

## Local cooling

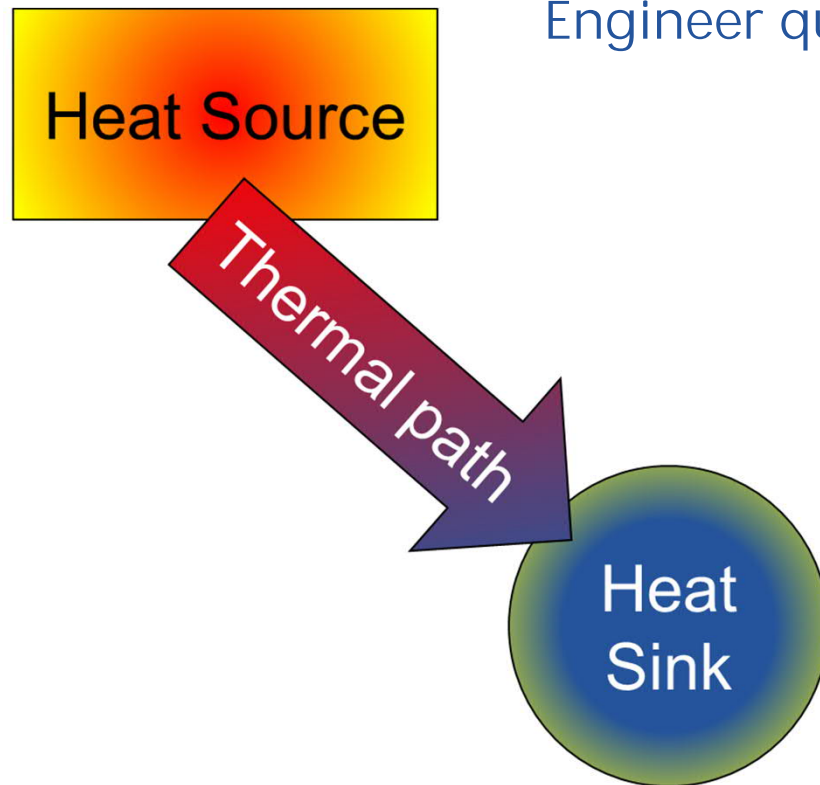
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### OUTLINE

- Basic concepts
- Future detector challenges
- R&D needs
- Final considerations

# Thermal management of electronics



Engineer questions:

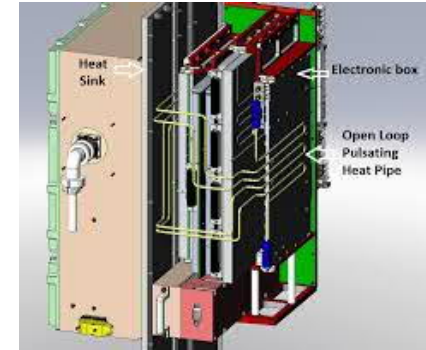
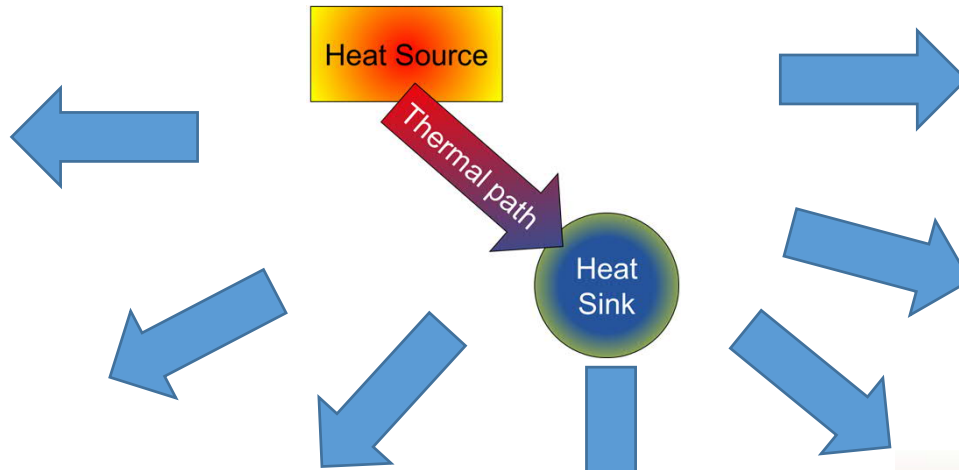
- Amount of heat produced by the Heat Source?
- Max temperature of the Heat Source?
- Uniformity requirements?
- Stability requirements?
- Temperature constraints on the Heat Sink?
- Position of the Heat Source?
- Heat Source / Heat Sink interface?
- Space available?
- Material issues (quantity & location)?
- Environmental issues?
- Cost issues?
- Reliability?
- Lifespan?

# Thermal management of electronics

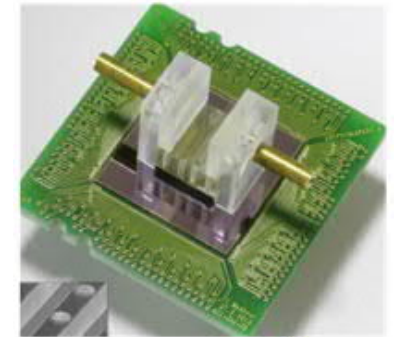
Based on the answers to the above questions, you can find different approaches to the thermal management of electronics (examples shown for high power computing chips, one of the most demanding applications in commercial electronics):



Forced air cooling



Pulsating heat pipe



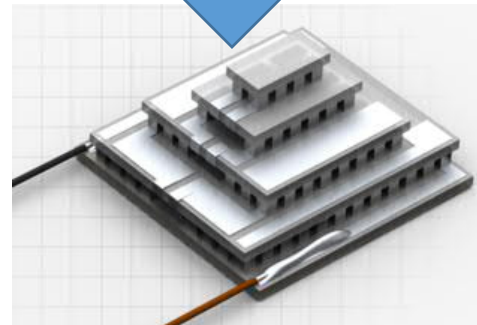
Multi-micro-channel



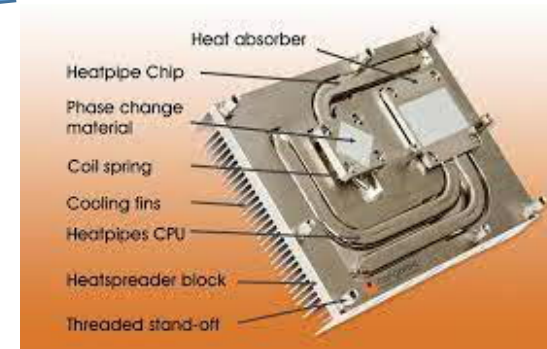
Liquid assisted air cooling



Mechanically pumped



Thermoelectric



Heat pipe

# Peculiarities of detector cooling

- Low power density, but (usually) large surfaces
- Moderate to very high radiation
- Radiation length minimization ↻
- Cold operation ↻
- High uniformity in space
- High stability in time
- Magnetic field
- Extreme reliability
- Long lifetime

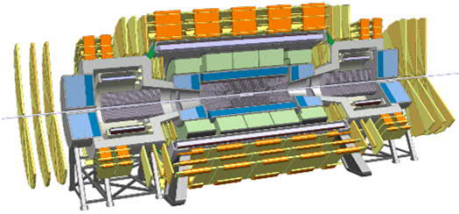
Two reference parameters  
(usually competing)

$$X_0 = \frac{716.4 \cdot A}{Z(Z+1) \ln \frac{287}{\sqrt{Z}}} \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$$

$$TFM = \frac{\Delta T_{sensors-fluid}}{\text{Surface Power Density}}$$

(Varying weight of each parameter depending on the specific application)

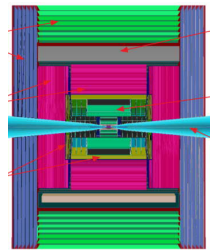
# Future trends in cooling needs



HL-LHC, HE-LHC, FCC-hh  
(Rare decays: Kaons, Tau)



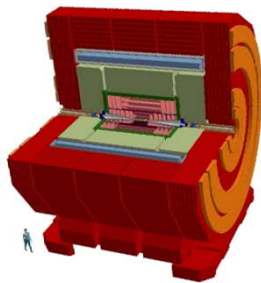
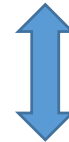
Tracker and Vertex: very cold and low TFM  
ECAL: Lar? Digital Si/W? Analog Si/W?  
Timing layers?



Muon colliders



Tracker and Vertex: a bit in-between  
ECAL: Digital Si/W



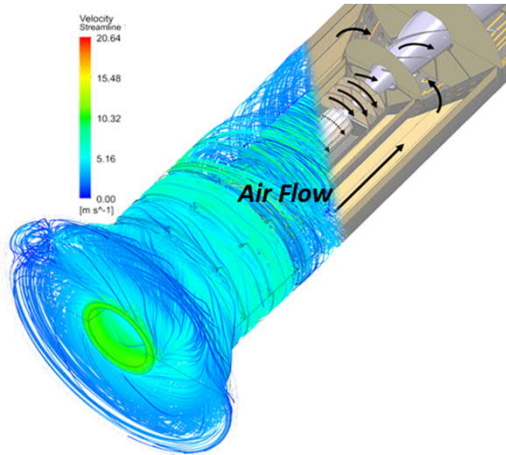
Strong interaction (fixed target or collider)  
Linear e+e-, Circular e+e-  
(Rare decays: Mu->e+e+e-, Mu->e-)



Tracker and Vertex: remove heat at minimum  $X_0$   
ECAL: Si? SciFi + SiPMs? Gaseous?  
Timing layers?

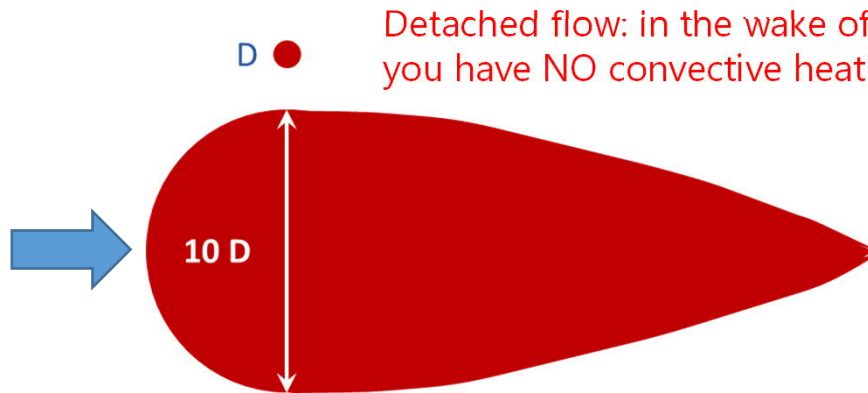
# Air cooling: fears of a former aerodynamicist

Any fluid-structure interaction it's "work" and dissipates energy  
(also) Fluids try to minimise work if they can



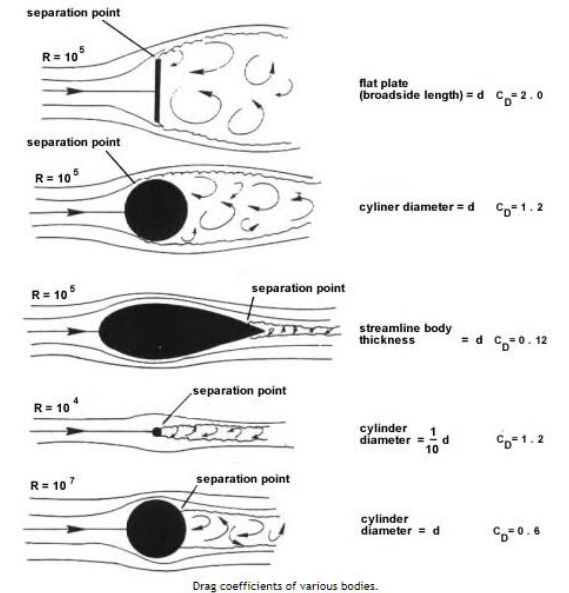
- In "internal" (or "confined") flows, the fluid is guided and constrained within a structure: a duct, a channel, a pipe: its only possible revenge is to "lose pressure" and force you (or your pump) to work more;
- In "external" (or "free") flows, the fluid is constrained by a structure on one side only and is free to decide what it wants to do: you must be gentle and smart and guide it where you want.

EXAMPLE: THESE TWO CYLINDERS HAVE THE SAME DRAG COEFFICIENT



Detached flow: in the wake of this cylinder you have NO convective heat transfer

Attached flow: in the wake of this cylinder you may still have a decent convective heat transfer



# Air cooling: fears of a former aerodynamicist

- In order to have an effective air cooling the geometrical design of the structure must be entirely finalized to this goal from the beginning
- The air path must always be guided to avoid that small changes from “as design” to “as built” may have unforeseeable, potentially catastrophic and likely unrecoverable consequences on the performance
- Additional challenge: bringing large quantities of air in well controlled condition of temperature and velocity distribution may prove to be more tricky and space consuming than one could imagine

I am not saying – nor I want to say – that “it will not work”, rather than it may very well prove to be way more difficult and risky than what many people think now: the concept must be well conceived in all details and fully integrated in the detector design from the beginning.

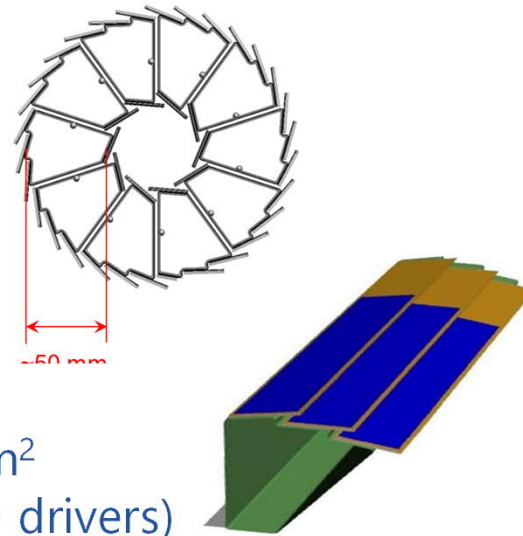
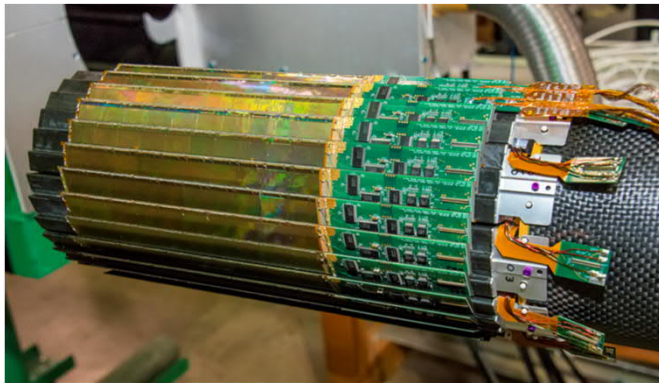
**Push on R&D on realistic smaller scale cases now for hopes of success in the future!**

# Air cooling: the STAR case

The PXL subdetector of the STAR HFT @ RHIC is the first silicon detector operating on a collider successfully cooled by air...

But there are very specific conditions for this to work (e.g. studies on the ALICE ITS upgrade failed to provide satisfactory performance).

Details: G. Contin et al., *The STAR MAPS-based PiXeL detector*, NIM A907, 60-80 (2018)



- Chip dissipation =  $0.17 \text{ W/cm}^2$
- Total power  $\sim 350 \text{ W}$  (chips + drivers)
- Air flow  $T = 23 \pm 1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Air speed =  $10.1 \text{ m/s}$
- DT air-detector =  $12 - 13 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

- CMOS MAPS technology
- Goal  $X/X_0 = 0.37\%$  per layer
- Room temperature operation
- Max T on sensor =  $40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Radiation tolerance up to  $90 \text{ kRad/year}$
- Fluence  $2 \times 10^{11}$  to  $10^{12} \text{ 1MeV n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> layer gap: 50 mm (!)

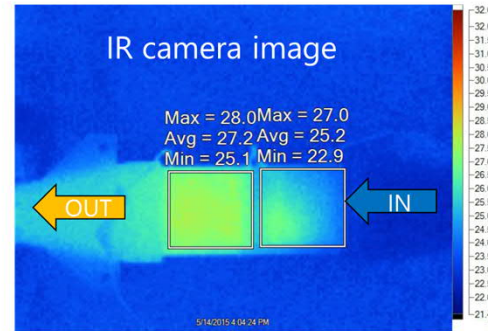
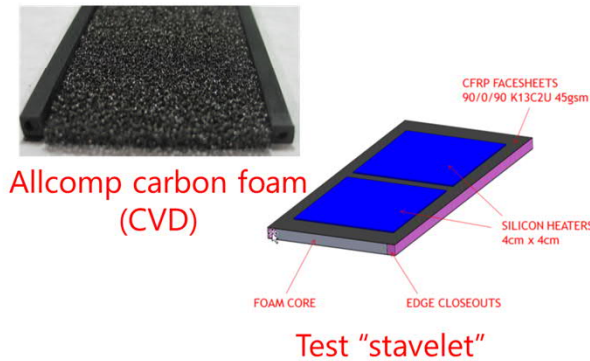
TFM  $\sim 70 \text{ K cm}^2/\text{W}$



# Air cooling: porous carbon foam as interface

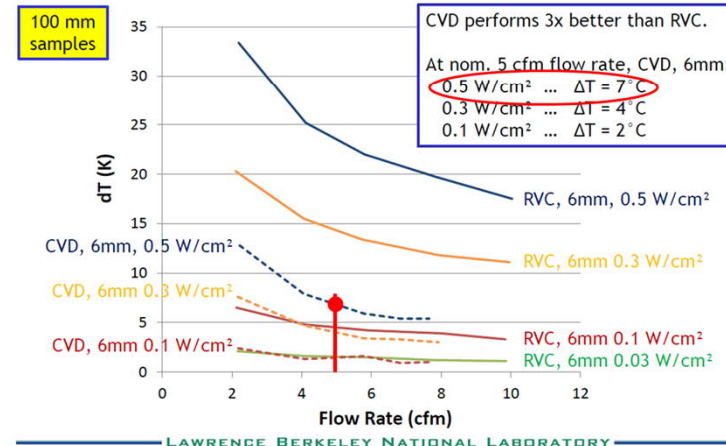
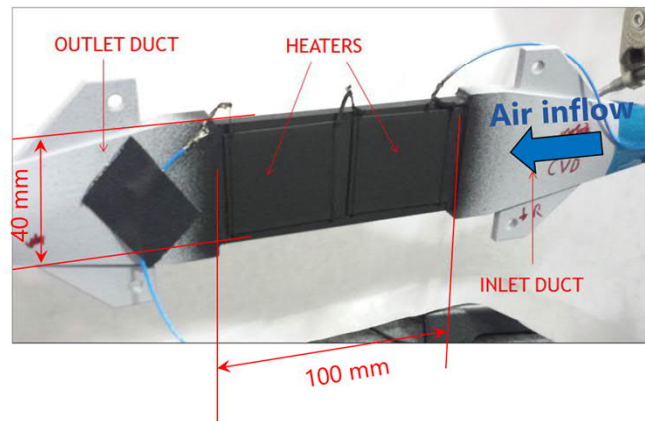
Interesting studies at LBNL on the combination of air cooling with micro-fluidics through carbon foams:

“Advanced Materials and Tools Research” (E. Anderssen et al.)  
 Forum on Tracking Detector Mechanics 2015 (Amsterdam, NL)  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/363327/contribution/34>



- Room temperature
- Air flow rate = 0.14 m<sup>3</sup>/min (5 cfm)
- Air speed ~ 10 m/s
- Foam thickness = 6 mm
- Power density = 0.5 W/cm<sup>2</sup>

**TFM = 14 [K·cm<sup>2</sup>/W]**  
 (on a 100 mm length) ← Length limitation!

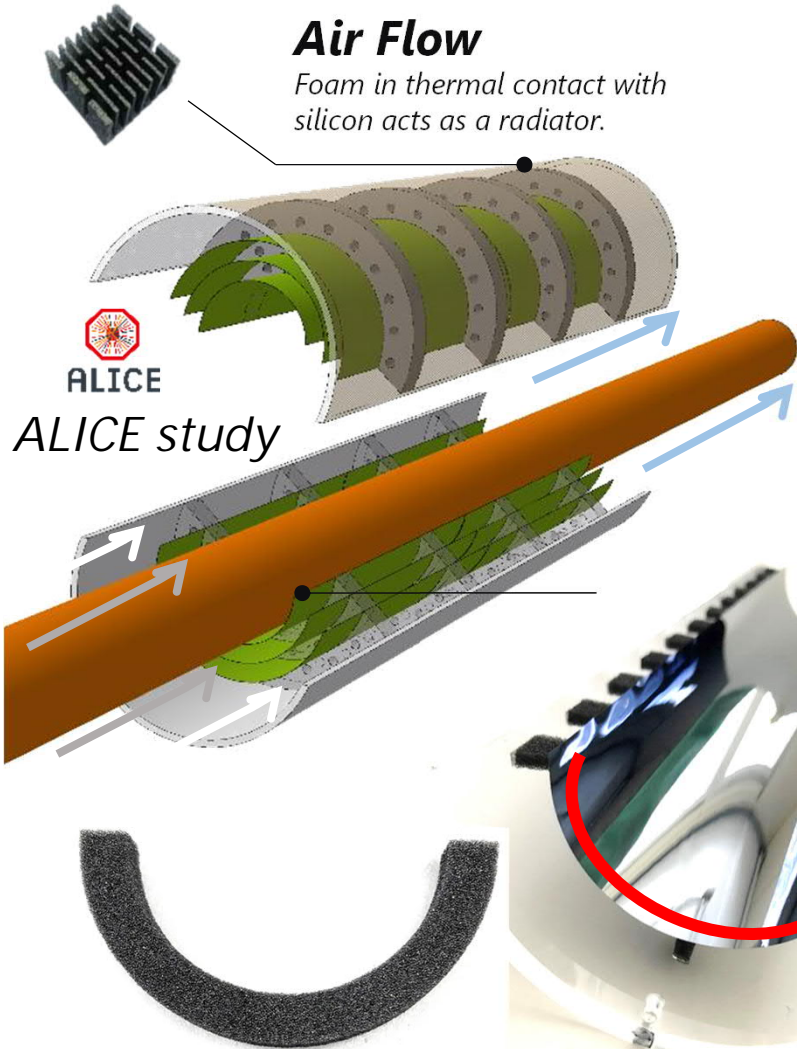


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# Air cooling: porous carbon foam as radiator

## Air Flow

Foam in thermal contact with silicon acts as a radiator.



Porous carbon foam structures as air cooling radiators

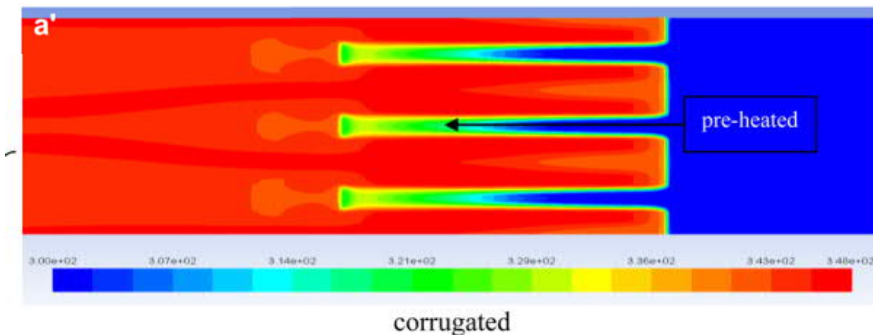
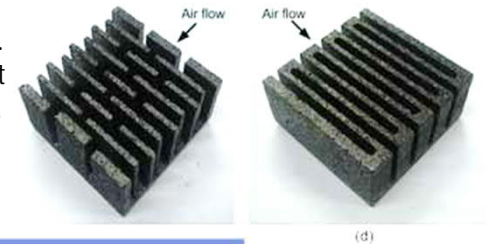
Foams have a very accessible surface area ( $> 4 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ ) and are open celled. As result, the overall heat transfer coefficients of foam-based heat exchangers can be up to two orders of magnitude greater than conventional air heat exchangers.

## Curved Silicon sensors

Reduction of thickness to about 20–40  $\mu\text{m}$  open possibility of exploiting the flexible nature of silicon.



Lin, Wamei & Sunden, Bengt & Yuan, Jinliang. (2013). A performance analysis of porous graphite foam heat exchangers in vehicles. Applied Thermal Engineering, 50. 1201-1210. 10.1016/j.applthermaleng.2012.08.047.



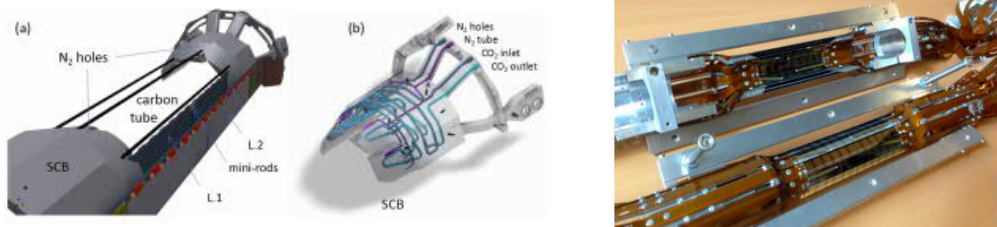
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# Liquid assisted air cooling

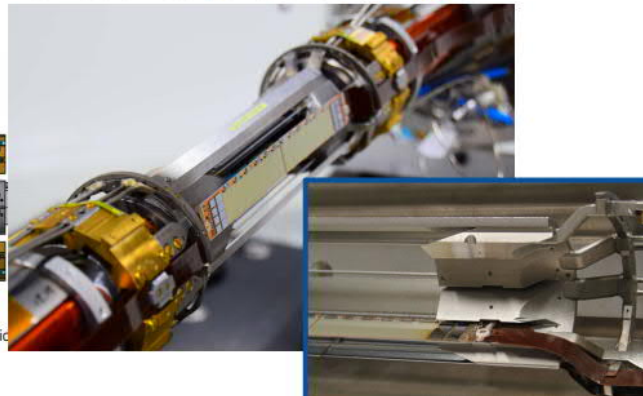
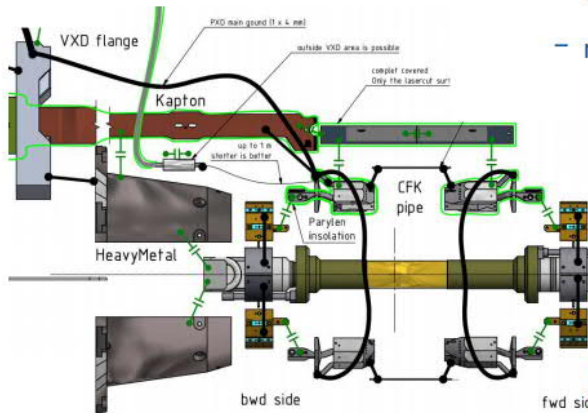
Cold fluid (CO<sub>2</sub> or Novec) for the thermal management of the electronics, air for the sensors (easier for detector with limited acceptance)



## Belle II PXD @ KEK



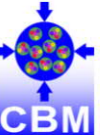
- 3D printed metal support cooling blocks (SCB)
- mounted directly onto the beam pipe



H. Ye et al., NIM A, Volume 896, 11 July 2018, Pages 82-89

B. Paschen, Vienna Conference of Instrumentation 2019

## CBM STS @ FAIR



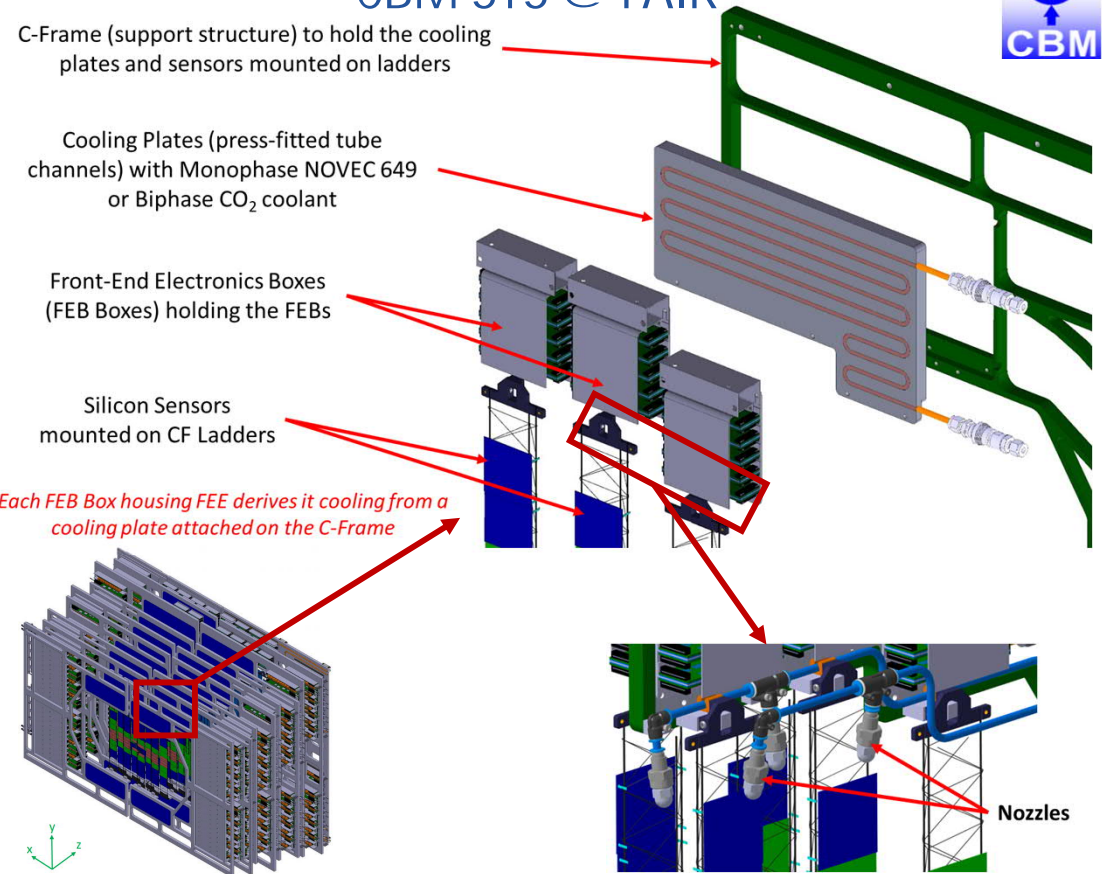
C-Frame (support structure) to hold the cooling plates and sensors mounted on ladders

Cooling Plates (press-fitted tube channels) with Monophase NOVEC 649 or Biphase CO<sub>2</sub> coolant

Front-End Electronics Boxes (FEB Boxes) holding the FEBs

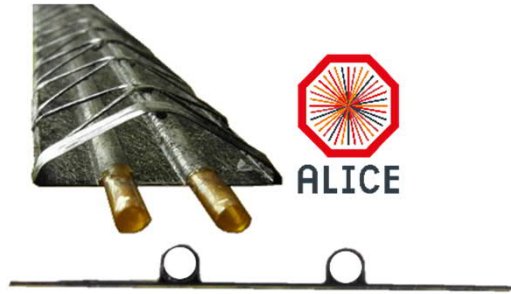
Silicon Sensors mounted on CF Ladders

Each FEB Box housing FEE derives its cooling from a cooling plate attached on the C-Frame



K. Agarwal, Forum on Tracking Detector Mechanics 2019

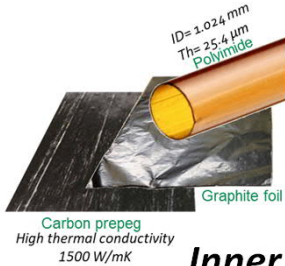
# Ultra-lightweight liquid cooling



Water leakless cooling

## High conductivity carbon plate with embedded Kapton pipes

ALICE ITS  
Inner Barrel Stave



### Inner Tracking System

Active area: 9.4 m<sup>2</sup>

N chips: 24120

Chips heat flux: 40 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

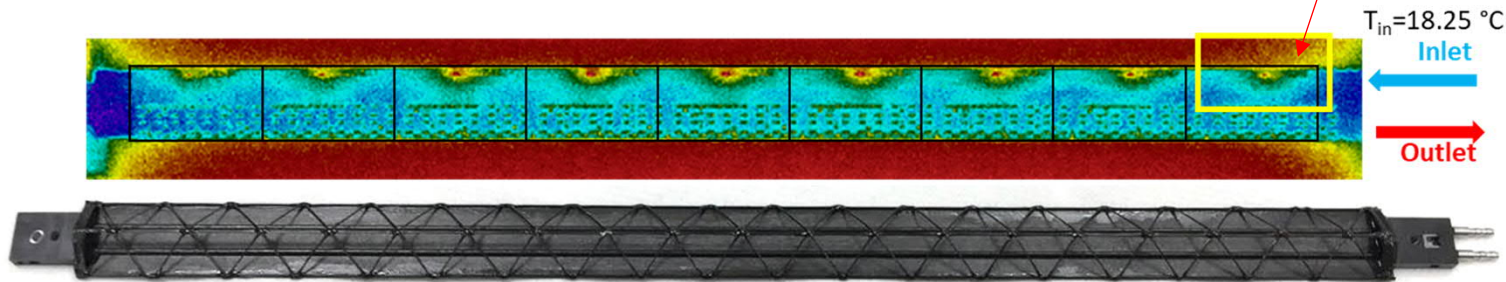
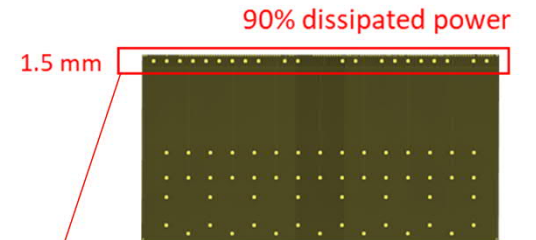
Total Power: ~5 kW

NIEL: 1.7x10<sup>12</sup> 1MeV neq/cm<sup>2</sup>

Working temperature ~ 23°C

Fluid: Water (leak-less) ~ 0.6 l/h

Coolant temp: 18°C



28 cm

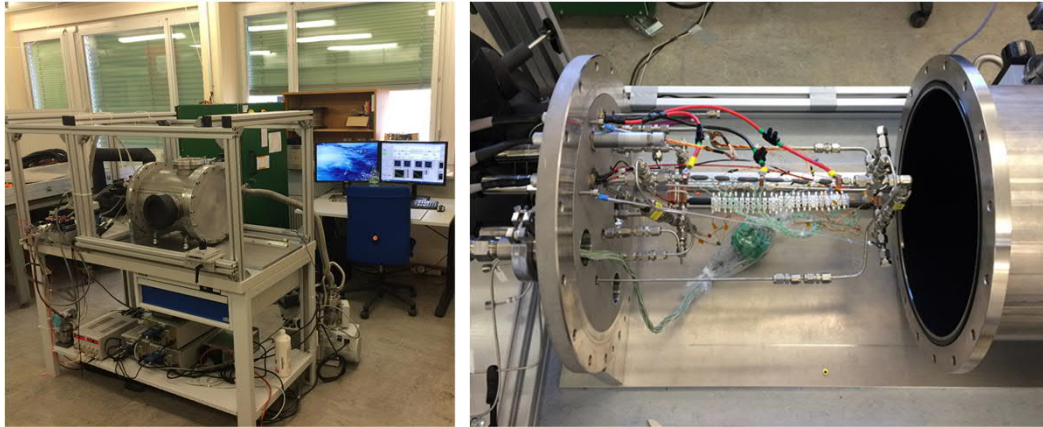


TFM > 100 K·cm<sup>2</sup>/W  
On digital chip area

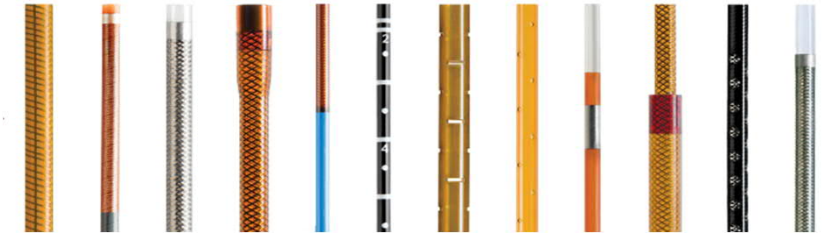
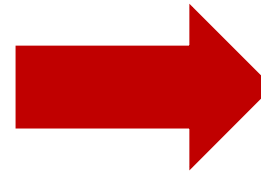
TFM ~ 50 K·cm<sup>2</sup>/W  
On sensor area

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# Can this approach be used for cold CO2?



Planned 2021



$\varnothing_i$ [mm]	Min Th. [mm]	Max Th. [mm]	$P_{max}$ [Bar] @th.min	$P_{max}$ [Bar] @th.max
0.051	0.00635	0.0127	169.8	339.6

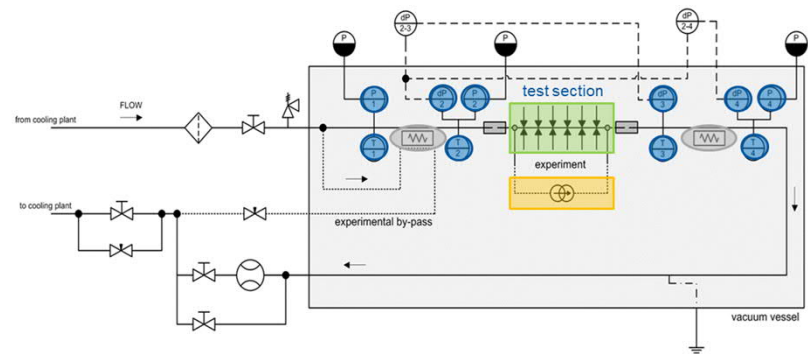
1.024	0.0254	0.1778	36.8 (50*)	257.3
2.052	0.032	0.1778	23.2 (25*)	128.9

\*used in ALICE ITS – MFT and tested

- Hydraulic connections (cycling)
- Deformation under pressure
- Heat Transfer Coefficient
- Wall thermal resistance

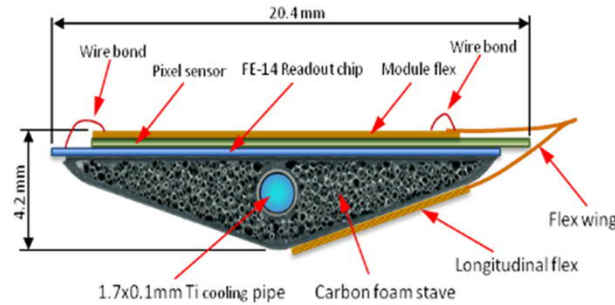
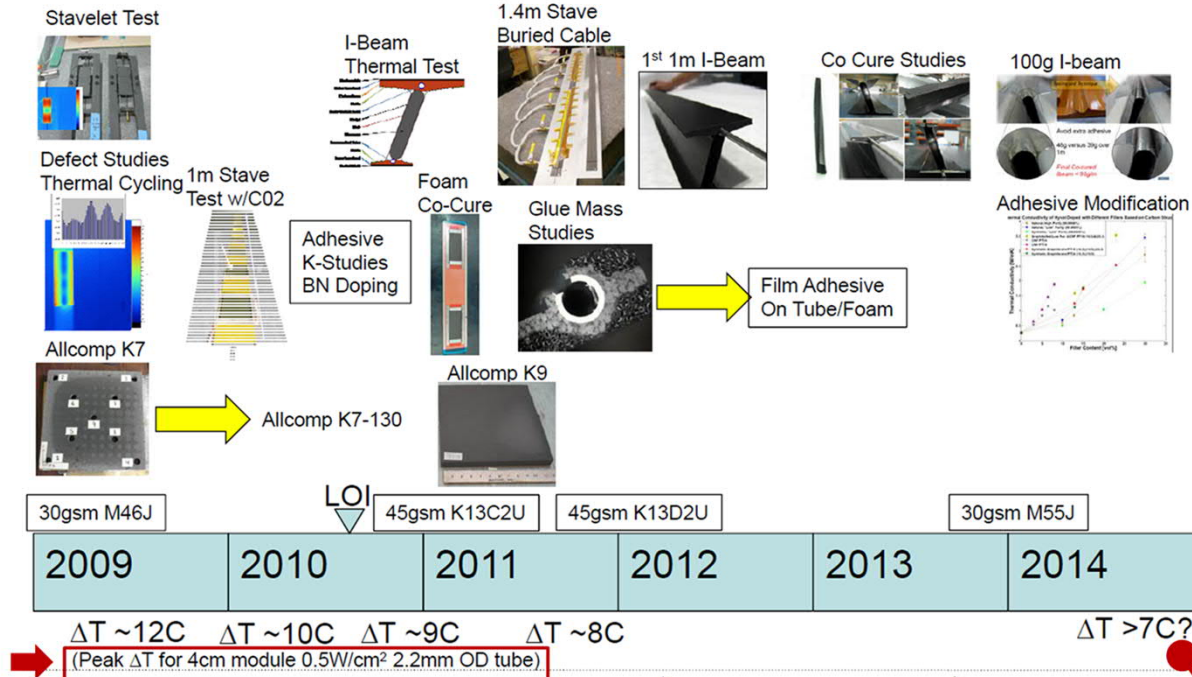
pressure and temperature sensors before and after the experiment

temperature sensors on the experiment

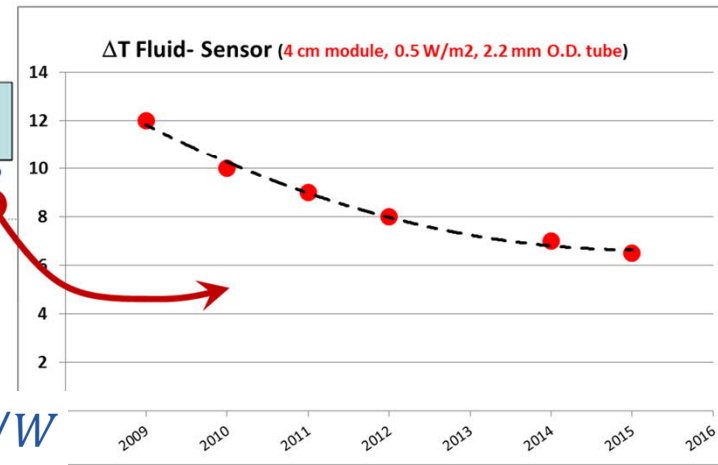


# Low T cooling: why “colder than CO<sub>2</sub>”?

## Timeline Pixel Prototype Development



## Asymptotic trend of $\Delta T$

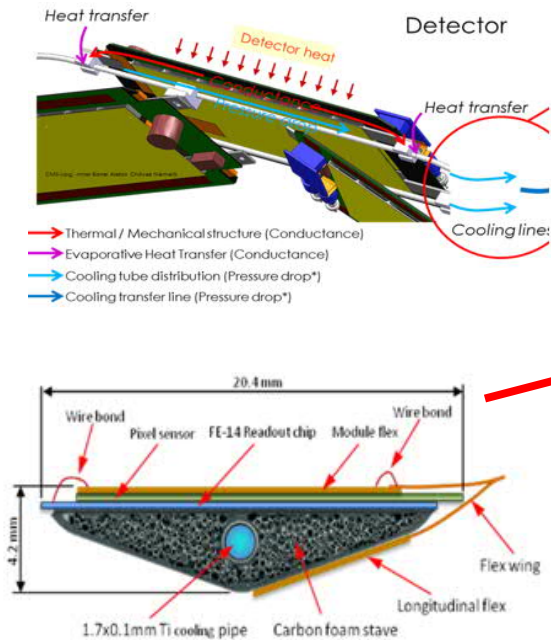


e.g. for a power dissipation of 1 W/cm<sup>2</sup> if you look for  $T_{MAX} < -30^\circ C$  on your sensor, the saturation temperature in the evaporator must be  $T_{Sat} < -42^\circ C$  (maybe  $-40^\circ C$  if an optimal design for CO<sub>2</sub> allows for higher HTC)

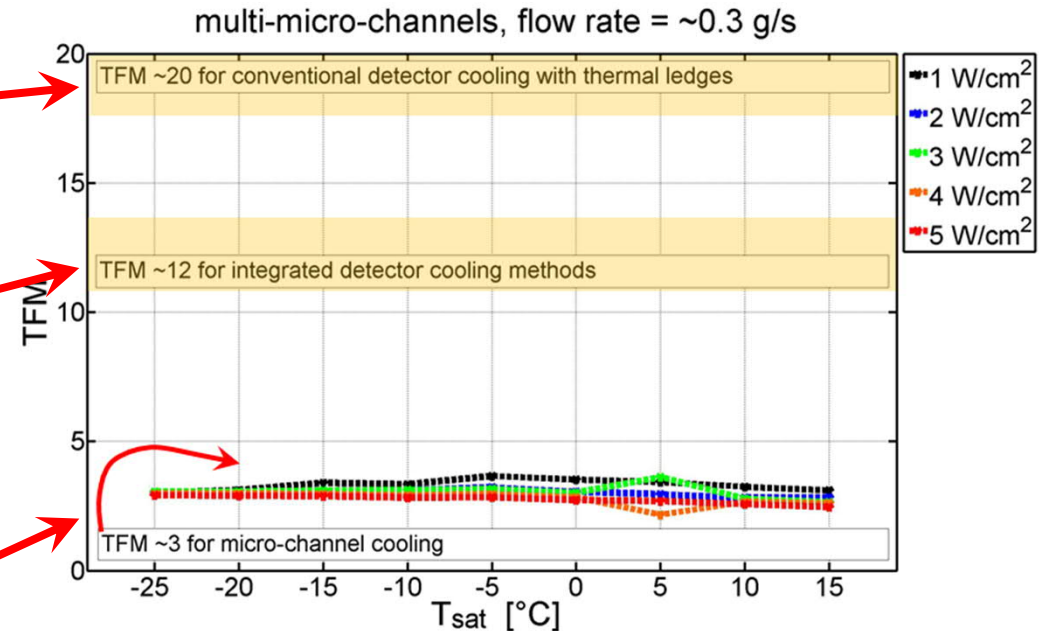
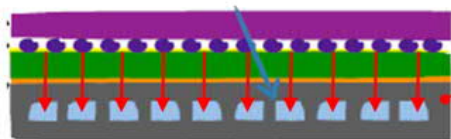
“Thermal Figure of Merit”:  $TFM = \frac{T_{hot} - T_{sat}}{Q/s}$   
 Apparent asymptotic behaviour:  $TFM_{min} \sim 12 K cm^2 / W$

# How to get minimal TFM with very low $X_0$ ?

Going colder is not the only way...



Micro-channel device



Plot from D. Hellensmidt et al. *New insights on boiling carbon dioxide flow in mini- and micro-channels for optimal silicon detector cooling*, NIM A Volume 958, 1 April 2020, 162535

Not only the TFM of a microchannel cold plate is much lower than TFM of any other technology, but it stays relatively constant with  $T_{sat}$  (i.e. the HTC is not largely dependent on  $T_{sat}$ )

# How to get minimal TFM with very low $X_0$ ?

## Original idea (liquid H<sub>2</sub>O)

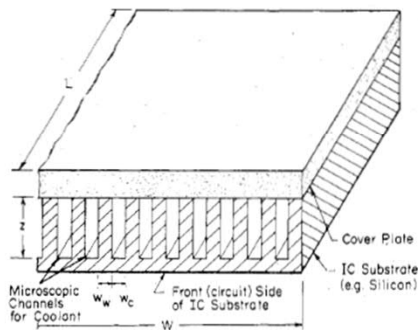
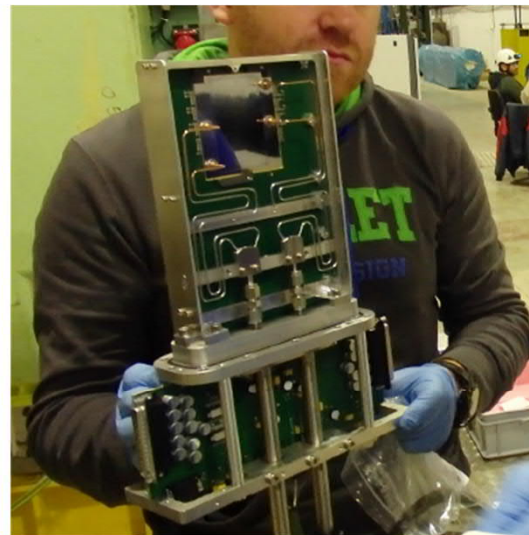
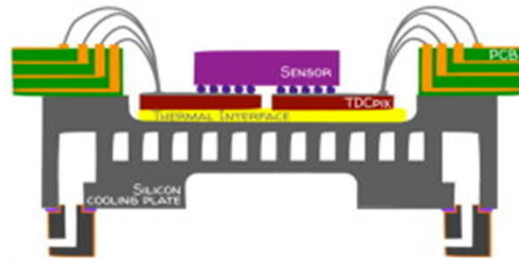


Fig. 1. Schematic view of the compact heat sink incorporated into an integrated circuit chip. For a 1 cm<sup>2</sup> silicon IC using a water coolant, the optimum dimensions are approximately  $w_w = w_c = 57 \mu\text{m}$  and  $z = 365 \mu\text{m}$ .

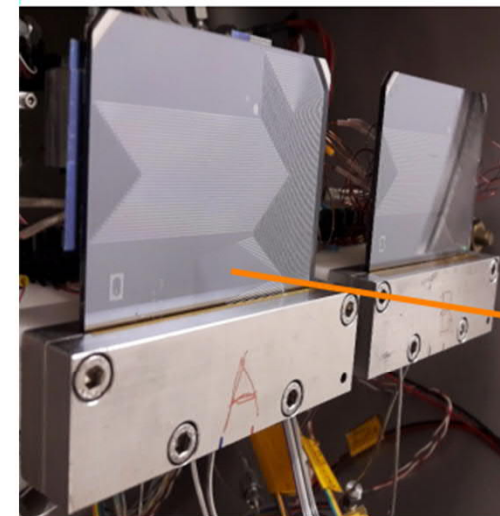
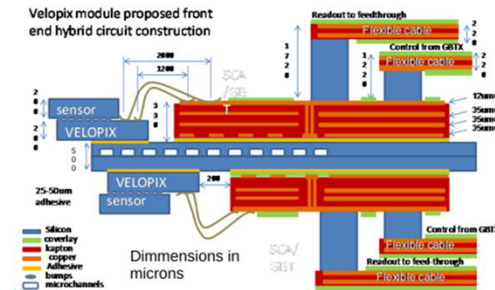
D.B.Tuckerman, R.F.W.Pease: *High-performance heat sinking for VLSI*, IEEE Electron Device Letters Vol.2, Issue 5, pages 126–129, **1981**

## NA62-GTK (liquid FC72)



G.Romagnoli et al: *Silicon micro-fluidic cooling for NA62 GTK pixel detectors*, Microelectronic Engineering, Vol.145, pages 133-137, **2015**

## LHCb-Velo (Boiling CO<sub>2</sub>)

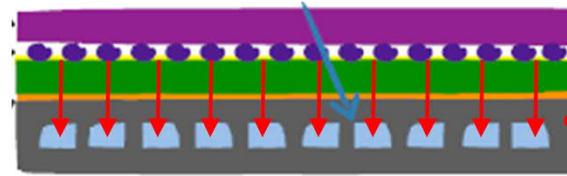


O. Augusto (on behalf of LHCb VELO Upgrade and CERN EP-DT groups) *Microchannel cooling techniques for the LHCb VELO Upgrade*, 26th International Workshop on Vertex Detectors, Las Caldas, Spain, 12 Sep **2017**



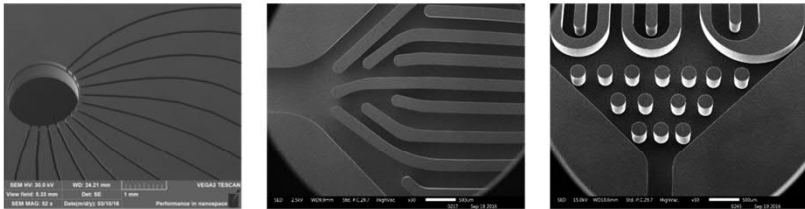
# Si microchannels: present limitations

- Good thermal conductivity ( $>150$  W/mK)
- Same CTE of chip and sensor

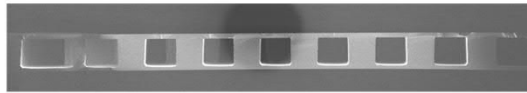


Wafer-level etching + fusion bonding:

- Si-Si (hydrophobic bonding)
- Si-O-Si (hydrophilic bonding)



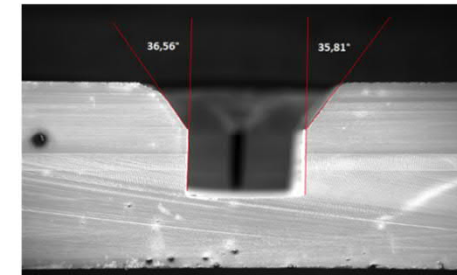
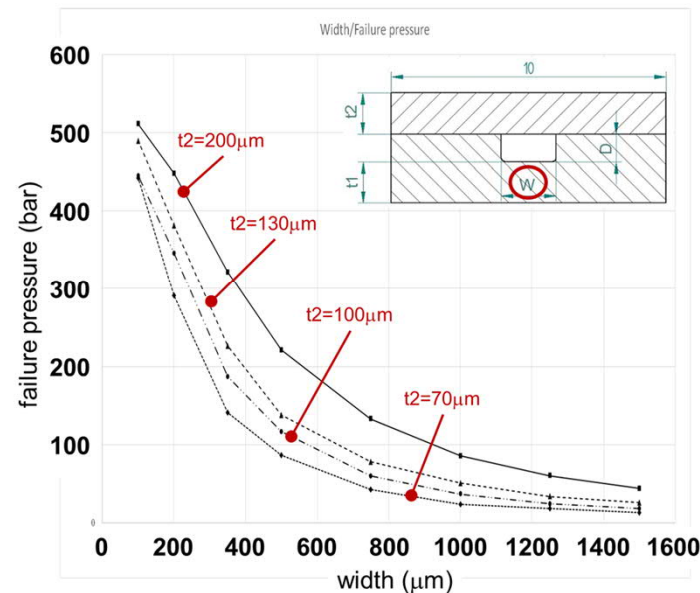
- Well established MEMS technology
- Extreme geometrical accuracy
- Complex shapes



- High mechanical resistance
- Pure elastic material (no fatigue)
- Very thin cold plates possible

## Drawbacks:

- expensive process
- brittle fracture
- size limitation



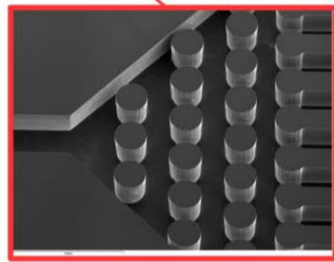
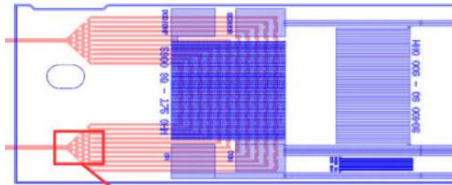
# Microchannels: status from AIDA2020



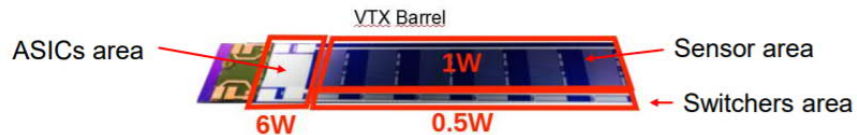
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Microchannels integrated in active DEPFET sensor

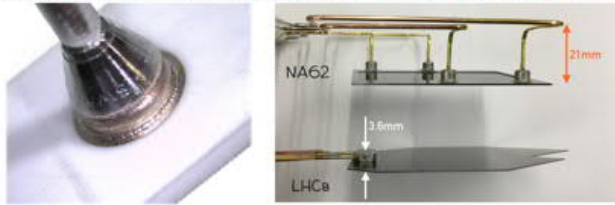


Micro-channel pattern in handle wafer



Progress on micro hydraulic connectors

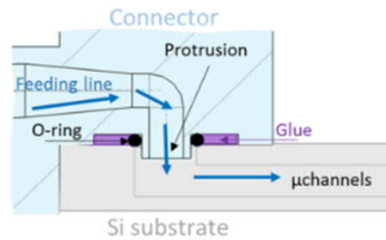
metal connectors soldered (Ti/Ni/Au) on silicon and ceramic



3D printed polymer glued on silicon

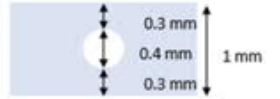


3D printed ceramic soldering?

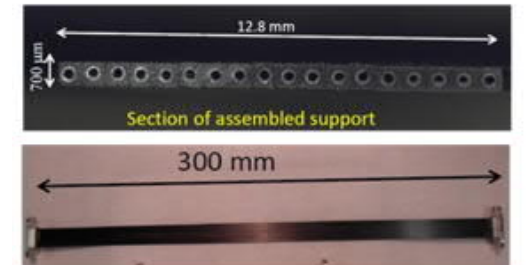


Alternative productions

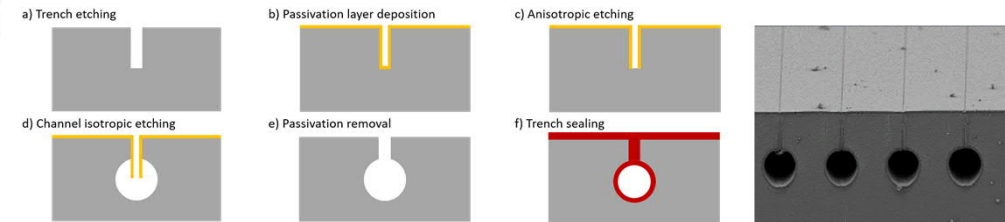
Cold plates in 3D printed ceramic



Ultra-thin polymer pipes in carbon/graphite matrices



CMOS-compatible process to embed channels in Si



# Microchannels: AIDAInnova and EP-RDT



Beneficiary short name	Objectives
	<b>Task 10.1. Coordination and Communication</b>
<b>Task 10.1</b>	See introductory section on page 29.
CERN	<b>Task 10.2. Engineering of optimised cooling substrates</b>
CSIC	
<b>Task 10.2</b>	
CERN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Develop the process of cooling channel integration in CMOS structures into scalable solutions</li> <li>→ Define the optimal geometrical features attainable for 3D printed ultra-thin cold plates in metal alloys and ceramic composites</li> <li>→ Implement the full integration of cooling features into ultra-light carbon composite structures</li> </ul>
CSEM	
CSIC	
CSIC	<b>Task 10.3. Micro-connectivity</b>
INFN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Define advanced engineered solutions for the hydraulic interconnection of multiple micro-structured silicon cold plates</li> </ul>
LIT	
MPG-MPP	<b>Task 10.4. Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> as refrigerant</b>
Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Characterise Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> (sCO<sub>2</sub>) as a possible ultra-effective single-phase refrigerant for “warm” detector cooling</li> <li>→ Study the design of new supercritical heat exchangers for optimal energy recovery at higher temperatures in transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> cycles</li> </ul>
<b>Task 10.3</b>	
CNRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Study the design of new supercritical heat exchangers for optimal energy recovery at higher temperatures in transcritical CO<sub>2</sub> cycles</li> </ul>
<b>Task 10.4</b>	
CERN	<b>Task 10.5. Characterisation of ultra-light structures</b>
NTNU	
<b>Task 10.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Evaluate the feasibility of a new version of the existing Frequency Scanning Interferometry (FSI) instrumentation suited for use as an accurate survey of ultra-light and small detector structures</li> <li>→ Refine and standardize the methodology for vibration and distortion measurements in view of new and more precise specifications for future detectors</li> </ul>
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EP R&D

## LOW MASS MECHANICS: FOR FUTURE TRACKING DETECTOR

ACTIVITY N.1 TASK N.1

**Description**

Develop ultra **lightweight substrates** for the mechanical support and thermal management of the **tracking sensors** for future lepton and hadron collider detectors. New sensors technologies, air cooling solutions, microfabrication techniques and additive manufacturing processes will be explored.

Year	Milestones	→ Deliverables
1	Identify new technologies for integrated thermo-mechanical substrates.	→ <b>Report on identified technologies</b>
	Develop design of substrates based on identified technologies.	→ <b>Design of different substrates options</b>
2	Validate substrate design through analysis and breadboard models.	→ <b>Report on design validation of substrate</b>
3,4	Make substrate Engineering and Qualification models.	→ <b>Substrates engineering models</b>
5	Qualification test campaign on different substrates. Compare performances	→ <b>Test report on substrates models</b>

**Cooperation with**

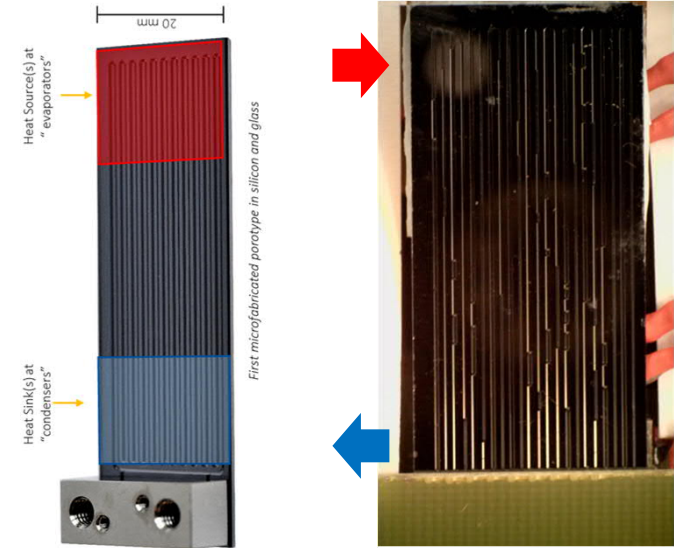
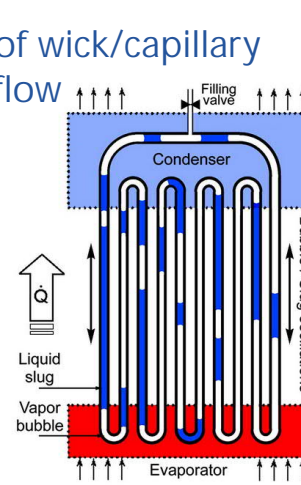
**WP1**, CERN-EN-MME, EPFL, INFN, LBNL, Airbus, Forum on Tracker Mechanics, ...

Potential co-fundings: AIDA 2020 extension, Marie Curie MSCA-ITN-2019; CERN & NTNU Collaboration, Horizon 2020-SPACE, ...

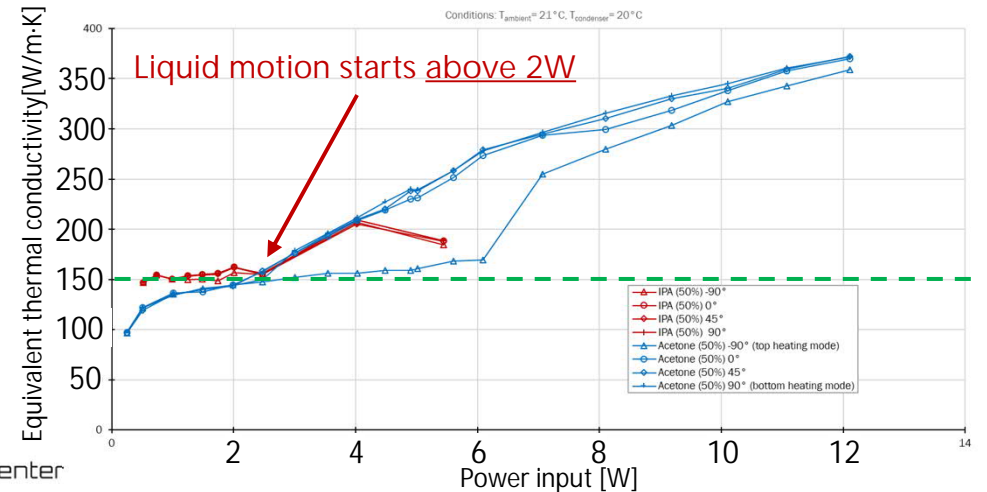
# Microchannels: micro-Pulsating Heat Pipes?



PHP: no need of wick/capillary for the return flow

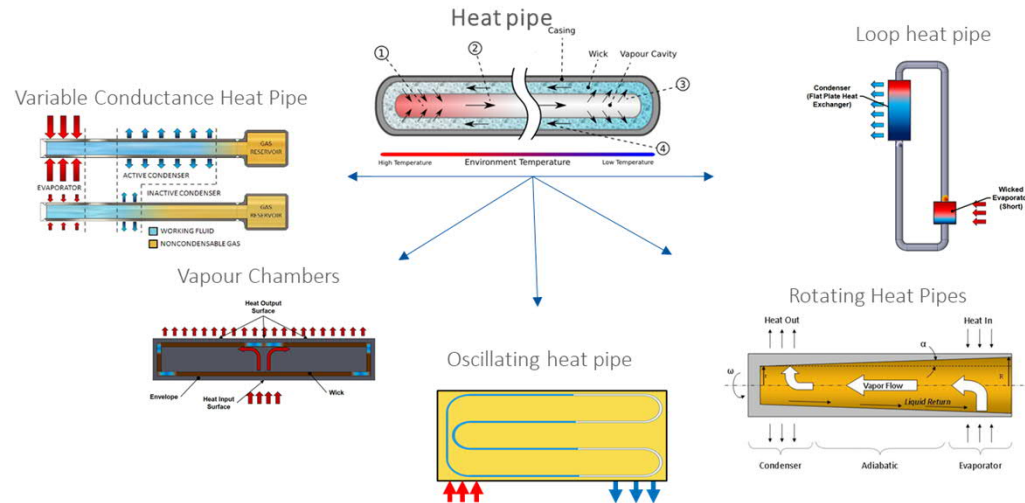


Thermal performance of dual-diameter  $\mu$ OHP (400 $\mu$ m - 225 $\mu$ m) charged with Acetone



Si Micro-Oscillating (Pulsating) Heat Pipe

**ISSUE: requires power**  
Reducing power may not always be beneficial...

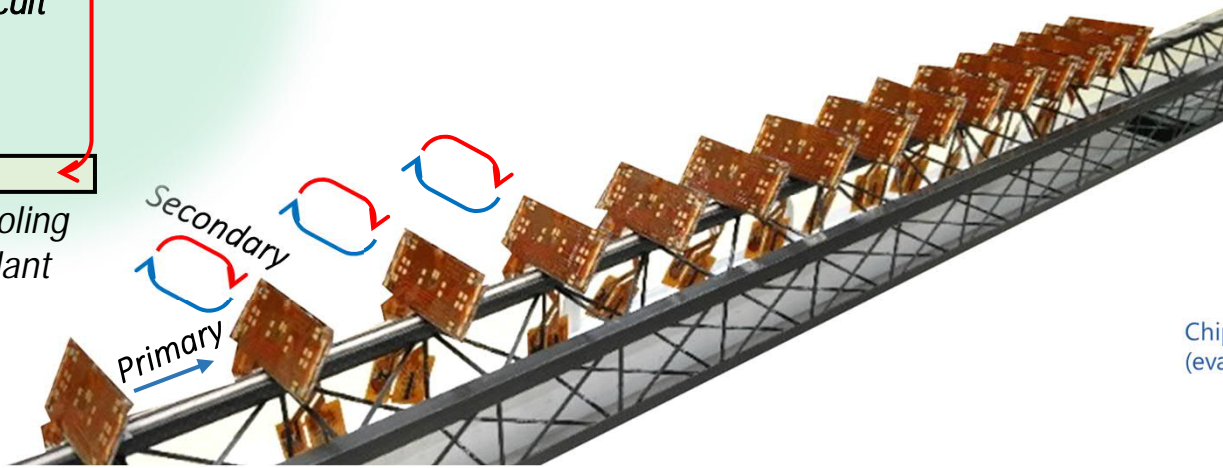
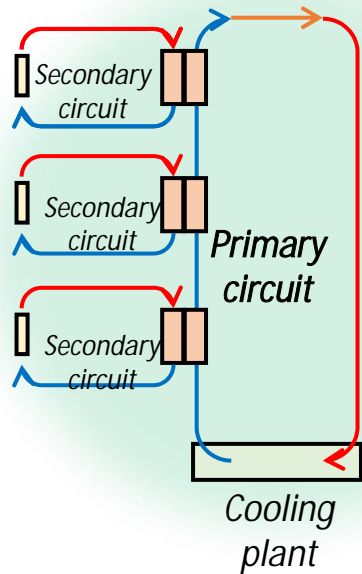


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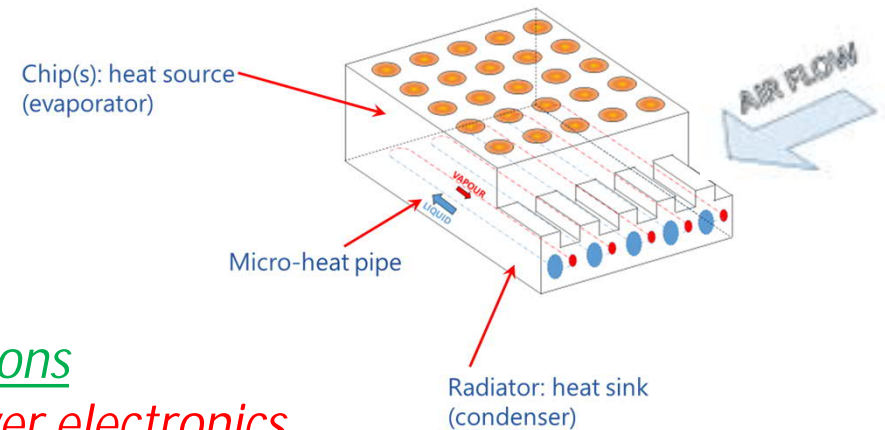


# Microchannels: PHP potential

Multiple "Quad size" PHP cold plates (not necessarily in Si: can be 3D printed) thermally connected to a common cooling line connected to the primary heat sink, all pre-integrated in an ultra-light support structure



The primary heat sink might also be an air flow?



+ Might eliminate the problem of multiple micro-hydraulic connections

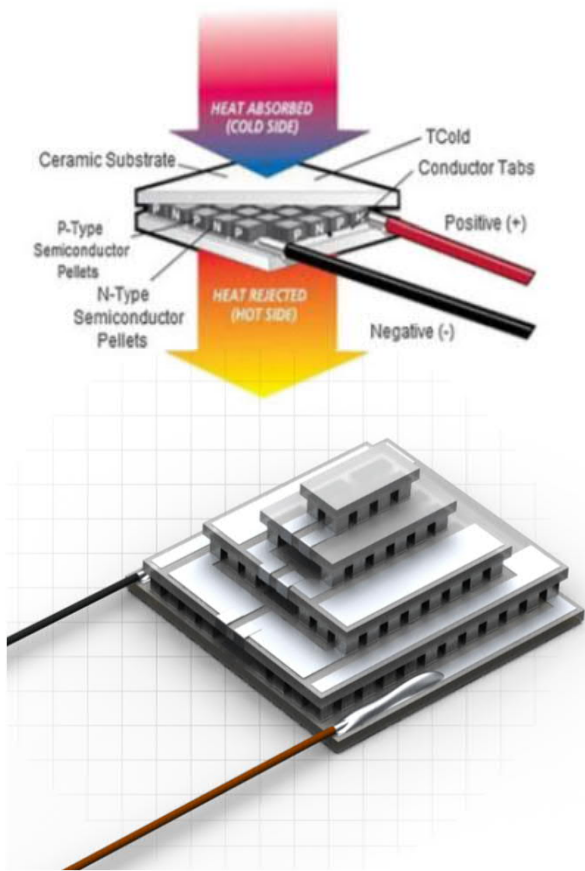
- Might require a minimum power input incompatible with low power electronics

# Thermoelectric coolers

Mainly bismuth tellurium compounds since 60 years

## Thermoelectric Coolers (TECs)

- + No moving parts
- + Compact size
- + No maintenance
- + High temperature stability
- + Precise temperature control
- Poor efficiency (10-15%)
- Limited  $\Delta T$  (requires pile-up)
- High  $X_0$
- Still require a heat sink



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OPEN An Experimental Study on the Performance Evaluation and Thermodynamic Modeling of a Thermoelectric Cooler Combined with Two Heatsinks

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## R&D Indications

- Optimal voltage for selected T
- Radiation resistance

# Thermal Interface Materials

## A MARKET IN RAPID EXPANSION



## Recent Developments

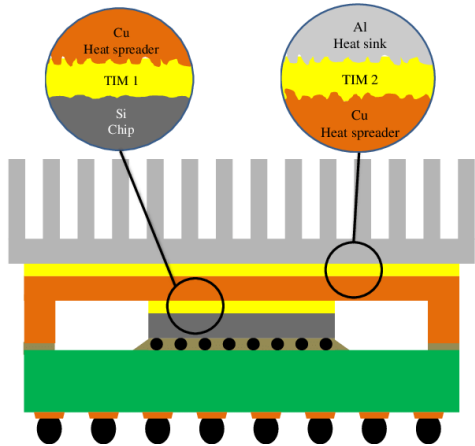
- In September 2020, Parker Hannifin Corporation launched THERM-A-GAP GEL 37, new single component, thermally conductive dispensable materials.
- In July 2020, Dow Corning Corporation launched a new product DOWSIL TC-3065 thermal gel. It is a thermally conductive gel used to dissipate heat from electronic components.
- In June 2020, Dow Corning Corporation launched a new TIMs, DOWSIL TC-4040. This gap filler is easy to dispense, possess high thermal conductivity, and resist slumping.
- In June 2020, Henkel AG & Co. KGaA launched new TIM Bergquist Gap Filler TGF 7000. It is used for various applications, such as automotive ADAS systems, power conversion systems, electric pumps, and others.
- In April 2020, Henkel AG & Co. KGaA launched Loctite EA 9536 magnet bonding tape, which provides high materials expansion for electric motors. This epoxy-based adhesive film can fix the magnet securely in position, fill gaps, and compensate for manufacturing tolerances in the electric motor.
- In August 2020, Henkel AG & Co. KGaA established a new facility at Salisbury, North Carolina, for the production of UV-curable acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesives (PSA).
- In February 2020, Henkel AG & Co. KGaA started a new production facility in Pune, India.
- In May 2019, 3M signed a definitive agreement to acquire Acelity Inc. (US) and its subsidiaries.

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# Thermal Interface Materials

NEED FOR SYSTEMATIC CHARACTERIZATION: ORPHAN R&D!!!

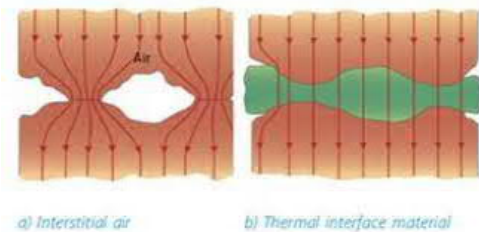
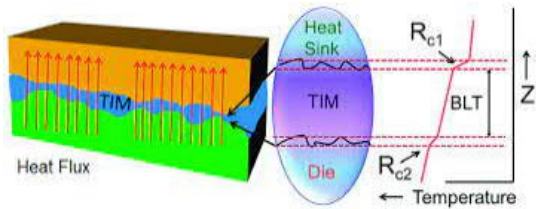


Thermal pads  
Thermal greases  
Thermal adhesives  
Phase Change Materials



Typical subjects:

- Doping: type / quantity
- Optimum temperature range
- Aging
- Radiation resistance
- Applicability / flowability
- Gap filling capacity
- Carbon nanotubes?



Creation of a shared database?



# Final considerations

- No single thermal management scheme is by definition better suited than the others for all configurations: careful analysis of the design parameters and of priorities (the “engineer questions”) must guide towards the optimal choice
- While the goals and challenges for the next future (say, 2026) are relatively clear and on target, the longer terms perspectives are very quite diverging for detectors conceived for  $hh$  collisions or for  $e^+e^-$  collisions. The others lay somewhat in-between
- Direction #1: need to start from challenging, possibly small-size, concrete cases: solving the problems of the “small ones” now brings to maturity the technology for the “big ones” in the future
- Direction #2: both “ultra-lightweight” and “highly integrated” cooling are key techniques that require focused R&D, appropriately funded and coordinated among the different experiments. It makes no sense to try and solve the same problem several times on isolated little islands. The CERN R&D program and AIDAInnova can help, but wouldn’t be wise to think (again) about a dedicated R&D collaboration?