

# Outer Tracker R&D at UC Davis

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# UC Davis Phase 2 activities

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## **Thermal conductance testing**

**Rod support structure**

**PS module heat transport**

## **PS Module development**

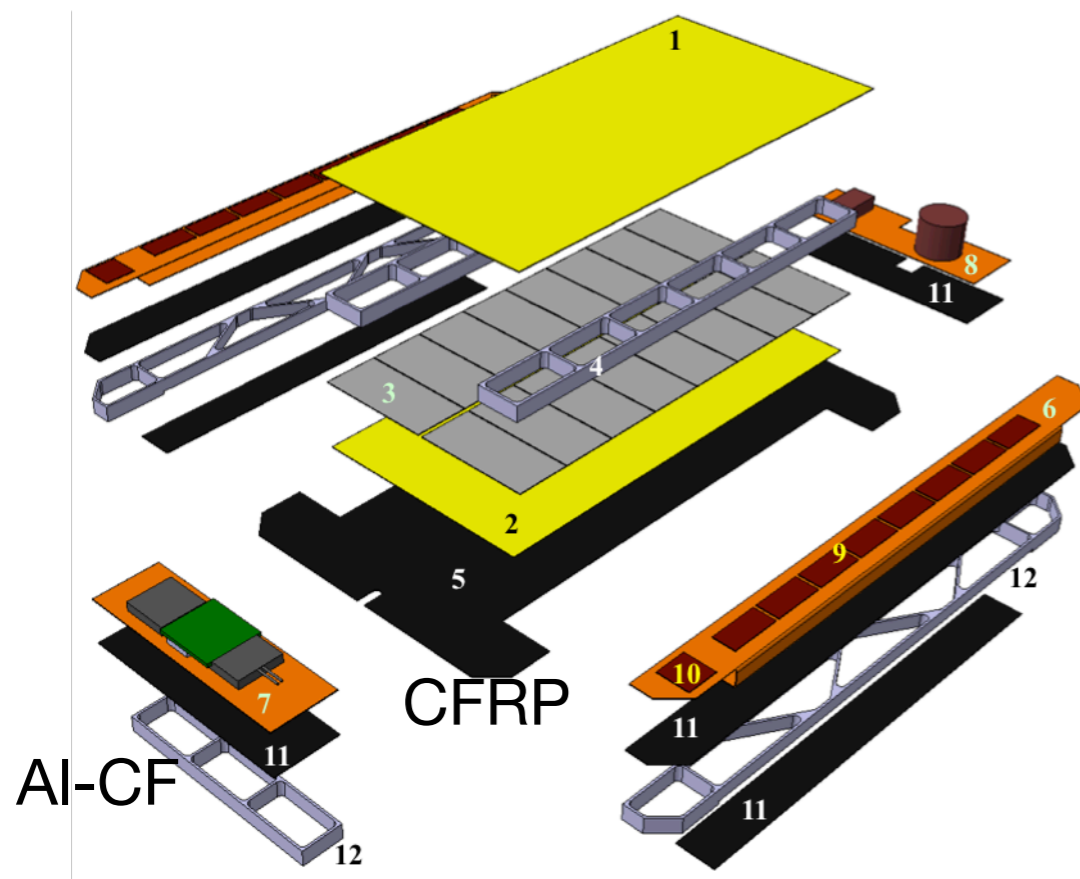
**Assembly of dummy modules**

**MaPSA bond yield**

# Thermal conductance testing

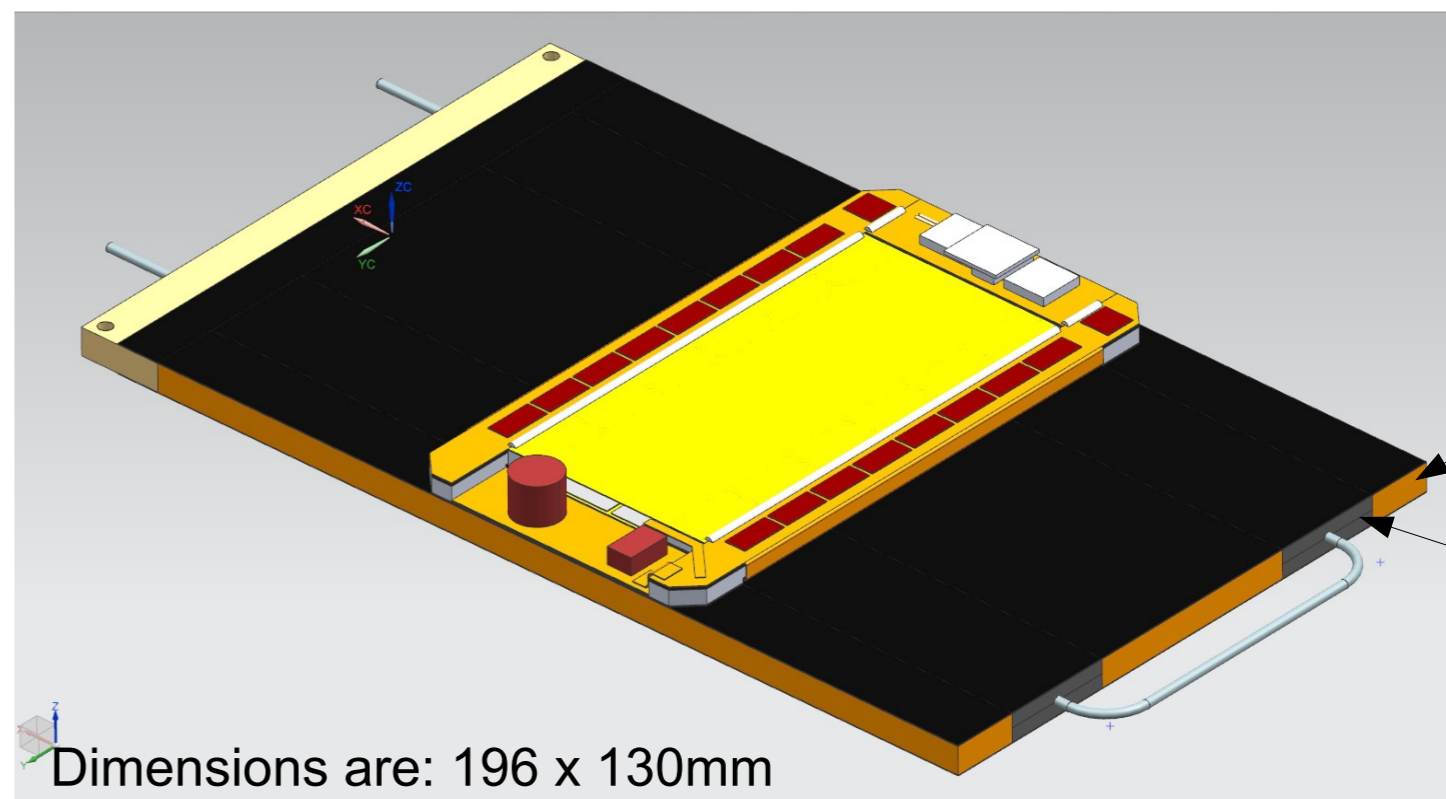
# OT mechanical structures

## Pixel-Strip Module



**Cooling from below,  
thin Al-CF structures -  
sufficient?**

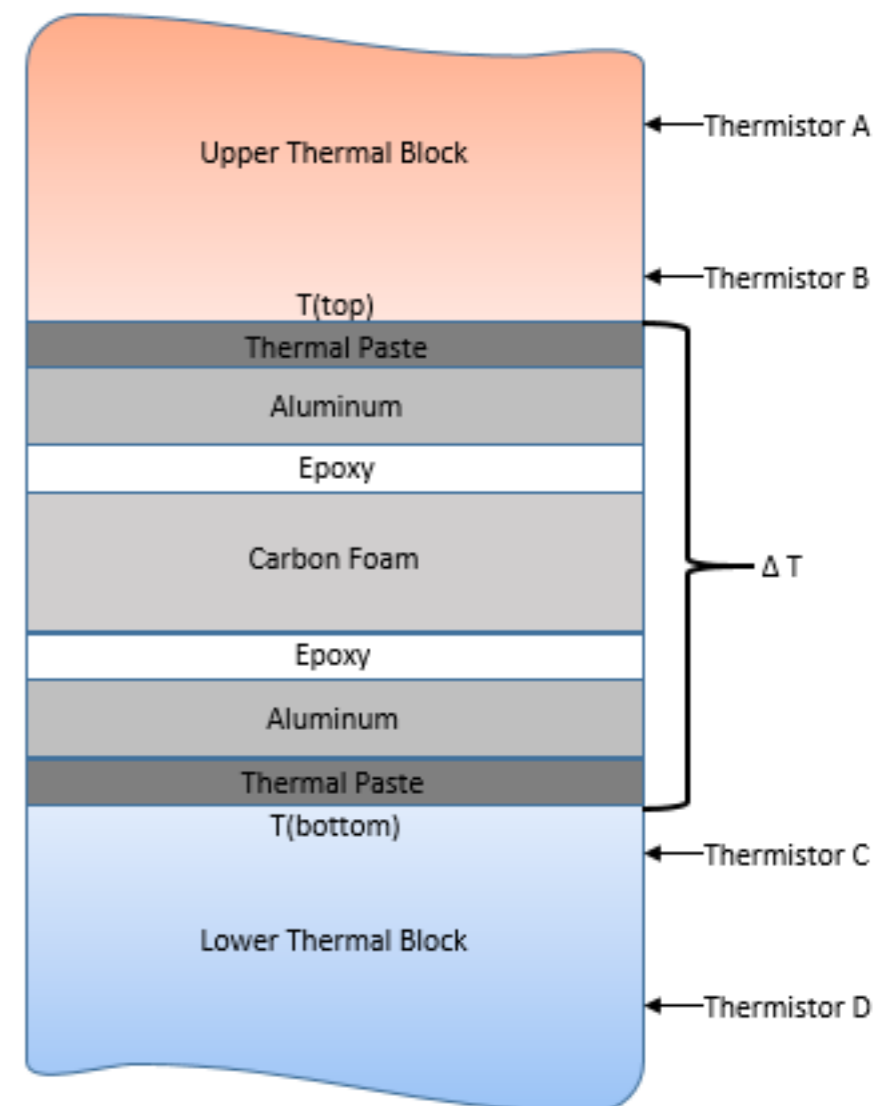
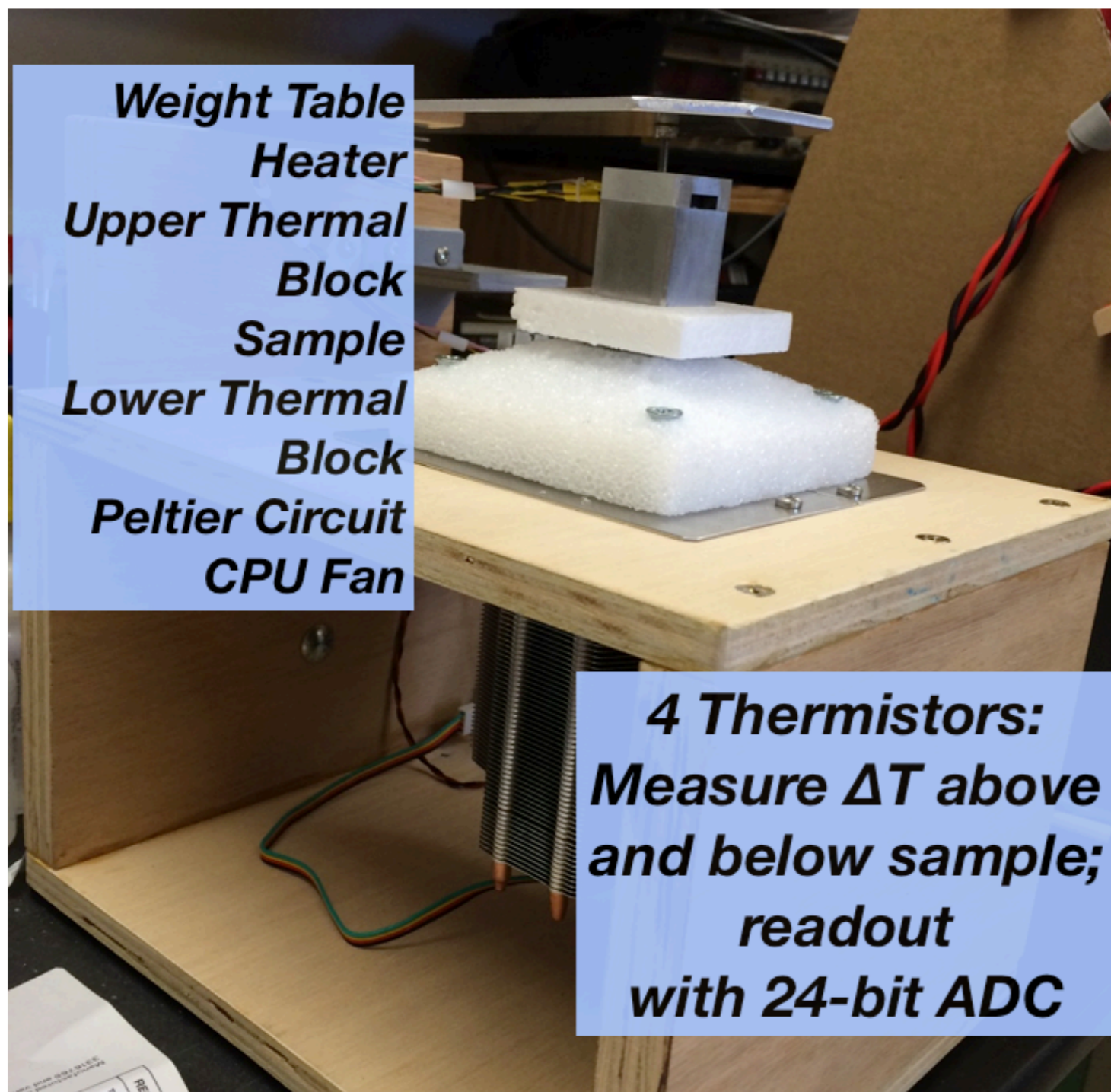
## Support Rod



**CFiber, CFoam, rohacell (not rad hard)  
pipe diameter**

**PS module mounted with Laird film**

# Thermal tester

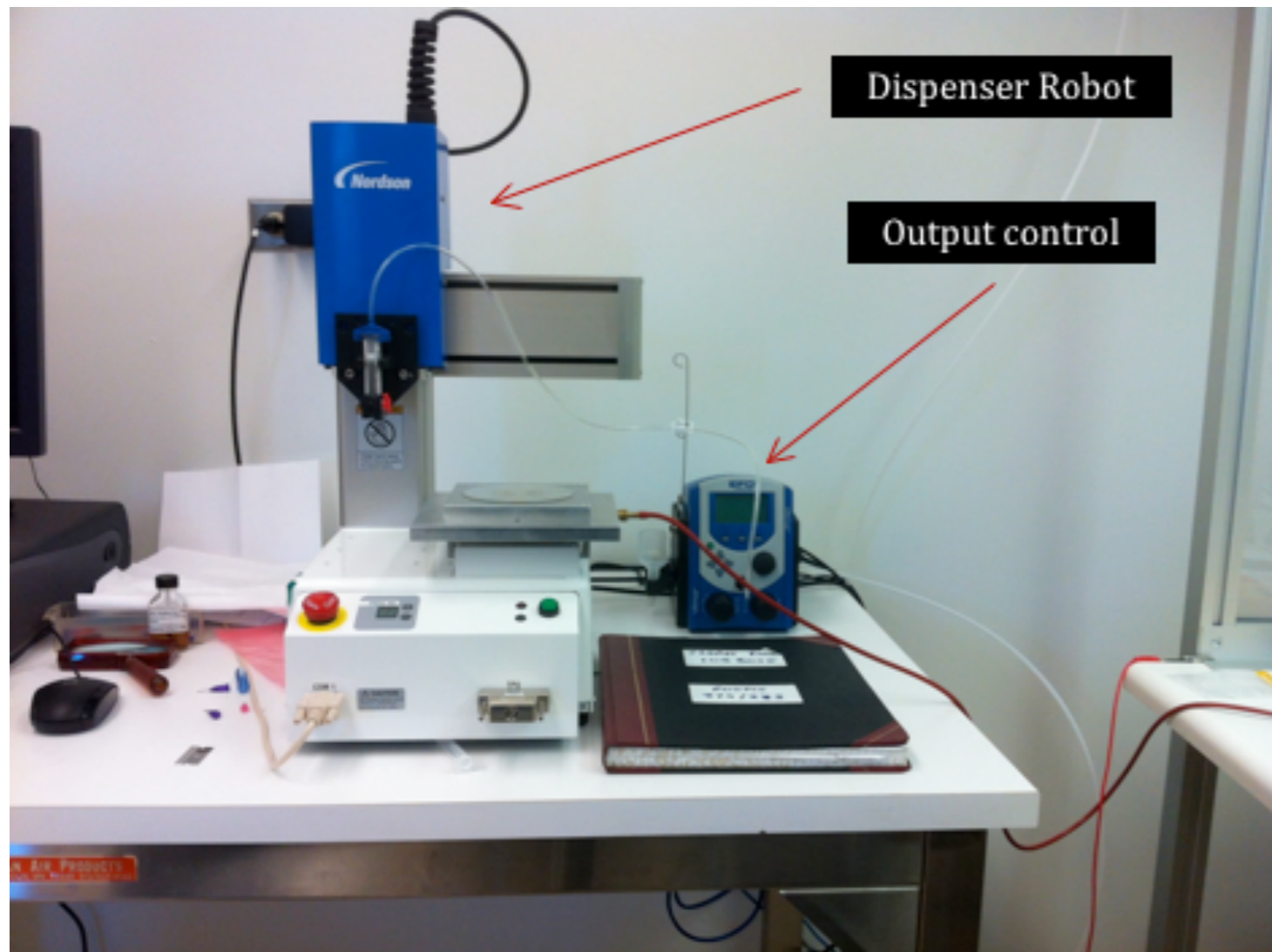


Heat is introduced at the top of the system and removed from the bottom

Measures thermal resistance of a sample by calculating the temperature drop across the interface



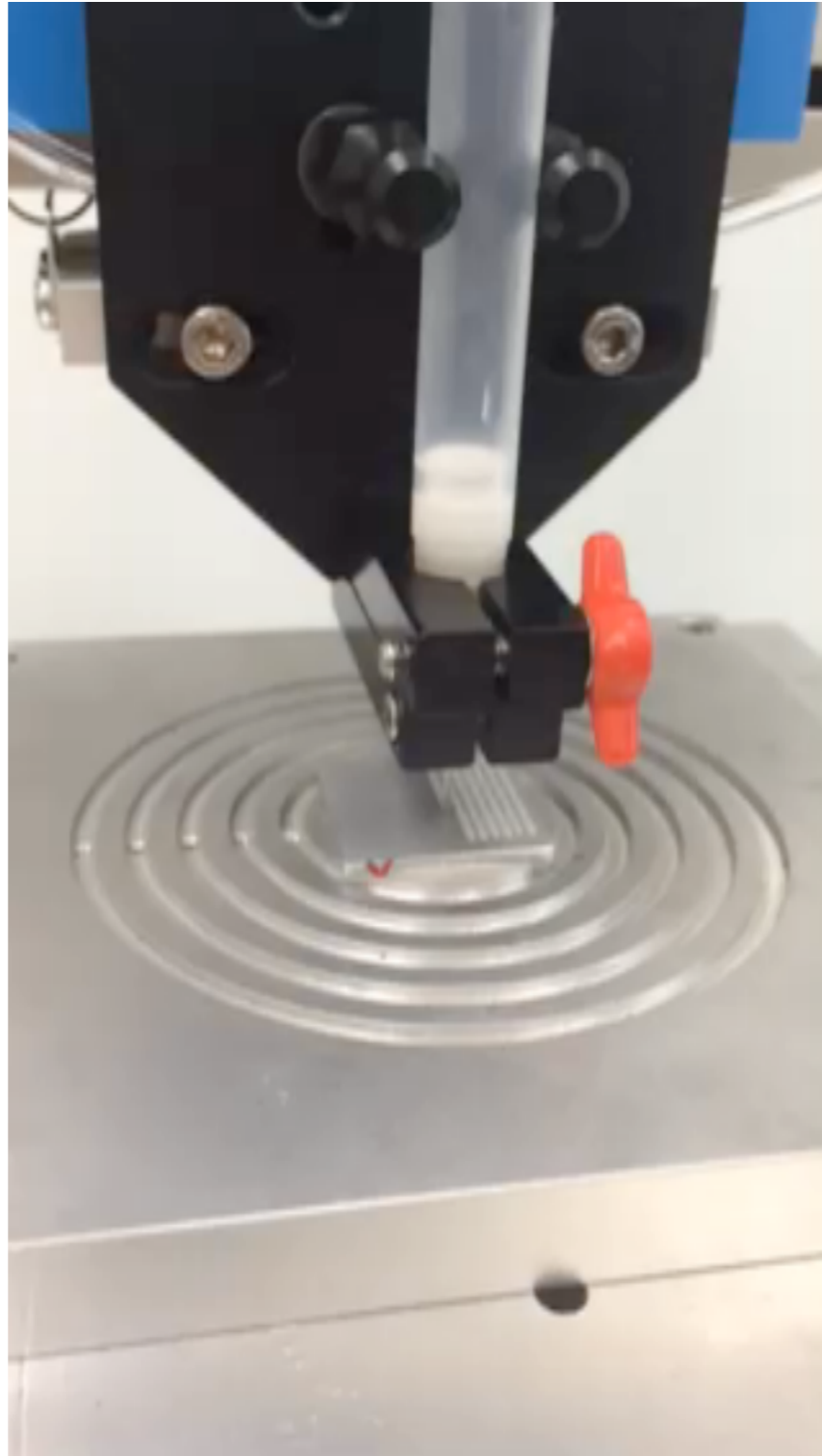
# Robotic dispenser:



**Automated epoxy dispenser**

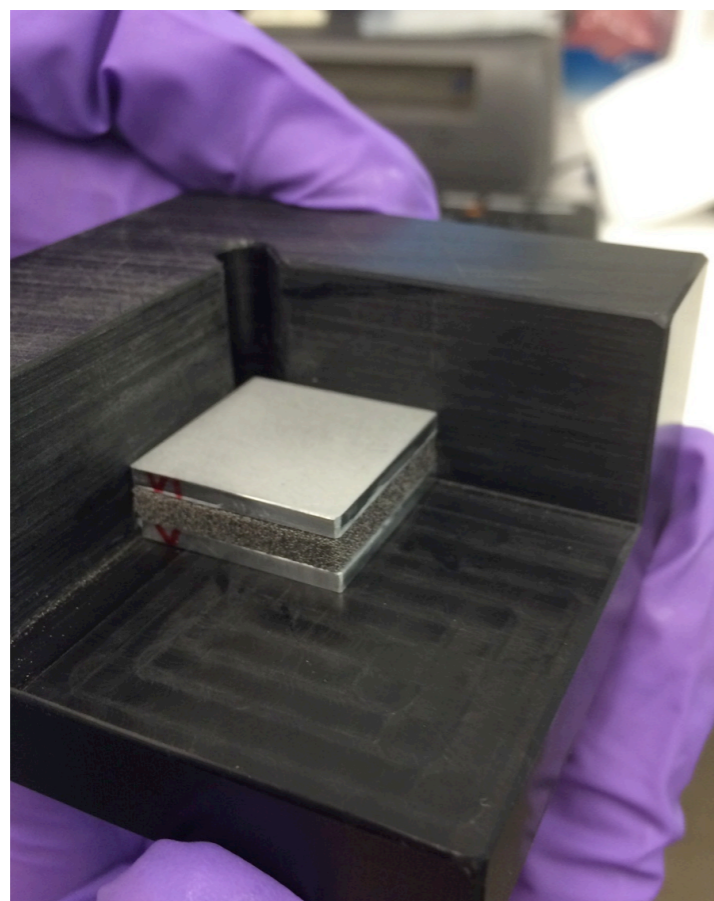
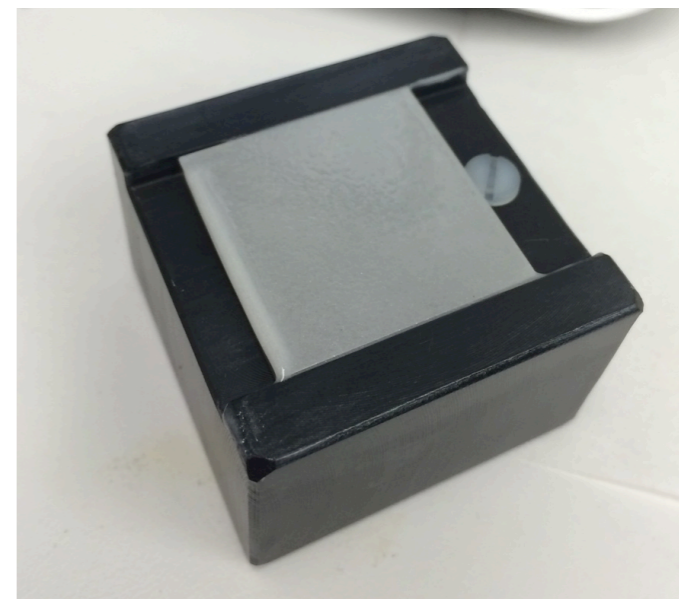
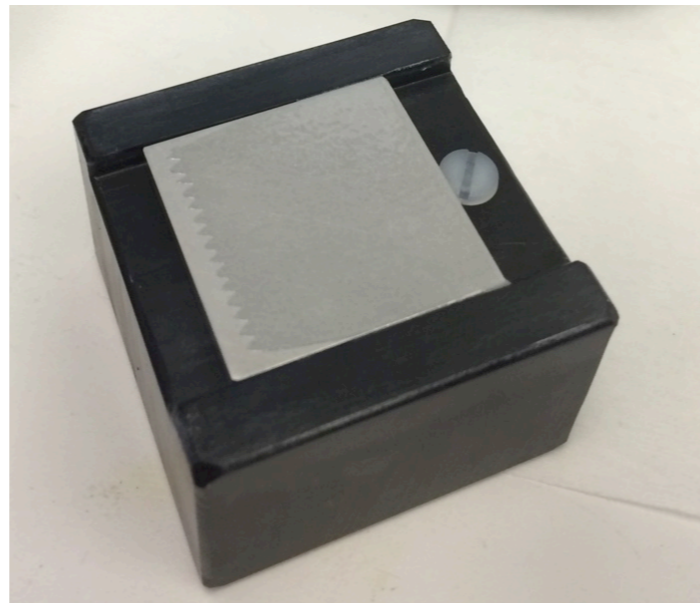
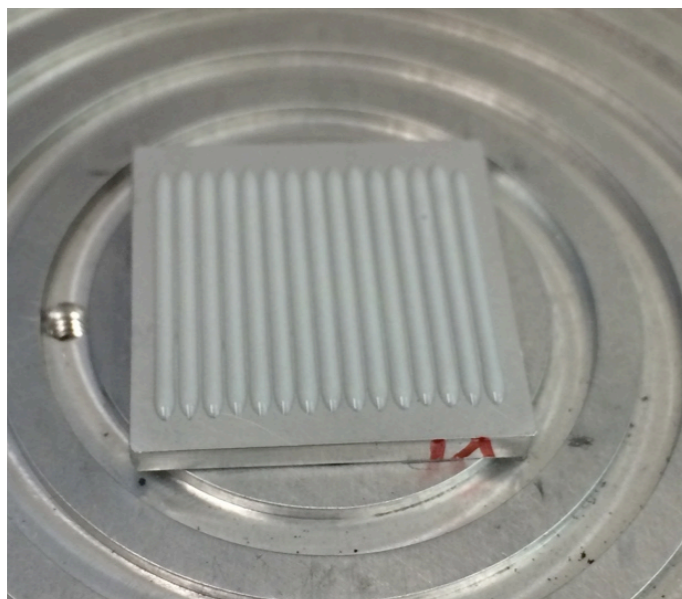
**Used to build sample stacks for thermal testing**

# Dispenser in action



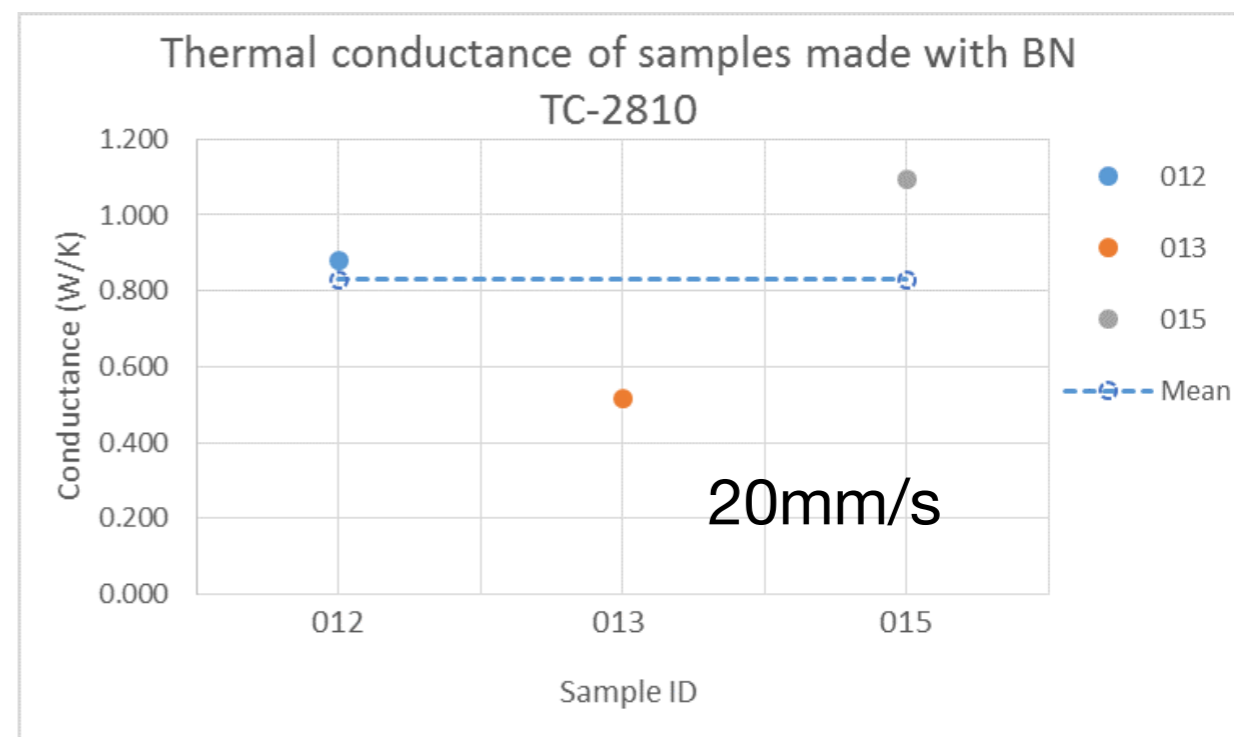
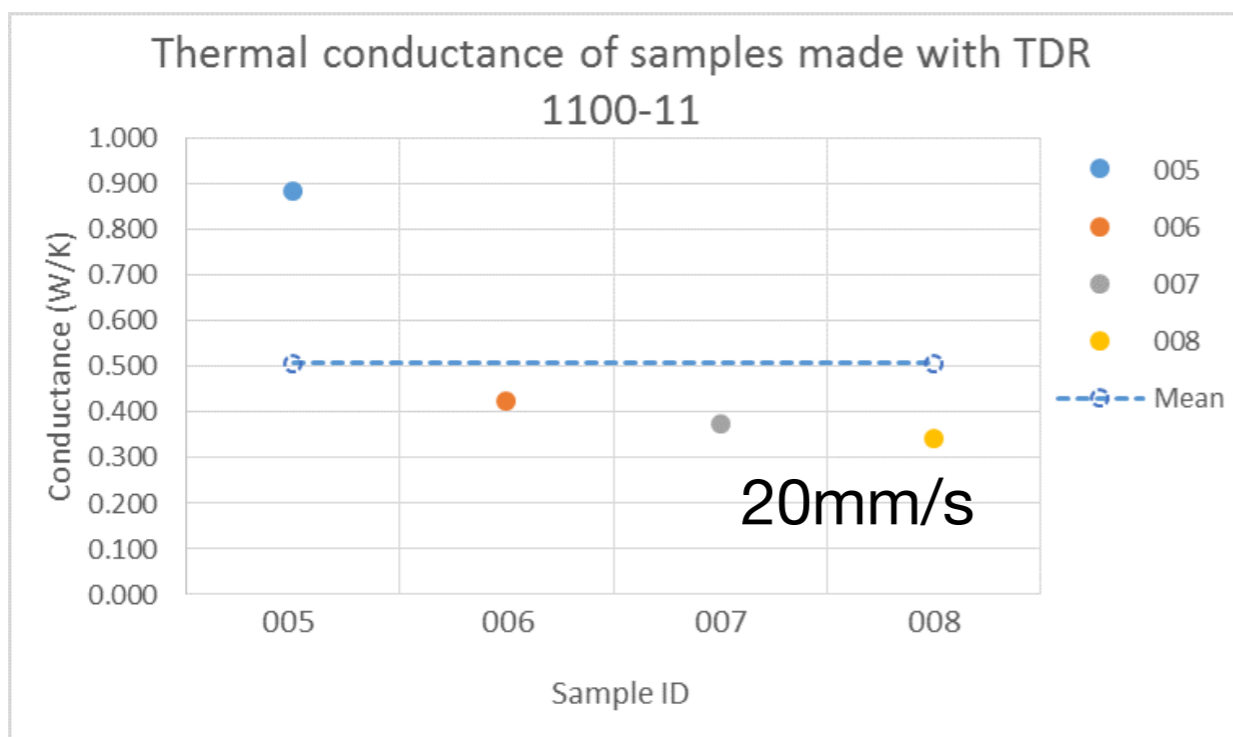
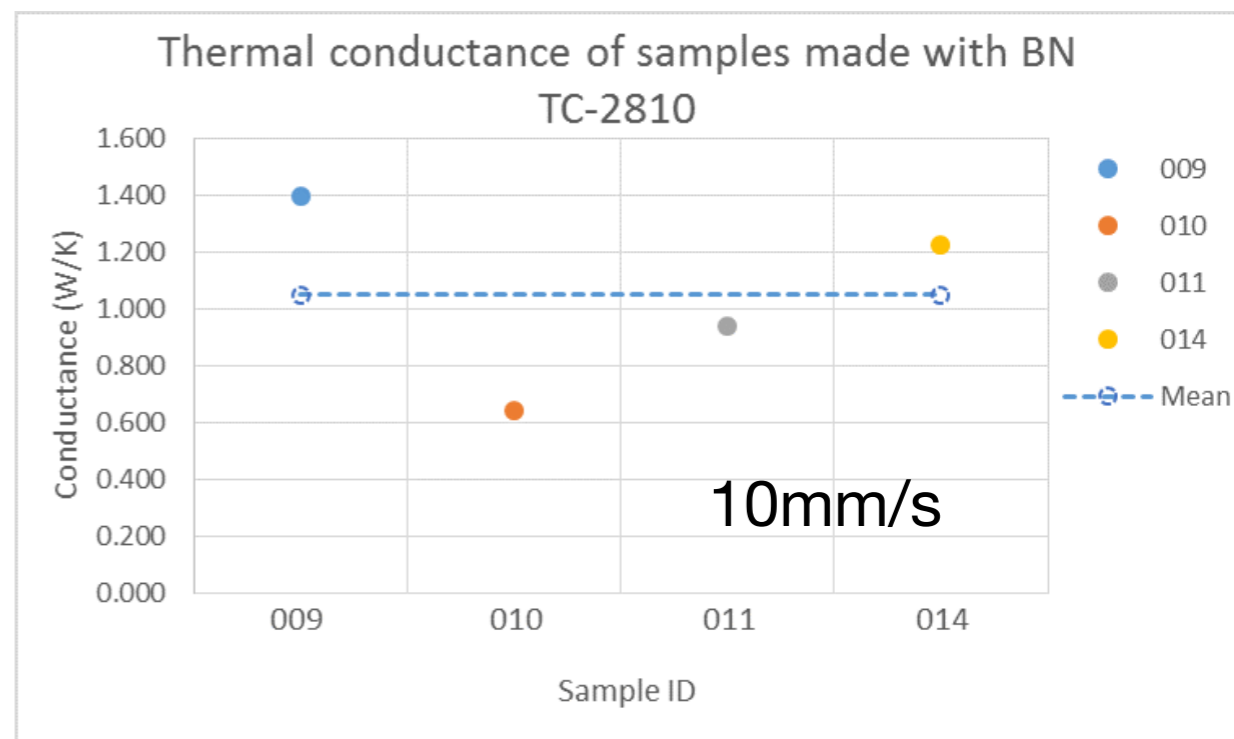
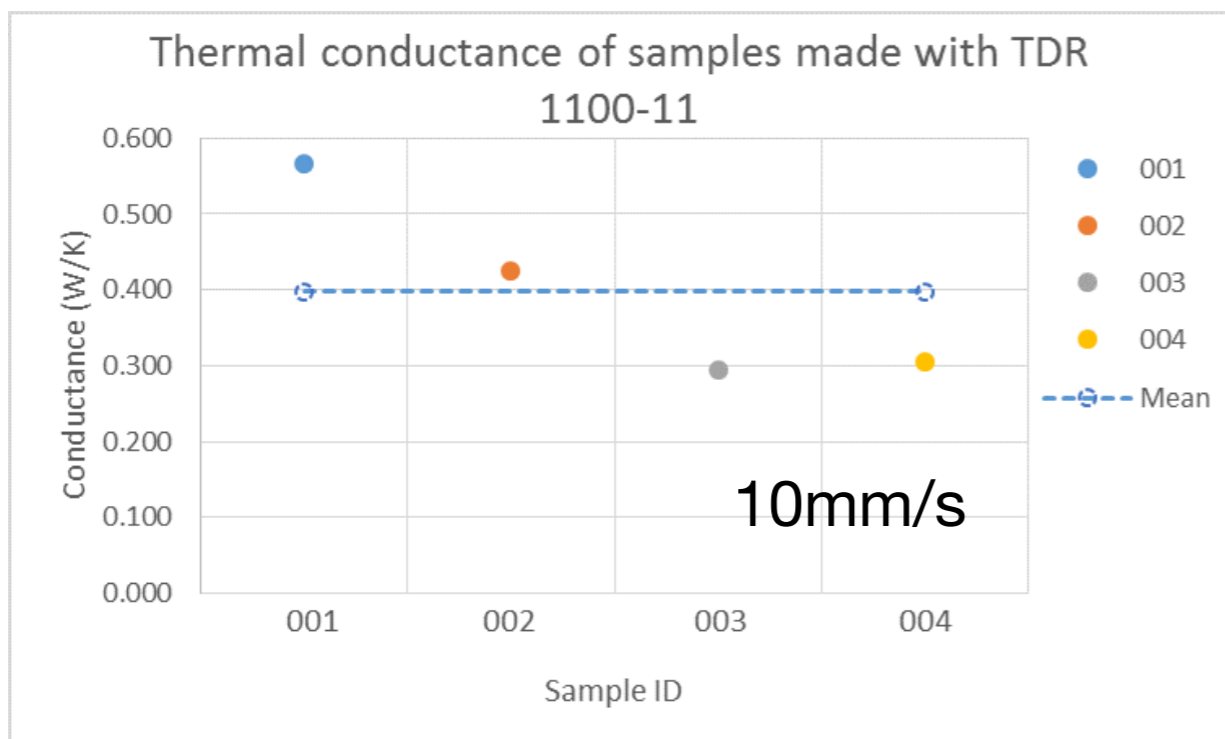


# Recent BN samples



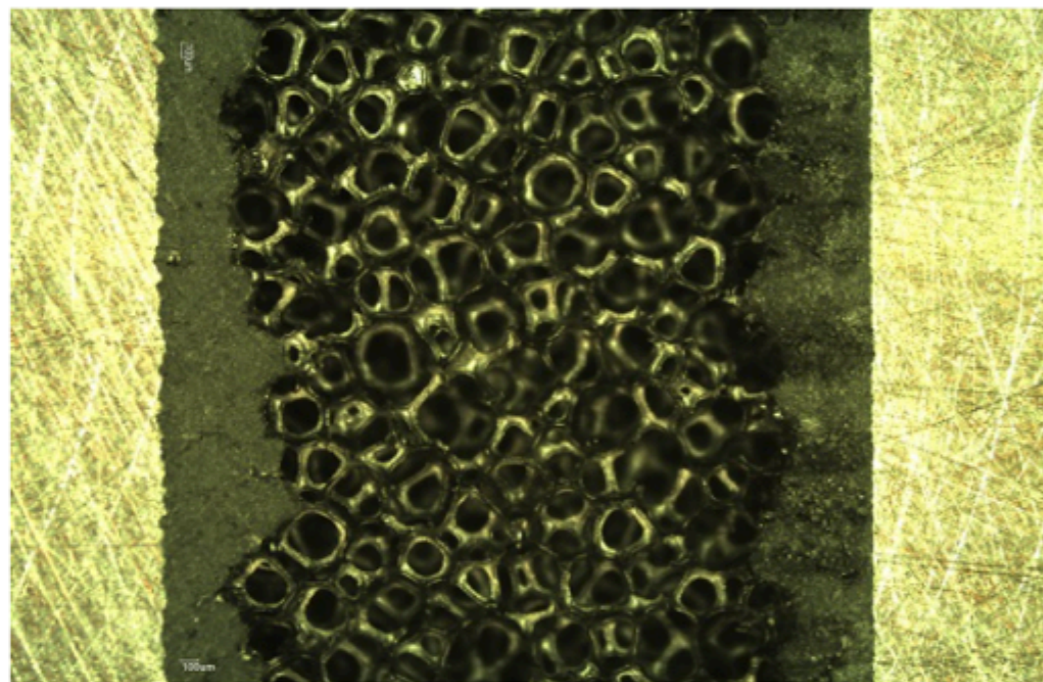


# TC results:

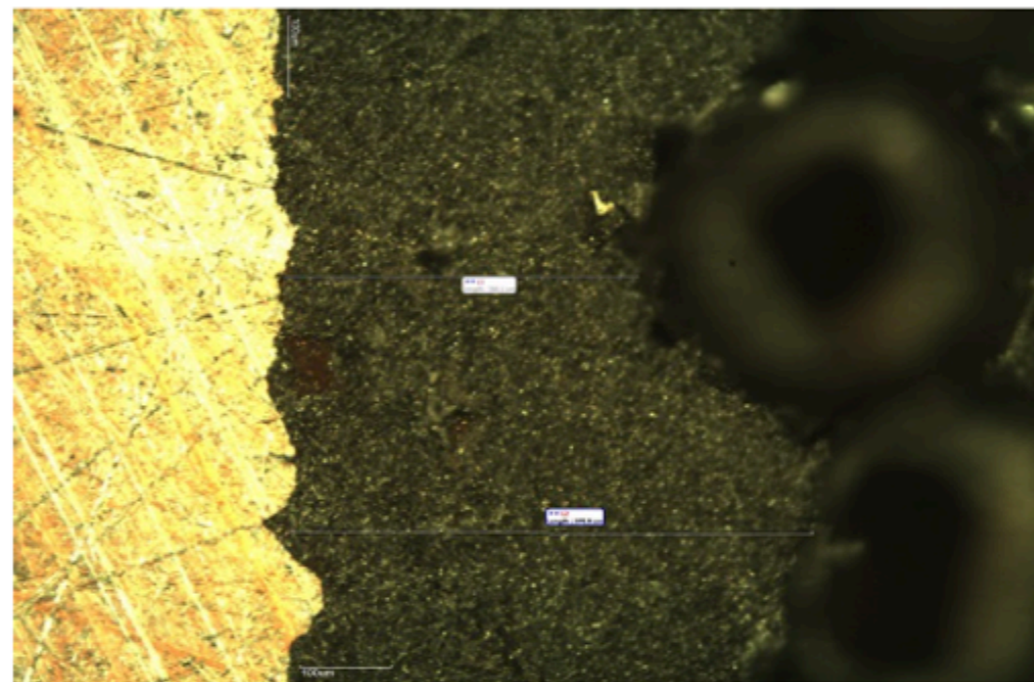




# Sample Cross Sections:

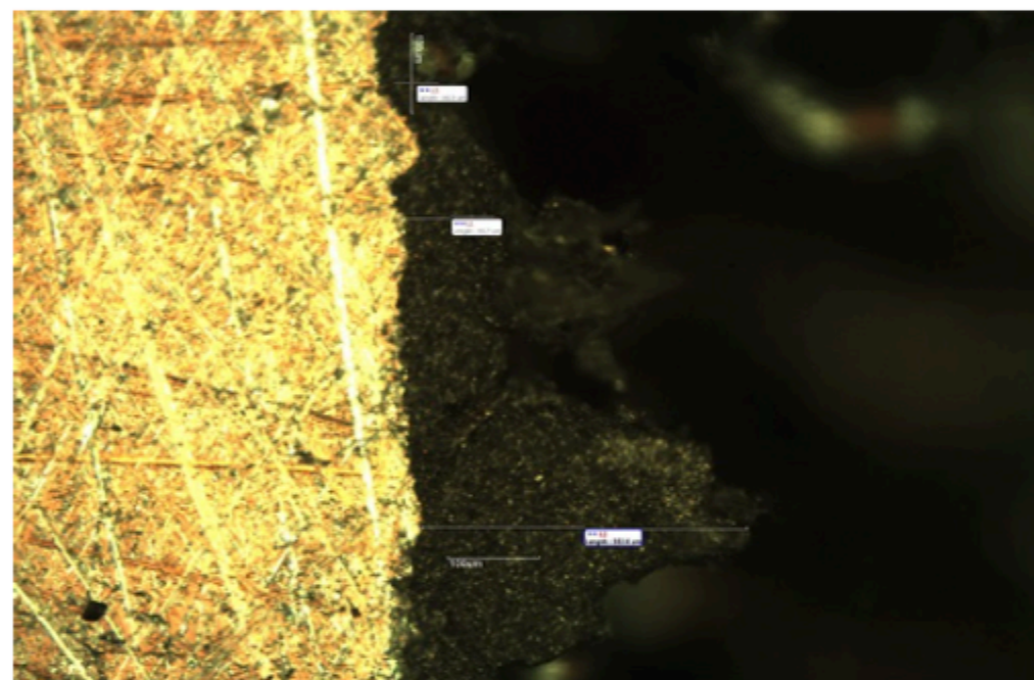
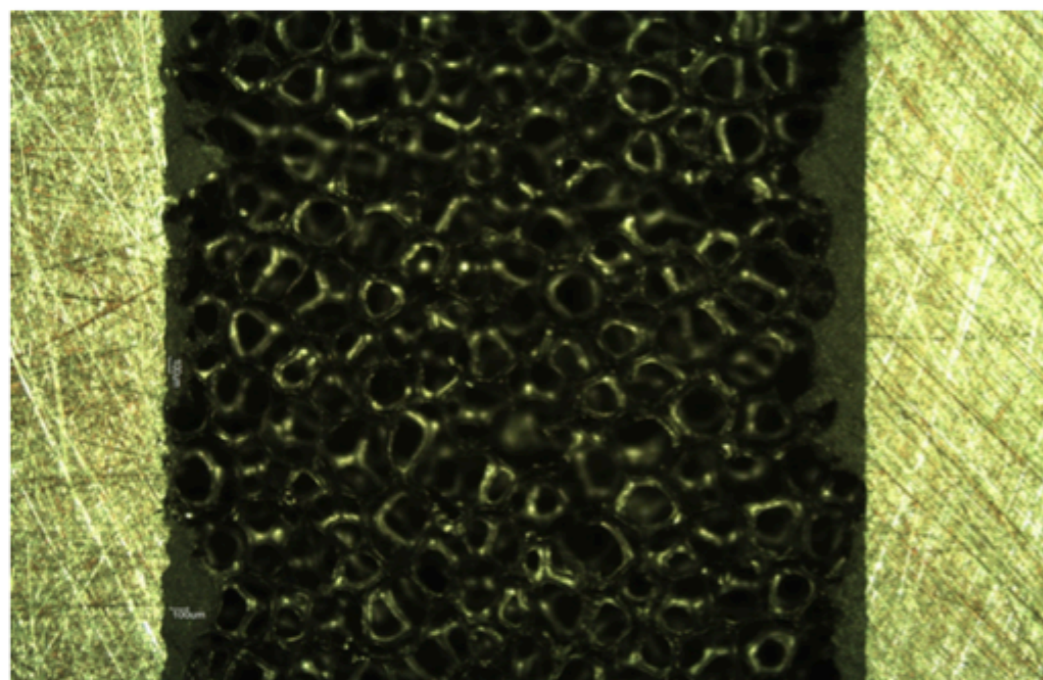


Low Magnification



High Magnification

Robotic epoxy  
dispenser set to 10  
mm/sec



Robotic epoxy  
dispenser set to 20  
mm/sec



# Status

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**BN studies ongoing**

**TC ~ 2X compared to previous epoxy**

**Weight of epoxy does not scale linearly with dispenser speed**

**Some scatter, ~ 20-30% among samples**

**Stick to lower speed, use squeegee, ultrasonic bath to remove bubbles, timed steps**

## Next

**Reservoir idea from Frank Meier**

**Measure TC vs. epoxy layer thickness**

**Testing of more complex structures, e.g., Al-CF spacers**

**Further comparison with FEA**

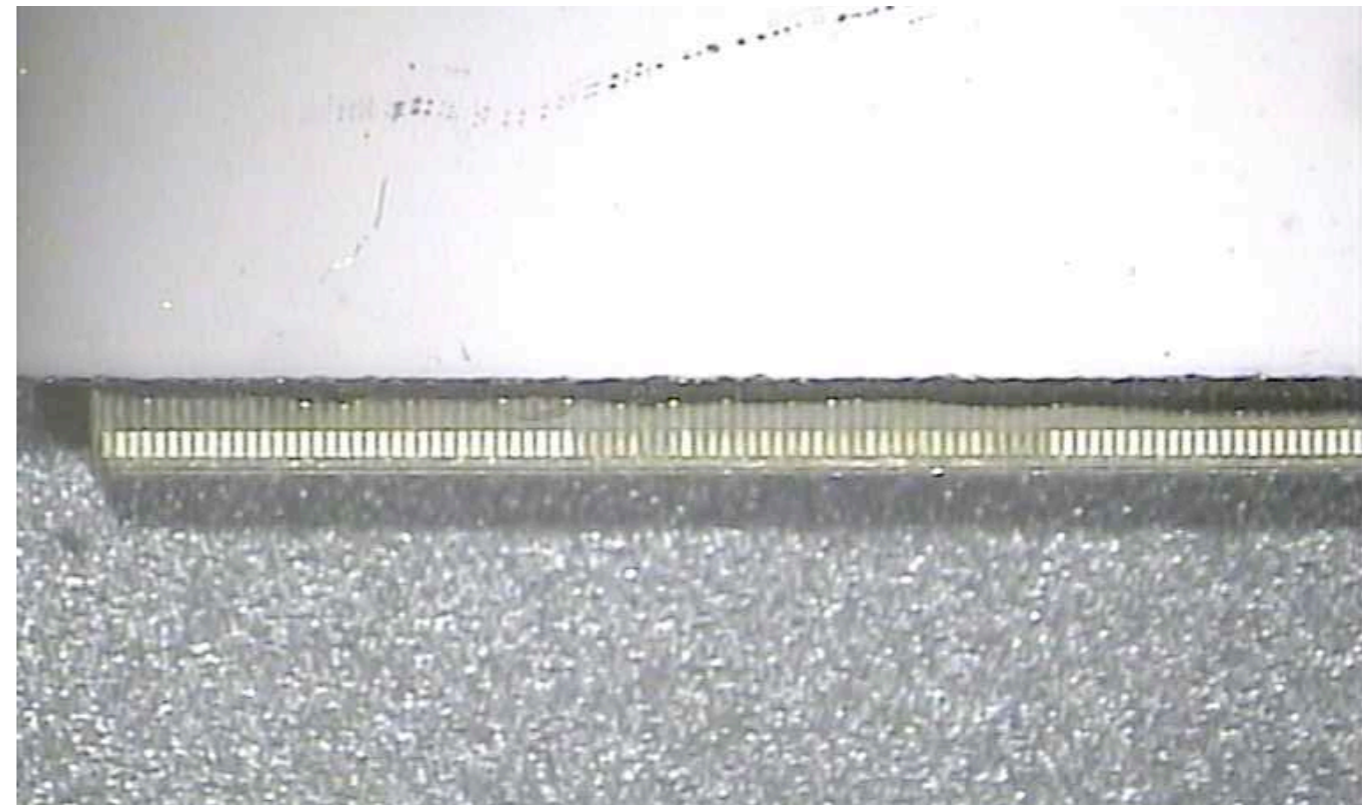
**Reactive bonding alternative**

# MaPSA assembly and bond yield testing

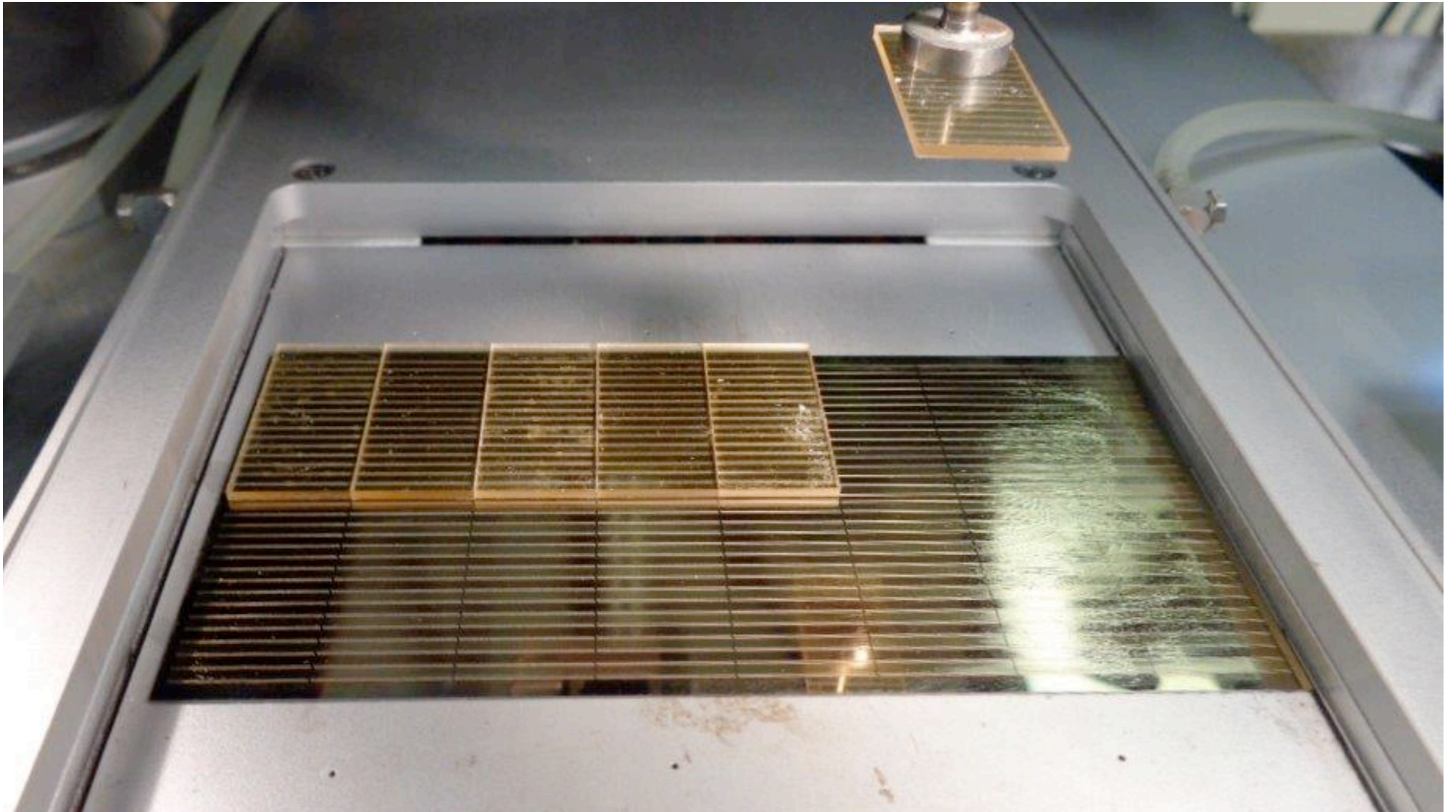


# Goals for Dummy MaPSA Modules

- Align and accurately bond 16 dummy ROIC chips to a larger sensor wafer. Requires a high bond yield to be usable
  - $(99\%)^{16} \approx 85\%$
  - $(90\%)^{16} \approx 19\%$
- Daisy-chained bump-bonds and overhanging pads on dummy ROIC's used for probing.



- Once bonding is complete, test the daisy chained bonds for conductivity and determine yield of successful connections
- Design was completed at UC Davis
- Fabrication was carried out by CVI
- Under test at UC Davis



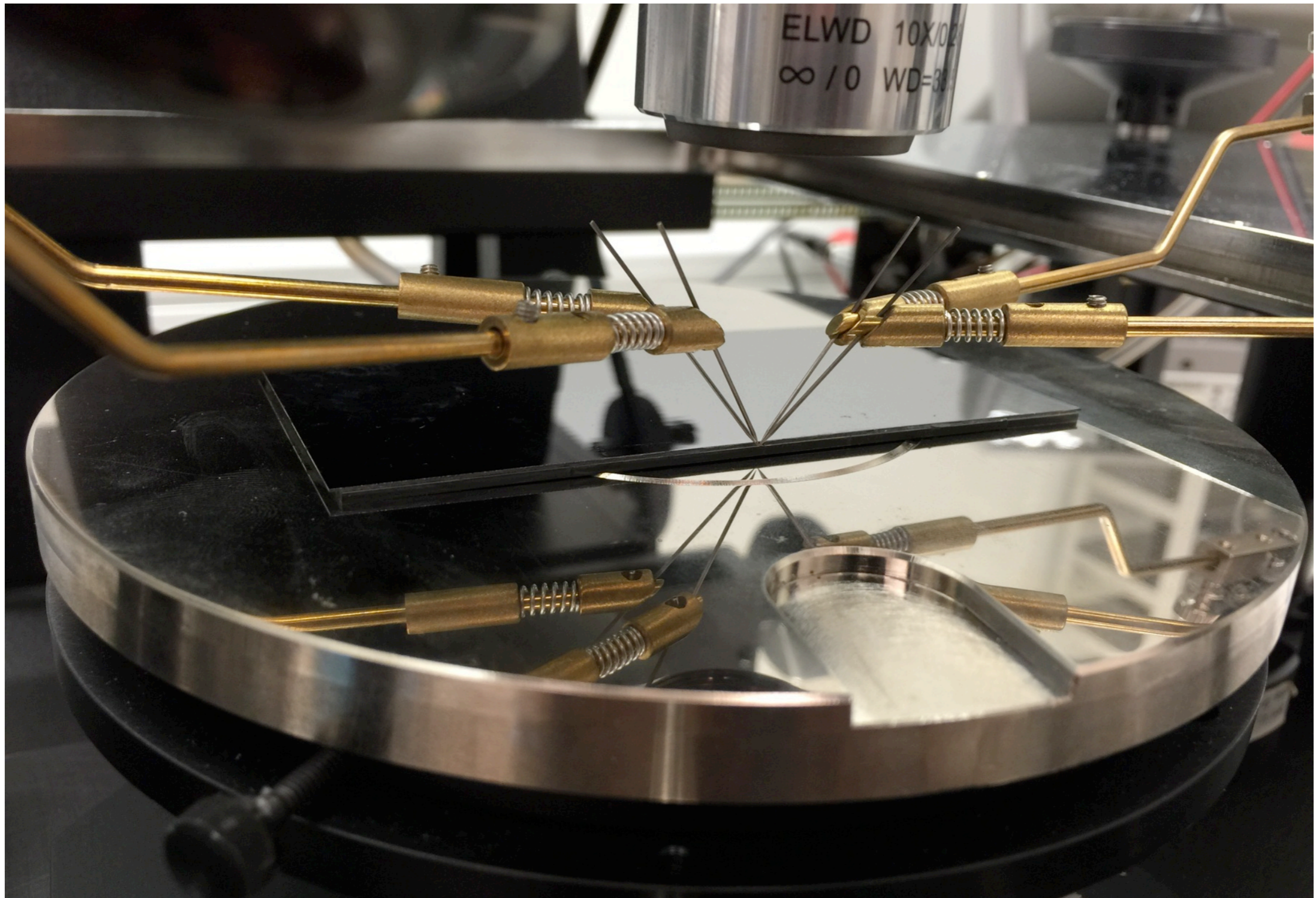
**ROICs being aligned and placed  
onto sensor wafer at CVI**





**Completed Assembly with 16  
bonded ROICs and underfill**





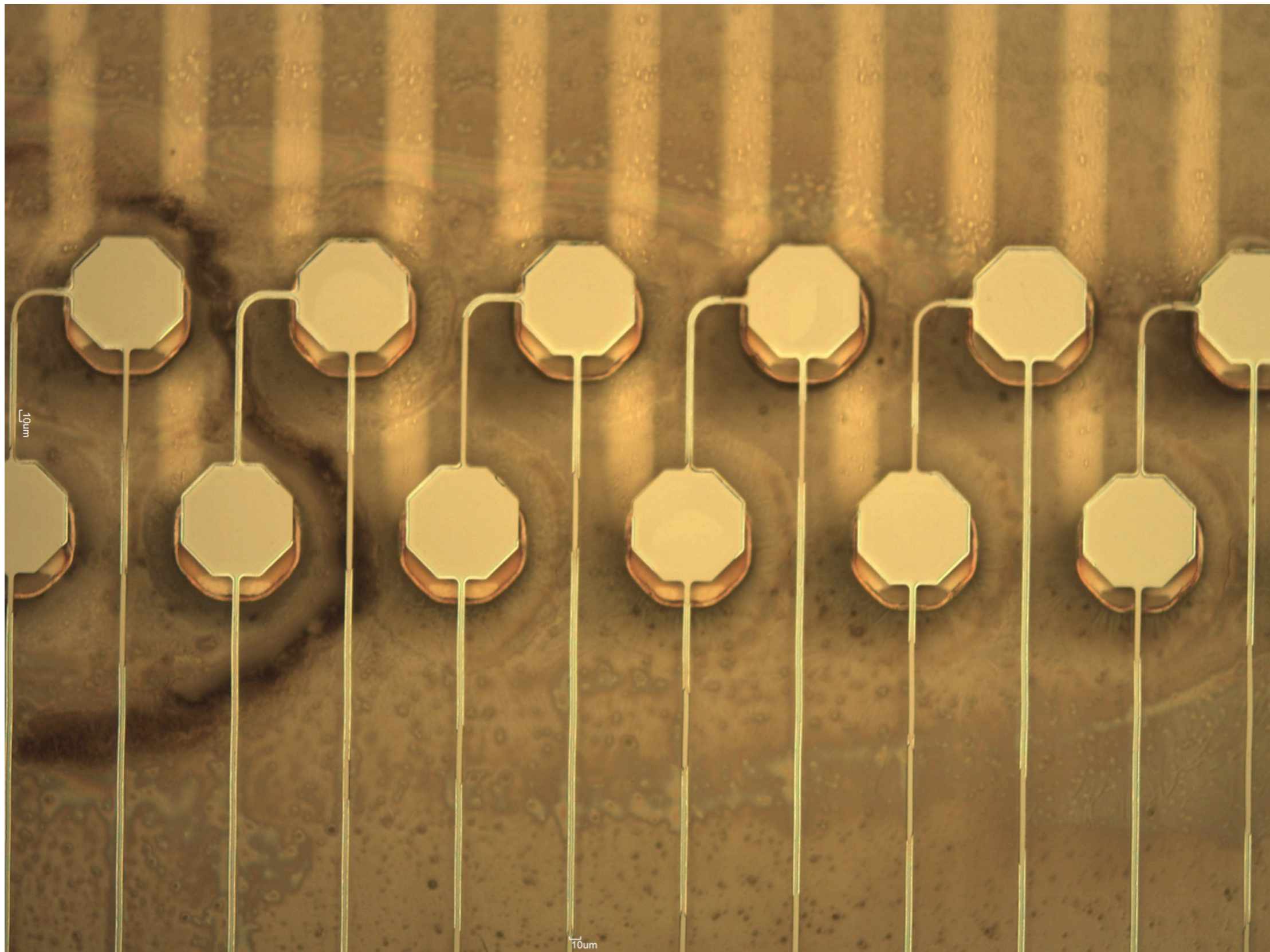
Assembly being tested for bond connectivity using a four point probe station at UC Davis



# Challenges

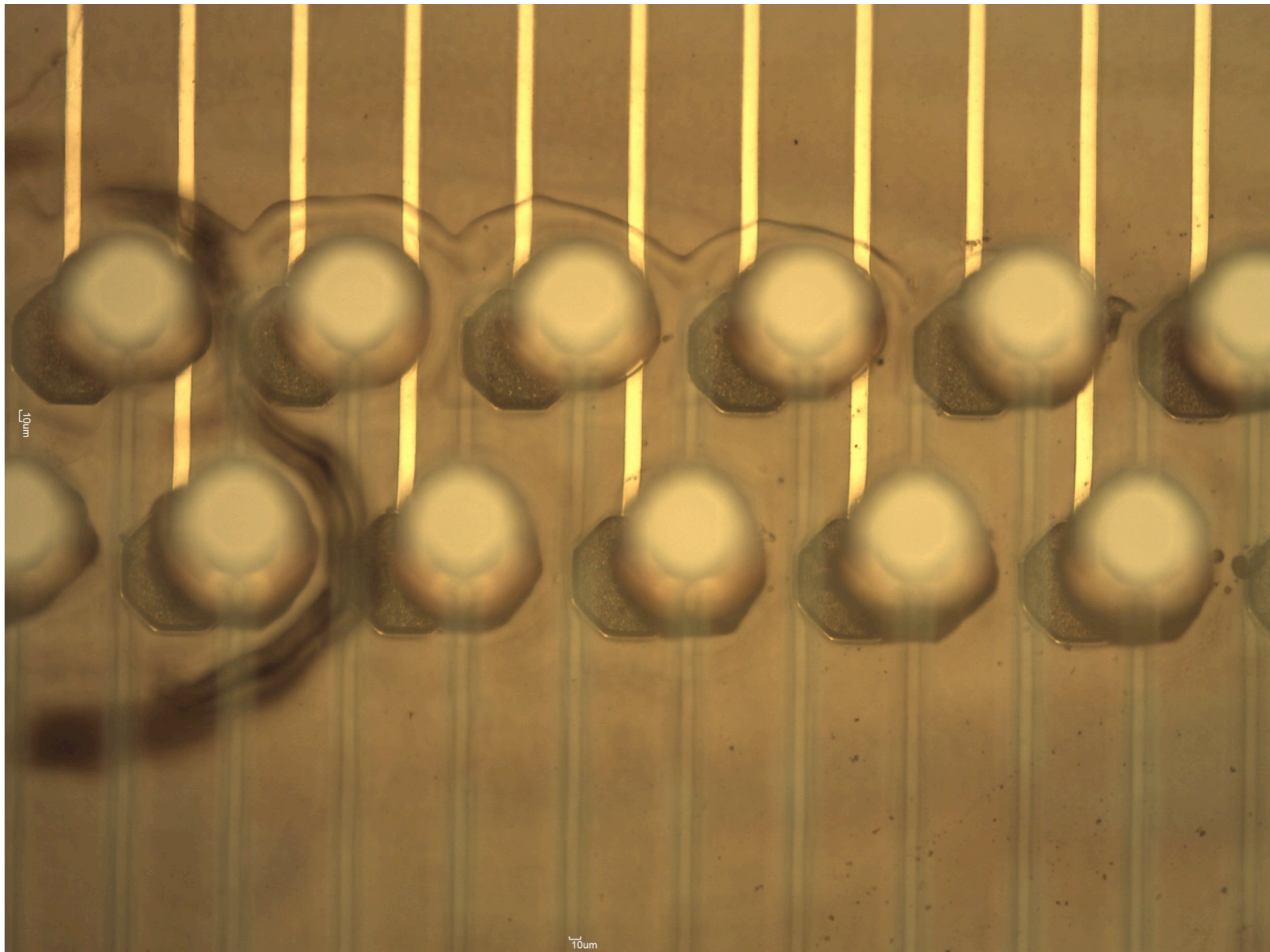
Assembly of 16 ROIC on to one large sensor is done by first aligning and “tacking” the ROICs and re-flowing all 16 at once. This procedure has certain challenges:

- Reducing the native oxide on solder bumps: If we use flux, it leaves a residue which is difficult to clean. If we use forming gas (10%H<sub>2</sub>, 90%N<sub>2</sub>) it may not penetrate to the bumps farthest from the edges. More work needs to be done to determine the yield for good solder bonds.
- Maintaining alignment during Re-flow: Temperature gradients may develop across the assembly resulting in some relative movements among the ROIC's, leading to misalignment.
- Mechanical Strength: Typically, some underfill material is wicked in between the ROIC and sensor. This can create problems if the underfill ends up covering bond pads. For such a large number of bump-bonds, there may not be a need for underfill. This needs to be studied as well.



- Misaligned pads – backside of ROIC pads in focus





- Misaligned pads – sensor pads in focus

# Steps Moving Forward

- This first attempt points to necessary improvements in process.
  - More care needs to be taken to avoid disturbing alignment during reflow step.
  - While flux poses long term challenges, we should attempt a bond using flux to ensure adequate oxide removal from all solder balls during bonding.
- Mechanical Strength tests of samples with no underfill need to be taken
  - Would simplify the bonding process tremendously