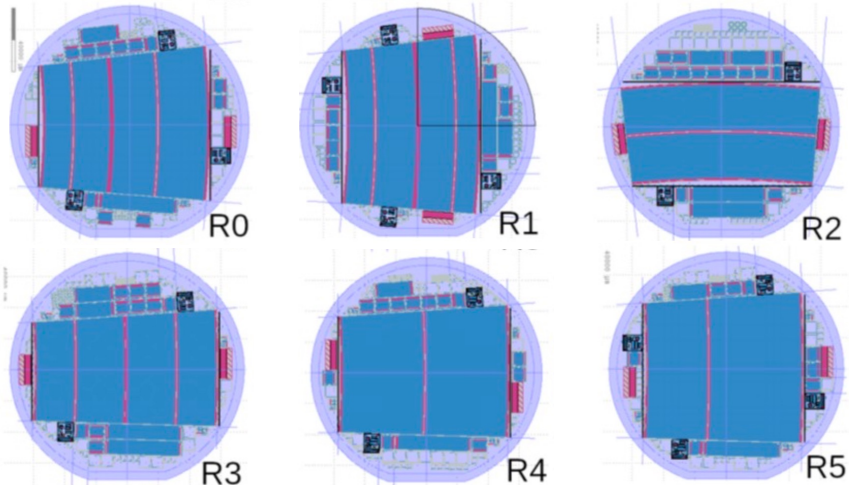
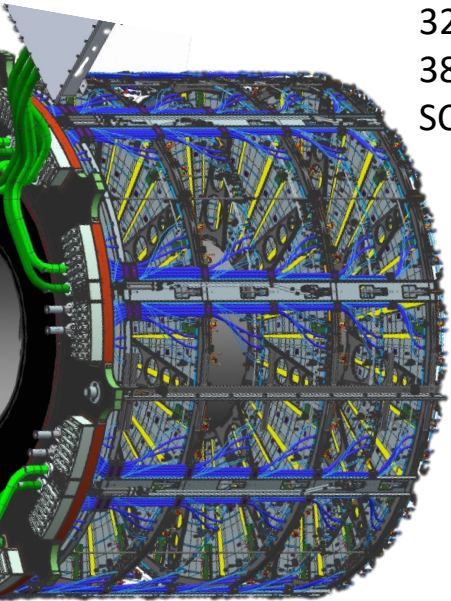


# The strip end-caps (EC). Petals

32 **Petals** per disk covering the radial range.  
384 petals, 6912 modules, ~8x channels than  
SCT endcaps

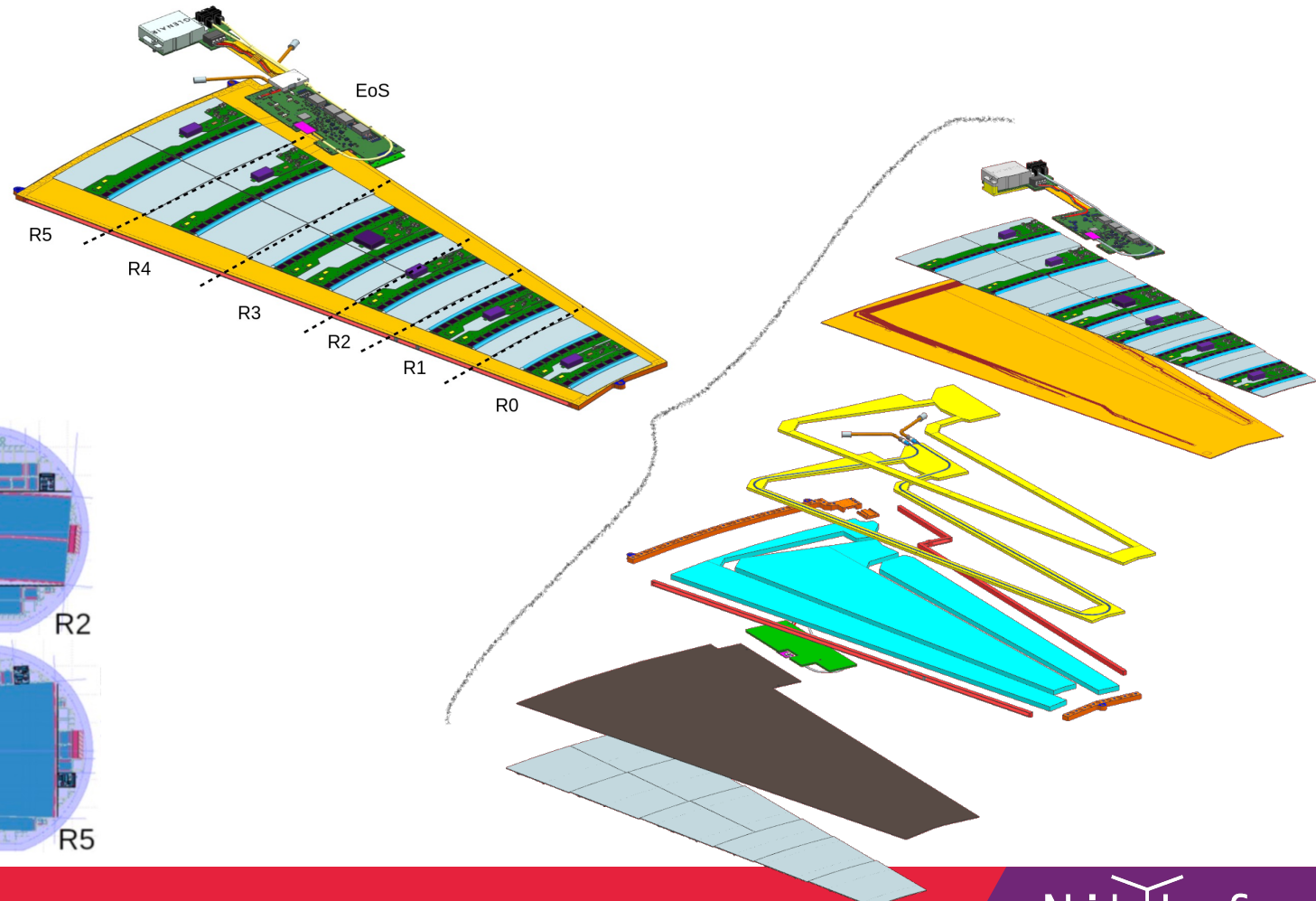
Trapezoidal geometry

- petals are wedge-shaped
- 6 geometries cover the sensitive area on both sides
- Manufactured in 6" silicon wafer technology. Those on R3, R4, R5 are split in 2 to cover the full area

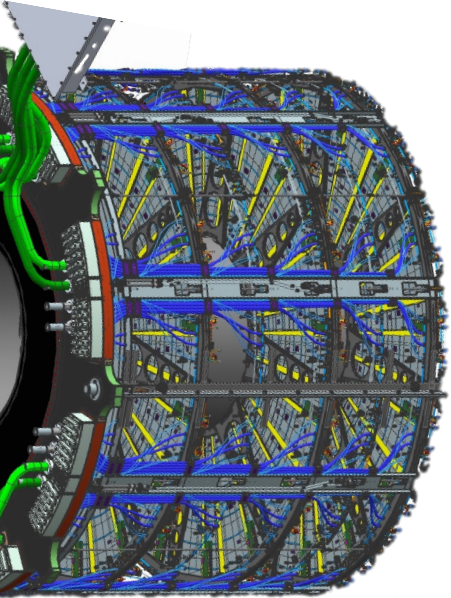


**Petal** → Low-mass, high precision, double-sided, high thermal conductivity structure. Fully integrated with sensors, readout + control electronics, power components, cooling.

Designed for precision mounting of microstrips, minimize material, power and services for the modules, and for end-insertion in EC disks

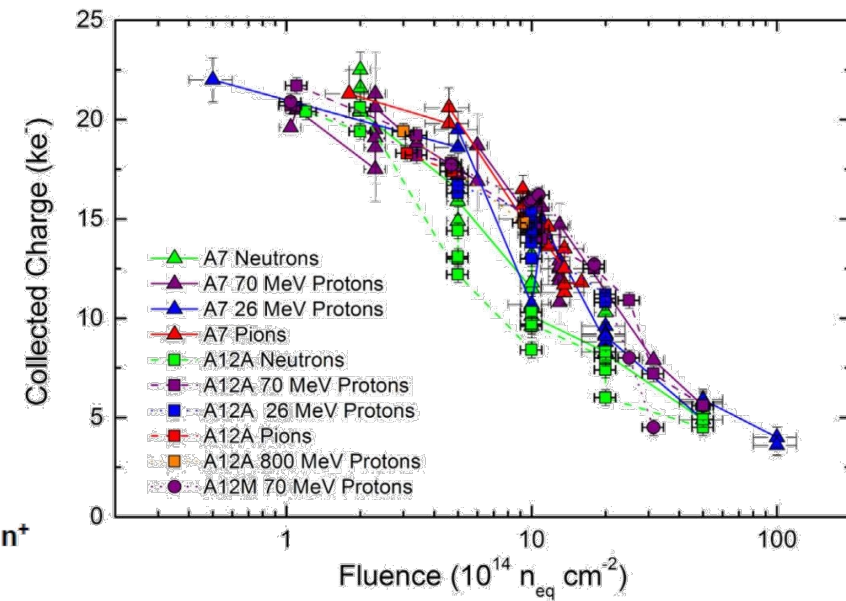
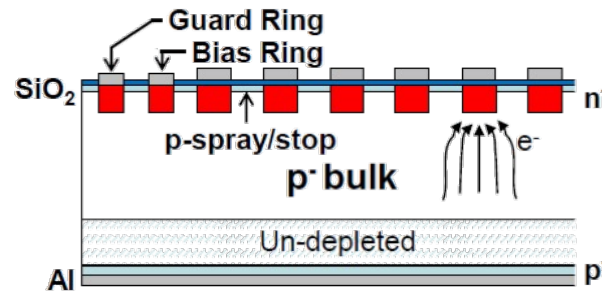


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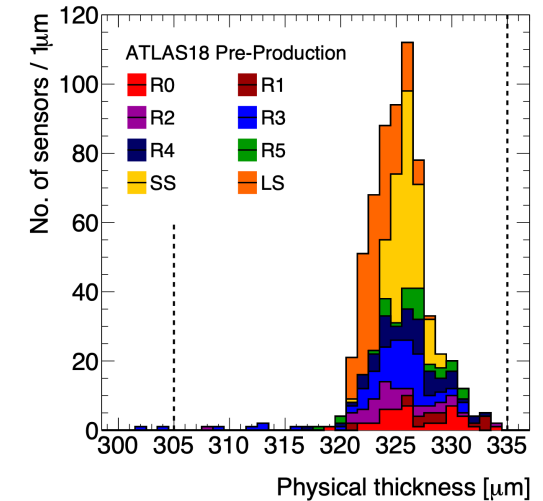
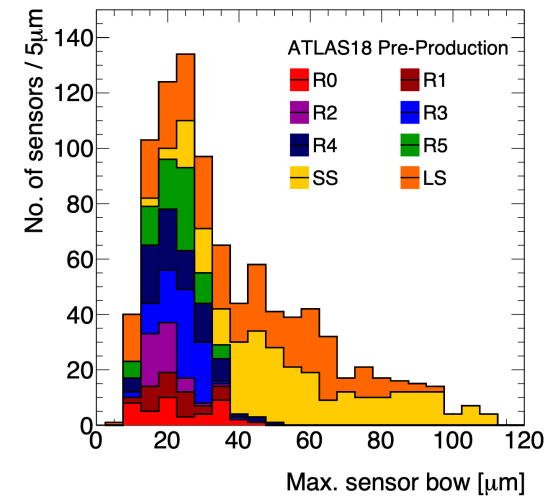
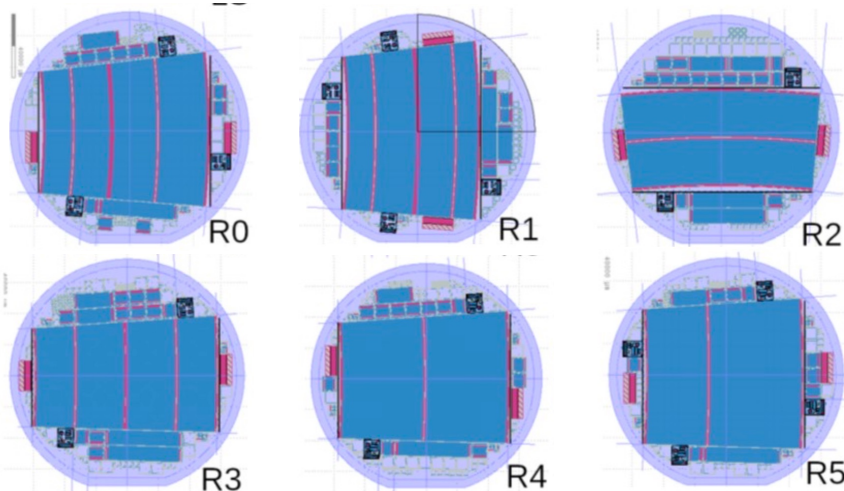


EC sensors:

- single-sided micro-strip
- n<sup>+</sup>-type readout implants on p-type, float-zone silicon substrate
- n<sup>+</sup>-in-p technology (radiation tolerant)
- strip: 15-60 mm long depending on radius
- sensor pitch: 70-80 μm
- spatial resolution ~ 20 μm
- time resolution ~ 3 ns



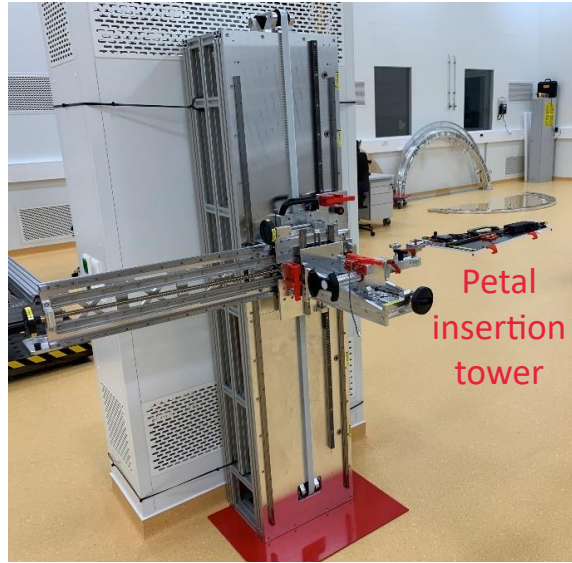
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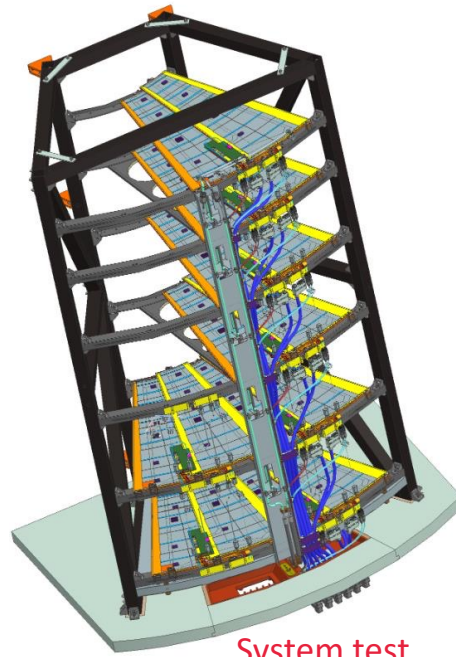
# End-caps. Integration & installation



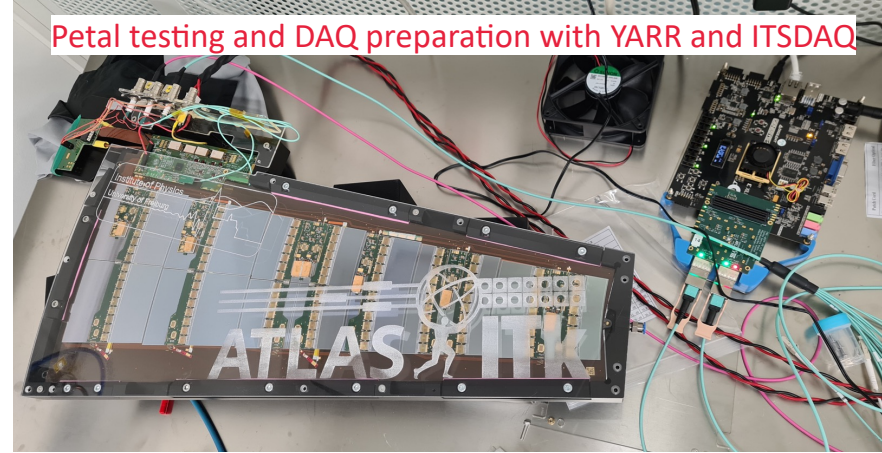
Integration tooling: superframes



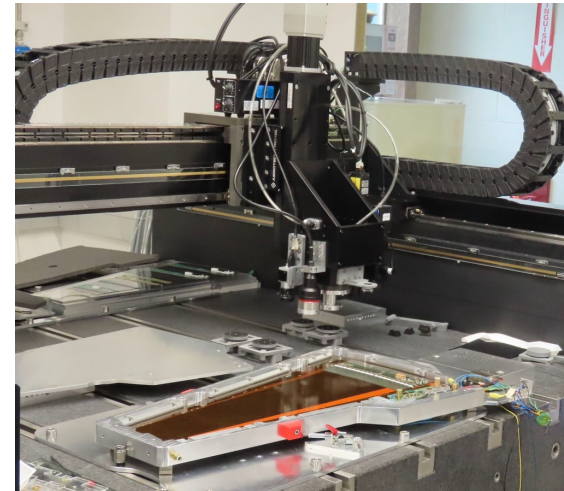
Petal insertion tower



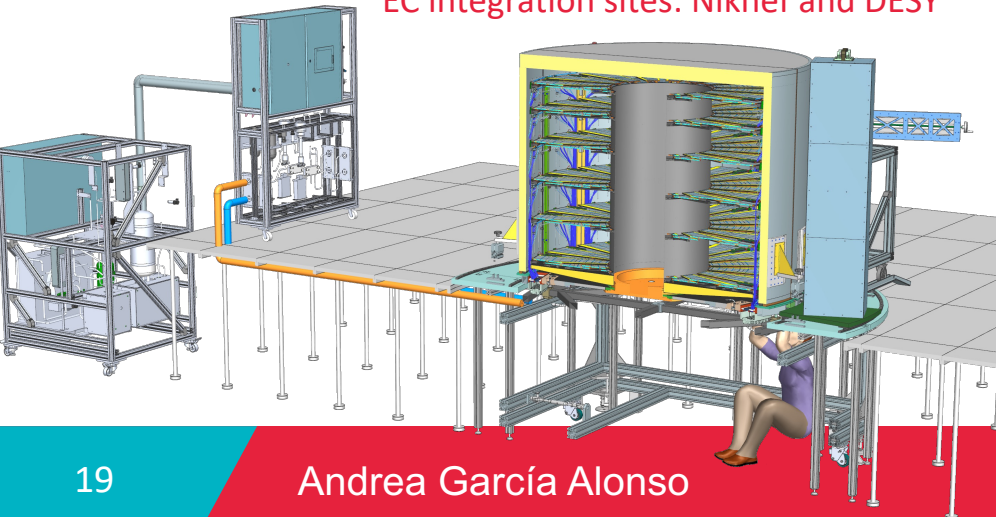
System test



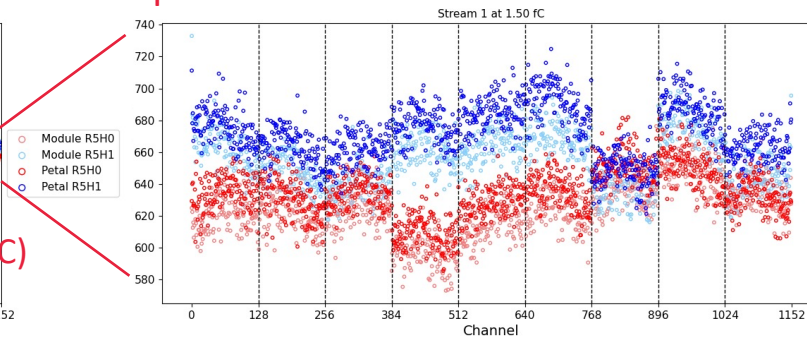
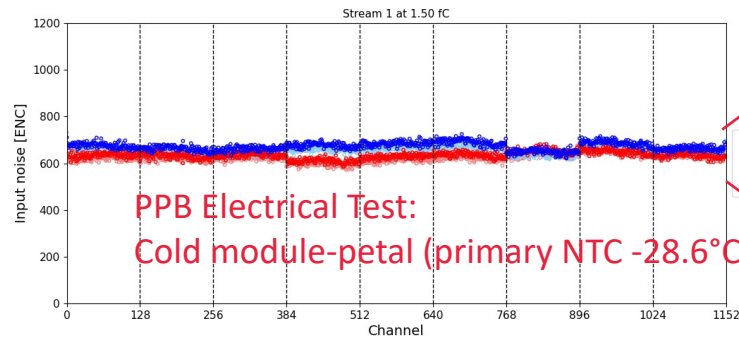
Petal testing and DAQ preparation with YARR and ITSDAQ



EC integration sites: Nikhef and DESY



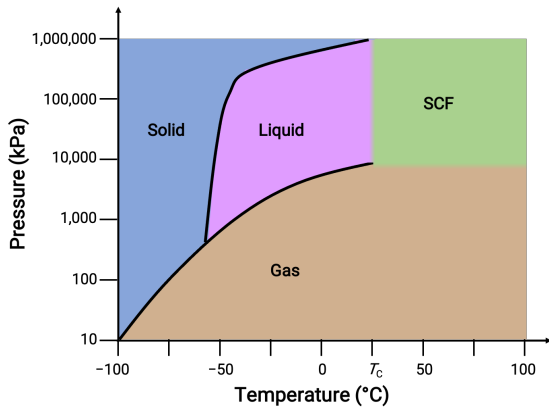
H5 PPB petal



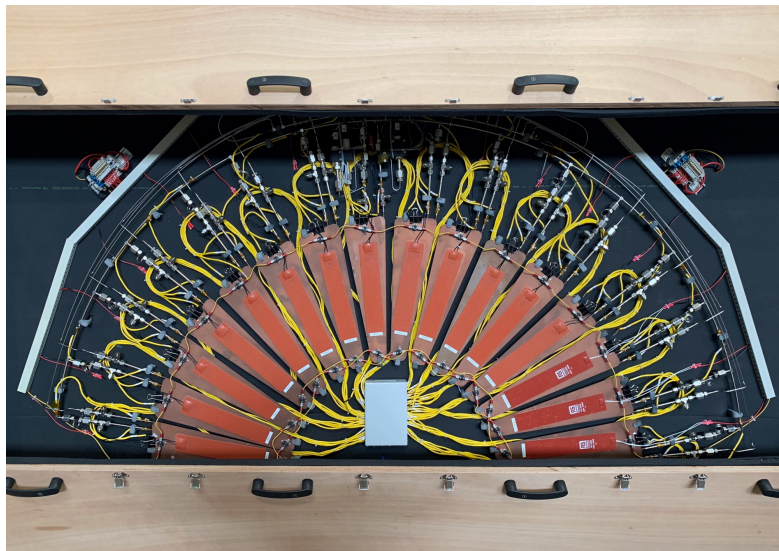
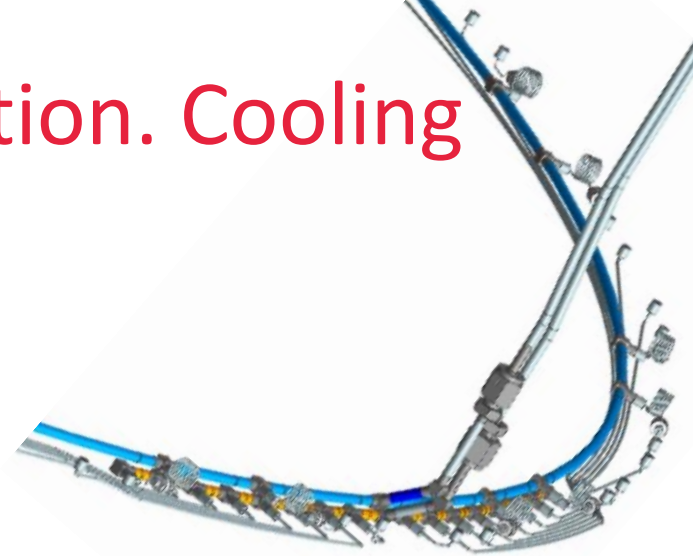
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# End-caps. Integration & installation. Cooling

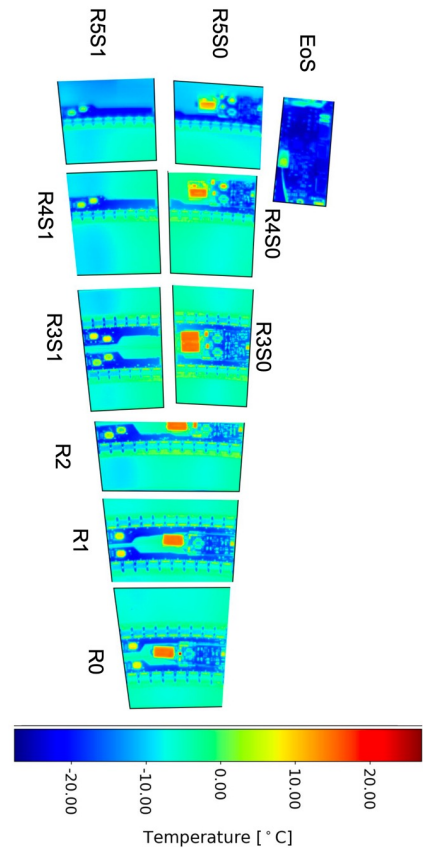
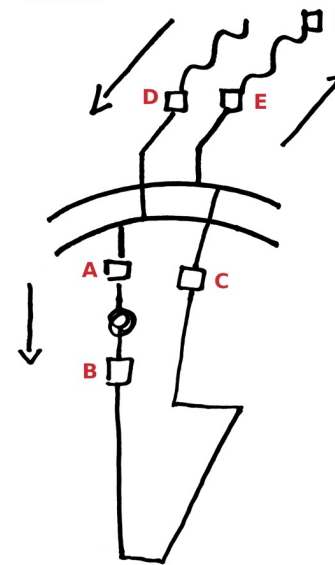
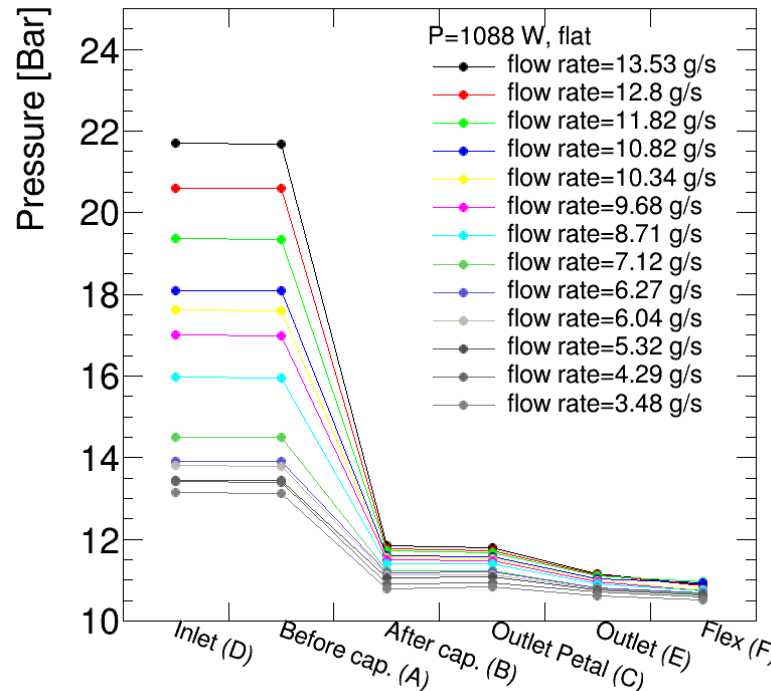
CO<sub>2</sub> cooling LUCASZ plants



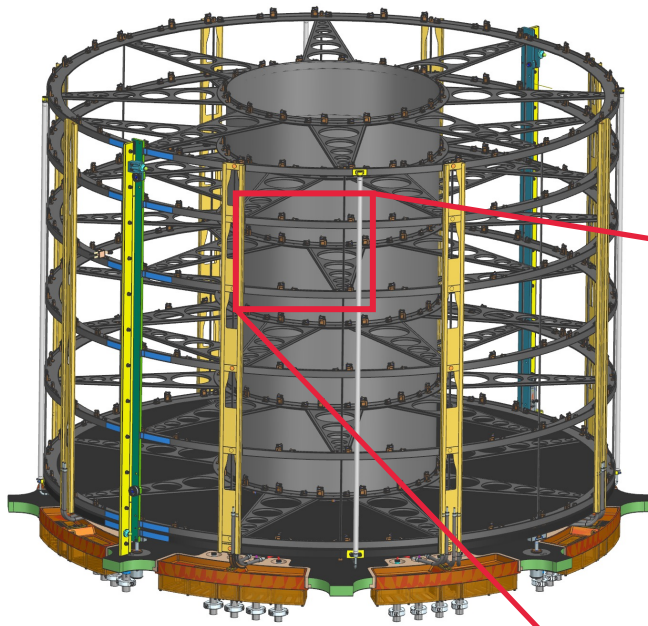
Each petal is expected to generate 68 W at nominal and max 84 W  
Cooling:  
2-phase CO<sub>2</sub> at -40°C using cooling service modules that serve 16 petals (half a wheel)



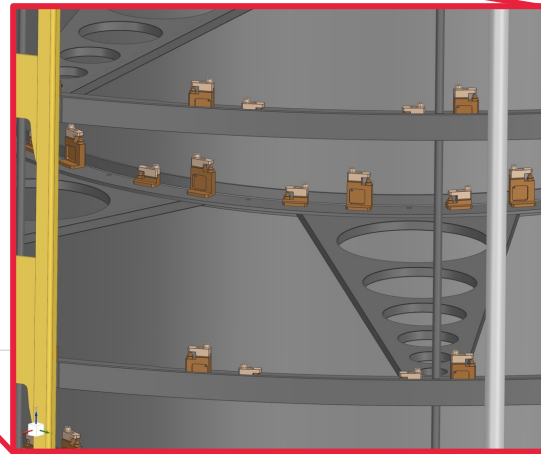
1:1 scale mock-up EC half-disk cooling system  
16 copper fake petals with heater pad applied



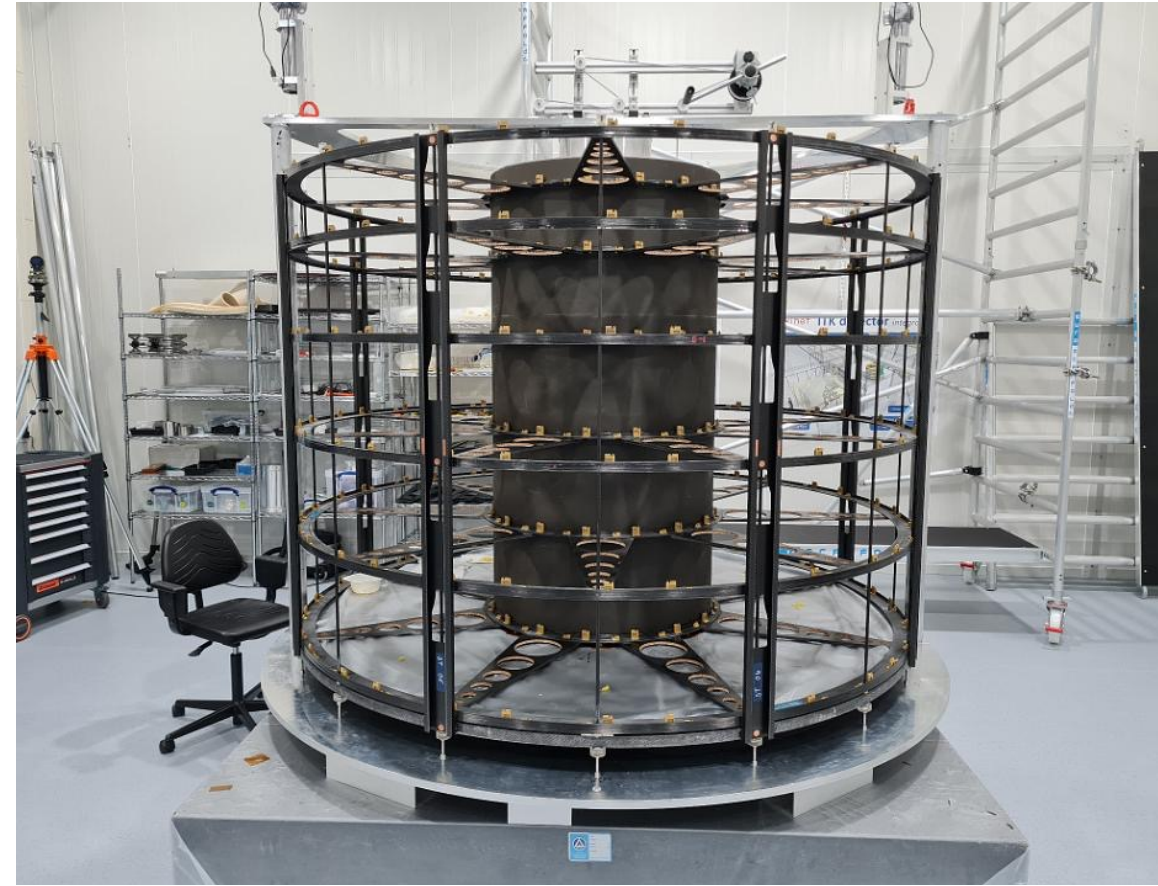
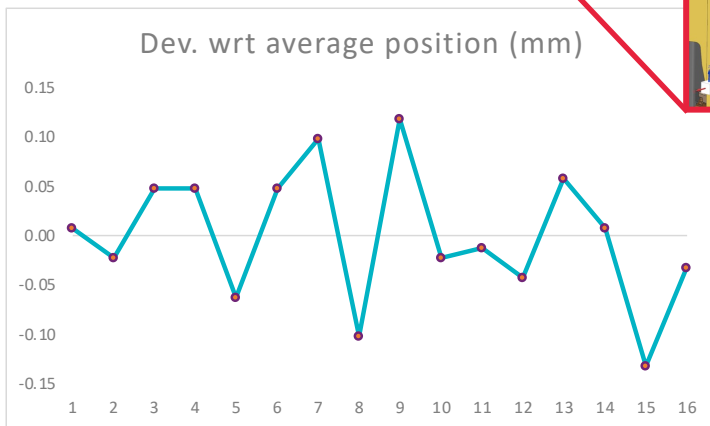
# End-caps. Integration & installation



Petals are mounted on the disks with 100  $\mu\text{m}$  required initial accuracy  $\rightarrow$  ATLAS-TDR



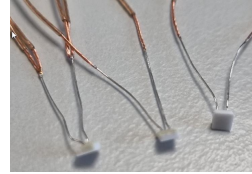
Locking points



At Nikhef, the construction of the 1<sup>st</sup> end-cap structure is finished

# Strips. Integration & installation

## Radiation, T and H monitoring



→ More than 500 T sensors in ITk volume for a 9MGy radiation level

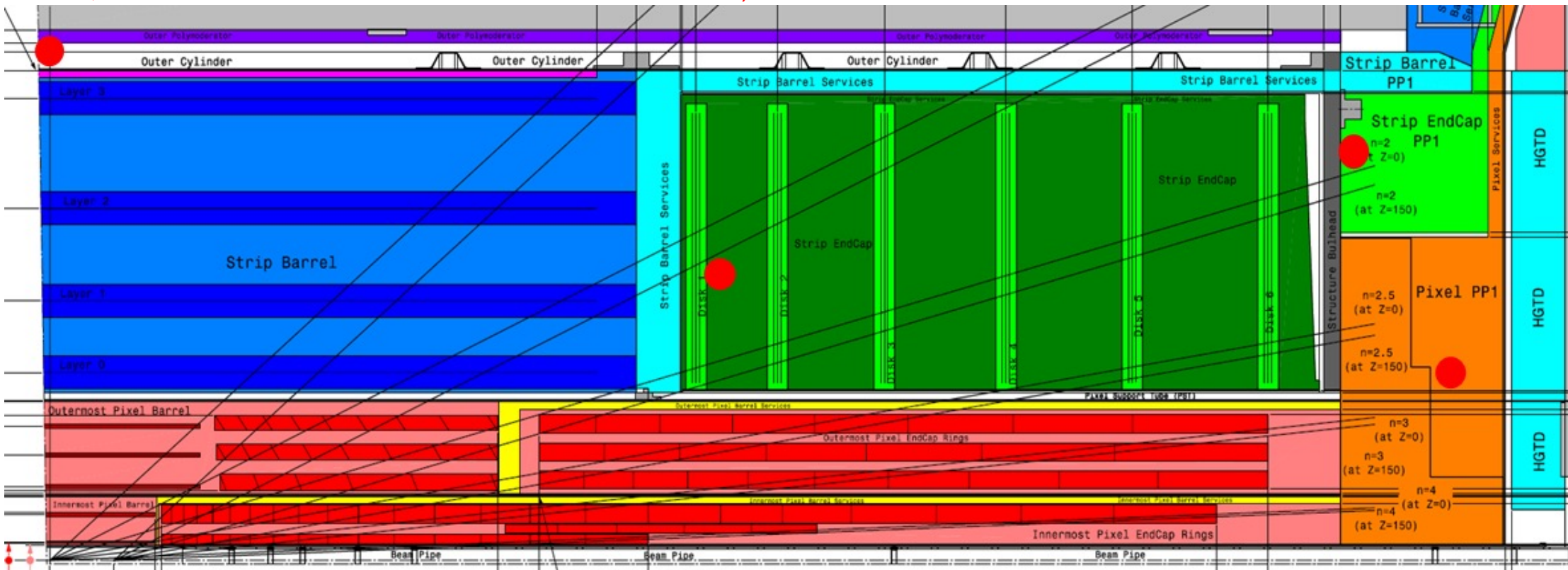
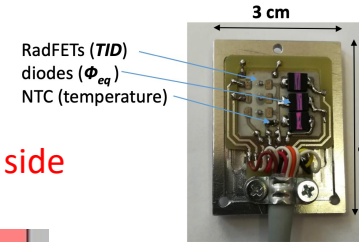
→ 12 radiation hard optic fibre H sensors in Strip detector (LPG+2FBG)

→ Radiation monitoring system to measure displacement damage in Si (1 MeV neq fluence) and TID:

4 rad sensors  
Strip barrel outer cylinder,  
 $z \sim 0, r = 110 \text{ cm}$

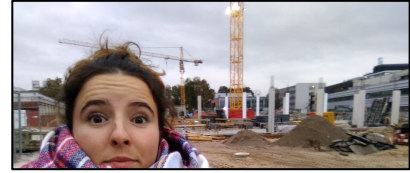
8 rad sensors  
Strip EC volume, in tracking volume  
 $r \sim 60 \text{ cm}, z \sim 160 \text{ cm}$

8 rad sensors  
Strip EC PP1 volume,  
structural bulkhead outer side  
 $r \sim 80 \text{ cm}, z \sim 300 \text{ cm}$



8 rad sensors  
Pixel service volume,  
enclosure outer side  
 $r \sim 44 \text{ cm}, z \sim 320 \text{ cm}$

# ITk schedule. Production

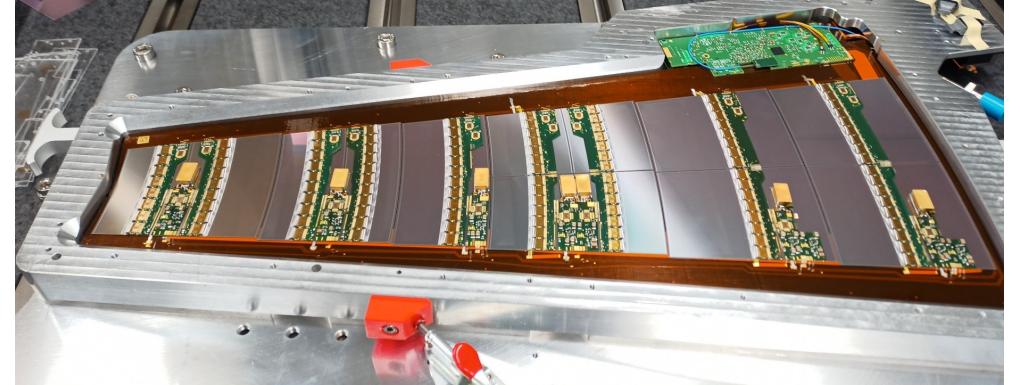


22,000 ITk **strip sensors production** started in HPK in 2020, finish by 2025

**LS stave core production** finish in Q1 2025, SS in Q1 2026

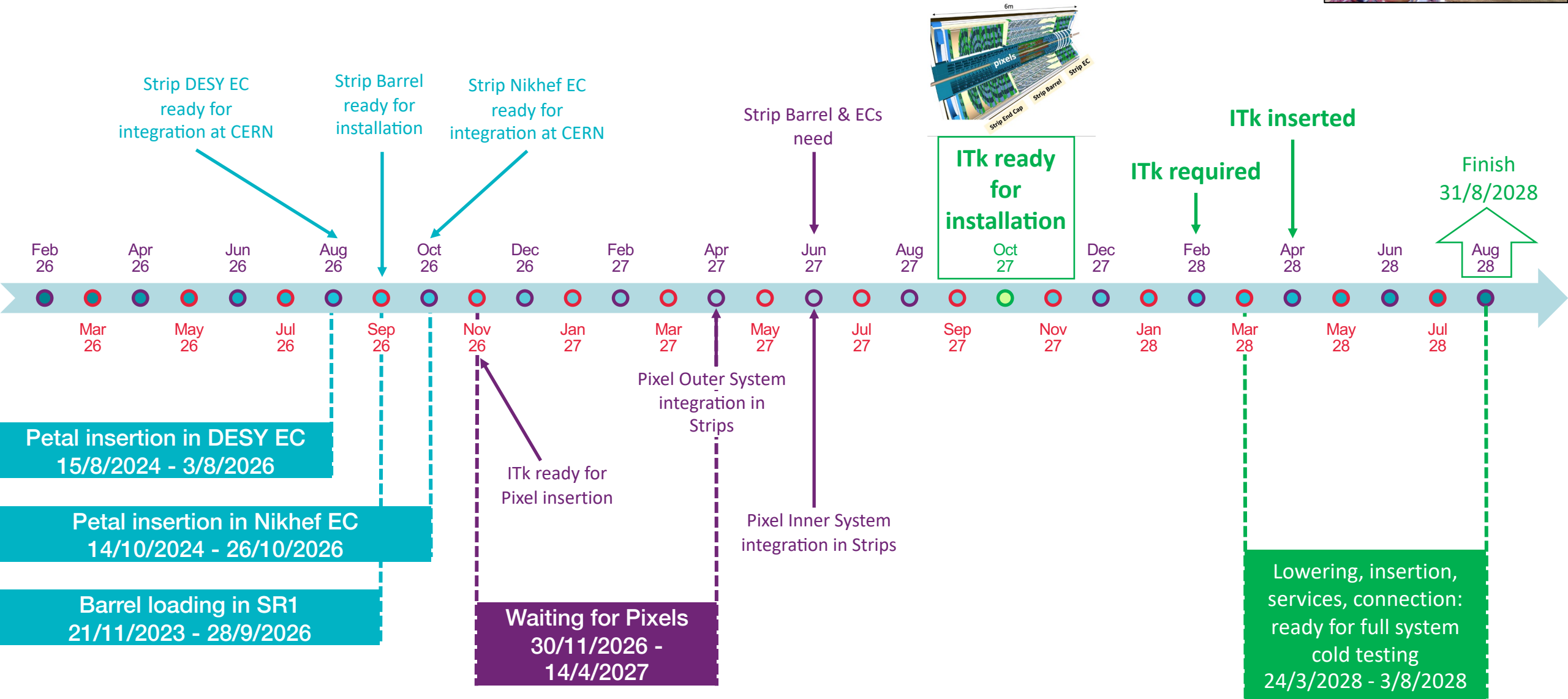
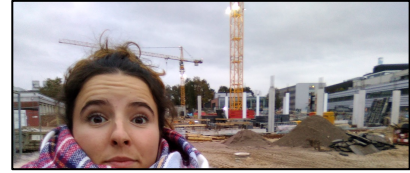
**Petal core production** finish by the end of 2024

Barrel and End-cap **module loading** will finish by mid 2026



2024				2025				2026				2027		
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Production LS Bus-tape reception and test														
				Production SS Bus-tape reception and test										
Production petal tape reception and test														
EoS Production														
				LS Stave Core Production										
								SS Stave Core Production						
				Petal Core Production										
								Barrel Module Loading						
				Loading LS staves										
								Loading SS staves						
								Endcap Module Loading						

# ITk schedule. Integration





# CONCLUSIONS

Building a detector for operation at the HL-LHC is challenging

→ Radiation hardness, increased granularity, low mass

The new tracking system for the ATLAS experiment for the HL-LHC will cope with increased particle multiplicity and radiation levels

ITk provides large acceptance, large number of points per track, high granularity and radiation hardness with minimised material budget.

The ITk Strip detector is progressing through production and integration

→ sensors, ASICs, modules, structures, services, global mechanics

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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PhD thesis: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2790971>

# BACKUP



# Upgrade to HL-LHC

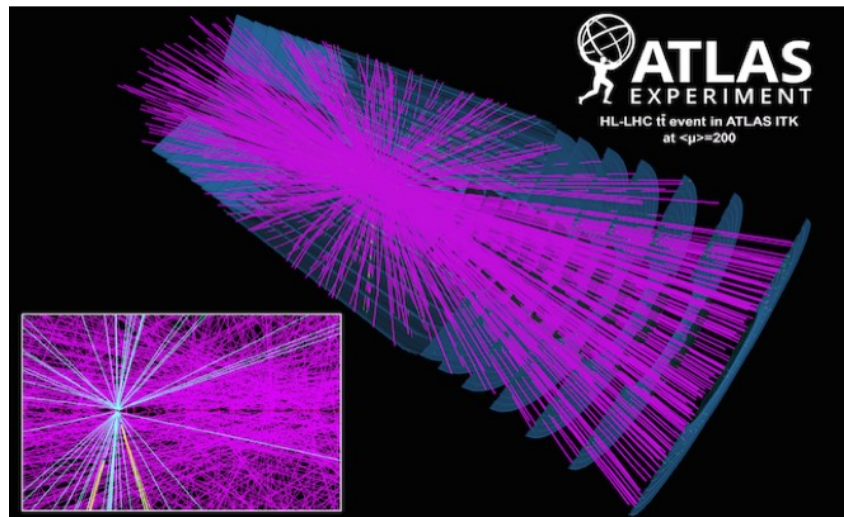
In the High-Luminosity LHC, particle densities and radiation levels will exceed current levels by a factor of 10

Instantaneous luminosity will reach unprecedented values:  $7 \times 10^{34} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , up to 200 p-p interactions per bunch crossing

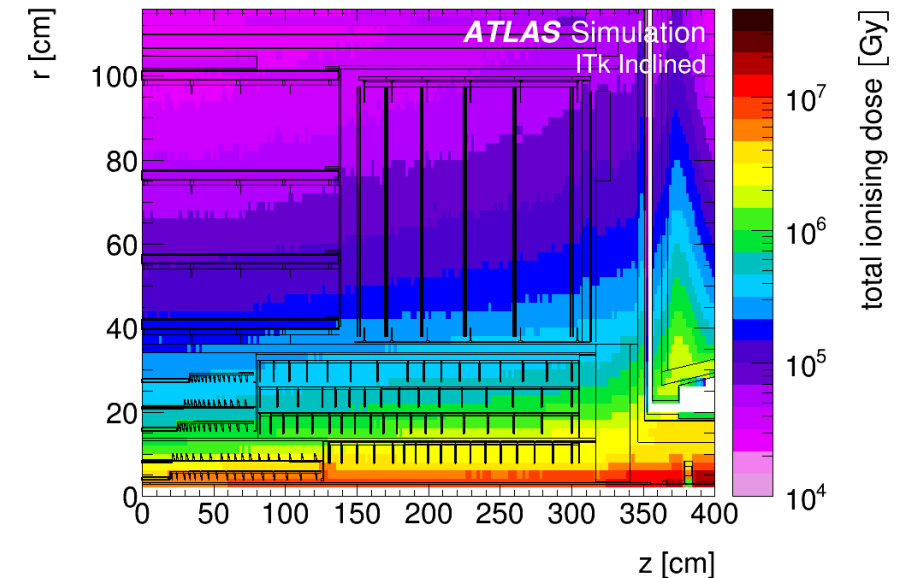
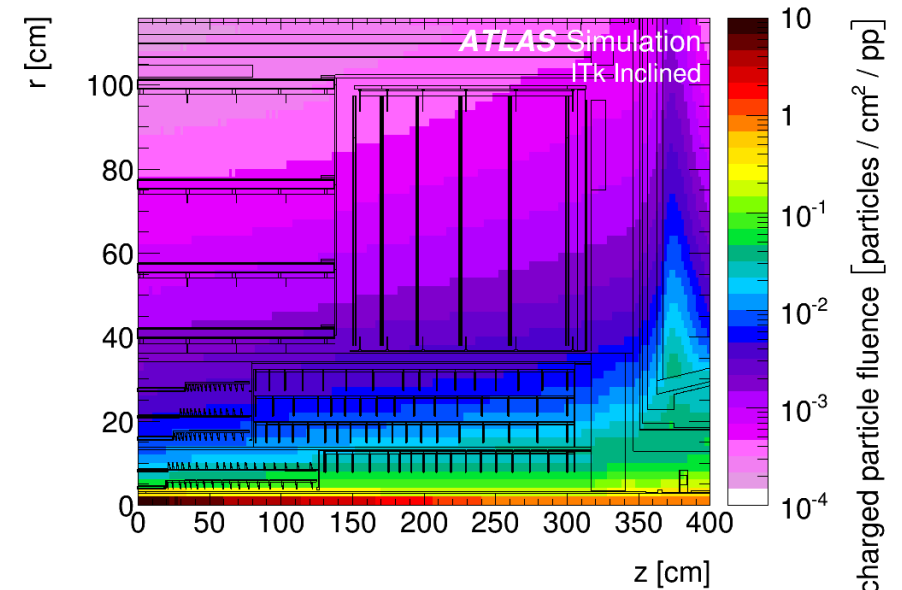
The ATLAS detector will operate after exposure to large particle fluences

Upgrading is required to guarantee a working detector in these conditions

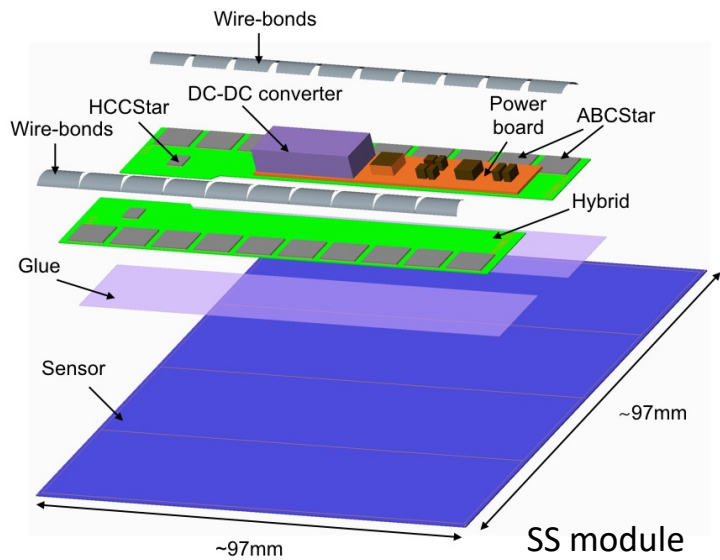
The current tracking detector will be completely replaced to deal with the unprecedentedly high levels of radiation and pile-up of the collider



Proton-proton collision in the future ATLAS inner tracker, during HL-LHC



# The strip barrel. Staves



→ **Hybrid** (readout PCB) glued to sensors.

Readout ASICs glued to hybrid, wire-bonded to sensor:

ATLAS Binary Readout Chips (AB)  
Hybrid Controller Chips (HCC)

**ABCStar**  
Front-end chip  
Binary readout

**HCCStar**  
On-hybrid digital interface chip

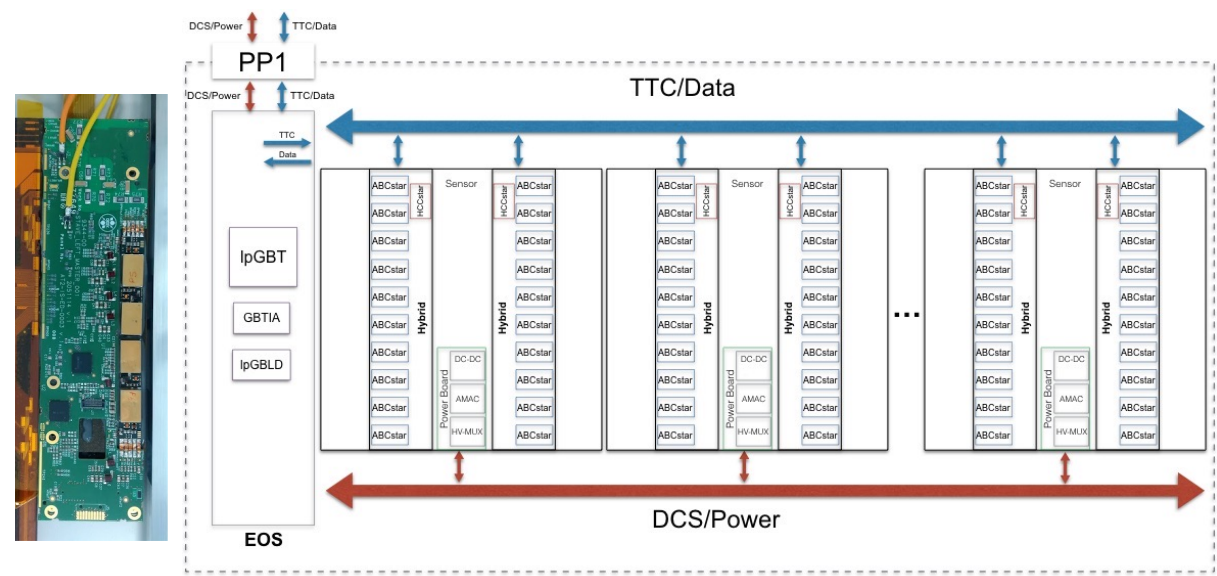
**AMAC**  
On-module monitoring and control chip

→ **Power board** (power PCB) for module  
Control and monitoring ASIC:

Autonomous Monitor And Control ASIC (AMAC)

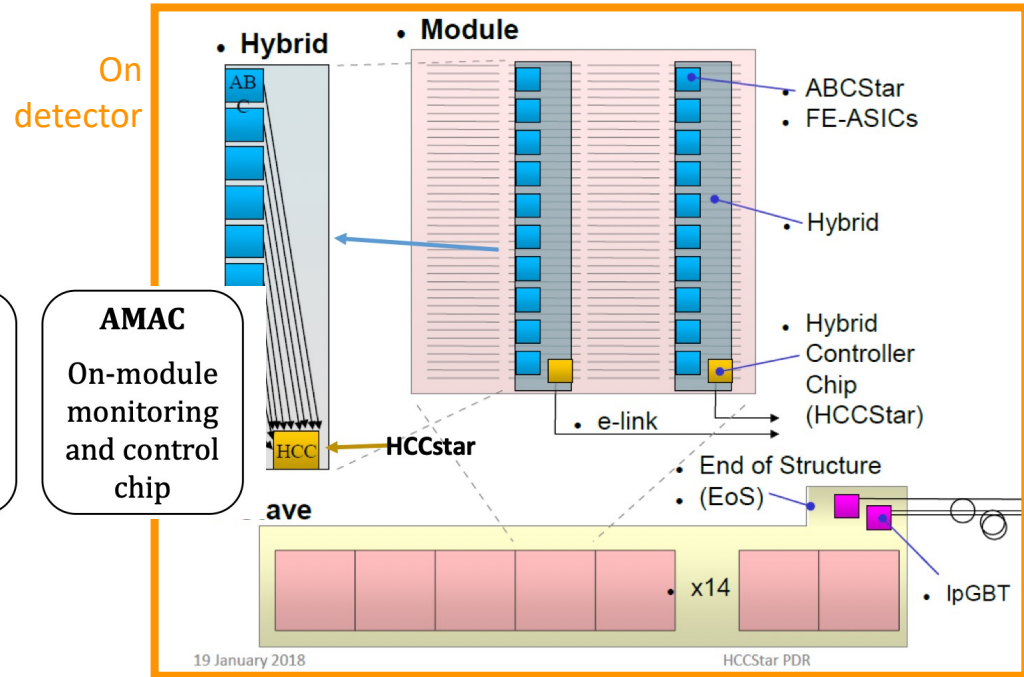
DCDC converter for LV powering – ITk Strip Baseline powering scheme uses parallel powering with DC-DC converters

Sensor biasing via HVSwitch



Segmented Multidrop controls @160Mbit/s  
Point to point data at 640 Mbit/s

LV power bus at ~11V  
4 (2) HV lines at <550V  
Common LV/HV return  
AMAC control & data



**Stave-side (inner-barrels):**  
14 Modules  
2 HCC per module, 28 HCC total  
1 e-link per HCC @ 640Mb/s  
= 28x 640Mb/s e-links total  
14 e-links per IpGBT  
= 2x IpGBT Uplinks

**Stave-side (outer-barrels) / Petal-side:**  
Similar but fewer: 14 HCCs total  
= 1x IpGBT Uplink

**Total uplinks: 1824**

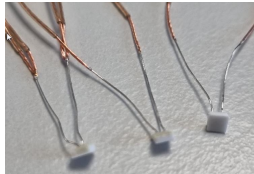


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# Strips. Integration & installation

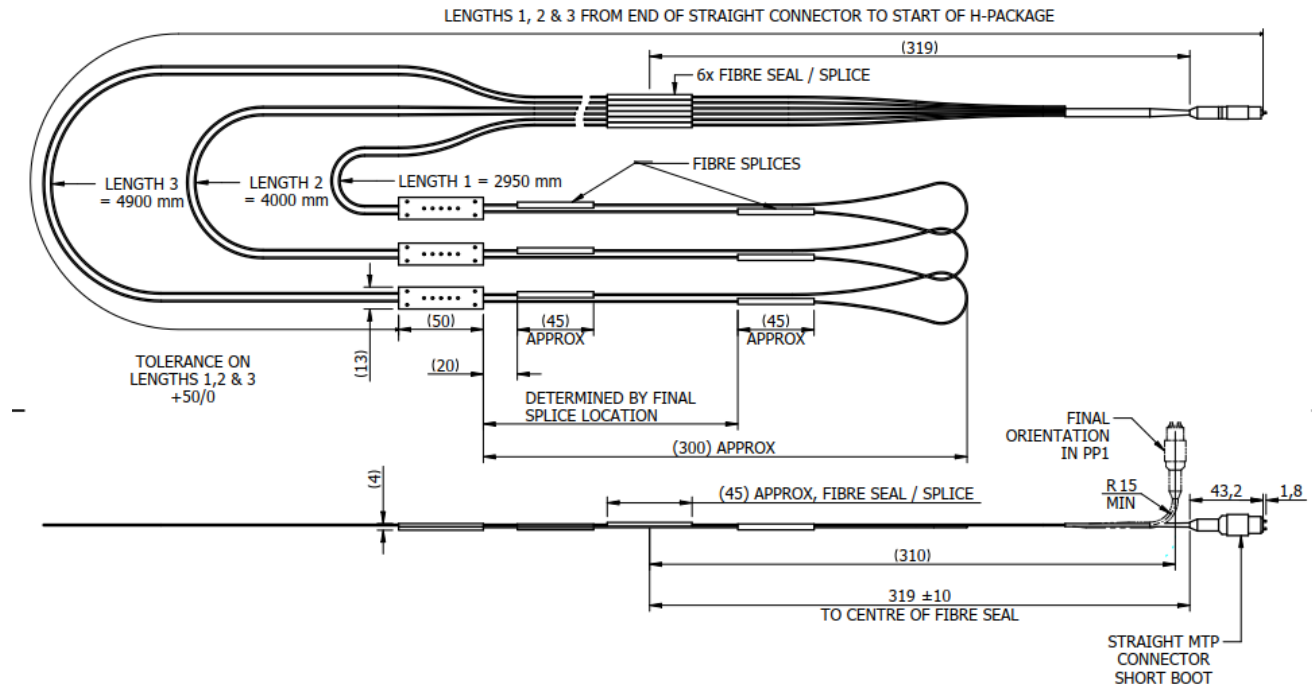
## More about T and H monitoring

More than 500 T sensors in ITk volume for a 9MGy radiation level

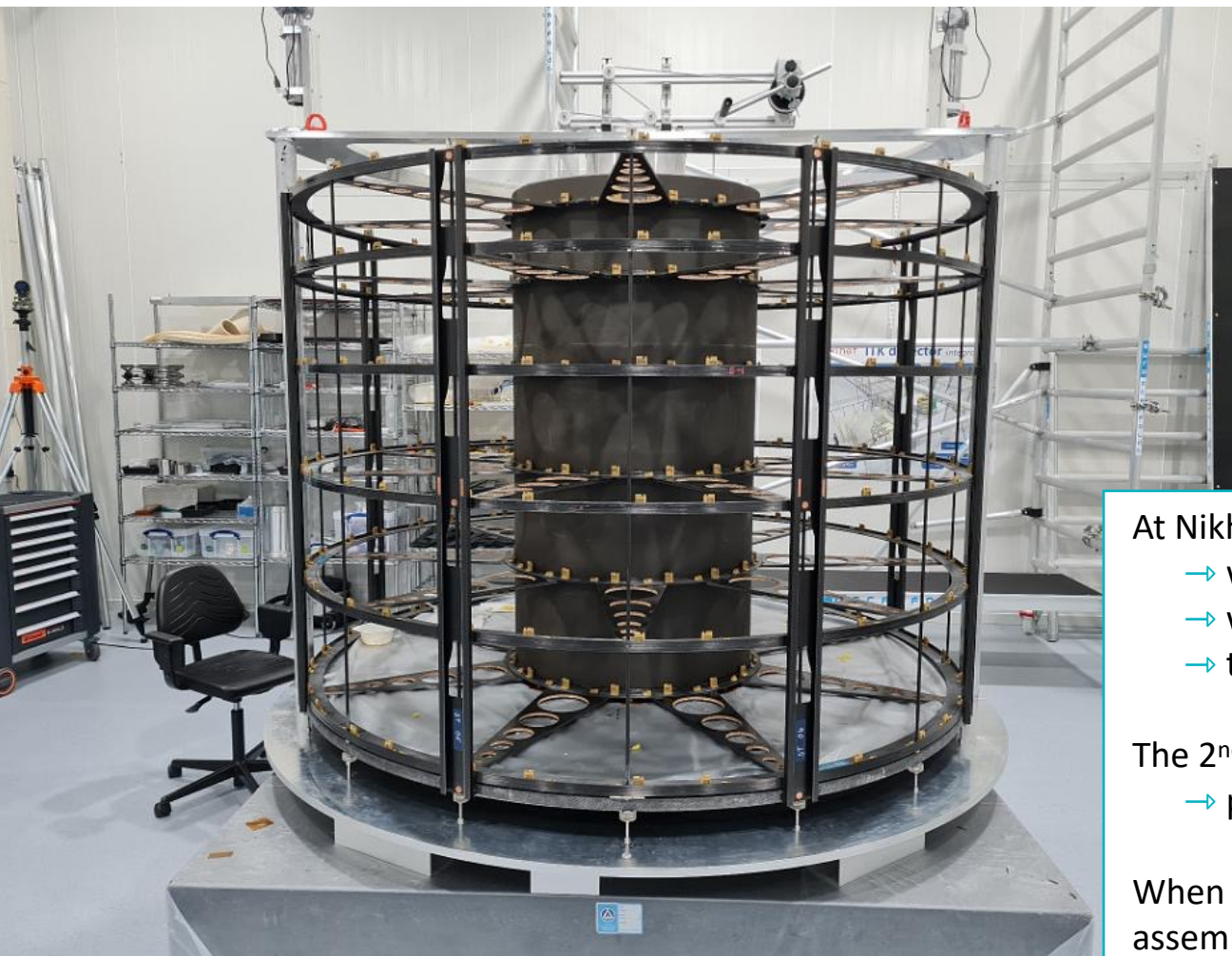


12 radiation hard fibre optic humidity sensors in Strip detector (LPG+2FBG)

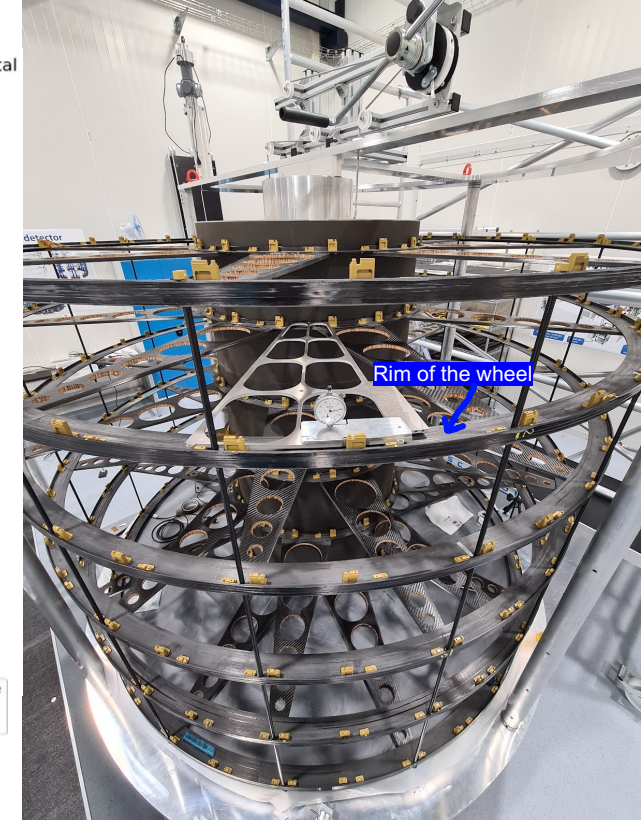
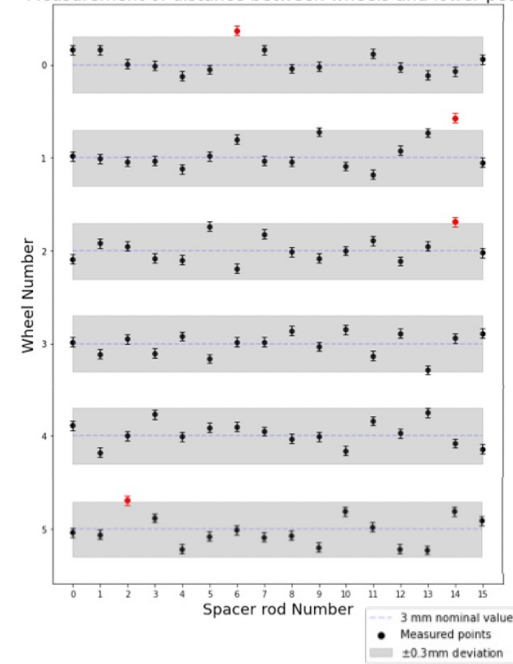
Temperature Sensor	on cooling pipe	high accuracy	ITk volume
number of sensors	1012	28 (56)	ca 500
radiation level	9 MGy		
temperature range	-45 deg C to +20 deg C		
accuracy	0.5 K	0.2 K	1 K
precision	1 K	0.2 K	1 K
temperature range	(-80 to -45) deg C and (+20 to +60) deg C		
accuracy	2 K		
precision	2 K		
<b>Readout</b>			
type of readout	2 wire	4 wire	2 wire
number of ADC channels	1012	56 (112)	ca 500
number of bits	16	16	12
location of readout	PP2		
distance between sensor and readout	15 m		
radiation level	0.1 kGy		



# End-caps. Integration & installation



Measurement of distance between wheels and lower petal



At Nikhef, the construction of the 1<sup>st</sup> end-cap structure is finished

- wheel notches, to solve issue with some petals RF-box
- working on CF support beams installation
- this EC will be sent to DESY for petal insertion this year

The 2<sup>nd</sup> end-cap will start to be built at Nikhef soon

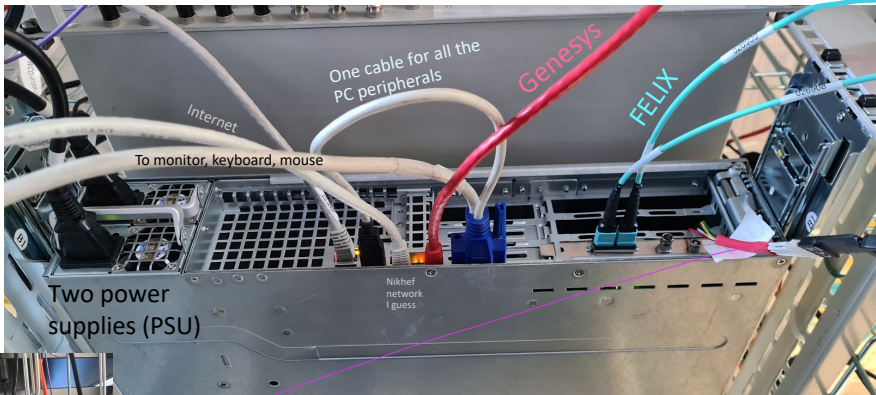
- petal insertion will take place at Nikhef too

When both end-caps are final, they will be shipped to CERN for assembling with the barrel

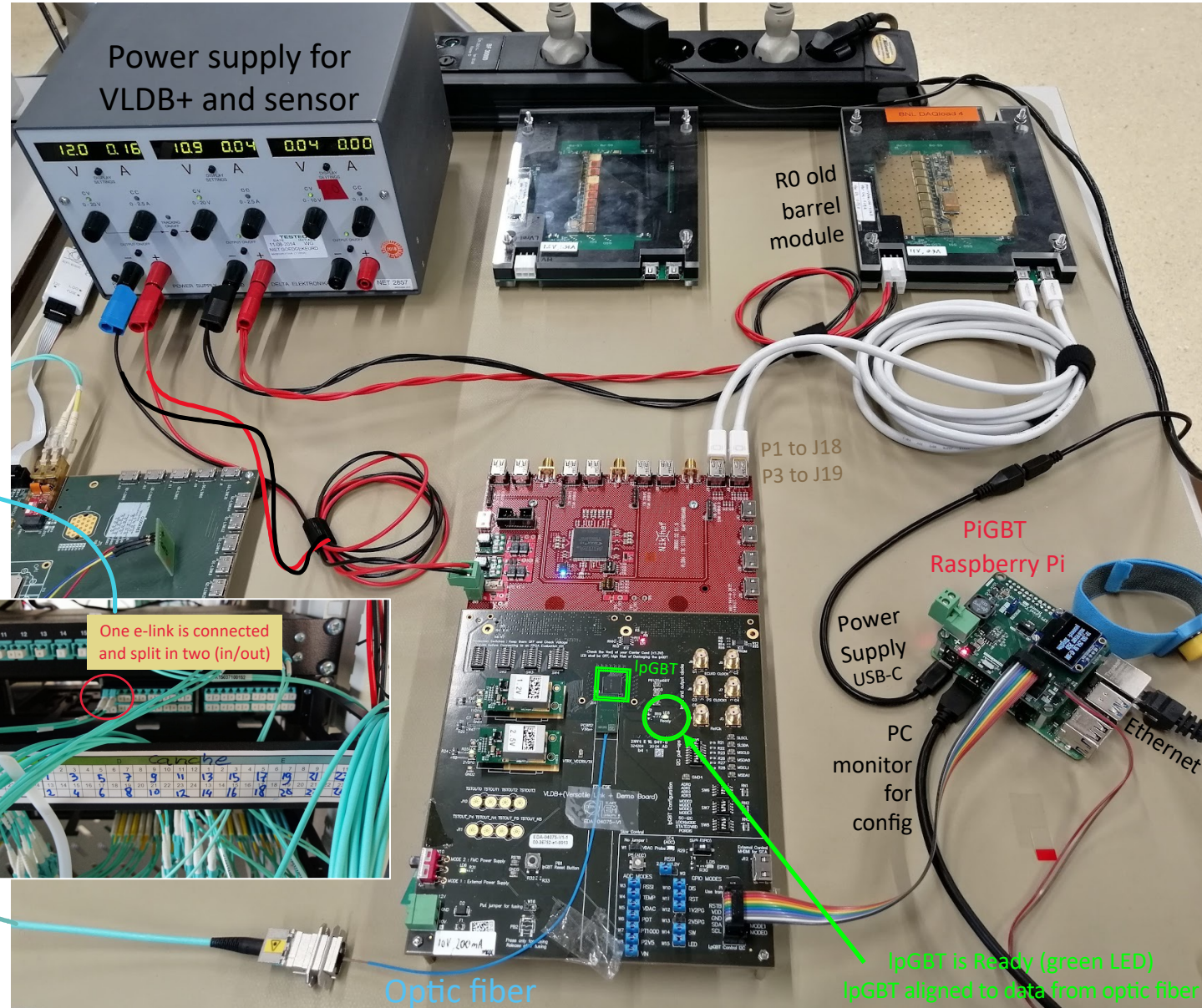
# DAQ activities. FELIX

- The module is an old R0 barrel without AMAC chip, with one HCC star and one ABC star
- Communication is reached, links are aligned, all dependencies for scans are working in the ITk-server
- readout hybrids with front-end chips (ABCStar) Hybrid Controller Chip (HCCStar)
- Autonomous Monitor And Control ASIC (AMAC) (for control and monitoring)

ITk-server

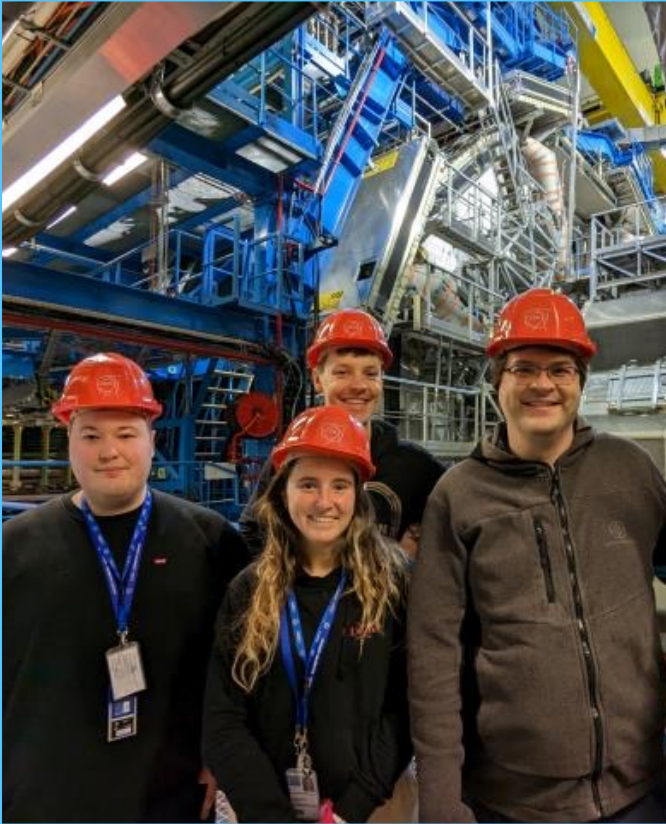


To this common computer for flashing firmware to the FELIX card





# DAQ - The EC team



Visit to ATLAS during the EC team  
(Max, Jan-Hendrik, Dennis, myself)  
visit to SR1 in January 2023

Team working on the preparation of DAQ setups for petal reception and petal testing:

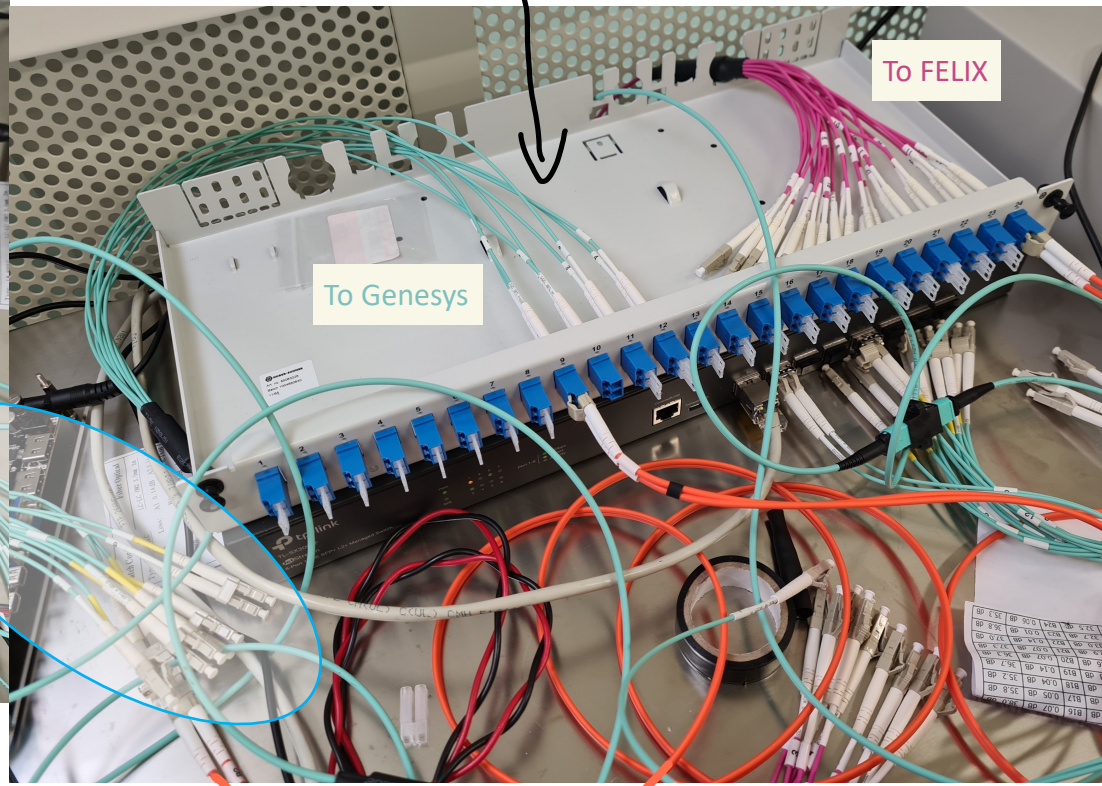
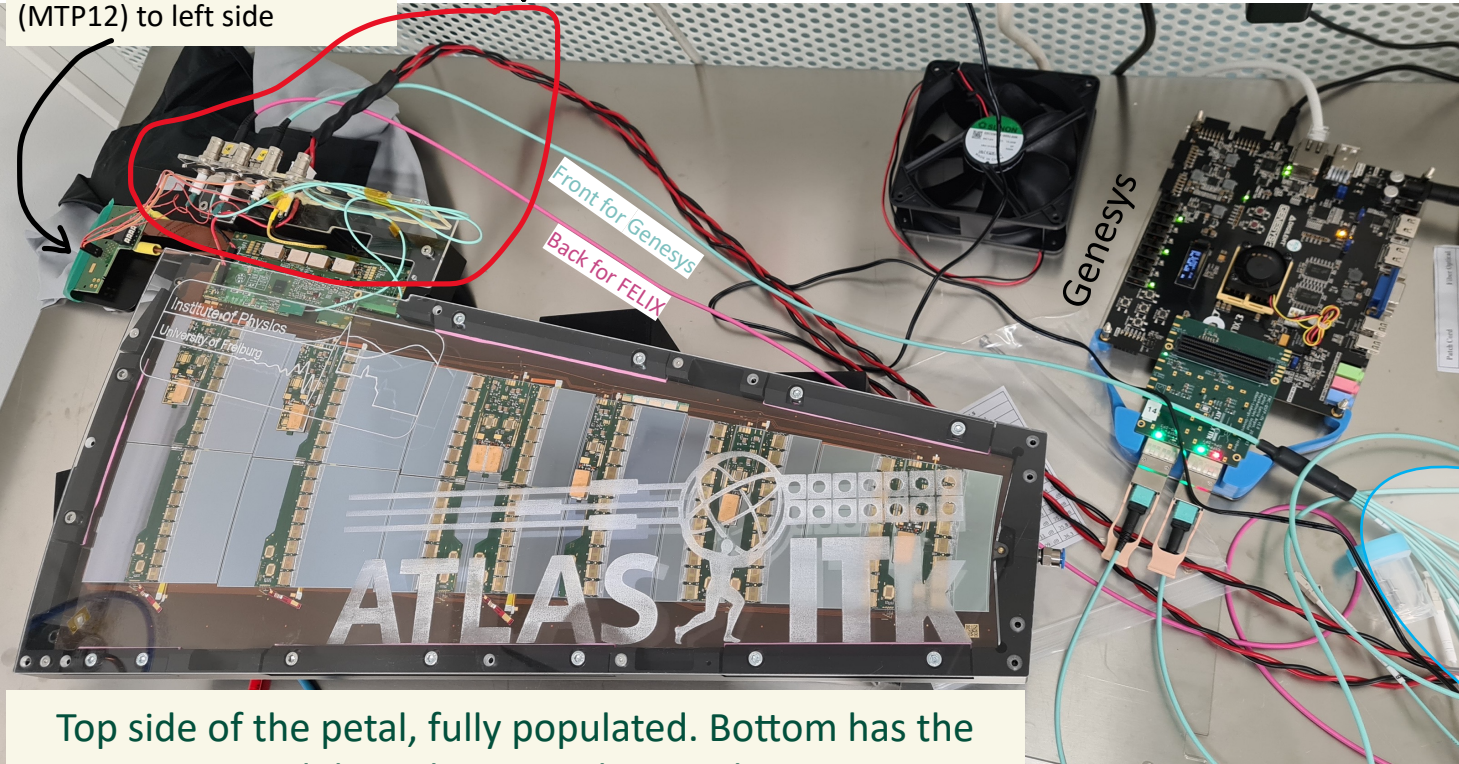
- [Universität Freiburg](#) → Dennis Sperlich
- [DESY](#) → Maximilian Caspar, Jan-Hendrik Arling, Lennart Huth
- [Nikhef](#) → Andrea García Alonso

*Many thanks to the barrel SR1 team for showing and explaining their setup, as well as helping to get ours running!*

# DAQ setup - Freiburg. Genesys and FELIX

Genesys can read 2 full petals at the same time (8 fibers)

Final EoS will substitute this with a simple connector (MTP12) to left side

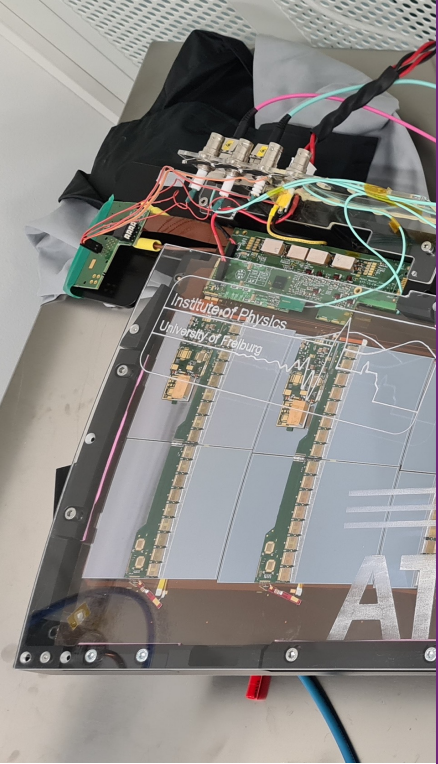


Top side of the petal, fully populated. Bottom has the outmost module and two R0 chips without sensors

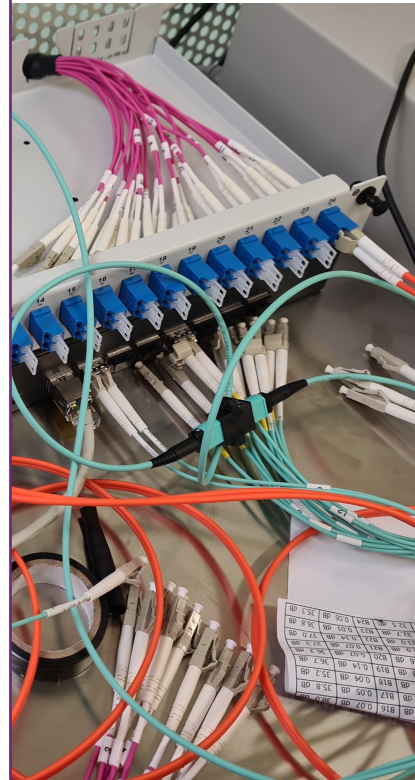
Petal 10G ethernet

One fiber per IpGBT → two fibers per petal (2 sides = 2 IpGBTs)  
Each fiber gets split into 12, from which only 2 are not empty (in + out of the fiber from the petal). These two are connected to the bulkhead to change to the bunch of eight optic fibers that go to Genesys

# DAQ setup - Freiburg. Genesys and FELIX



- Successful communication with petal IpGBT through both Genesys and FELIX
- Implementing modifications for FELIX scans on petals, based on the repositories created by the SR1 team for staves
- Preparation for running scans
- Implemented first version of petal readout in FELIX → still to be tested/validated



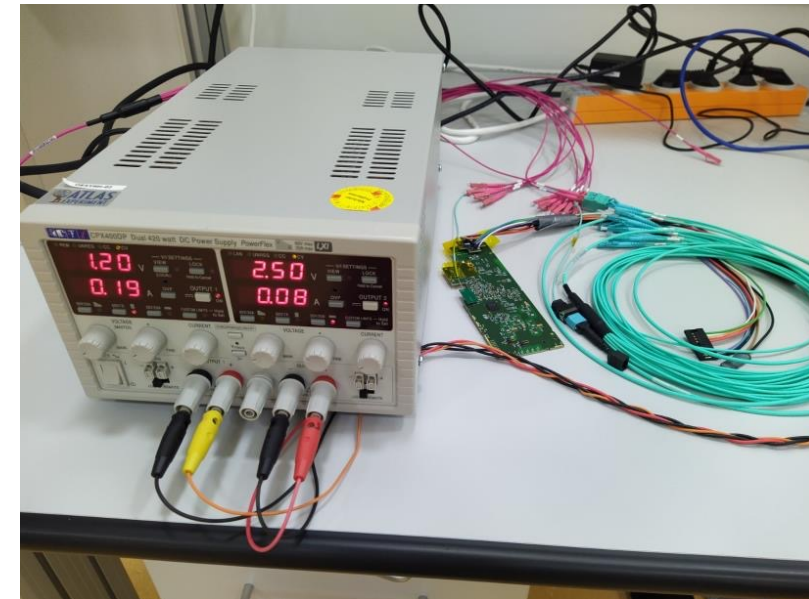
# DAQ setup - DESY. Genesys and FELIX

Tested the FELIX readout with a EoS secondary board:

- installation of FELIX packages
- routing of optical fibers
- configuration of IpGBT and register readback
- successful demonstration of complete readout chain

At the moment waiting for PPB petal with R5 module from TRIUMF for real petal tests and scans:

- testing with FELIX and ITSDAQ (parallel Genesys setup available)
- implementing and testing petal-specific changes for HCC/ABC mapping
- testing of IpGBT v1 within FELIX



# DAQ setup - Nikhef

## Genesis

One fiber comes from the IpGBT to the 12-channel LC connector. 10 channels go empty through the LC connector till the transceiver to the FMC-QSFP. This is the same setup as the FELIX one, substituting the optic fibers bulkhead and the FELIX server with a connector and the Genesis card.

