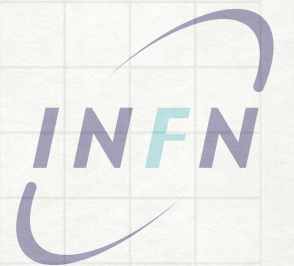


# THE MICROME GAS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR THE ATLAS NEW SMALL WHEEL

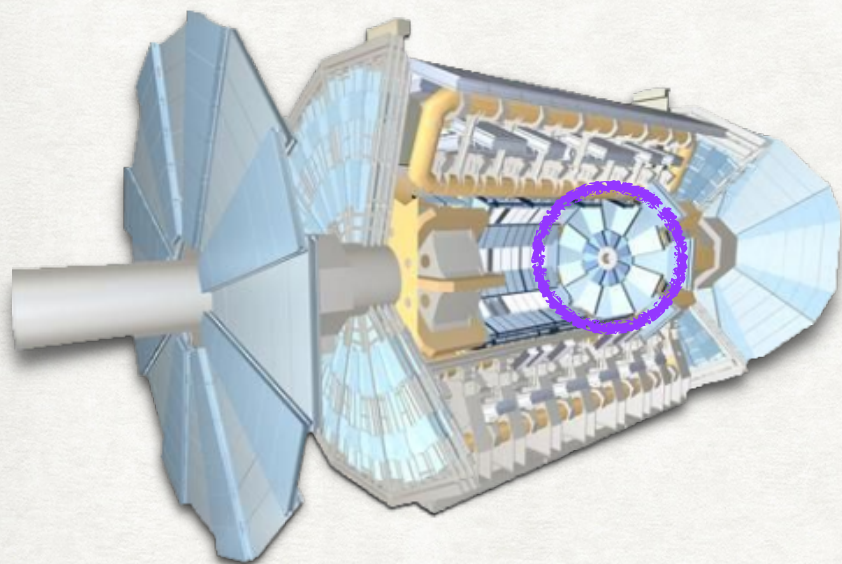
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# THE ATLAS NEW SMALL WHEEL

Upgrade of the innermost end-cap region of the Muon Spectrometer



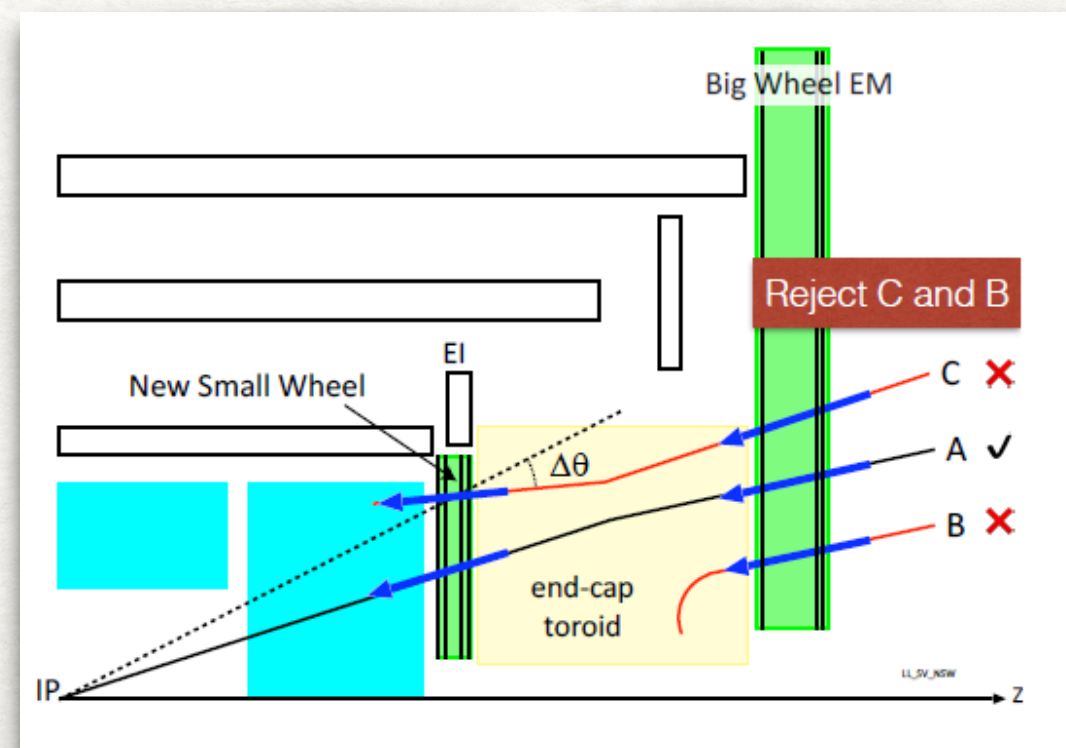
Upgrade required to operate the Muon Spectrometer at higher rates

Run III (starting 2021): 2 x design Luminosity  
HL-LHC (starting 2026): 5-7 x design Luminosity

Motivations:

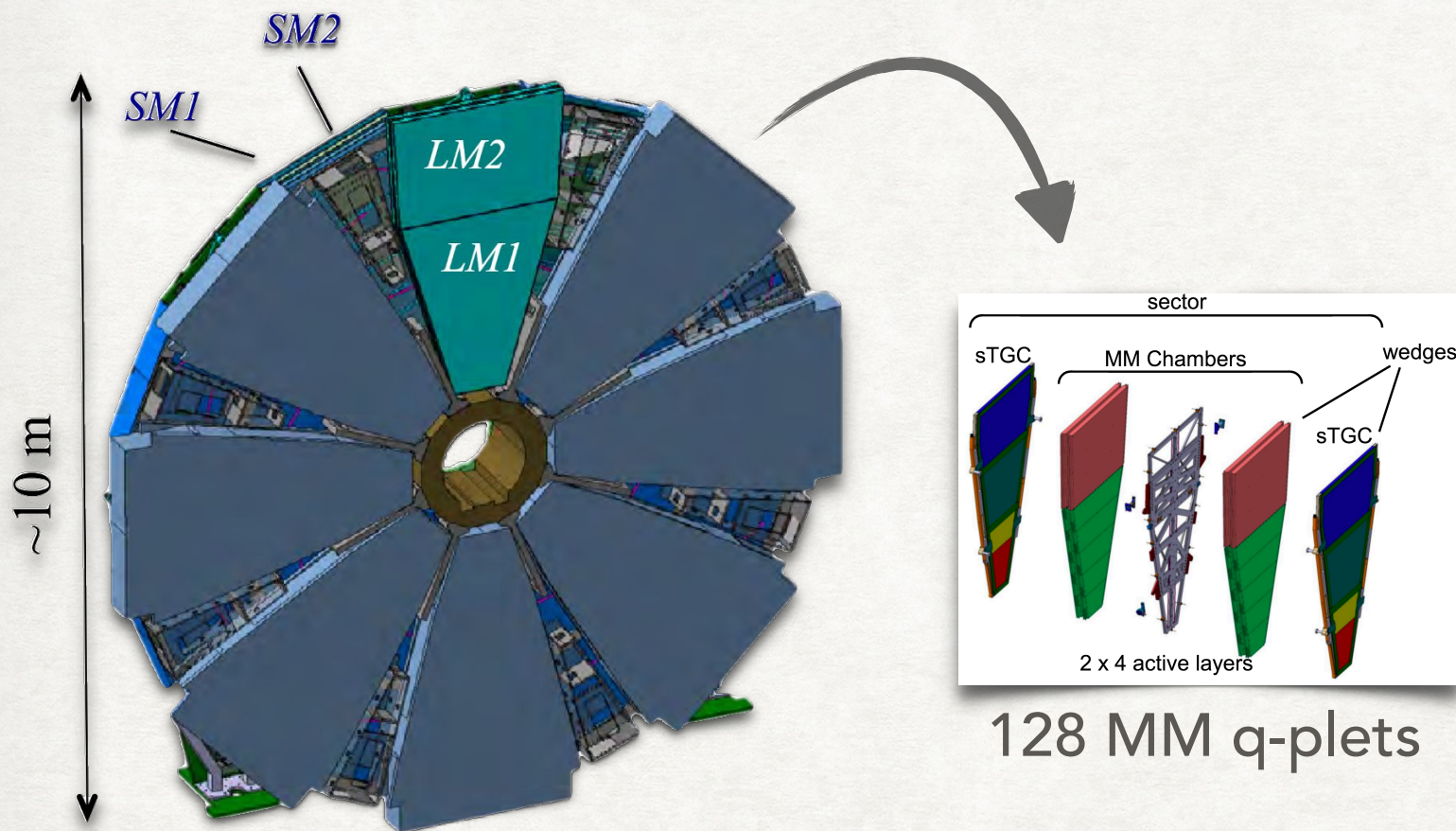
- Tracking:  
MDT/CSC performance will drop significantly at HL-LHC rates (expected: up to 15 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>)  
➡ Install detectors which can withstand the rates
- Triggering:  
Current L1 Muon trigger relies mostly on Big Wheel:  
High fake rates on end-cap regions  
➡ Extend trigger coverage up of  $|\eta|=2.7$   
➡ More robust trigger to reduce the fake rates

Above 90% trigger fake rates!





# THE NEW SMALL WHEEL CONFIGURATION



NSW:

16 sectors per wheel

- 8 small, 8 large

Sectors:

- Sandwich of 2 sTGC and 2 MM quadruplets

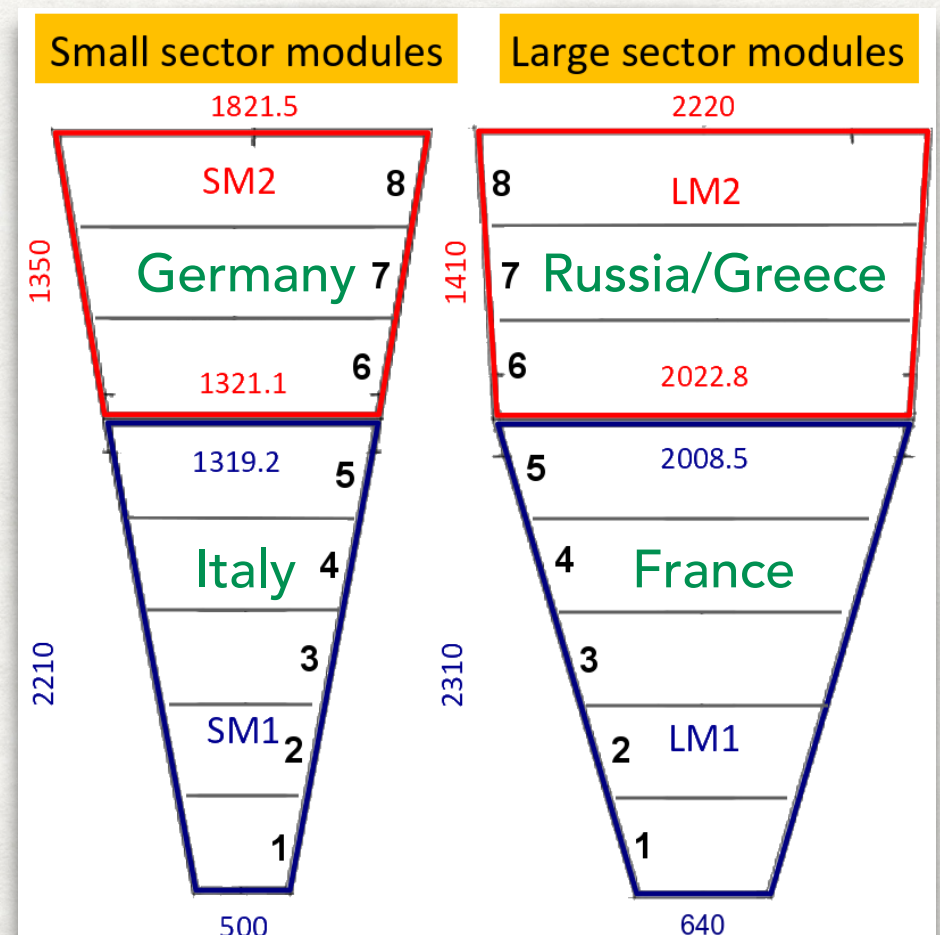
## Two detector types:

Micromegas (MM): primary tracking

Strip TGC (sTGC): primary triggering

4 Micromegas (MM) q-plet types →

SM1/LM1 types: 5 PCBs  
SM2/LM2 types: 3 PCBs } 32 q-lets per type





# MICROME GAS DETECTOR

## MM detector characteristics:

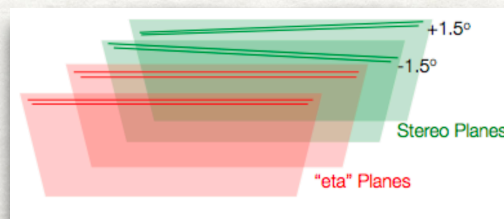
- Good spatial resolution  $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$  independent of incident angle
- Good track separation: 0.4 mm RO granularity
- Rate capability above 15 kHz/cm<sup>2</sup>

## MM detector requirements:

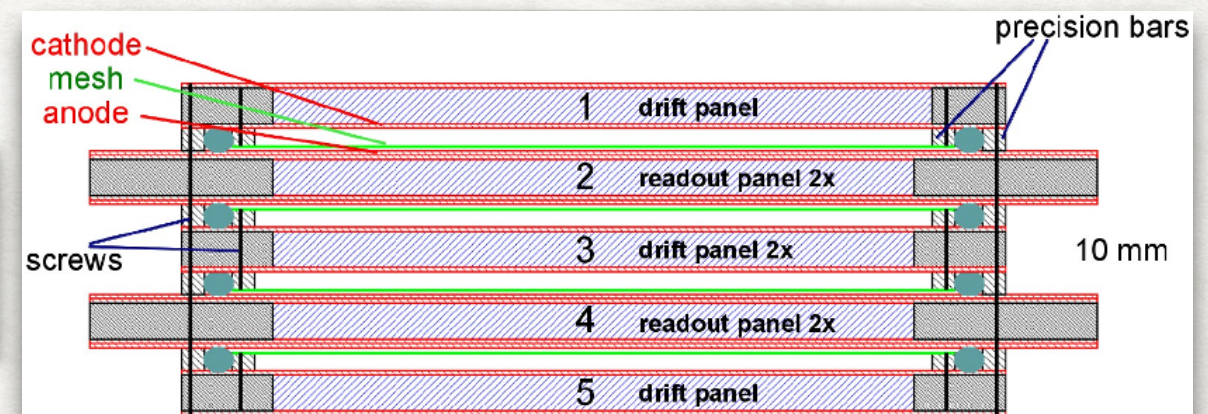
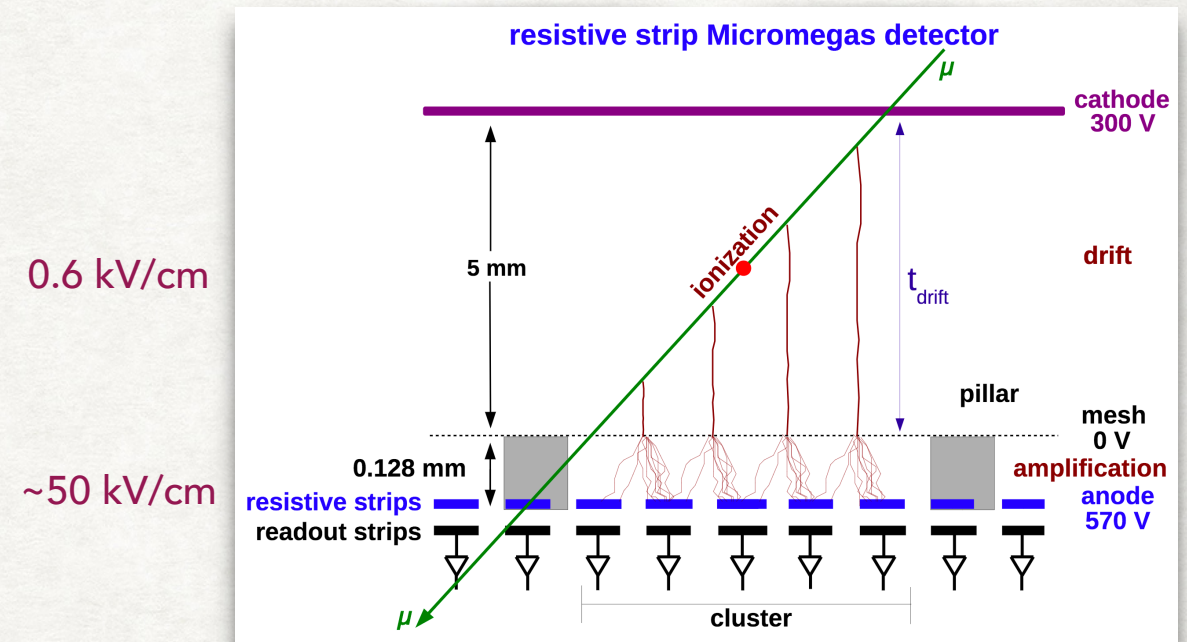
- Provide online segments for triggering (1 mrad angular resolution)
- 15% resolution at 1 TeV

## Quadruplet Structure:

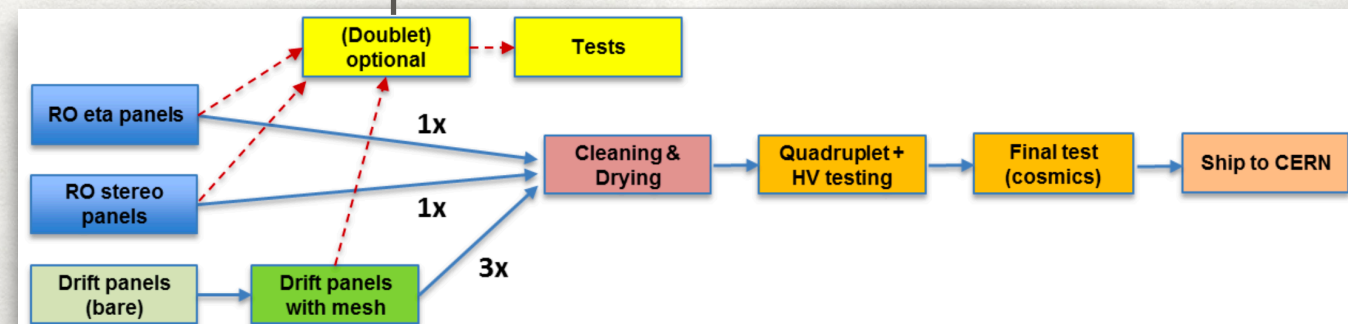
- Two drift panel types
  - Single, Double
- Two readout panel types (back-back configuration)
  - Eta (strips perpendicular to  $\eta$  coord.)
  - Stereo (strips inclined by  $1.5^\circ$ )



Gas used: Ar/CO<sub>2</sub> (93/7)



## Q-plet construction scheme





# READOUT PCB PRODUCTION AND PANEL CONSTRUCTION

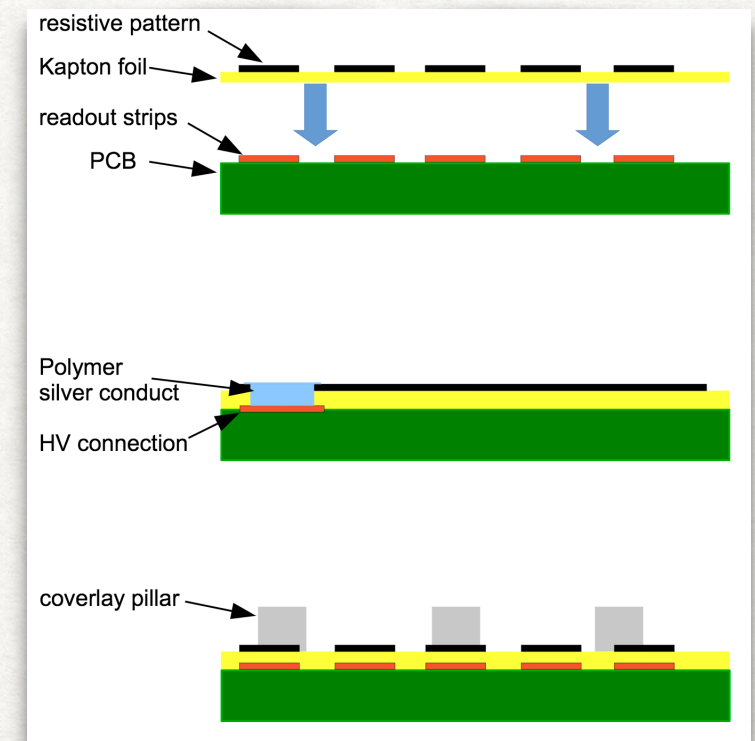
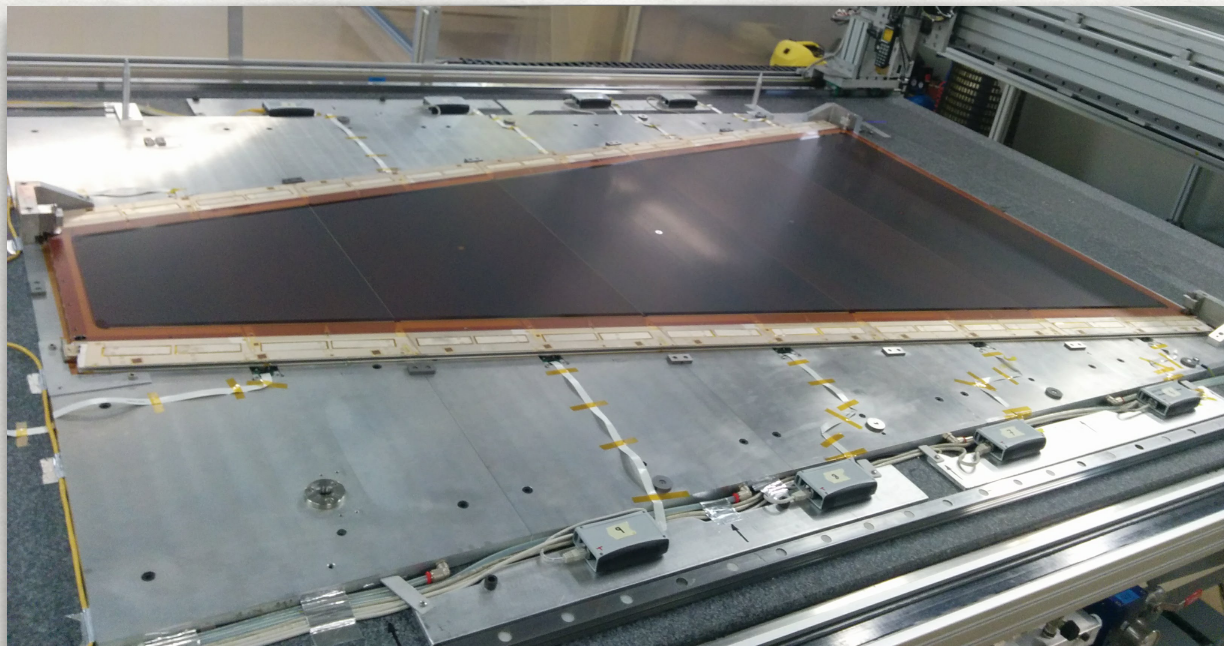
## What is a readout panel made of?

- Readout PCBs on both panel sides
  - Etched Cu strips on 0.5 mm glass fiber (FR4) sheets
  - Resistive foils (produced in Japan) for spark reduction
  - Pyralux® pillars to maintain the amplification region height

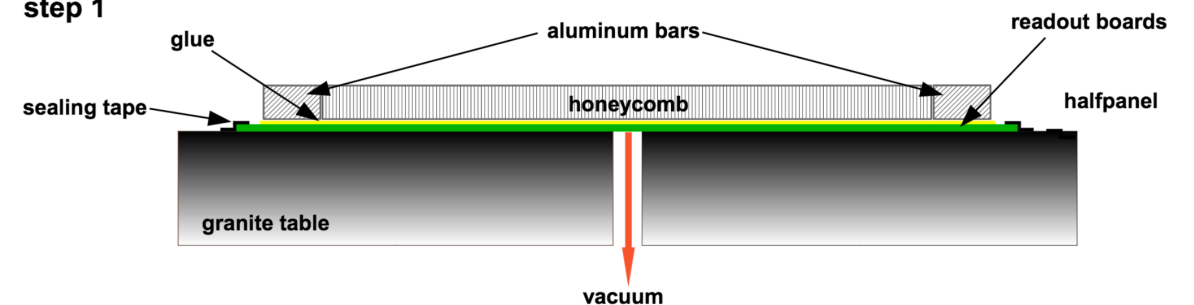
- Internal structure: Honeycomb, Frames, Cooling bars

## Readout panel construction procedure

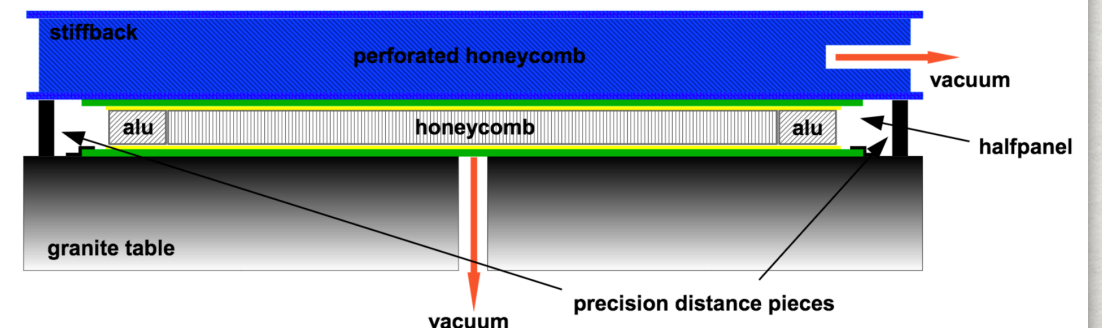
- PCBs placed on granite table under vacuum
- Internal structure glued on PCBs
  - Stiffback/Vacuum bag method



step 1



step 2





# DRIFT PANEL CONSTRUCTION AND Q-PLET ASSEMBLY

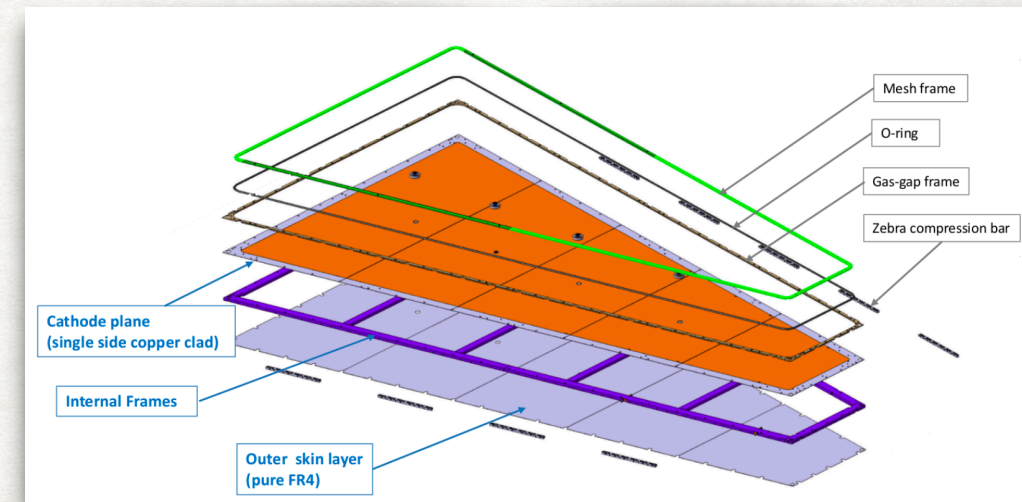
## Assembled drift panel (Floating mesh):

### - Stretched mesh

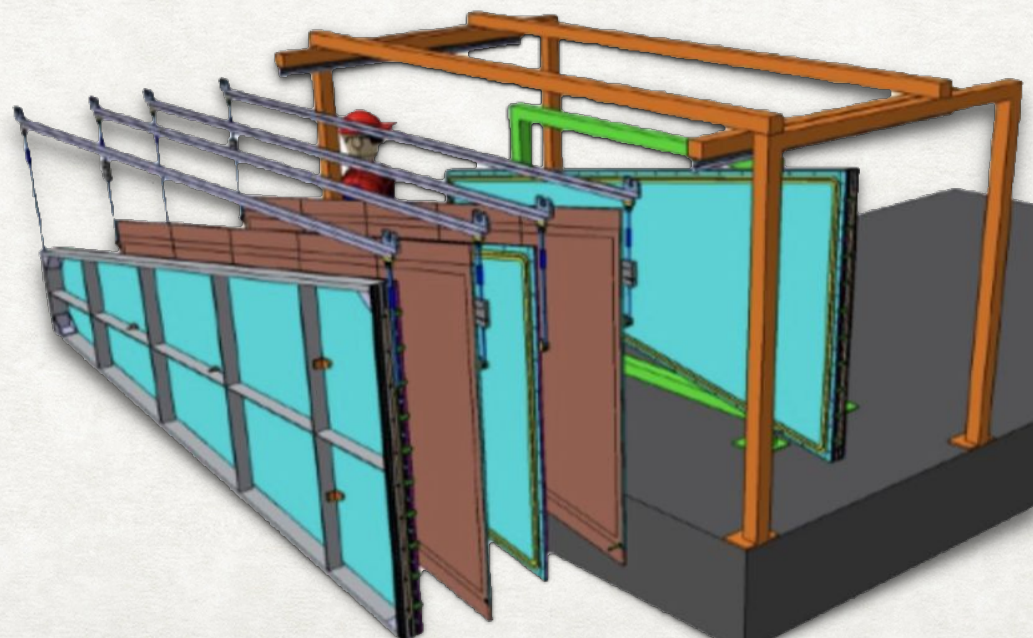
- Mesh positioned on transfer frame
- Stretch until reaching 9 N/cm tension (clamps)
- Mesh glued on transfer frame

### - Bare drift panel

- PCBs: Outer skin (FR4-only), Cathode plane (Cu clad)
- Internal structure: Honeycomb Sheets, Frames



## Q-plet assembly



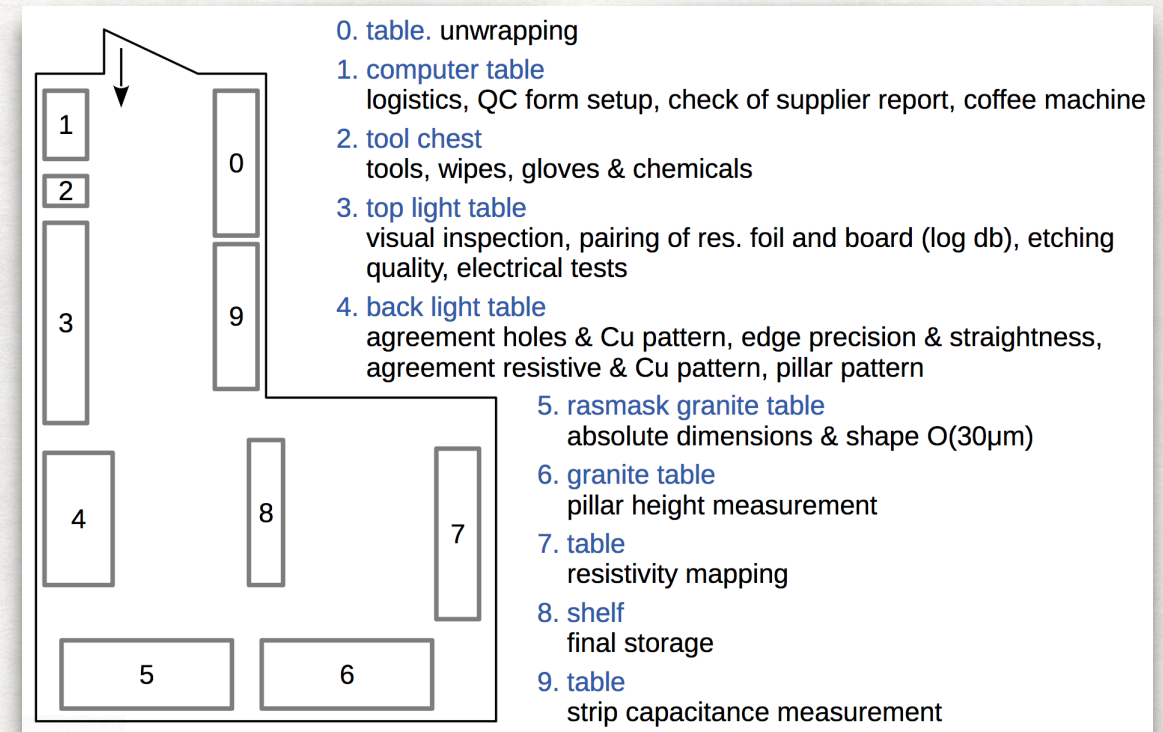
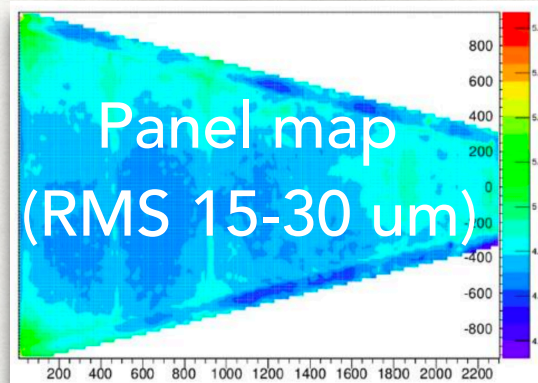


# QA/QC AND TESTING

## PCB QA/QC @ CERN

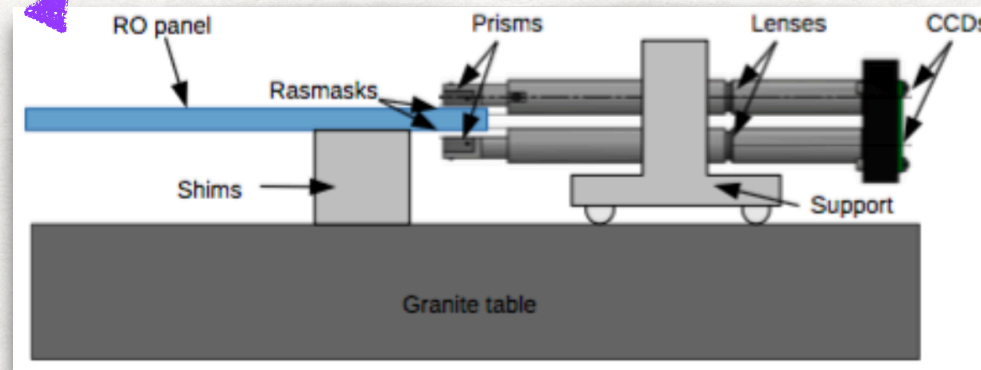
### PCB/RO panel:

- Visual inspection
- Electrical tests
- Planarity mapping
- PCB/Layer Alignment (C-CCD/2-prong Rasfork)
- Gas leak



### Mesh:

- Mesh tension



### Drift:

- Planarity
- Electrical insulation
- Gas leak

## HV instability issues

### Q-Plet:

- HV tests (air+Ar/CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Gas tests
- Planarity
- Panel-panel alignment (4-prong Rasfork)
- Cosmic ray tests



# CLEANING PROCEDURES

Upon panel inspection under microscope residues of “ionic contamination” were observed

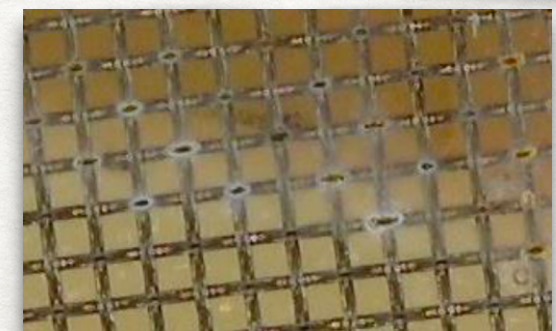
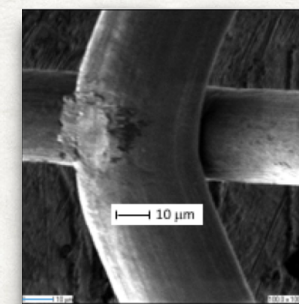
## Cleaning procedure:

- Wash panel with tap water
- Brush with NGL/CIF (Drift&RO)
- Rinse with tap water & brush
- Spray with high pressure DI water
- Also spray inside drift gap pipes
- Dry panels in drying box
  - Warm air (up to 45°C)
  - Low filtered air flow
- Dry panels for 2-3 days

## Mesh polishing:

Can correct mesh imperfections: sandpaper polishing →

After cleaning procedures were adopted by all sites,  
the HV levels greatly improved  
“Ionic contamination” removed





# HV STABILITY TESTS

HV test goal: Draw up to O(10 nA) currents in operating voltages

MM Operating  
Point

Vmax:

- 1000V in dry air (RH<10%)
- 590-610V in Ar+7%CO<sub>2</sub>

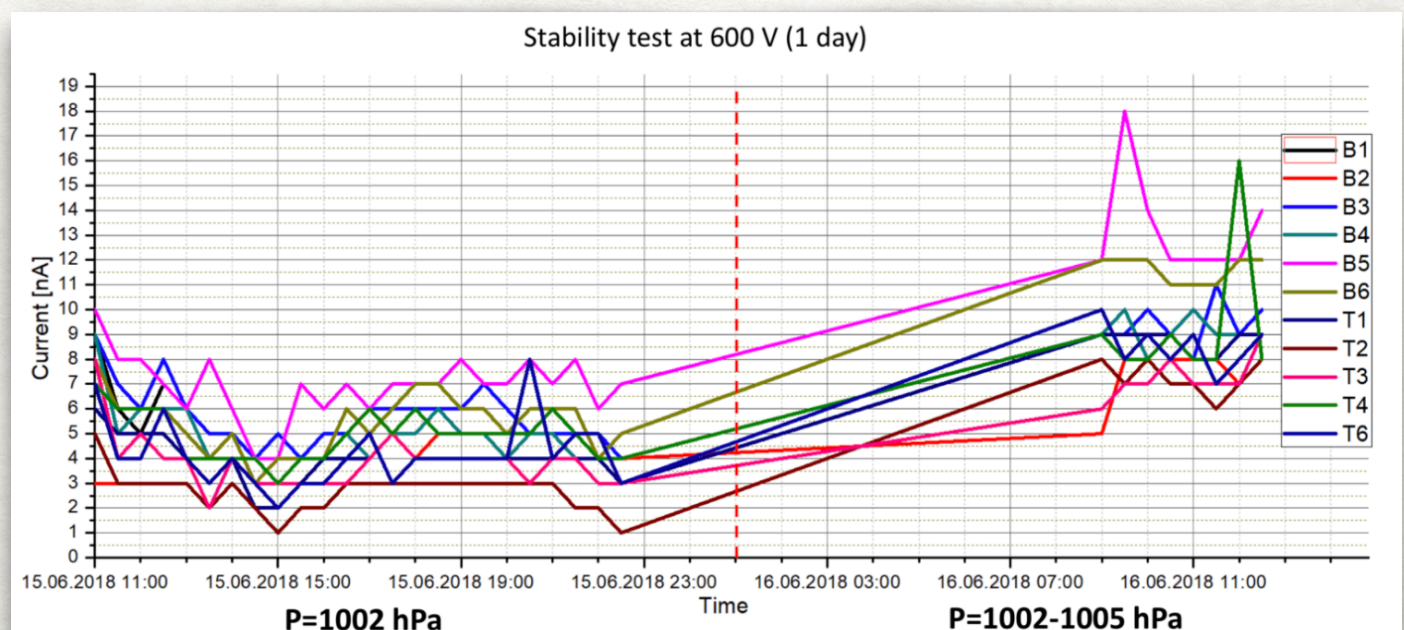
Requirements:

- Low current ramp up
- Not long "conditioning"

Stable HV levels above  
operating point reached

LM2 preliminary results - Voltage vs. Current (nA)

		570V	580V	590V	600V	605V	610V	
Bottom layer	CH#1	4 nA	4	2	7	7	6	
	2	3	3	Tripped --> 540 (stable voltage)				
	3	2	3	2	9	3	7	
	4	2	2	3	6	5	5	
	5	4	4	4	7	7	7	
	6	4	4	5	9	6	6	
Top layer	CH#1	3	3	3	4	4	Tripped after 2 min	
	2	3	3	4	5	4	Tripped after 2 min	
	3	3	3	4	7	5	6	
	4	3	3	3	6	4	6	
	6	4	4	4	6	5	7	





# TEST BEAM RESULTS M0

## Test Beams:

- SM1 M0 : June 2016
- SM2 M0 : August 2017 (Next Talk!)
- SM2 M1 : June/July 2018
- Cosmic ray tests
- Aging tests in GIF++ @CERN
  - No aging after 10y HL-LHC equivalent dose

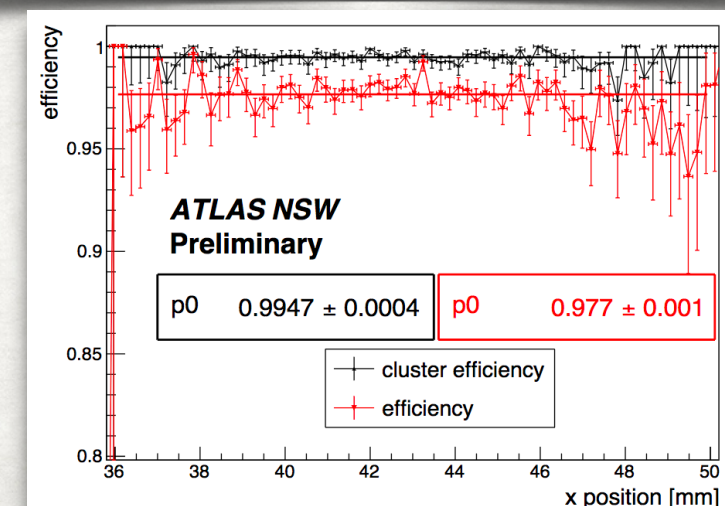
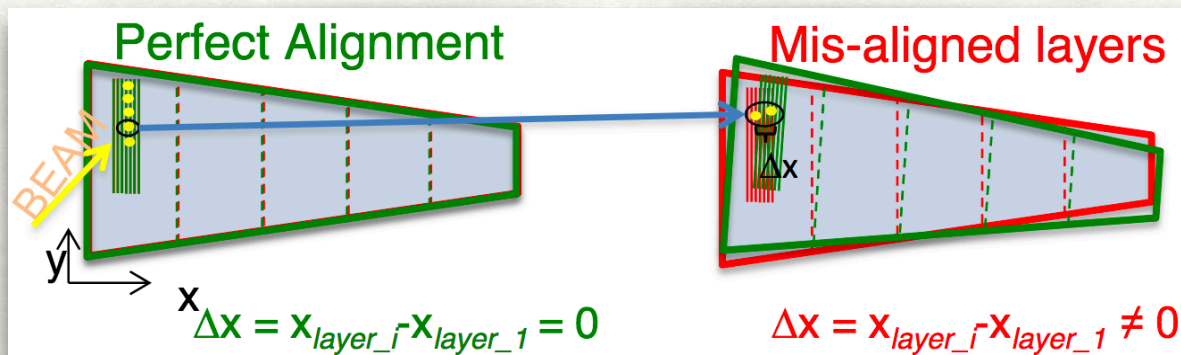
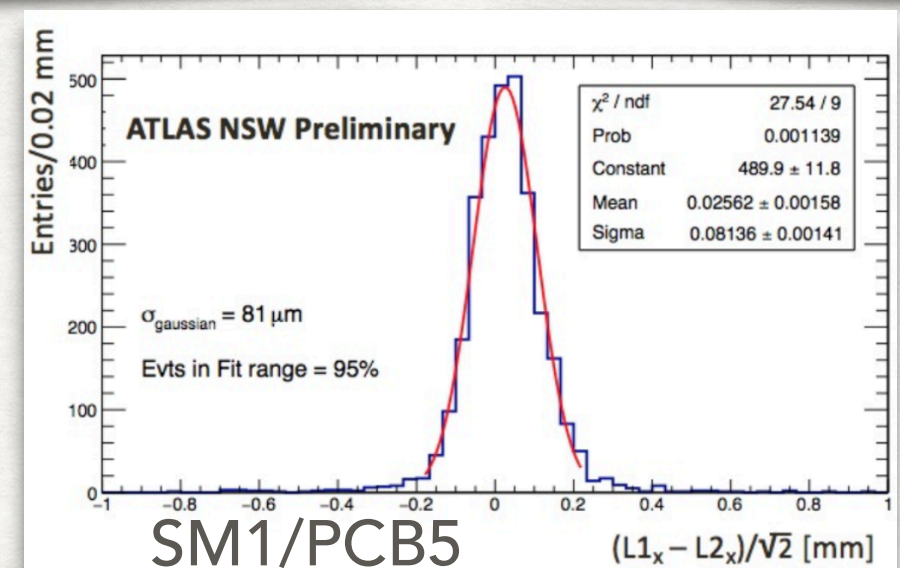
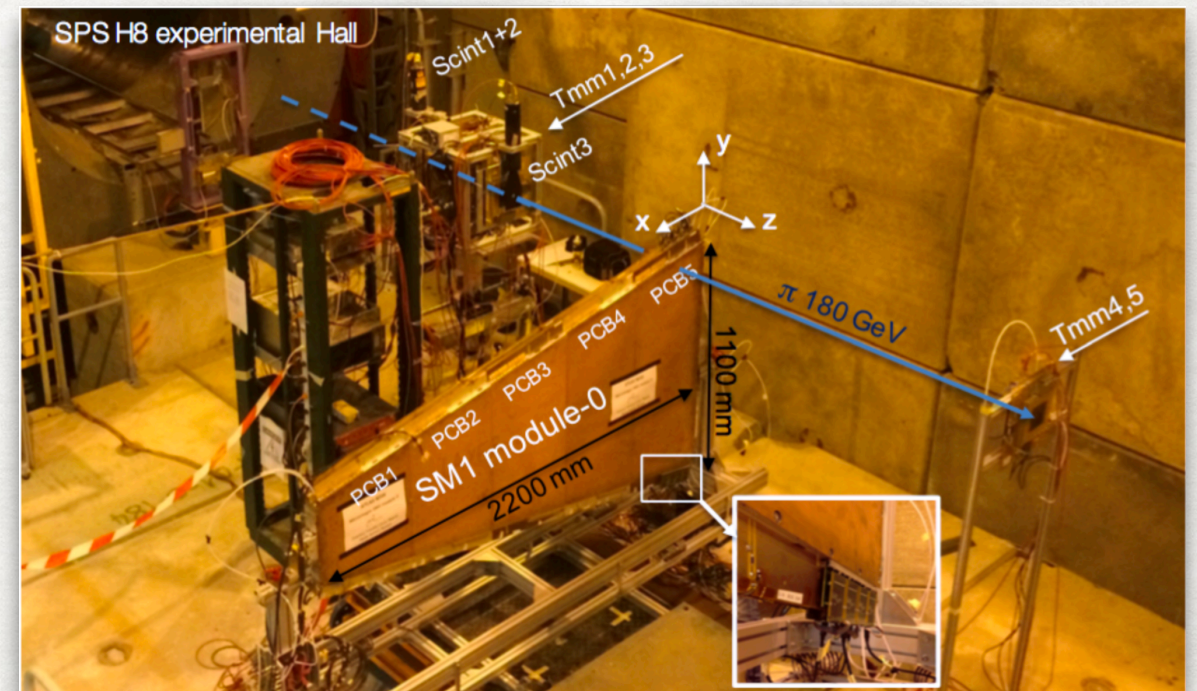
## Perpendicular track performance @570-580V

Precision coordinate resolution: 81  $\mu\text{m}$

2nd coordinate resolution: 2.4 mm

Efficiency: ~99%

Alignment: Within max deviation 80 $\mu\text{m}$





# CONCLUSIONS

The NSW is going to replace the current wheels (MDT+CSC detectors) in order to run at higher rates

- Micromegas detectors: Primary Tracking

Try to install both wheels during Phase I

During q-plet testing, HV instabilities were noticed

- Linked to cleaning standards -> Cleaning procedure defined
- HV results showed great improvement after cleaning

Q-plets were tested in test beams/cosmic stands

- Results within specifications
- New test beam will show the results after applying the cleaning procedure
- More details on Maximilian's talk



**BACK UP**

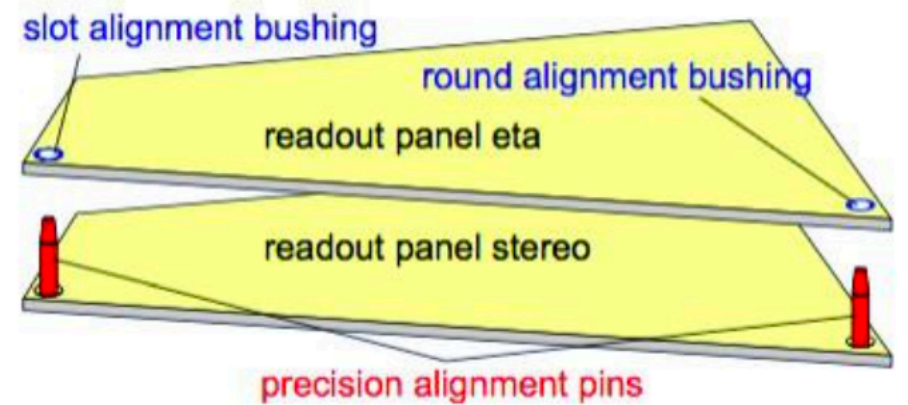
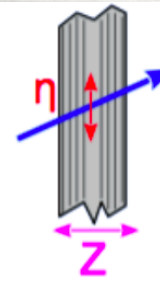


# MICROME GAS REQUIREMENTS

## Mechanical accuracies:

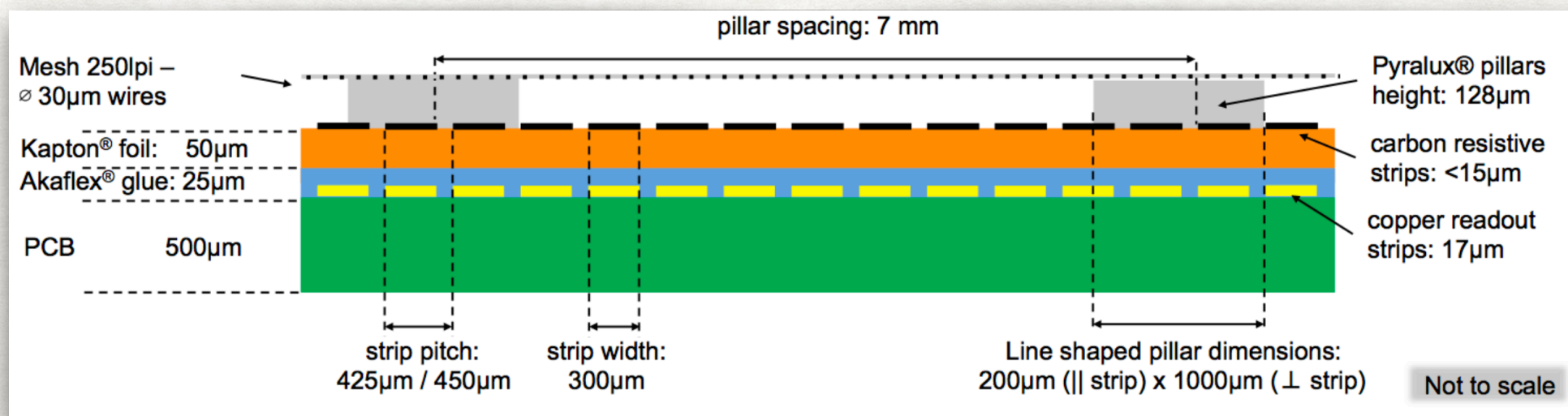
- Track accuracy:
  - $\eta$  coordinate: 30  $\mu\text{m}$  RMS
  - Z coordinate: 80  $\mu\text{m}$  RMS
- Precision coordinate:
  - Strip alignment: 40  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Layer-layer alignment: 60  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Panel-panel alignment: 60  $\mu\text{m}$
- Panel planarity:
  - Max. deviation  $\pm 100 \mu\text{m}$
  - Max. RMS 37  $\mu\text{m}$

track accuracy:  
30  $\mu\text{m}$  in  $\eta$   
80  $\mu\text{m}$  in z



## Q-plet assembly

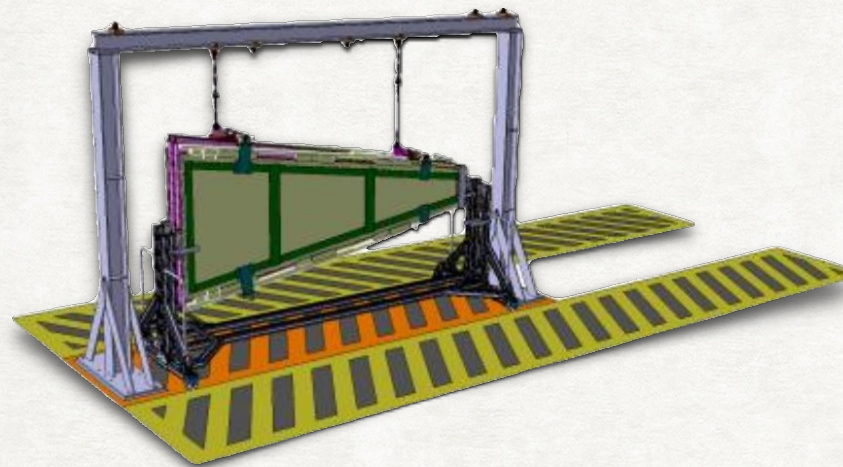
SM1	M1, M2, M3 done, M4 to do
SM2	M1, M2, M3 done, M4 to do
LM1	M1, M2 done
LM2	M1, M2 done





# MICROME GAS ASSEMBLY

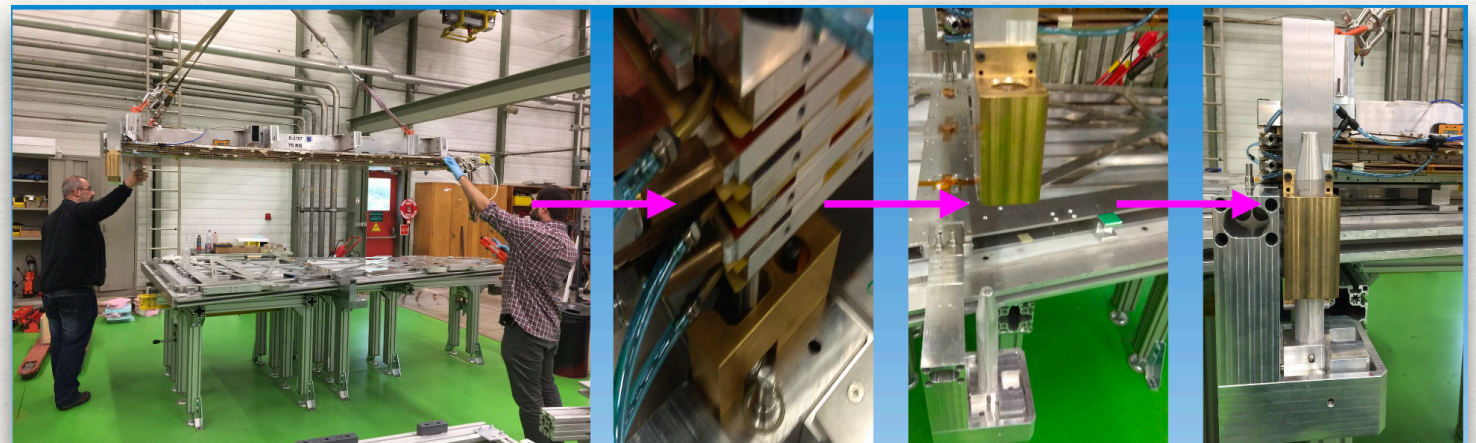
## Sector assembly



The assembly will take place above surface

- Sectors will be mounted on NJD wheel

The wheel will then be transported to ATLAS point 1 and moved down to the shaft



## Wheel transportation

