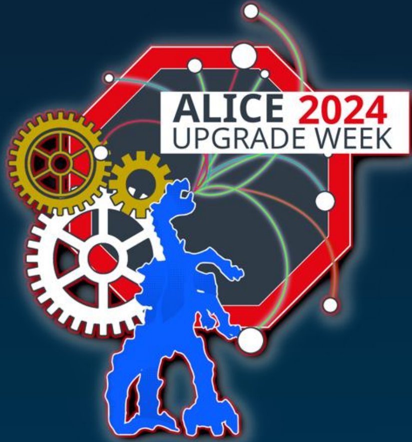
OT module design and assembly



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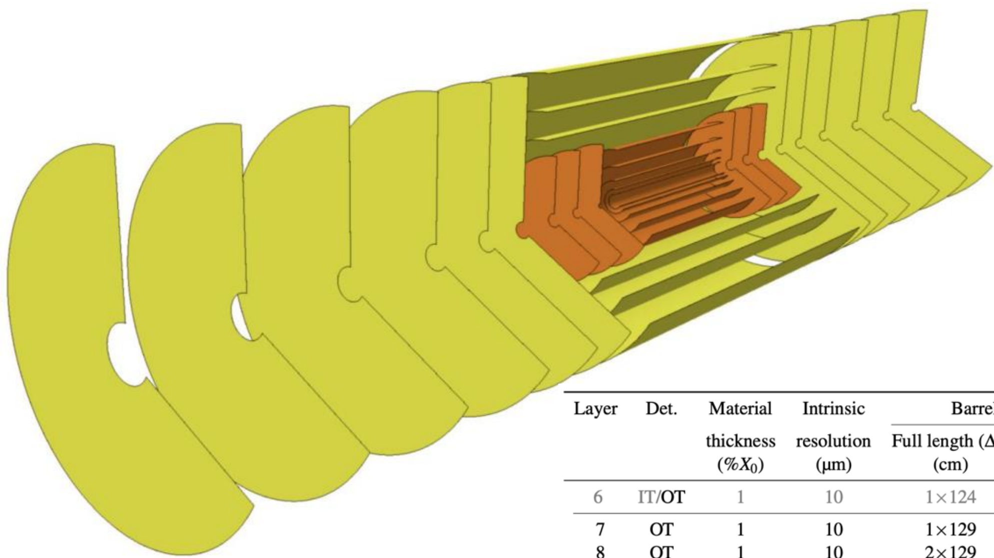
ALICE 3 Outer Tracker



- ~50 m^2 of active area: ~33 m^2 for barrel
- Low material budget (1% X_0)
- ~50 µm effective pixel pitch for 10 µm position resolution
- Low power consumption: 30-50 mW/cm^2

Layer	Det.	Material thickness (% X_0)	Intrinsic resolution (µm)	Barrel layers: Full length (Δz) (cm)	Barrel layers: Radius (r) (cm)	Forward disks: Position ($\|z\|$) (cm)	Forward disks: R_{in}–R_{out} (cm)
6	IT/OT	1	10	1×124	20	150	5–68
7	OT	1	10	1×129	30	180	5–68
8	OT	1	10	2×129	45	220	5–68
9	OT	1	10	2×129	60	260	5–68
10	OT	1	10	2×129	80	300	5–68
11	OT	1	10			350	5–68

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Outer Tracker – Detector							Assembly tests	Detector assembly	Detector assembly			

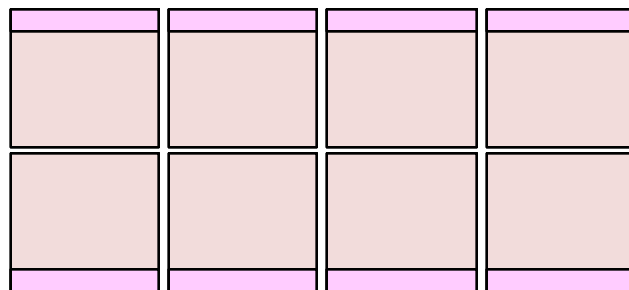
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 (quarters for each year)

Concept of OT barrel, stave, module

coldplate
Overlap region
sensor
spacer

Spaceframe: 1320 mm
281 staves in total

Sensor: 3.2 × 2.5 cm^2



Module

- **ALICE 3 OT module:**
- **Consists of 8 chips, positioned in 2x4:**
  50.4 mm x 128.8 mm (200 µm gaps between sensors)
- **20 modules on a single stave:**
  5620 modules in total for barrel
- **2688 modules for disks**

More technical details in Roman's talk [Link]
(IT+OT+FCT - Parallel session)

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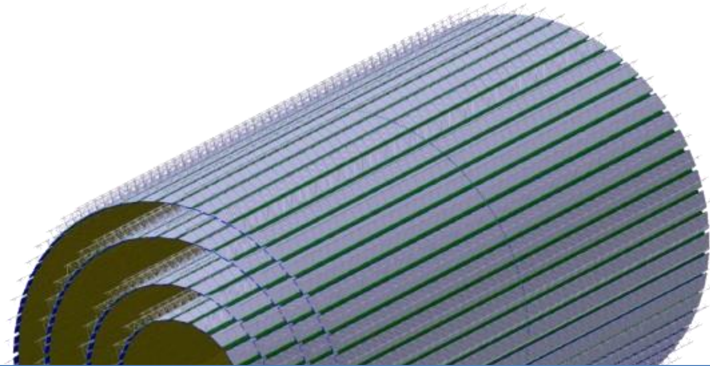

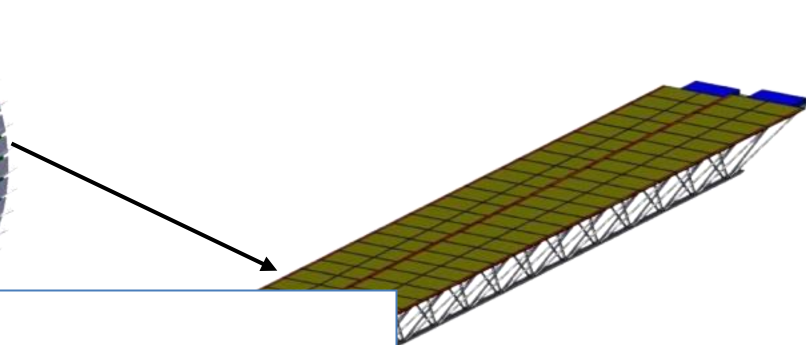

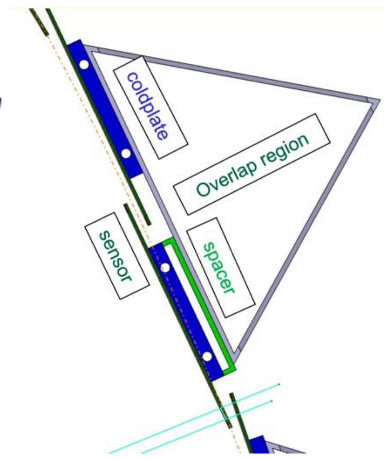

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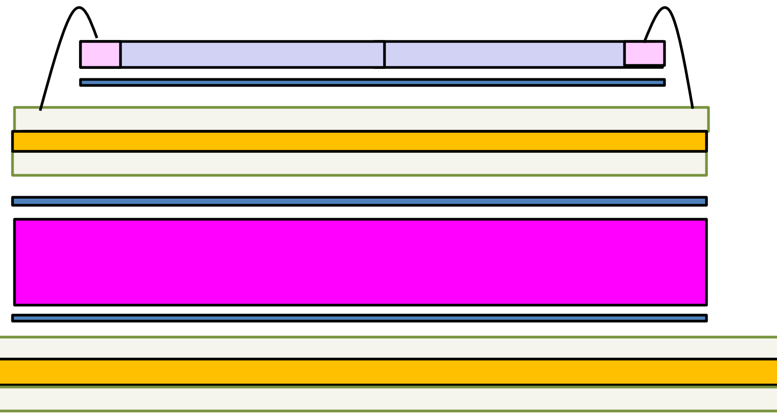
Bonding std 15 µm Al wire



Sensor
Glue
Module FPC
Metal layer
Kapton
Metal layer
Thermal pad
StaveFPC
Metal layer
Kapton
Metal layer

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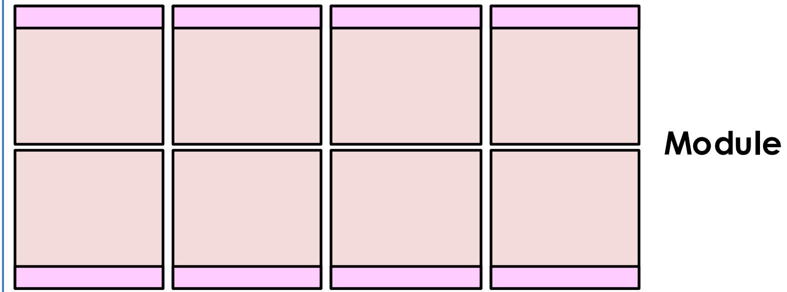

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Path to the module after sensor fabrication

Sensor test procedure for ITS2
for ALICE 3 OT

1,500 raw wafers

5%

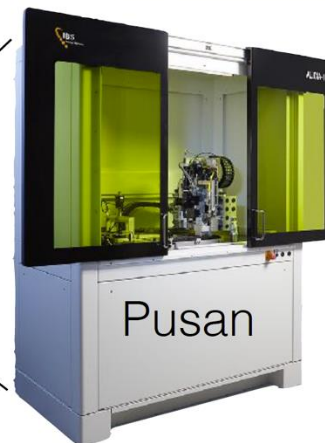
1,200 CMOS wafers
1,920 CMOS wafers

8%
(2/25)

55,000 sensors
109,200 sensors

100%

Detector assembly



Chip-level test after postprocessing
~1 year for chip test

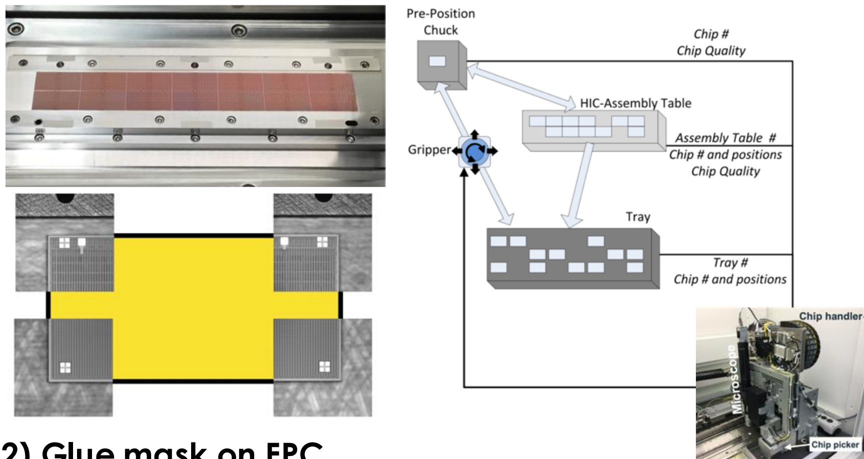
Chip-level or wafer-level test for ALICE 3 OT?
Under discussion with a wafer probing company in Korea for a test run

Path to the module after sensor fabrication

Module assembly procedure for ITS2 OB
2600 modules for ~2 years in 5 sites

ALICE 3 OT:
5620 for barrel and 2688 for disks
~10000 modules considering yield and spares

1) Chips positioned on the HIC table

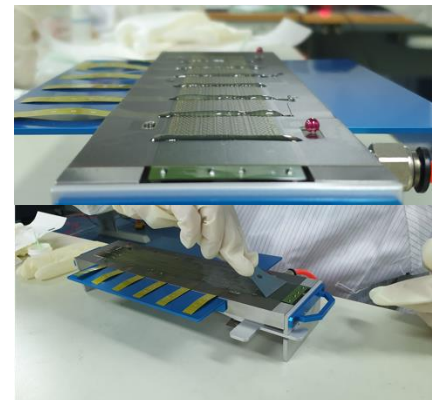


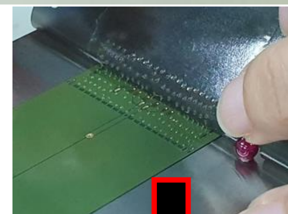
2) Glue mask on FPC

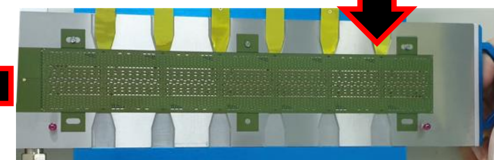
FPC and glue mask on the gripper

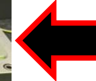
3) Gluing and curing

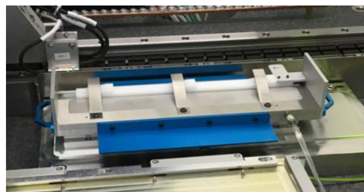
Glue (Araldite 2011) mixing











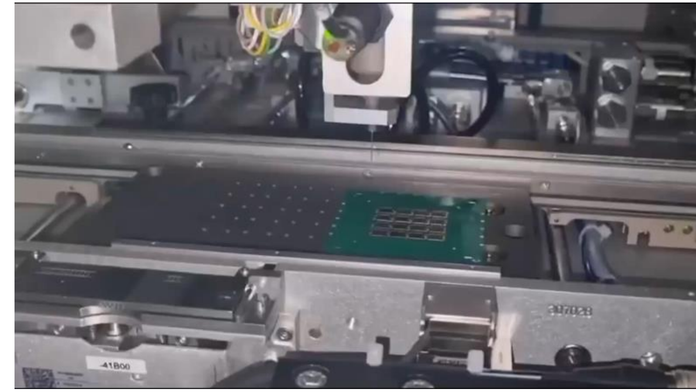
~5 hours curing time

- **Automatization and industrialization of module assembly**
  - Collaboration with MEMSPACK
    using a multi-purpose machine die bonder

Datacon 2200 evo+

MRSI 705

Henner and Ralf's visit (May)



Integrated Dispenser
- Pressure/time (Musashi®), Auger, Jetter types available
- Epoxy stamping option
- Filled and unfilled epoxy, wide viscosity range
- Small footprint, low cost-of-ownership

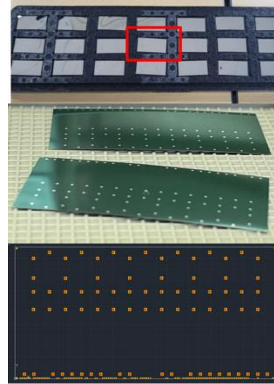
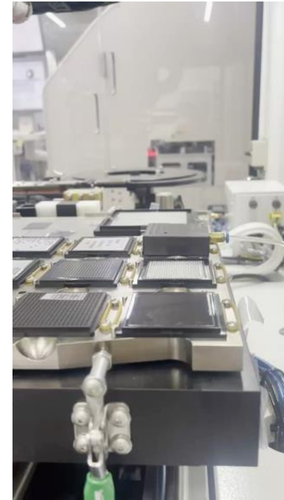
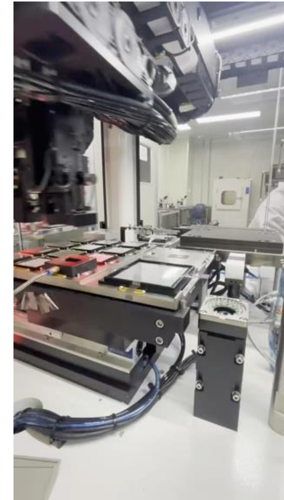
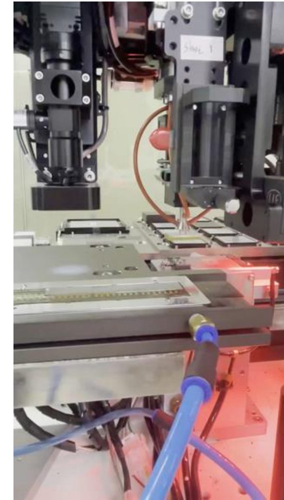
Vision Alignment
- New high-speed image processing unit
- Full alignment & Bad mark search
- Pre-defined fiducial geometry & customized teaching

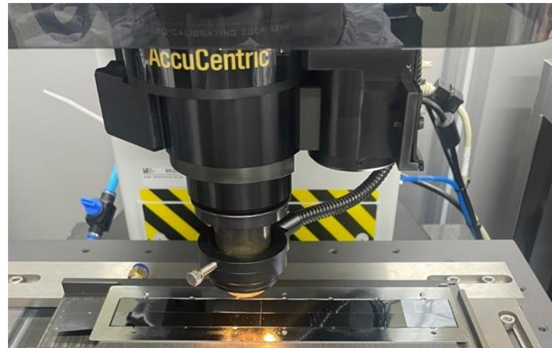
Automatic Wafer and Tool Changer
- Fully Automatic cycle for Multi-Chip production
- Up to 7 Pick & Place tools (optionally 14), 5 eject tools
- Stamping tools and calibration tools possible

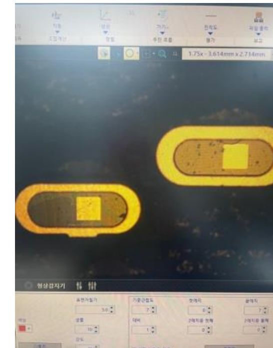
Pick & Place Head
- Die Attach, Flip Chip and Multi-Chip in one machine
- Die pick from: wafer, waffle pack, Gel-Pak®, feeder
- Die place to: substrate, boat, carrier, PCB, leadframe, wafer
- Hot and cold processes supported: epoxy, soldering, thermo-compression, eutectic

Dummy module assembly (2023 Dec.)

- Dummy HIC production (ITS2 OB design) for machine validation (using double-sided tape):

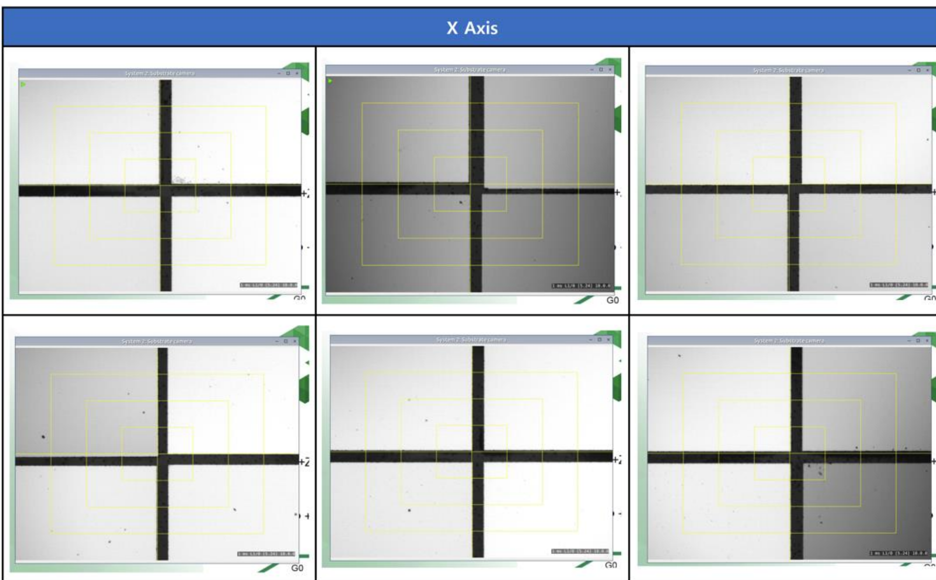





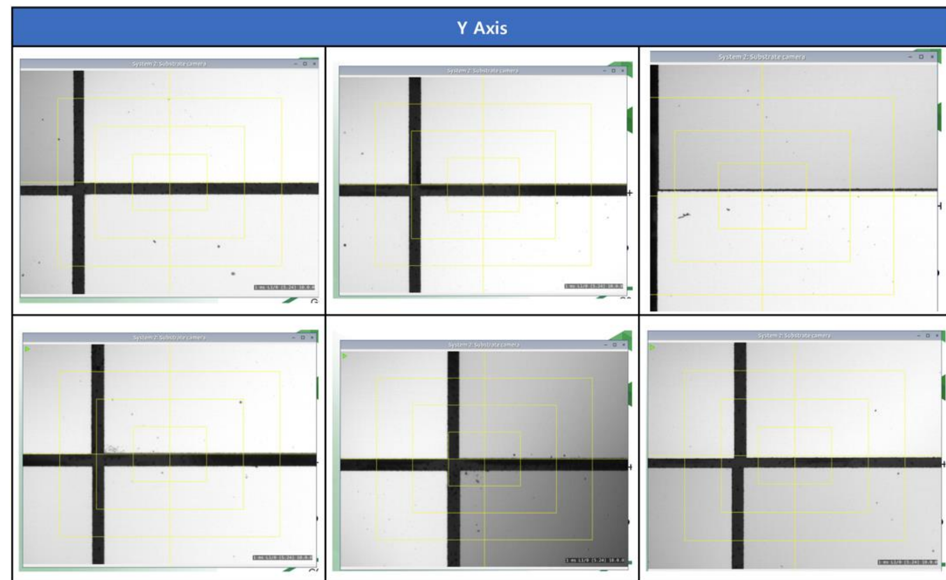




Dummy module assembly (2024 Mar.)

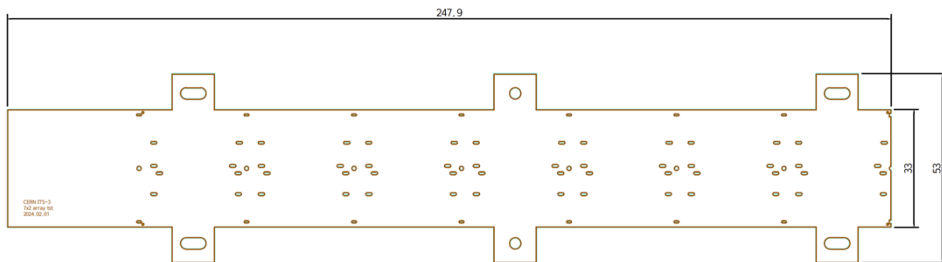
- Chips are aligned with respect to the marker on the FPC
  Chip-to-chip alignment may vary due to the precision of FPC production
- Difficult to achieve stable results of position precision due to the warpage of dummy FPC
  - Different brightness is because of the tilt of chips

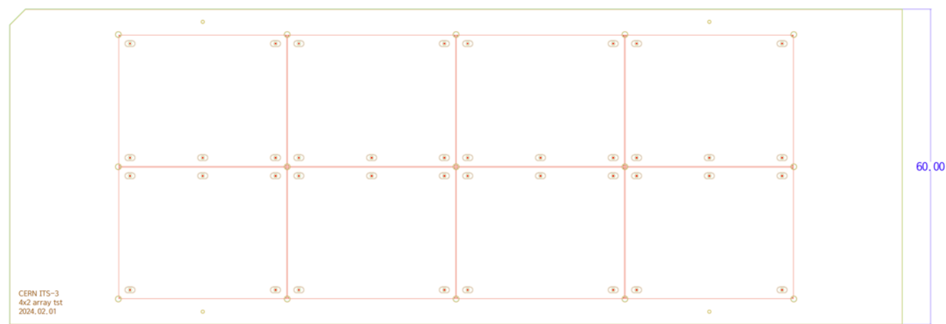


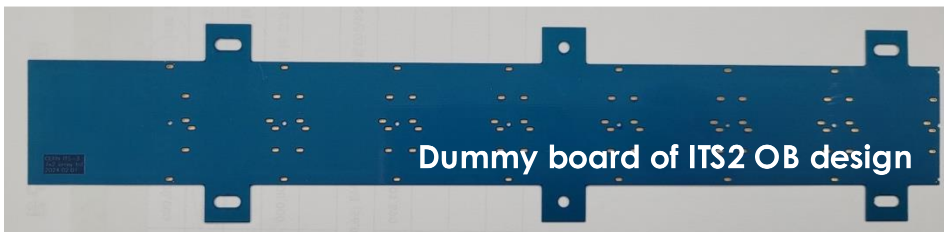


Dummy module assembly (2024 Mar.)

- 2nd production of dummy chip and dummy board
  - Both for ITS2 OB HIC design and ALICE 3 OT design
  - Using thicker chips (50-100 μm) and boards (0.3 mm) to validate the repeatability of position precision







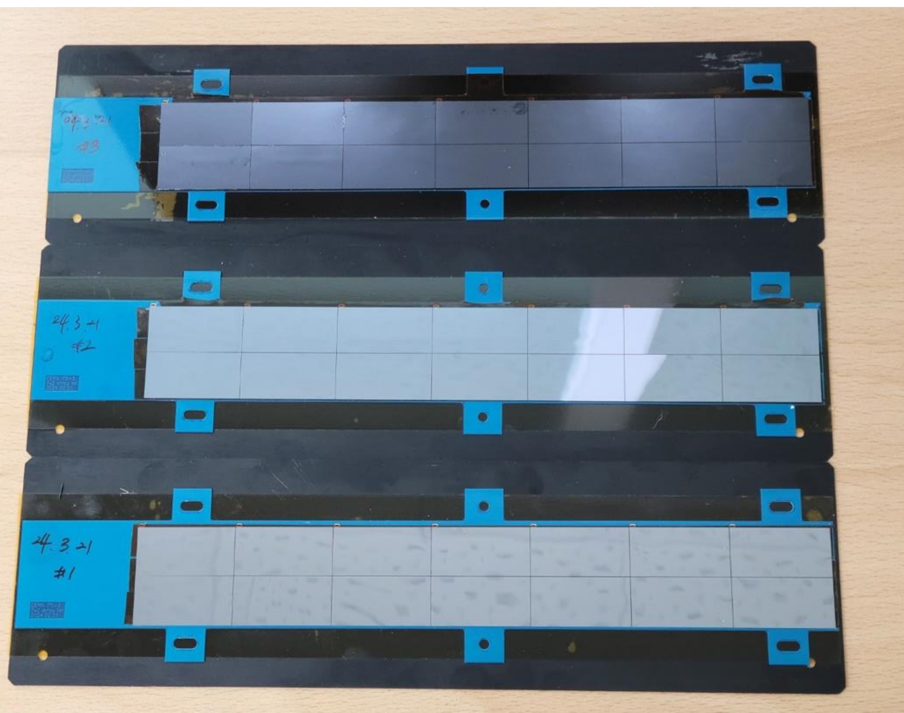
Dummy board of ITS2 OB design

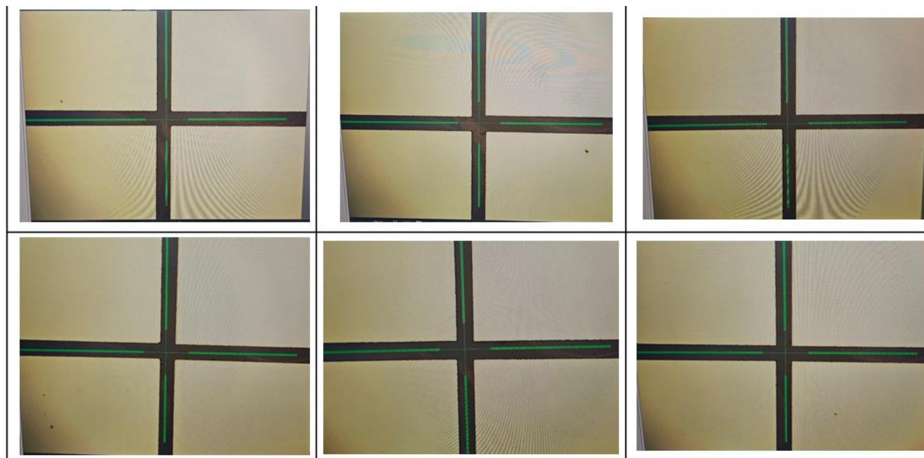
Dummy board of ALICE 3 OT design

First version PCB

Dummy module assembly (2024 Mar.)

- 2nd production of dummy chip and dummy board
  - Both for ITS2 OB HIC design and ALICE 3 OT design
  - Using thicker chips (50-100 μm) and boards (0.3 mm) to validate the repeatability of position precision
  - Successfully produced five modules with a good position precision (using double-sided tape)





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1	30.149999 mm	0 mm	30.149999 mm
2	30.15 mm	0 mm	30.15 mm
3	30.149999 mm	0 mm	30.149999 mm
4	30.15 mm	0 mm	30.15 mm
5	30.15 mm	0 mm	30.15 mm
6	30.149999 mm	0 mm	30.149999 mm

Measure#	PP-X	PP-Y	Distance
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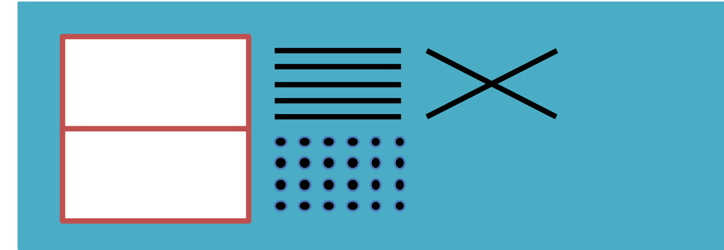
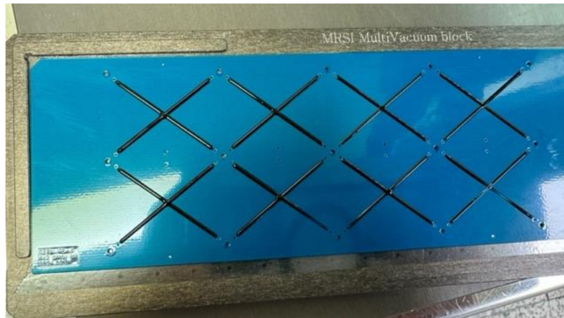
2	-0.000002 mm	15.15 mm	15.15 mm
3	0 mm	15.149999 mm	15.149999 mm
4	0 mm	15.149999 mm	15.149999 mm
5	0 mm	15.15 mm	15.15 mm
6	0 mm	15.149999 mm	15.149999 mm
7	0 mm	15.15 mm	15.15 mm

Dummy module assembly (2024 Jun.)

- Die bond with heat cure epoxy
  - Epoxy generally used by MEMSPACK
  - Heat cure condition: 100 ℃, 30 minutes (outside from the die bonder machine)
  - Dispense epoxy on the PCB (a few lines) and place chips
  - 0.3 mm thick chip (will reduce gradually)
  - Various dispensing patterns to minimize the position variation





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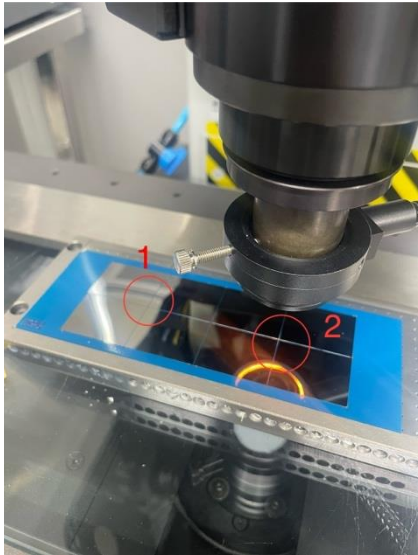
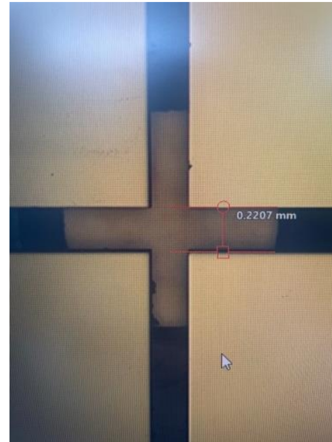
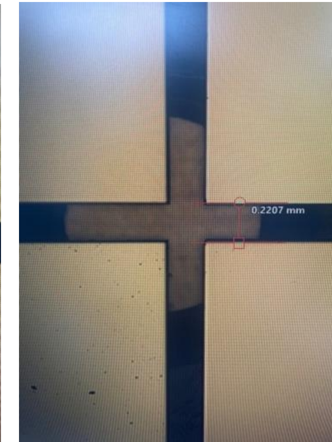
  - Various dispensing patterns to minimize the position variation
  - Reasonable position precision but needs to be optimized



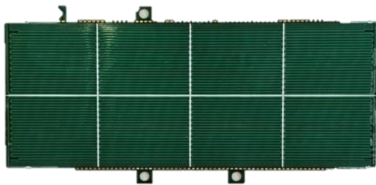




Dummy module assembly (2024 Oct.)

- Die bond with heat cure epoxy
  - Epoxy generally used by MEMSPACK
  - Heat cure condition: 100 ℃, 30 minutes (outside from the die bonder machine)
  - Dispense epoxy on the PCB (a few lines) and place chips
  - 0.3 mm thick chip (will reduce gradually)
  - **Confirmed a good position precision**

- To do
  - Thinner chip
  - Flexible PCB
  - Wire bonding
  - Epoxy (Araldite 2011)



32.158mm
32.158mm
32.133mm
25.146mm
25.143mm
25.142mm
25.146mm
32.153mm
32.152mm
32.149mm
1
2
3

Result		
	X	Y
#1	32.1583	25.1466
#2	32.1581	25.1434
#3	32.1337	25.1428
#4	32.1582	25.1460
#5	32.1528	
#6	32.1493	
Spec Min	0.010	0.010
Spec Max	0.010	0.010
MIN	32.134	25.143
MAX	32.158	25.147
AVG	32.152	25.145

Concept of mass production procedure

- Uses several assembly jigs to run the assembly station continuously
  - FPCB is held with a vacuum during curing
  - Plan to build the system and verify the procedure
  - Expected production rate: 20-30 modules (chips+FPCB) per day, even with Araldiate 2011

Vacuum line

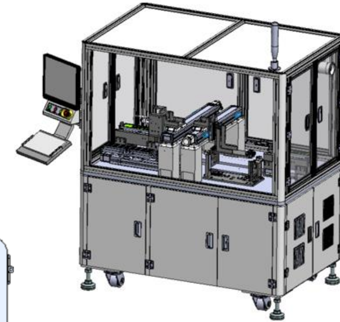
Assembly station (die bonder machine)

Jig station

Curing station

Customized module assembly machine (C-ON tech)

- Initial design for the customized machine
  - Chip handling system will provide an accurate position precision
  - Plan to produce a prototype machine in 2025



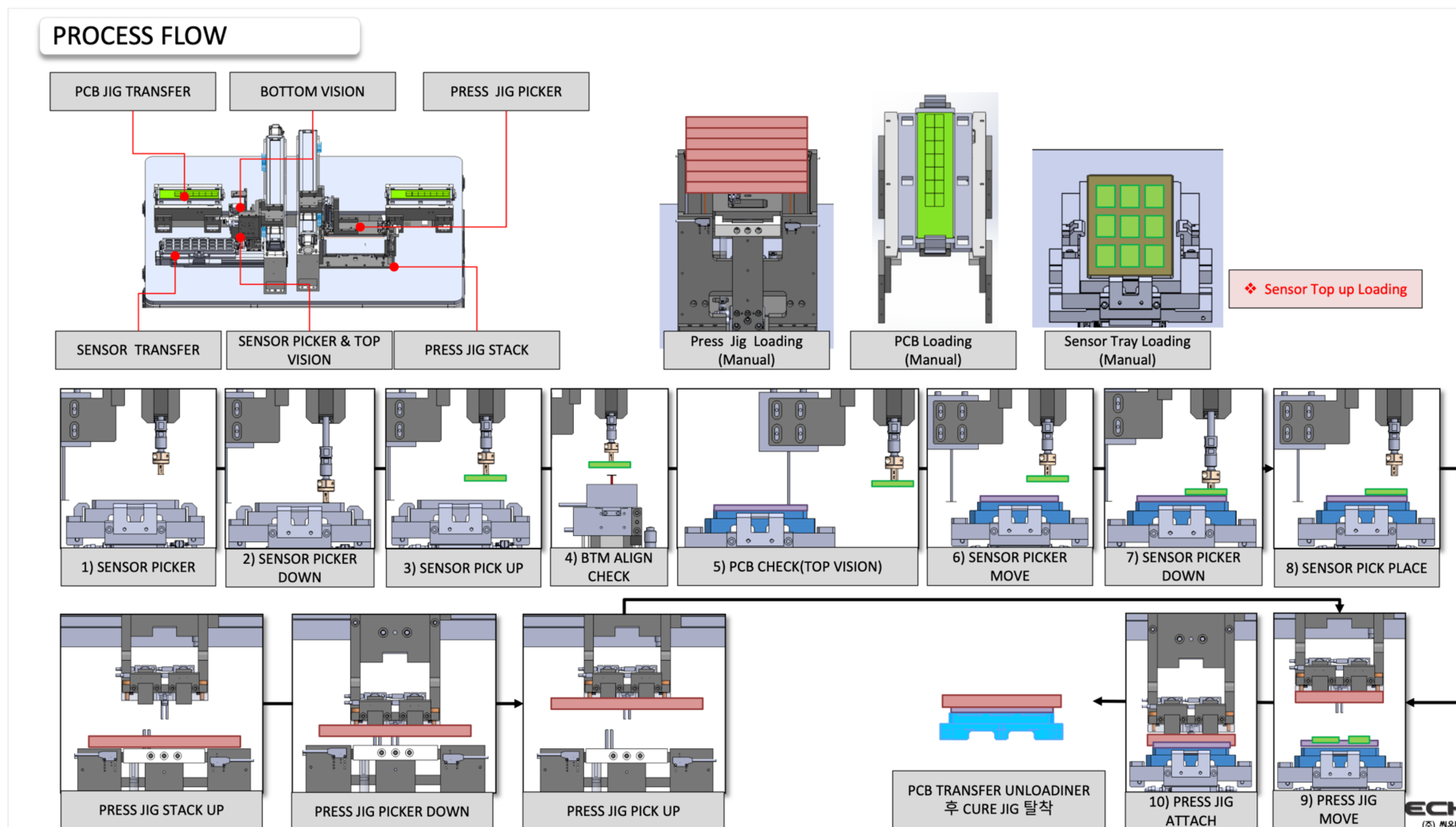
Process Flow

PCB Jig Loading (Manual)
PCB Loading (Manual)
Sensor Tray Loading (Manual)
Module Pick up
Bottom Vision
Top Vision
Press Jig Loading (Stack)
Press Jig Pick up
Module Place
Press Jig Place
PCB Unloading (Manual)
Sensor Tray Unloading (Manual)

LOADING
PCB JIG TRANSFER(D)
BOTTOM VISION(F)
UNLOADING
SENSOR TRANSFER(C)
SENSOR PICKER(A)
PRESS JIG STACK(E)
PRESS JIG PICKER(B)

Customized module assembly machine (C-ON tech)

- Option 1: Chips are placed/attached directly onto the PCB (same as the procedure from MEMSPACK)



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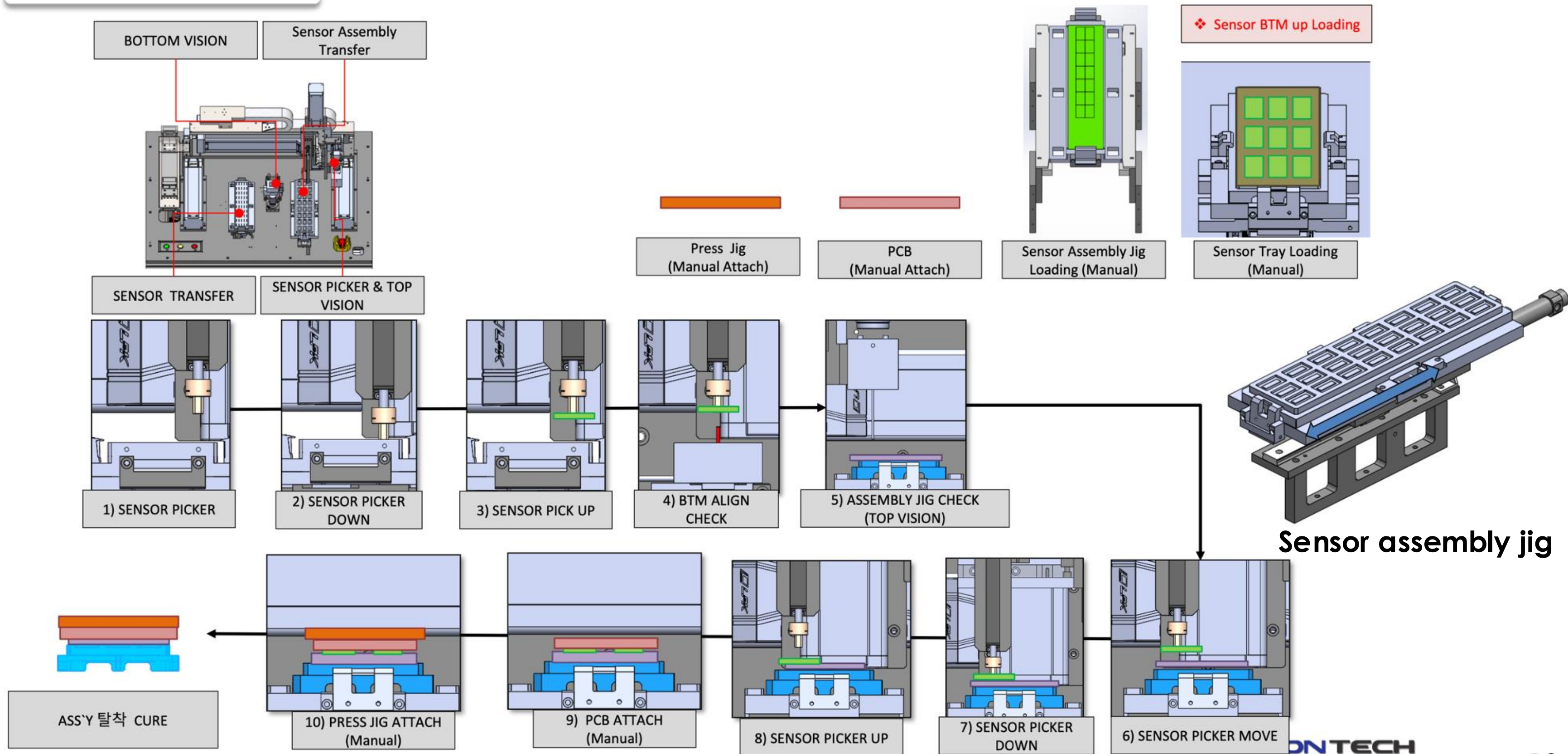
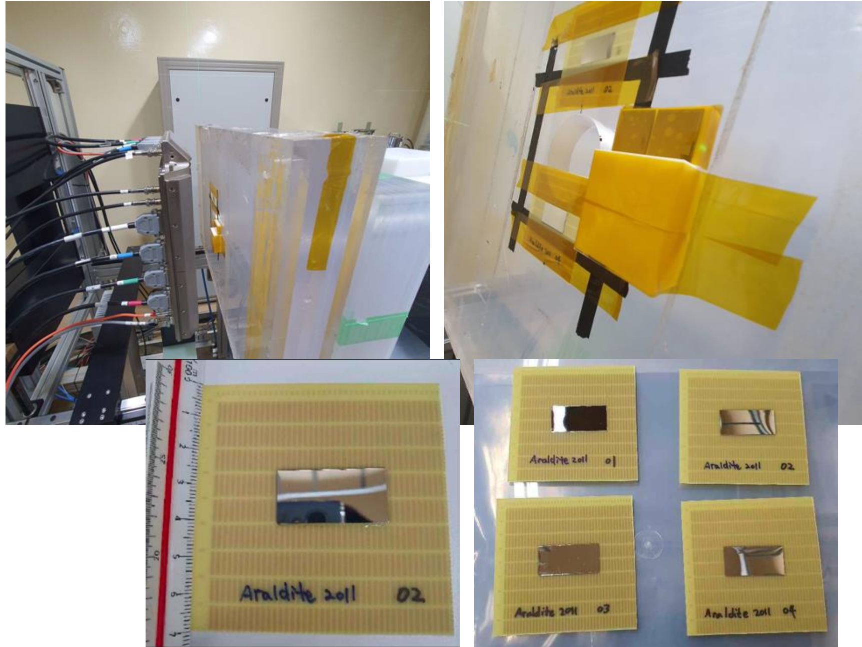
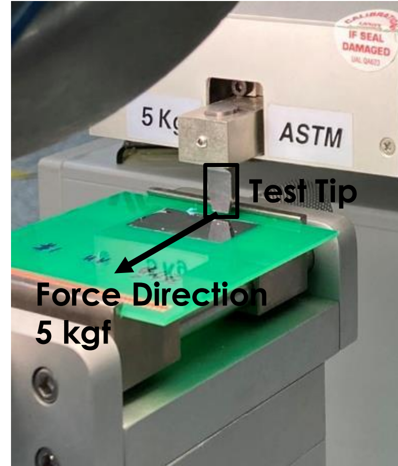
- Option 2: Chips are placed onto the jig, and the PCB is attached later (same as ALICIA)



Radiation hardness test for epoxy

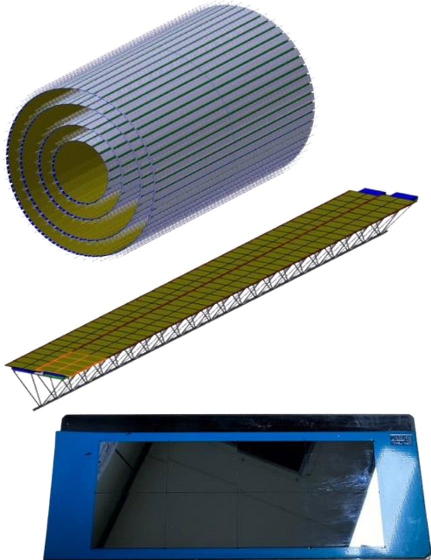
- Proton beams (15~20 MeV) at KOMAC can be utilized for radiation hardness test of epoxies
  - High-intensity beams ($10^{10\text{-}11}$ #/cm^2 s)
  - Comparison between different epoxies, including Araldite 2011
  - First run in Oct/16-17 and second run in Dec/23-24





Automatic dispenser
E4V
PerformusX100

- Module design and assembly for ALICE 3 OT
  - Conceptual design of stave and module
  - R&D of module assembly with a general-purpose die-attach machine
    Obtained a good precision of chip positioning with epoxy (heat cure epoxy)
  - Further testing with more realistic conditions and developing mass production in 2025
  - R&D of a prototype of the customized assembly machine for a backup plan



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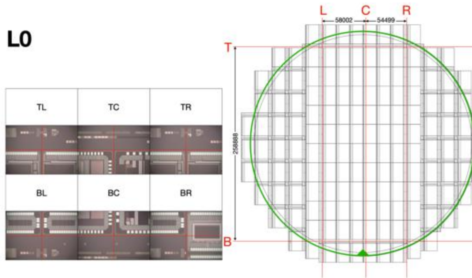
BACKUP

Post-processing (EngiOn)

- First meeting (Aug/28) to discuss a sample run with pad wafer
- Recently received three pad wafers

- Plan to request 50 um (for ITS3)
  can be done down to 30 um



Wafer probing (OKins)

- Wafer probing:
  "OKins" is a company working wafer probing
  Engineering support from probe card design

- Plan to start a test run with the ER1 wafer

Business Scope - Main Test Products

Digital Part
- Wireless Charger IC
- Digital Audio Amp Modulator
- Touch IC
- ROIC (Read Out IC)

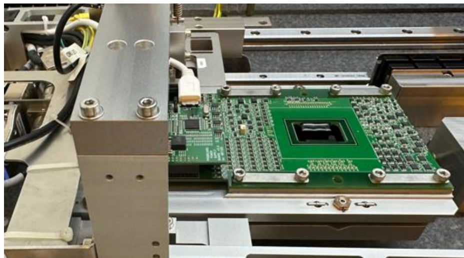
Optical Part
- Ambient Light Sensor (included under display ALS)
- Proximity Sensor
- RGB Sensor

Analog Part
- LED drive IC
- Motor drive IC
- Regulator (LDO)
- Converter (AC-DC / DC-DC)
- IR Receive IC
- Class-D Audio Amp Power Stage IC
- Automotive Power IC

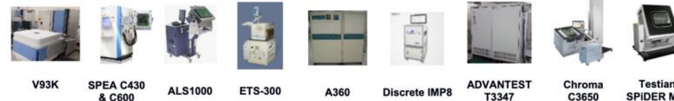
Sensor Element Part
- Hall Sensor
- MEMS Microphone Transducer Sensor
- Nano-wire optic sensor
- MEMS Thermopile temperature sensor
- Temperature & Humidity sensor

Power Discrete Part
- MOS FET (Super Junction, Low Voltage, IGBT, etc)
- SiC Power Discrete (MOS FET, Diode)

Module Part
- Water level – Vibration Multi Sensor Module
- Pressure sensor Module



Main Test Systems



No.	Model	Q'ty	Remark
1	V93K	1	PS800(640ch)
2	SPEA C600 & C430 (Mixed Signal)	11	256ch
3	ASL1000	3	
4	Teradyne A360	5	
4	Chroma C3650	1	256ch
5	Advantest T3347	1	256ch
6	ETS-300	5	
7	Discrete IMP8 / STA2050@300A	5(4/1)	
8	Testian SPiDER MID & Nano	5	512ch

MOSFET Wafer Test

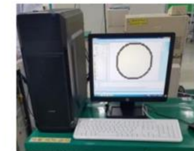
✓ MOS FET Wafer testing system configuration.
- 1,000V / 20A @ 8-Parallel, Applied of 4-Terminal test
- 2,000V / 300A @ 4-Serial

✓ Probe Station : Thin Wafer Option (150um)
- 4 / 5 / 6 / 8 / 12 inch
- Inking Probe : 3set

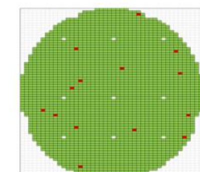
Tester & Probe System

✓ MOS FET Wafer Test Capacity : 12,500wfs/month (Test time : 350msec, Net die : 5K)

✓ Current Production Q'ty : 6K-wfs/monthly



Test monitoring & control system



Test Map data