#### Strength Measurement of Tracker Detector Composite and Titanium Structures ITk Global Mechanics Structural Prototypes

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## **Introduction** New ATLAS Inner Detektor = Inner Trakcer





#### Introduction











## Scope of the Experiments

- Validate the FE analysis of these critical components
	- Are our predictions for mechanical stability correct?
- Measure the failure load:
	- Difficult to predict with models this is why we use safety factors...
	- Minimize any risk on the critical components
- Identify measurement locations for Structural Health Monitoring (SHM):
	- The aim is to use strain gauges to monitor loads (and health) of the structure during the ITk assembly:
		- Can we find a measuring spot that can give as a good indication of the load level on these critical components?
		- Can we correlate the measurements with a 'real-time safety margin'?





## Mount Pad Test Setup





## FE Model Description – Stud Load

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0.19207 0.16006 0.13719 0.11433 0.09146 0.068597 0.045731 0.022866

- Mesh
	- Everything modeled with solid elements
	- Carbon fiber components modeled with ACP Roller Stud Loa
- Boundary conditions:
	- Fixed Supports on the Support Frame
	- Assembly connected with bonded contacts
- Load steps:
	- 1. Load to nominal load (5kN)
	- 2. Cycling around nominal load





#### Mount Pad Test Set-Up – Stud Load



#### **Sensors installed:**

- Dial gauges installed to check against potential displacements of the steel frame
- 3 LVDT to measure the stud displacements in Y (2x) and Z directions
- 1 LVDT to measure the overall motion of the OC
- 1 strain gauges half-bridge on the roller stud
- 1 strain rosette on the mount pad

#### **Differences with the 'designed' set-up**

- OC segment is not pinned and bolted to the main frame, only bolted to the main frame
	- Possible motion of the OC segment
	- Easier and faster disassembling of the set-up



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## Testing Campaign – Stud Load



- Phase 1 Load up to 1000N.
	- LVDT measuring stud displacement not zeroed.
- Phase 2 Load up to 5000N. Visible motion of the stud during cycling.
	- LVDT measuring stud displacement not zeroed.
- Phase 3 Cycling up to 5000N.





## Results (Stud Load) – Cylinder Motion





- Small motion of 0.015mm on the LVDT located radially on the cylinder
	- The displacement remains after the unloading.
	- -> slipping in cylinder fixture.
- Measurement done for one cycle only.







## Results (Stud Load) – Stud Displacement



- Total displacement in the test set-up correspond to the displacement predicted by FE analysis – error up to 9%.
- Small hysteresis in the system caused by the pressure regulation.





#### Results (Stud Load) – Stud Strain



- Measured strain follow the slope of the FE strain up to ~1.7kN (error up to 5%).
- Possible source of the observed non-linearity could be change in the position of the force applied on the stud caused by the stud deflection.







#### Bracket Test Setup







## FE Model Description

- Mesh
	- Everything modeled with solid elements
	- Carbon fiber components modeled with ACP
- Boundary conditions:
	- Fixed Supports on the Support Frame
	- Rest of the assembly connected with frictional contacts, FF=0.1
- Load steps:
	- 1. Bolt pretension
	- 2. Load to nominal load (5kN)
	- 3. Cycling around nominal load
	- 4. Load to failure (20kN)



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> late bolt pretention 3: Lock Bracket bolt pretention 1: Lock Plate bolt pretention 5: Lock Plate bolt pretention 1: Lock Bolt Pretension: Lock Bracket bolt pretention 2: Locl Force 2: 20000 N Bolt Pretension 4: Lock Bolt Pretension 5: Lock Bolt Pretension 6: Lock







#### Bracket Test Set-Up





#### **Sensors installed:**

- Dial gauges installed to check against potential displacements of the steel frame
- 4 LVDT to measure the bracket displacements in X and Y directions
- 1 LVDT to measure the overall motion of the SB flange
- 2 strain gauges half-bridges on the brackets

#### **Differences with the 'designed' set-up**

- OC flanges in steel
	- Impact on deformation is very low and this reduces significantly the cost of the experiment
- Bolts design and material (stainless steel)
	- Yield limit  $\sim$ 1/4 of Titanium grade 5
	- Applied pre-stress is much lower, which could impact stiffness of the measurements
	- Could also impact failure
	- Even if not 'real', is 'conservative'





## Testing Campaign



- Phase 1 difficulties in controlling the pressure did not manage to get to the planned load most of the times
	- New pressure sensor was installed to improve the acquisition frequency (first one was going trough a very old digital conditioner)
	- New control procedure devised
- Phase 2 reached Ultimate Load State (Lifting load). Ramps up and down much better controlled now.
- Phase 3 Bracket corners machined. Reached 20 kN. Yield around 12.5 kN.





## Results – Vertical Displacements



Test Set-Up FEA Difference in the

LVDT Vertical

#### **LVDT – Vertical Displacements:**

- FE model seem to match the overall non-linear shape
- The initial slope is slightly higher than expected
	- This is not the slope needed for stability
	- There is some slippage at the beginning that is prestress and friction dependent, and bolts are not prestressed at the 'design/FE' level
- The measurements deviate around 7.5 kN
	- Possible plasticization in the studs









#### Results – Strain Gauges

Bracket 1



Strain gauges Half bridge

#### **Strain gauges:**

- Signals are linear with load
- Half bridge removes thermal effects
- Compared with measured strain, the FEA strain is by 20% higher.







#### Results – Failure Load



- The system 'yielded' above 12.5 kN, but reached 20 kN (safety factor  $\sim$ 4)
- The failed component is the stud connecting the bracket to the bracket extension
	- Significant plastic deformation, but still carrying the load
	- Bushing was fine, as all the other components
	- This component is not in the correct material and geometry!
		- Titanium grade V yield is  $\sim$ 4 times higher
		- Design geometry has a larger cross-section

#### **FEA**

- Updated analysis performed with correct bolt material
- With conservative material properties model predicts significant plastic strain starting from 12 kN
	- Bolt eqv. stress ~200 MPa, but Titanium grade V has a yield strength of ~880 MPa
	- Still not 'failing' as the bolt hardens



## Structural Health Monitoring



- Good sensitivity to applied load:  $\sim$ 150 ( $\mu$ m/m)/kN
- We expect around 750  $\mu$ m/m at the nominal load
- Good sensitivity to applied load:  $\sim$ 34 ( $\mu$ m/m)/kN
- We expect around 200  $\mu$ m/m at the nominal load
- Expected noise in the order of 5  $\mu$ m/m (was  $\sim$ 1  $\mu$ m/m during measurements)





#### Conclusion

- Tests were designed for critical ITk OC structure interfaces
- Mount Pad test set-up
	- Stiffness as expected by 9% higher than predicted by FEA
	- Strain as expected
		- by 10% lower than predicted by FEA compared to non-linear behavior observed in measurement
		- less than 5% lower than predicted by FEA compared to linear fit obtained from measured data
	- Slippage in the fixture
	- Second load case and Failure load ongoing
- Bracket test set-up
	- Failure load ~12.5 kN ~1.5 ultimate (with stainless steel bolts)
	- Deflection higher than expected probably bolt geometry.
	- Titanium bolts are being procured, the experiment will be repeated soon
- Structure Health Monitoring
	- Nominal load of 5kN for both interfaces
	- Mount Pad sensitivity: ~150 (μm/m)/kN
	- Bracket sensitivity: ~34 (μm/m)/kN





# Backup Slides











- Requirements from: *ATU-SYS-ES-0027 - Alignment and positioning requirements (…)*
- RMS **stability** requirement (most stringent):
	- Azimuthal: 2 µm
	- Other directions: 20 µm
- Designs with a **vertical sag** lower than **1 mm** provide a margin factor of ~2





## Results – Strain Gauges



Strain gauges Half bridge

#### **Strain gauges:**

- Signals are linear with load
- Half bridge removes thermal effects
- Good sensitivity to applied load:  $\approx$ 34 ( $\mu$ m/m)/kN
	- FE prediction was 32 (μm/m)/kN
	- Expected noise in the order of 5 um/m (was  $\sim$ 1  $\mu$ m/m during measurements)
	- We expect around 200 um/m at the nominal load
- Promising SHM tool







## Results – Horizontal Displacements



LVDT Horizontal





Debonding





- Saturates at around 10 kN (in fact we moved it)
- Then seems to provide random numbers
- Bracket 2 matched up to ~nominal load
- Not clear what happens after more time needed to correctly post-process the data
	- Some measuring blocks unglued during testing
	- Need to check the history with test engineer



## Mount Pad Test Set-Up





#### **Status:**

- Set-up is complete
- First load cycle performed
- Preliminary post-processing in progress, after sanity checks are passed we will apply the nominal load





#### FE Analysis - Results



- SHM sensor strategy
	- Bending measurement on the brackets (half-bridge configuration)
	- Sensitivity: 16 ( $\mu$ m/m)/KN x 2 = 32 ( $\mu$ m/m)/KN



300.00 (mm)

150.00

225.00

75.00



## Testing Campaign – Improvement 1





- Pressure 'control' machine borrowed from superconducting magnets group
	- Usually, they just target a pressure level, and do not care about slowly increasing the load (maybe they should)
	- Pressure levels required are much higher (~10 times)
	- New procedure allows to improve ramp up and down, and to get to the desired load with good precision
	- There is still some 'lag' between the pressure and displacement readings, to be investigated



#### Testing Campaign – Improvement 2





• Corners re-machined – getting into contact with the flange during loading







#### Results – Failure Load





#### **Failure load**

- The system 'failed' above 15 kN, but reached 20 kN (safety factor  $\sim$ 4)
- Not easy to see on the measurements checks in progress
- The failed component is the stud connecting the bracket to the bracket extension
	- Significant plastic deformation, but still carrying the load
	- Bushing was fine, as all the other components
	- This component is not in the correct material!
		- Titanium grade V yield is ~4 times higher









#### Results – Failure Load - FE

**Time: 12** 

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#### **Failure load**

- Updated analysis performed with correct bolt material
- Something strange in the geometry
	- Model one seem more optimal
- With conservative material properties model predicts significant plastic strain starting from 12 kN
	- Bolt eqv. stress ~200 MPa, but Titanium grade V has a yield strength of ~880 MPa
	- Still not 'failing' as the bolt hardens







#### Mount Pad Frame







## Mount Pad Assembly



#### **Status:**

- Set-up is complete
- First load cycle performed
- Preliminary post-processing in progress, after sanity checks are passed we will apply the nominal load



