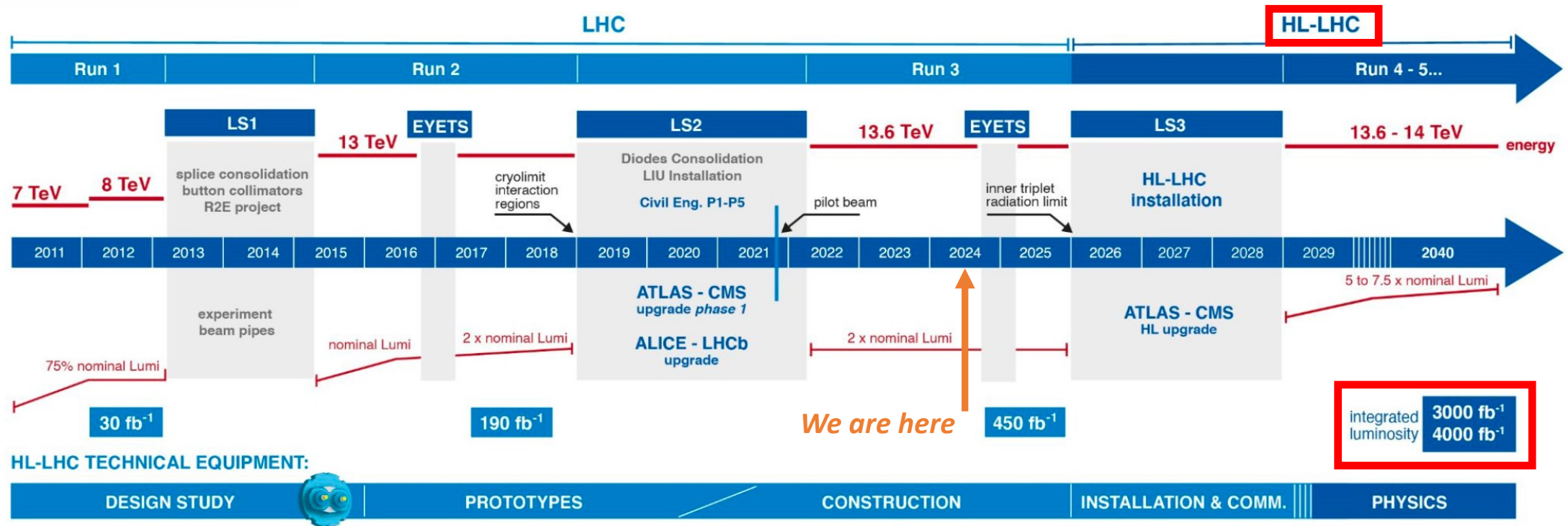


ATLAS Inner tracker (ITk) upgrade in view of HL-LHC

Dimitris Varouchas (IJCLab-Orsay, CNRS/IN2P3)

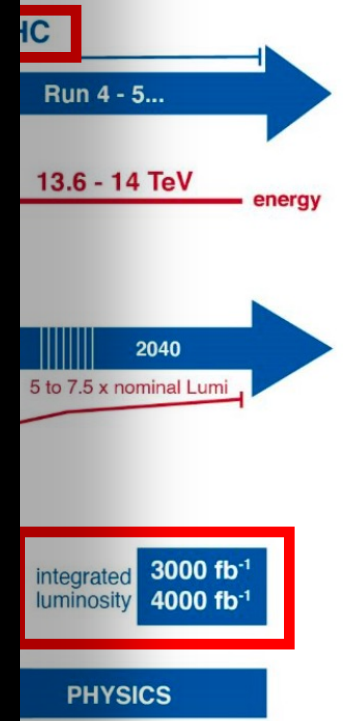
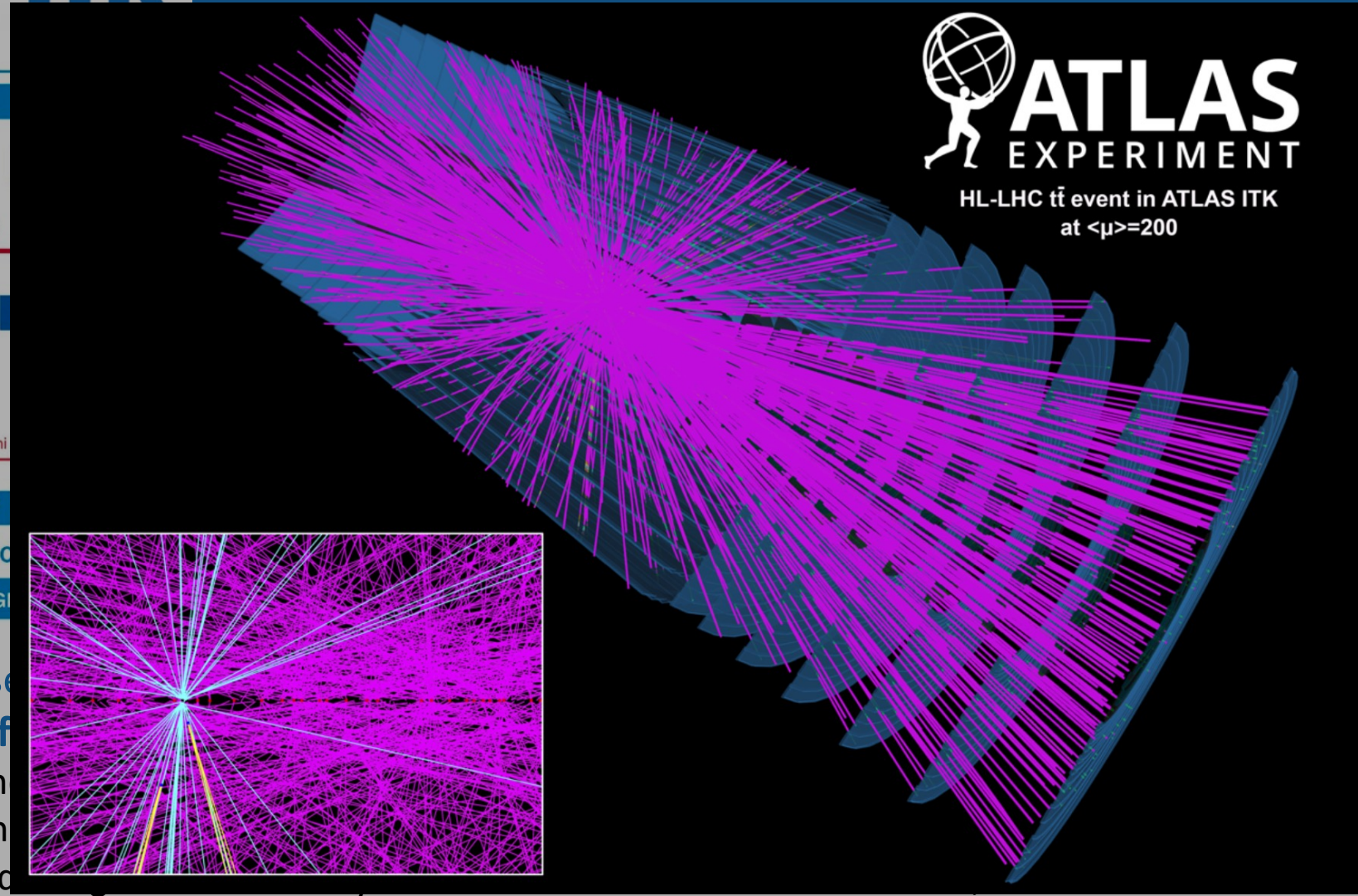
- This is **NOT** an R&D talk
- R&D is finished (lasted more than 10 years), and we are now entering the production phase
- Let's not forget that the primary goal of detector R&D (beyond advancing the knowledge) is to build a detector at the end
- So, need to design a detector that meets the physics goals of the experiments and is: affordable; buildable given the human resources and available infrastructure; (and since recently) need also to take into consideration sustainability, and environmental impact

LHC timeline including HL-LHC



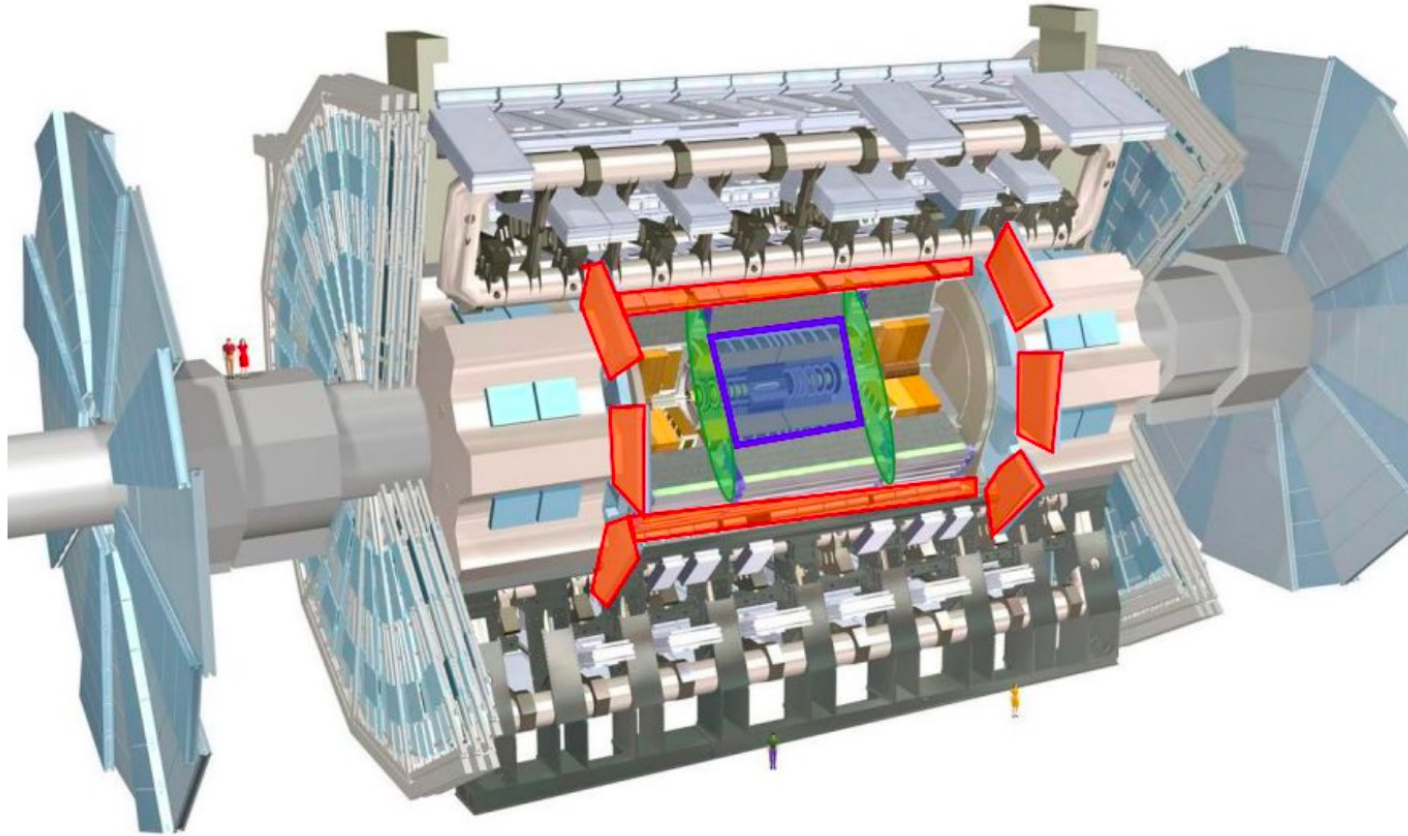
- **HL-LHC phase currently scheduled to start in 2029**
- **Data taking foreseen up to ~2040**
 - Instantaneous luminosity to increase from 2 to $\sim 7.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$: very high detector occupancy
 - Pile-up increase to ~ 200 , from ~ 60 currently
 - **Estimated integrated luminosity at the end of HL-LHC: 3000-4000 fb⁻¹**

LHC timeline including HL-LHC



- HL-LHC phase
- Data taking for
 - Instantaneous
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 - Estimated

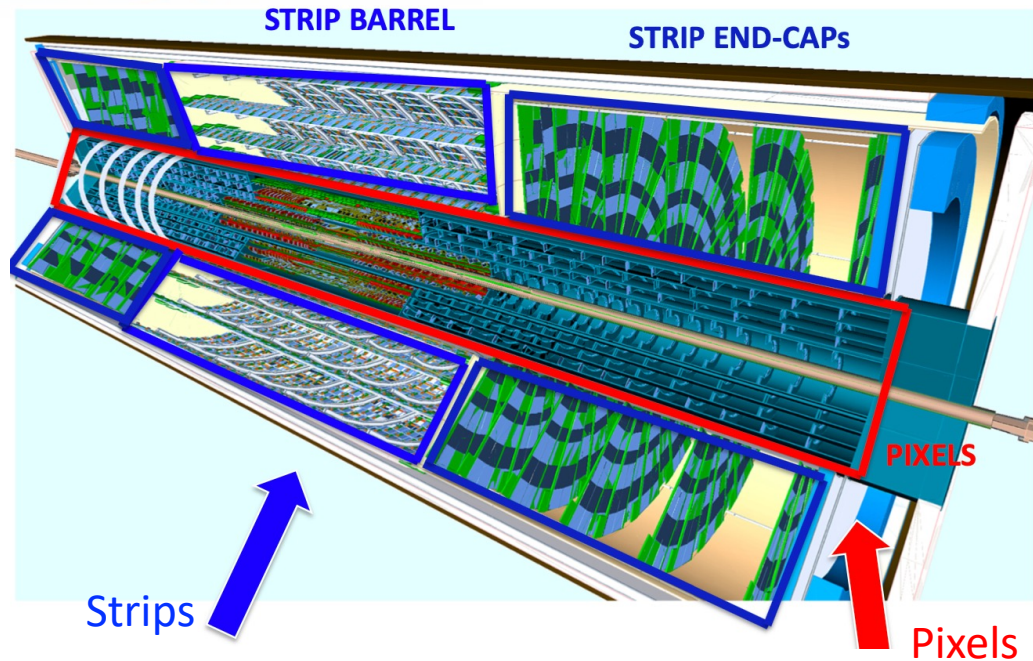
• Major upgrades are planned for all the LHC experiments to cope with these very harsh conditions



- New **muon chambers** at the innermost part
 - Trigger efficiency and momentum resolution improvements
 - **High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD)**
 - Improved pileup suppression at the forward region
 - Upgrades on calorimeter and muon chambers off-detector electronics and trigger
- **New inner tracker (ITk)**
 - Higher granularity
 - Reduced material budget
 - Radiation hardness
 - Faster readout
 - Goal: new tracker to have similar, or better, performance compared to current inner detector

Focus of this talk

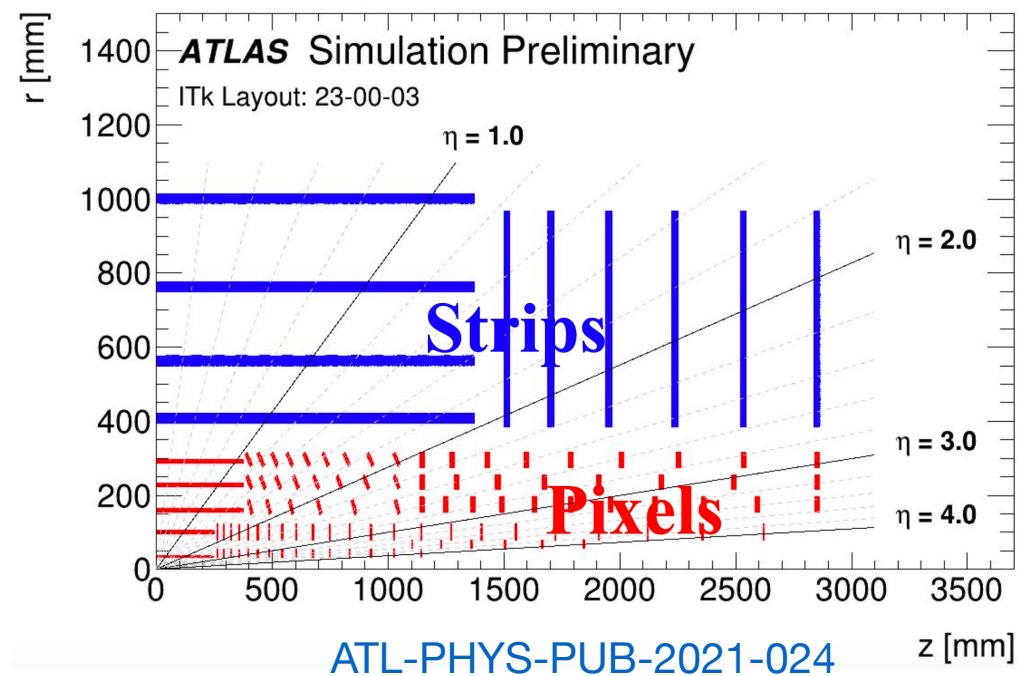
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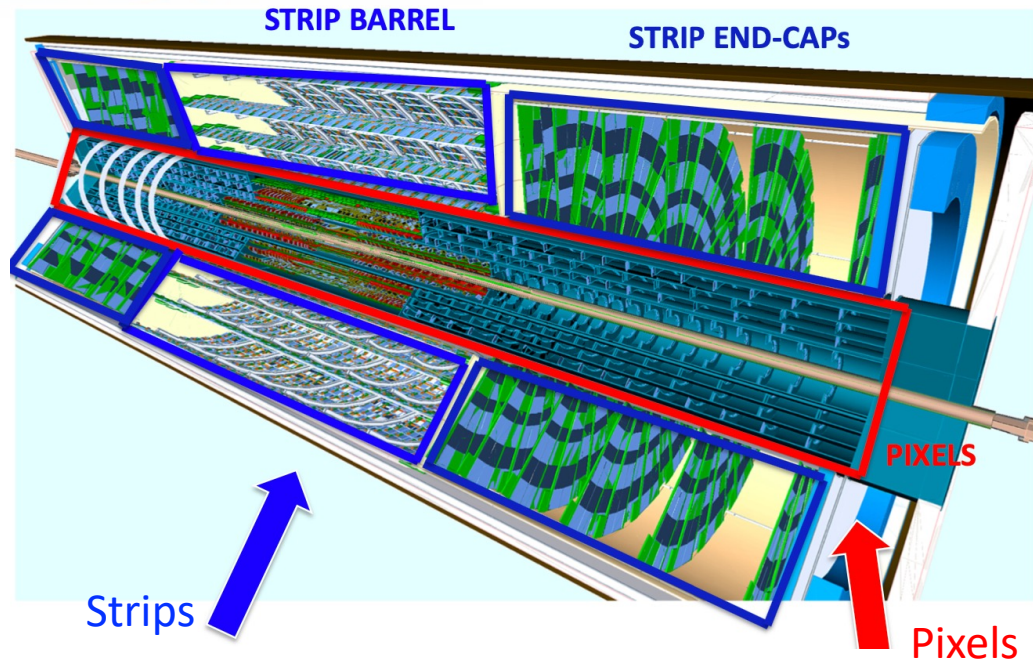
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 - ~ 8500 modules
 - 5.1 Giga-pixels
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Current pixel system
 $\sim 1.9 \text{ m}^2$ of active area
 2000 modules
 92 Mega-pixels
 Pixel pitch at L0: $50 \times 250 \mu\text{m}^2$



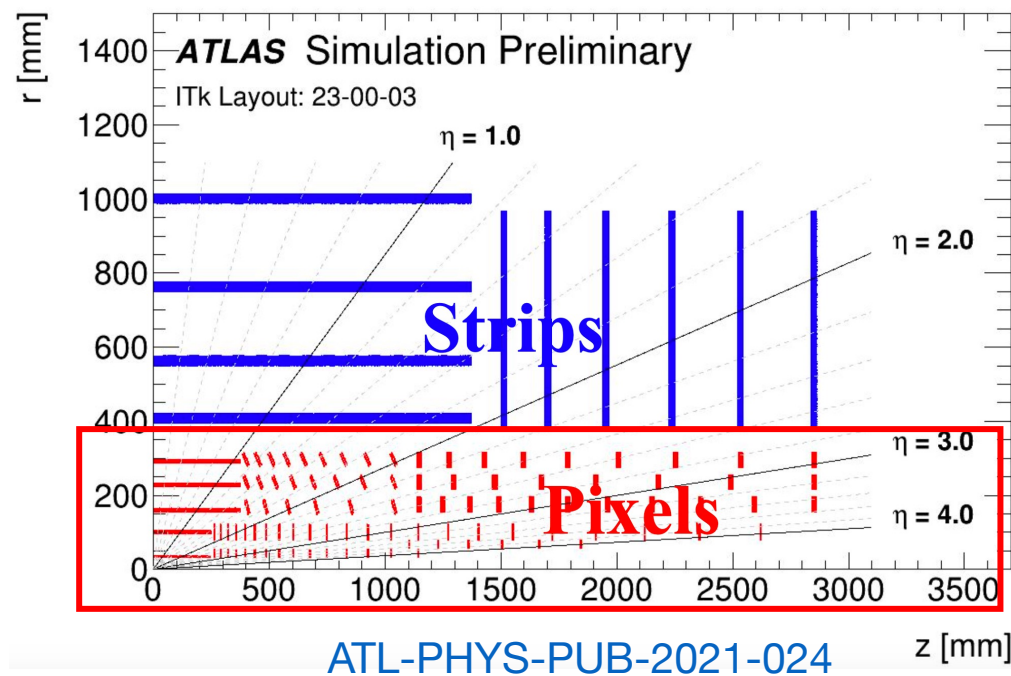
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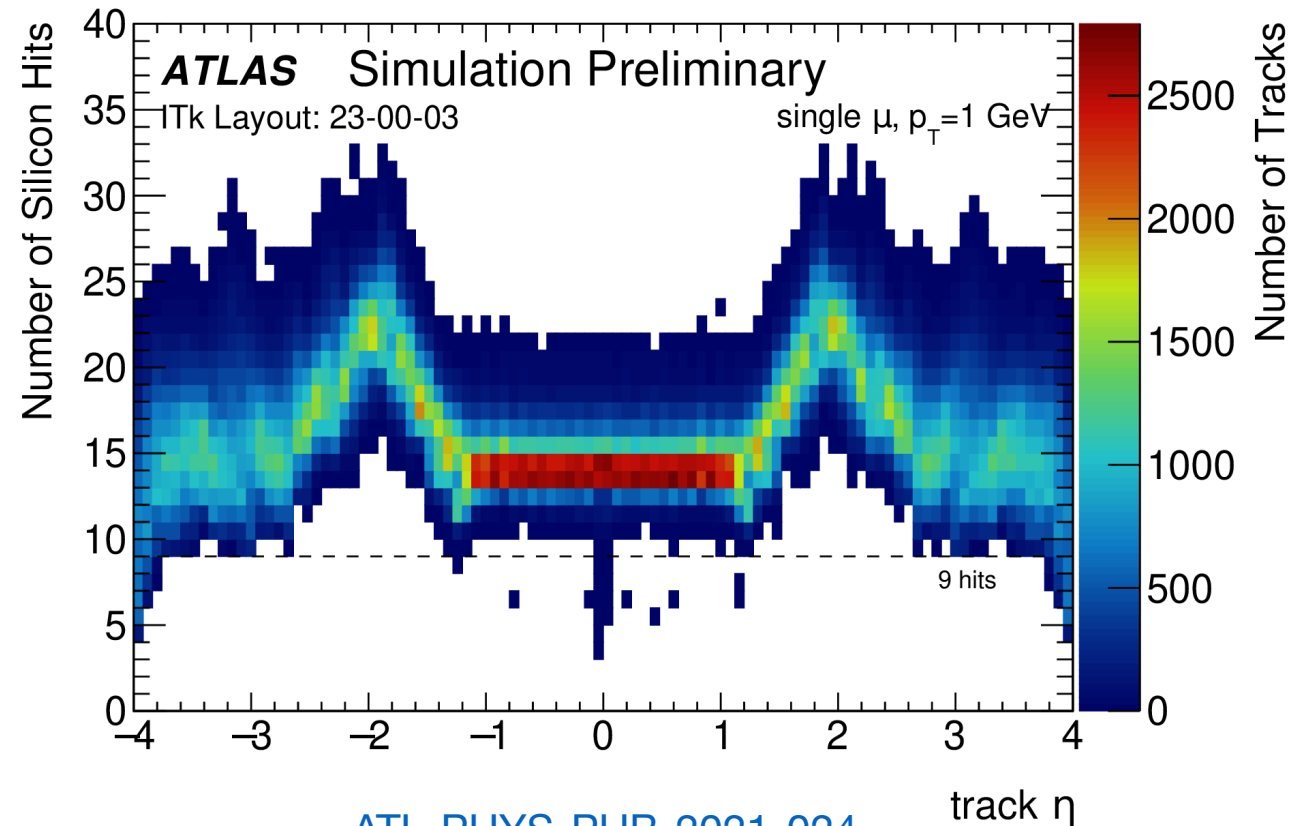
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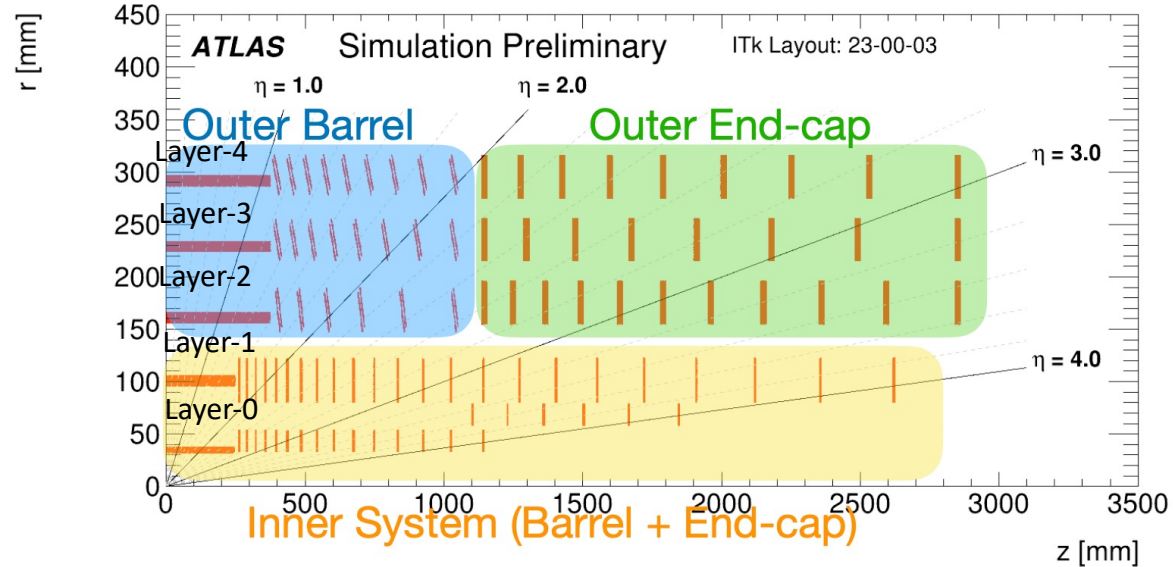
Focus today



- Big pseudorapidity coverage, increased number of layers wrt to current inner detector
 - Minimum 9 hits per track at central region, 13 hits at the forward region
 - Hits redundancy is mandatory to solve the high combinatorics expected at HL-LHC



- ITk-Pixel detector composed by 3 parts:



- Outer barrel:** 3 barrel layers, 2x23 inclined disks
→ CERN, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland
 - Outer endcap:** 2x28 outer disks
→ UK, Italy, Japan
 - Inner system:** 2 barrel layers and 2x44 disks
→ USA, Germany

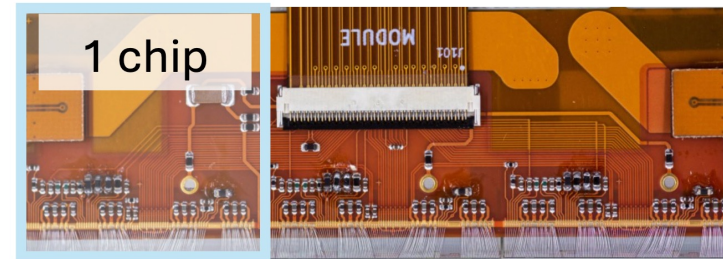
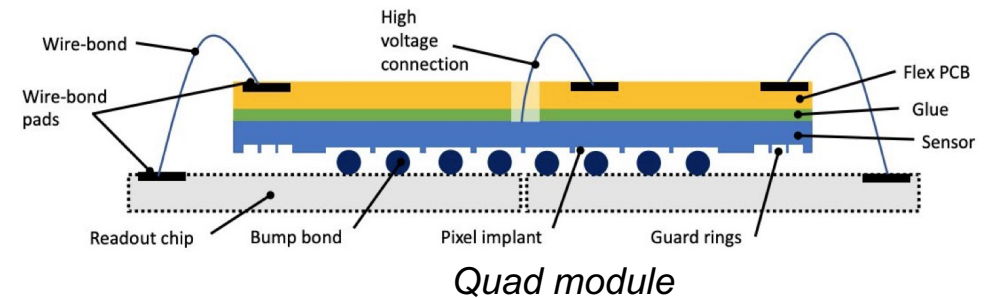
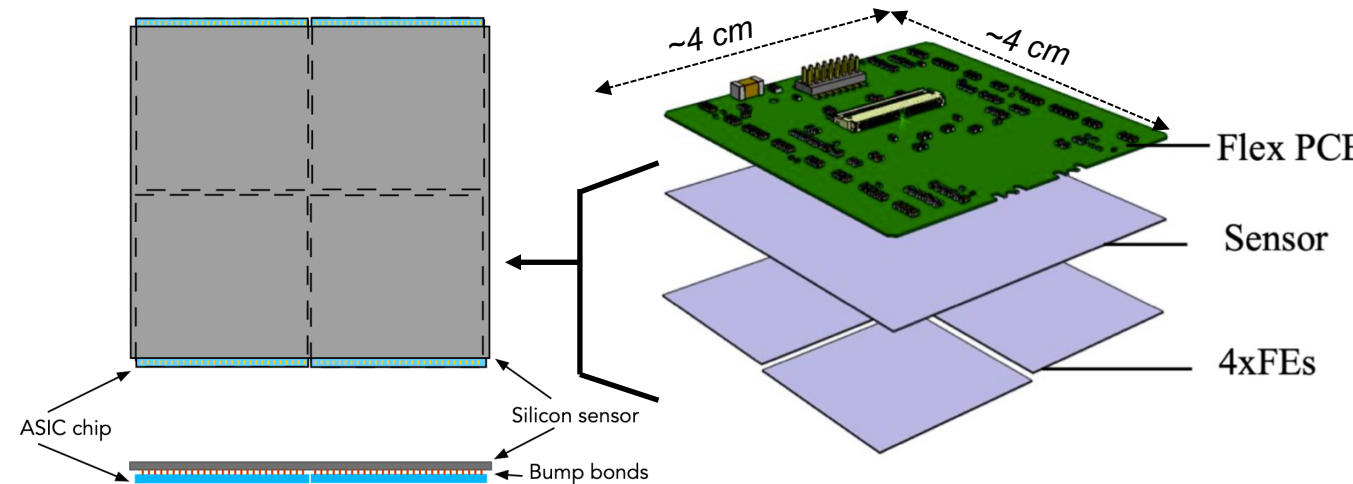
- **Hybrid pixel detector technology:** passive silicon sensors **bump-bonded** to readout chips (bare module)

- **Chips** are thinned to 150 μm
- **Sensors**
 - **L2, L3 and L4 planar sensors**, 150 μm thick
 - **L1 planar sensors**, 100 μm thick
 - **L0 3D sensors**, 250 μm thick

- **Flexible printed circuit board (Flex PCB)** glued on bare module, and then **wire bonded to ASIC**

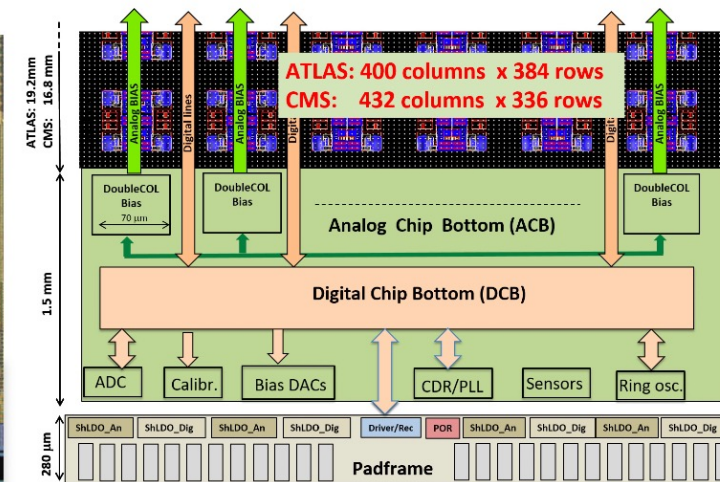
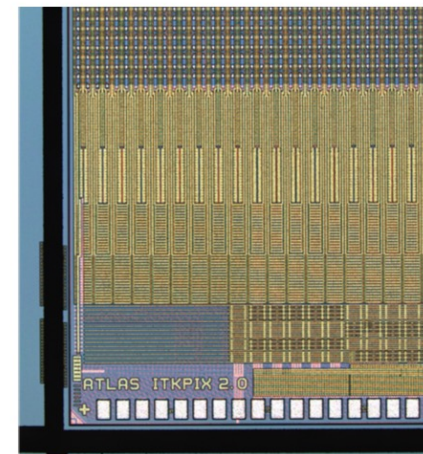
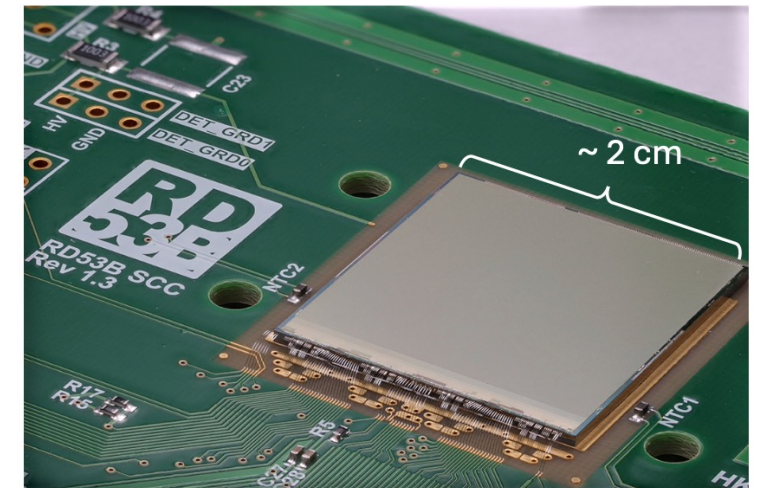
- **Two types of modules**

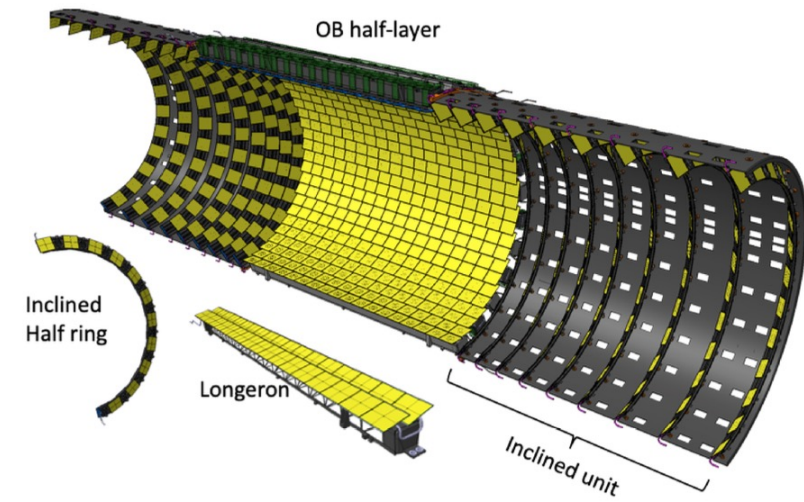
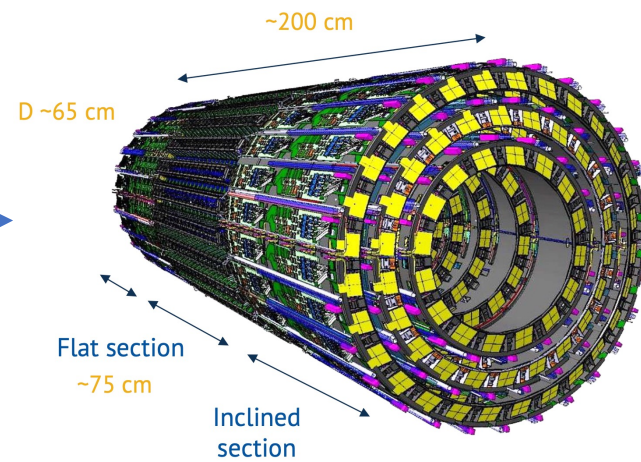
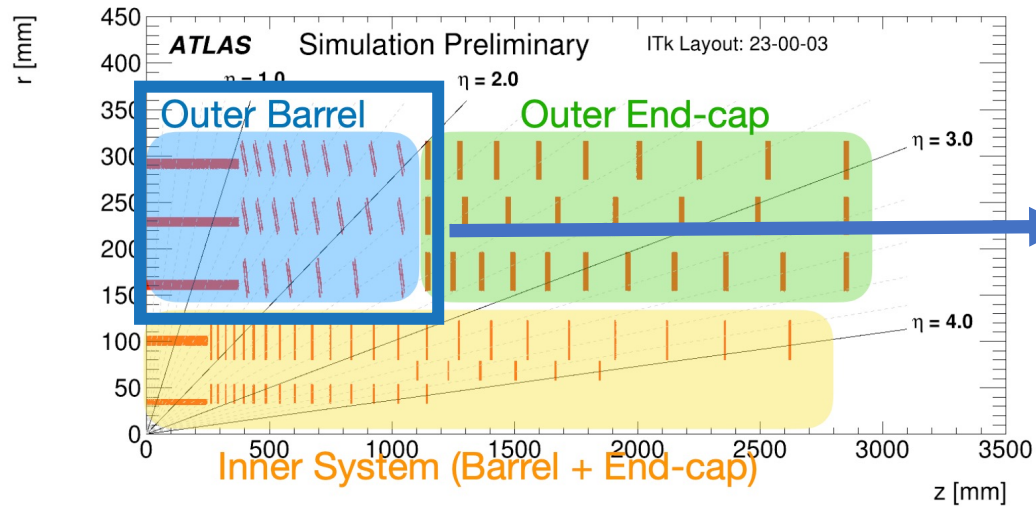
- **Quad modules:** 4 FEs bump bonded to **one sensor**; Layer 1, 2, 3 and 4
- **Triplet modules:** 3 **single-FE** bare modules **connected** to the **same flex**; Layer 0



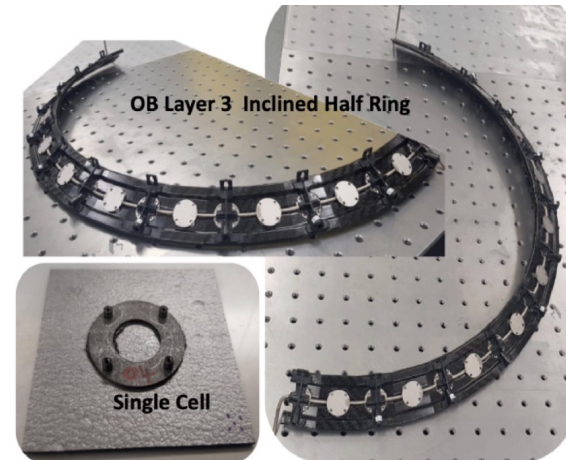
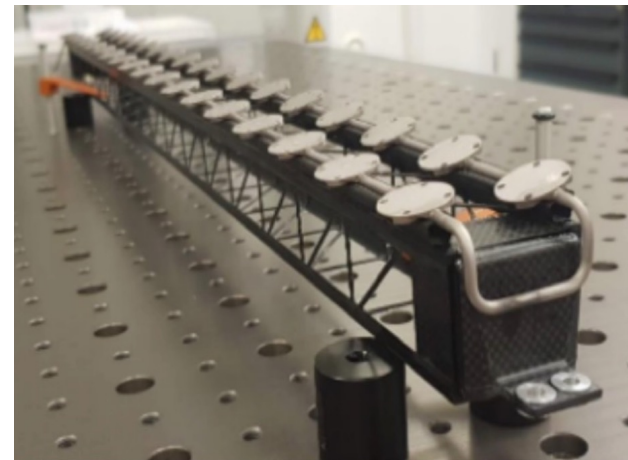
Triplet barrel module

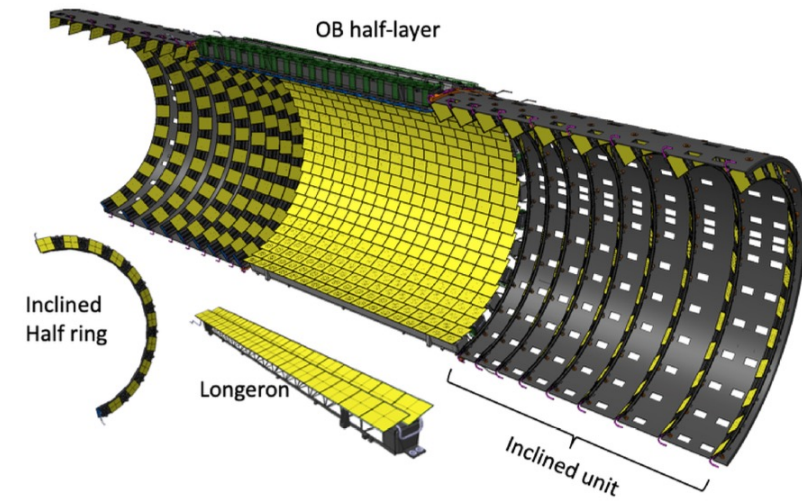
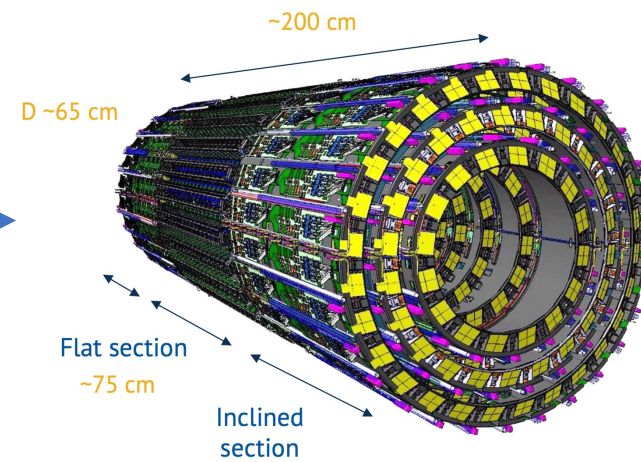
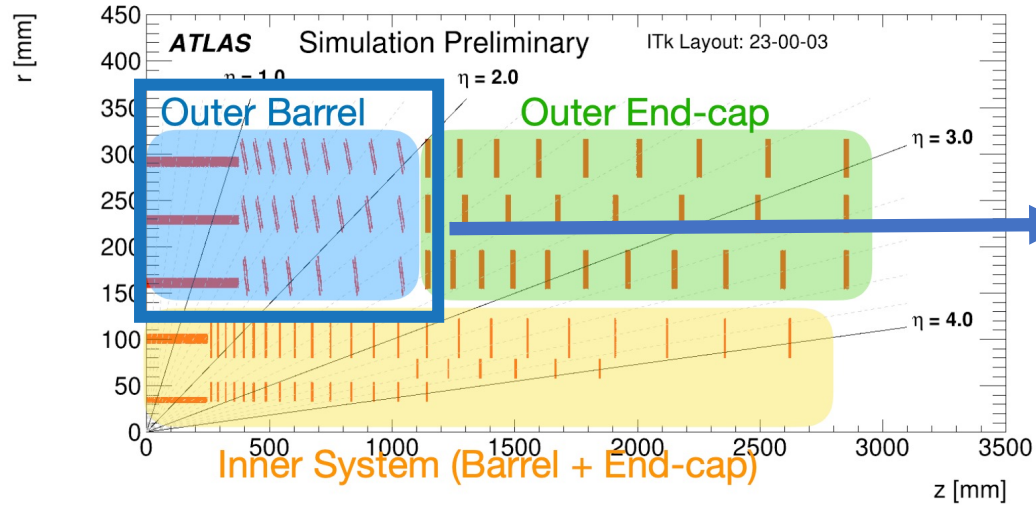
- All modules will be read out with **ITkPix front-end readout chip**
 - 65 nm CMOS technology
 - Designed by RD53 collaboration (<https://rd53.web.cern.ch>) over ~10 years, common for ATLAS and CMS
 - Stringent requirements compared to current FE-chips
 - 10 x higher radiation hardness
 - 100 x larger effective readout bandwidth
 - Same power consumption ($< 1 \text{ W/cm}^2$)
 - ITkPixV1.1 used for pre-production, ongoing now.
 - ITkPixV2 production chip – first wafer delivered in September 2023, more wafers to be delivered the next days!
- **CPPM, IJCLab, LPNHE** participated in the design and validation of the chip within RD53 collaboration
- **IJCLab** contributes in the FE wafer probing, an important QC test prior to bump bonding (*Jérôme Ren poster*)



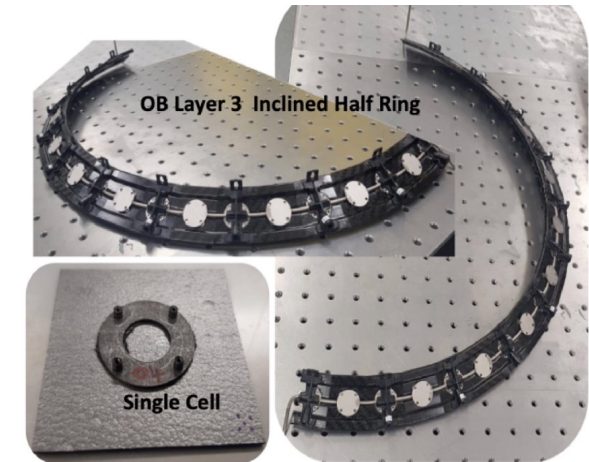


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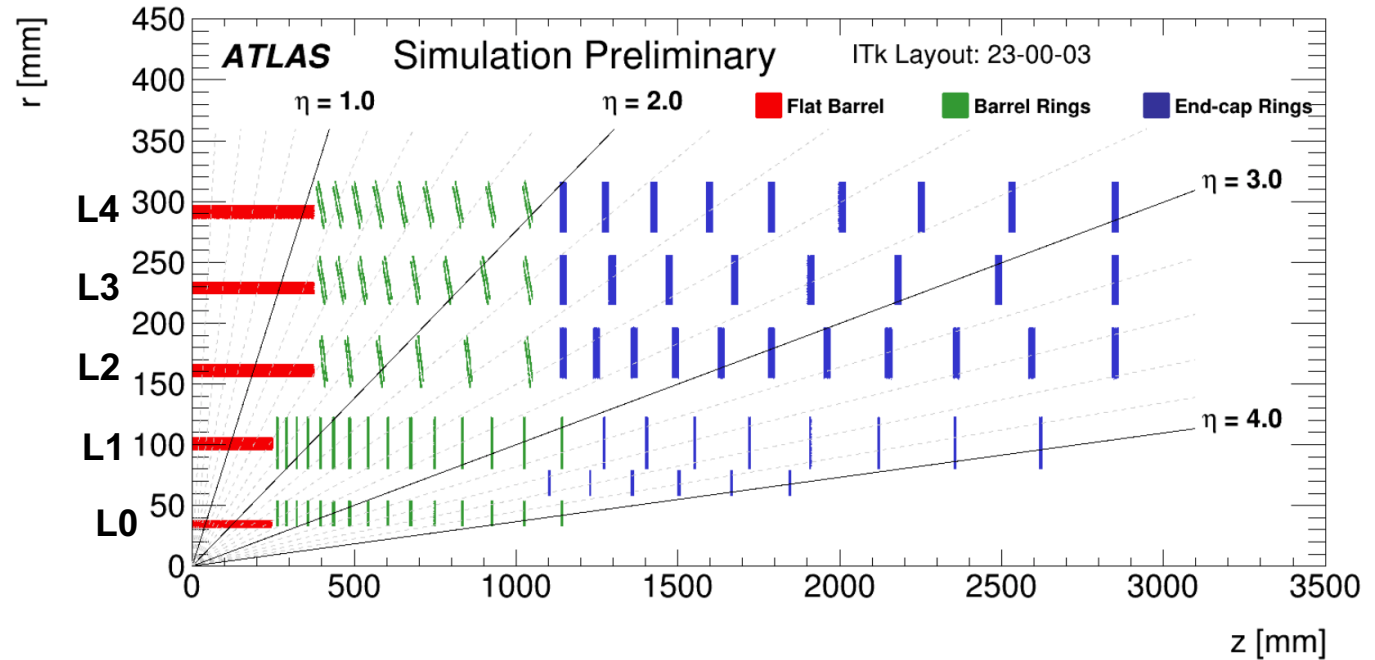




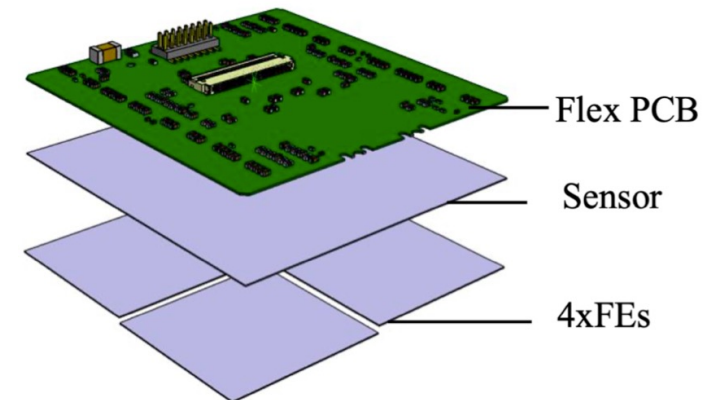
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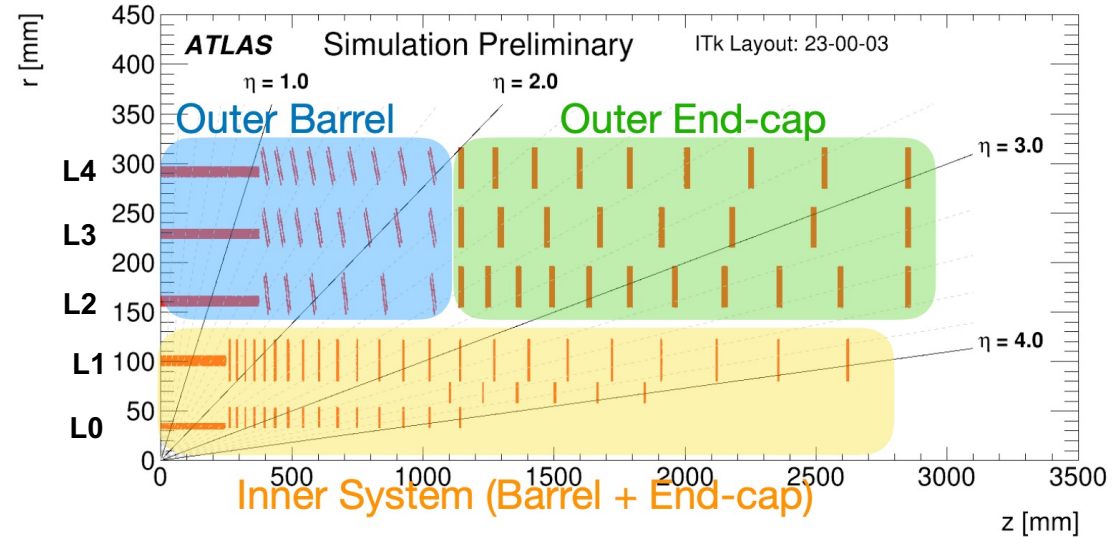
Modules in Pixel-ITk	
L0 – Barrel, triplets	96
L0 – Rings, triplets	300
Total triplets	396
L1, quads	1160
L2-L4, quads	6816
Total quad	7976
Total modules	8372



- L1, L2, L3 and L4: **quad modules**
- **~8k** installed **quad modules**, out of **~8.4k** modules in total: **95% quads modules**
- Module production yield: **~1.4** \Rightarrow need to produce **~11.8k** modules in total
- Huge assembly load, shared among **14 assembly institutes** (USA, UK, **France**, Germany, Italy, CERN, Japan) \Rightarrow important effort in ATLAS to **develop common procedures** as much as possible

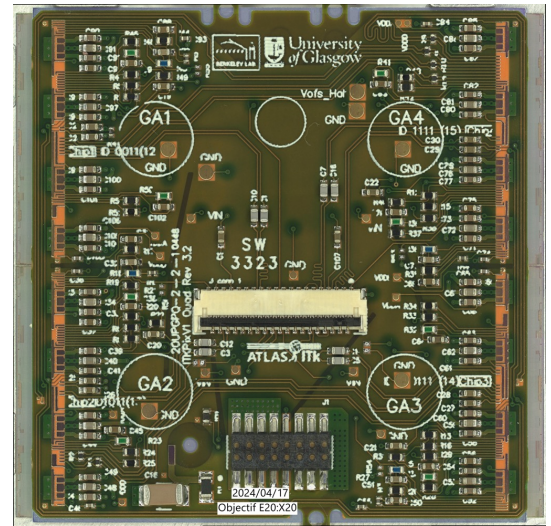
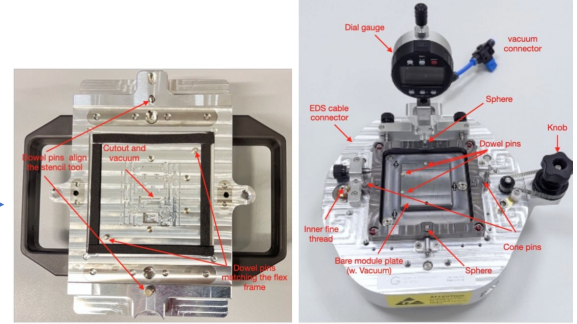
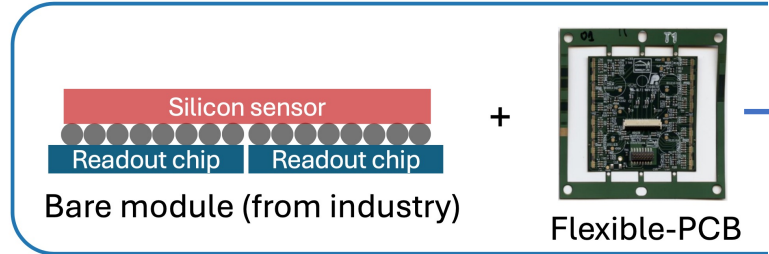


- We are committed (MoU) in building 33% of the ITk-Pixel outer barrel (OB) quad modules
- Paris cluster share \Rightarrow **1.5k good modules**
- Obviously, we need to consider the module production and loading/integration yield (~ 1.4)
- **Paris cluster deliverable** including yield: **~ 2100 modules**
- In absolute numbers
 - We are building the **largest share of modules in OB**
 - Together with Japan (though they externalise), the **largest share of modules in ITk-Pixel**
- Production is expected to start after this summer and is scheduled to last 2 years
- Considering 40 weeks per year (including holidays and downtime problems) \rightarrow 80 weeks to build 2100 modules \rightarrow Need to be producing **27 modules / week !**



- Module **pre-production** is currently underway – produce ~5% of total modules to test assembly, testing, and loading procedures

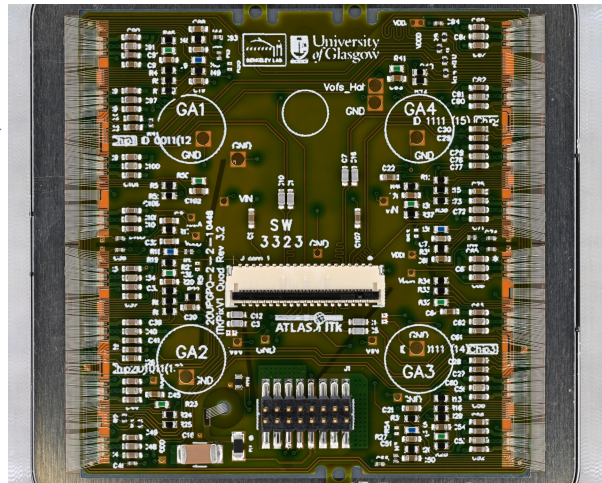
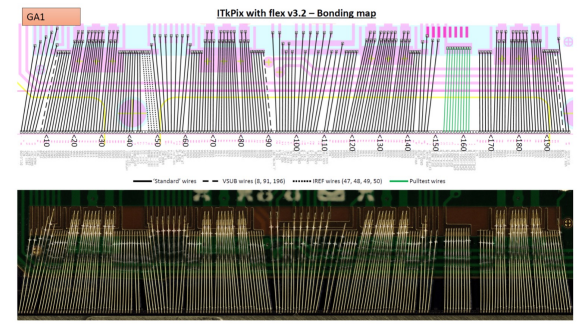
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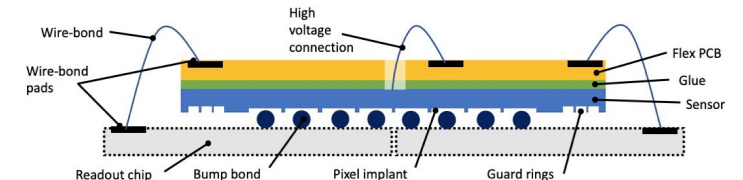
- Use assembly jigs and stencil method to glue bare module and flex PCB



- Then wire bond

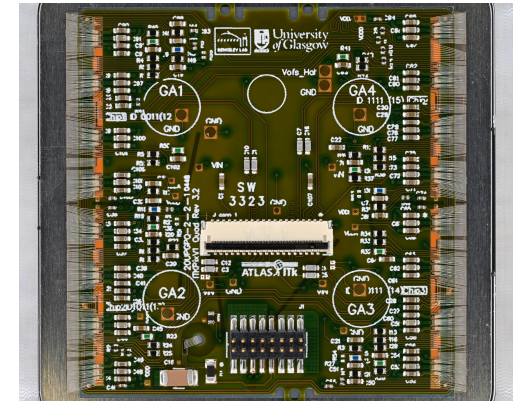
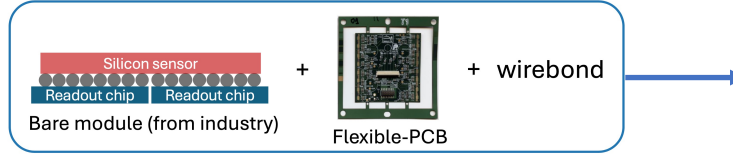


- ~700 wire bonds per quad module
- Delicate operation depending a lot on cleanness of the bondable surfaces
- When/If everything works smoothly, this is about 1-2 hours for a fully automated WB machine

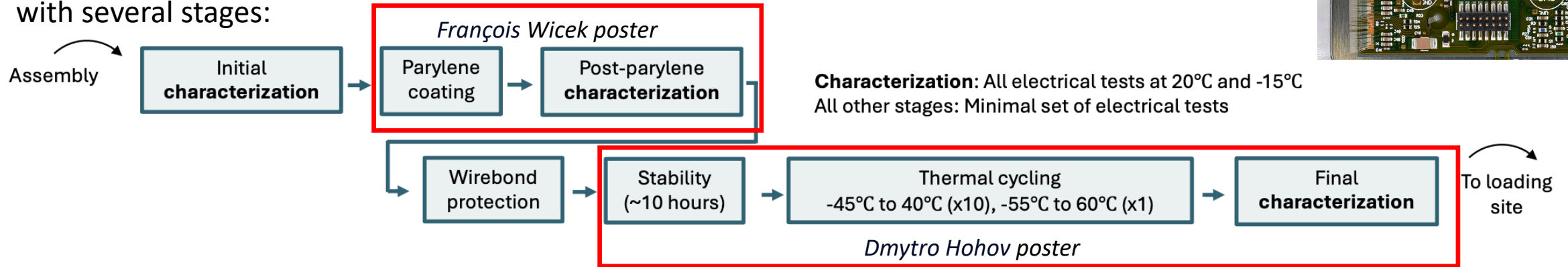


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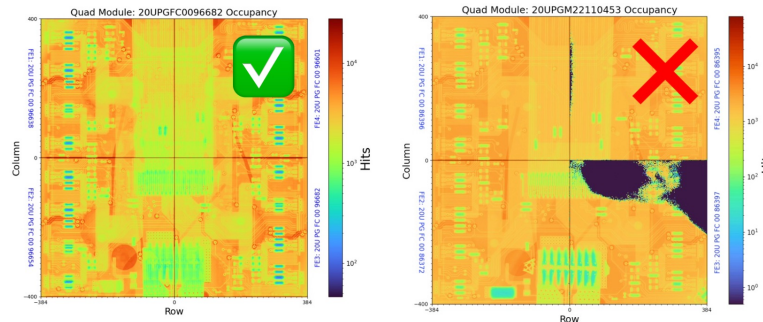
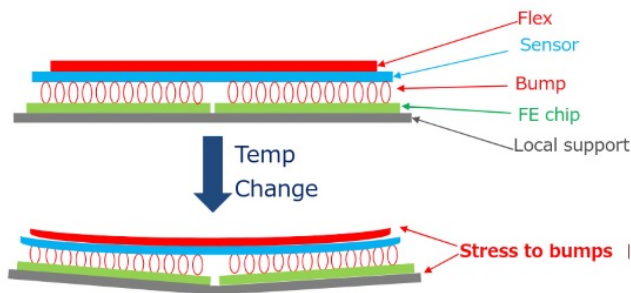
Module assembly:



- After assembly, modules undergo rigorous electrical Quality Control (QC) testing procedure, with several stages:



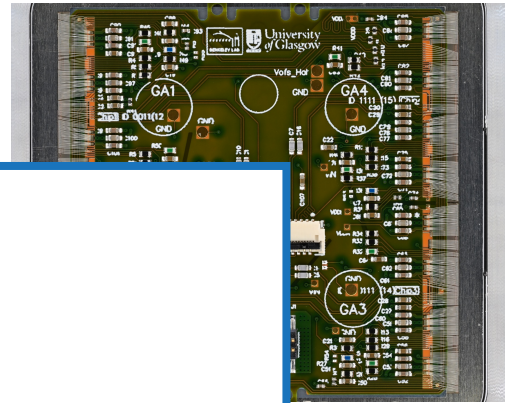
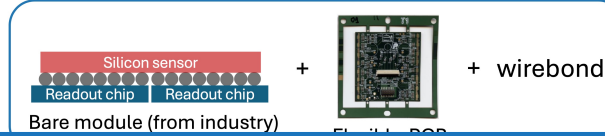
- Testing procedure includes several tests checking chip powering, sensor IV, and performance of **individual pixels**



- E.g: for a test to be successful, we require fewer than 0.4% of disconnected bumps after thermal cycling

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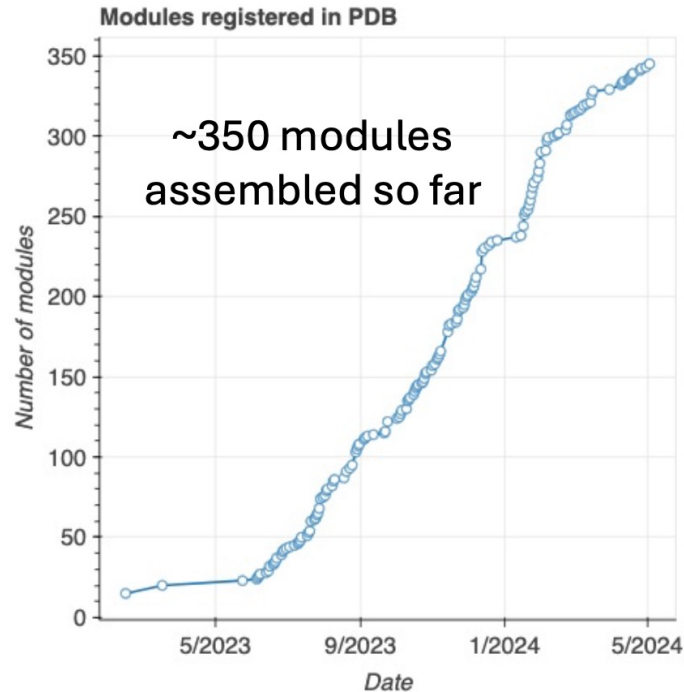
Module assembly:



- After assembly with sensor

Assembly

Pre-production progress:

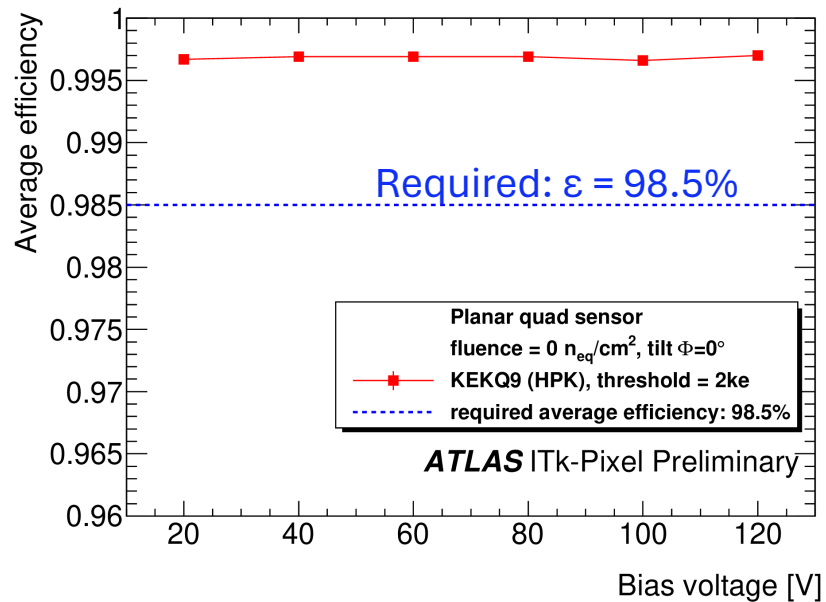


- Module production is a **global** effort – modules are assembled/tested at 25 different sites and loaded at 9 sites
- Huge book-keeping effort (need to keep track of ~11.4k modules and testing results!) → using common testing tools and database

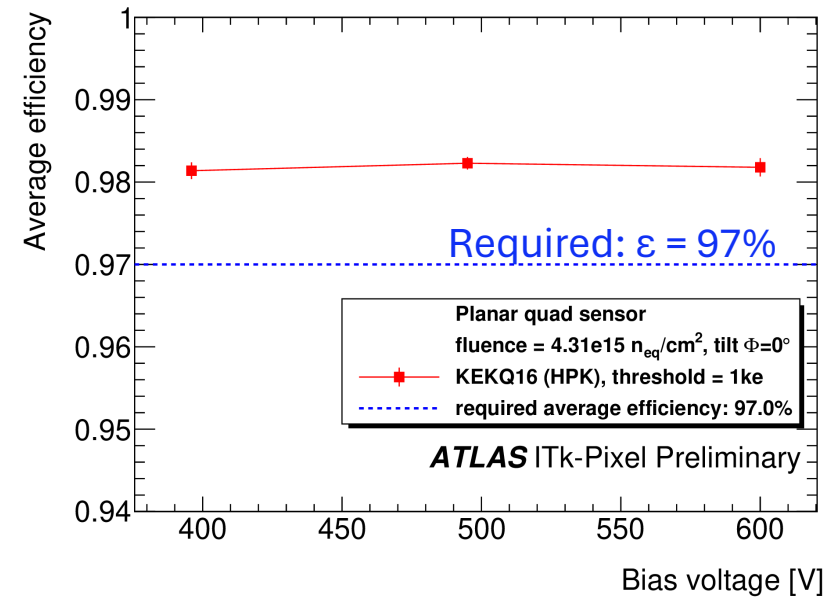
loading site

thermal

- Continuous test beam campaigns to test ITk-Pixel modules irradiated with the fluences expected at HL-LHC
- Here is an example from a quad module that has been irradiated up to $4 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ n/cm}^2$
- Module tested September 2023 test-beam campaign at CERN SPS

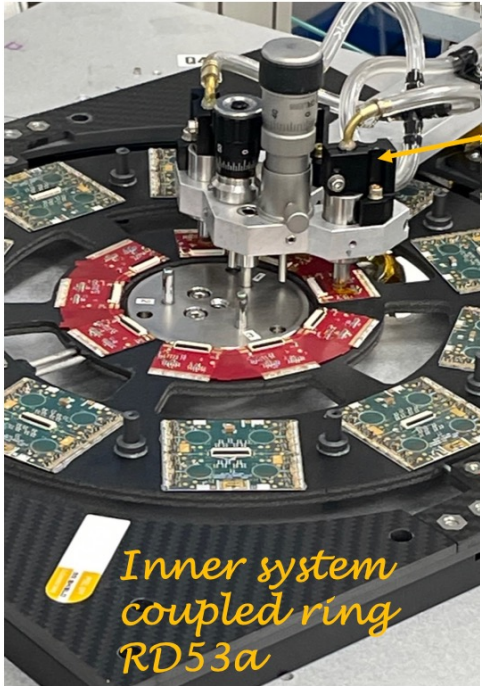


Unirradiated module



Irradiated module

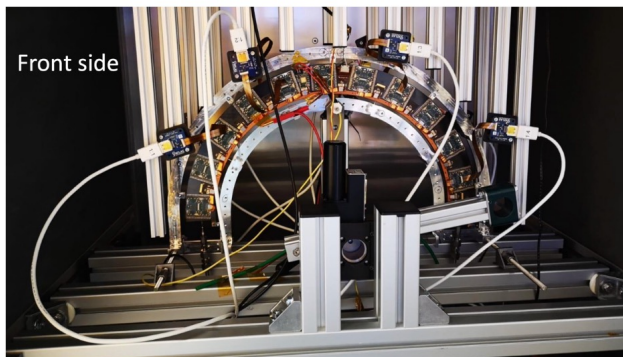
- Both irradiated and unirradiated modules meet the efficiency requirements



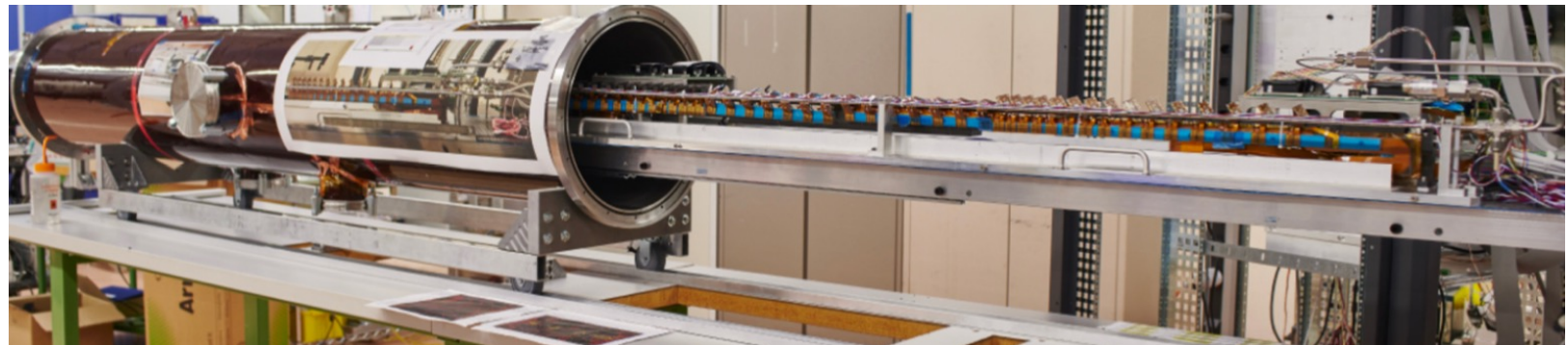
Tools developed for precision placing

- Moving from building individual modules to loading local support structures: critical test of **loading procedure, cooling, services, and readout**
- Various loaded-local supports have been built with modules using prototype version of ITkPix chip
 - Valuable lessons in understanding how to overcome challenges with operating larger detector
 - Next step: test similar structures with pre-production modules

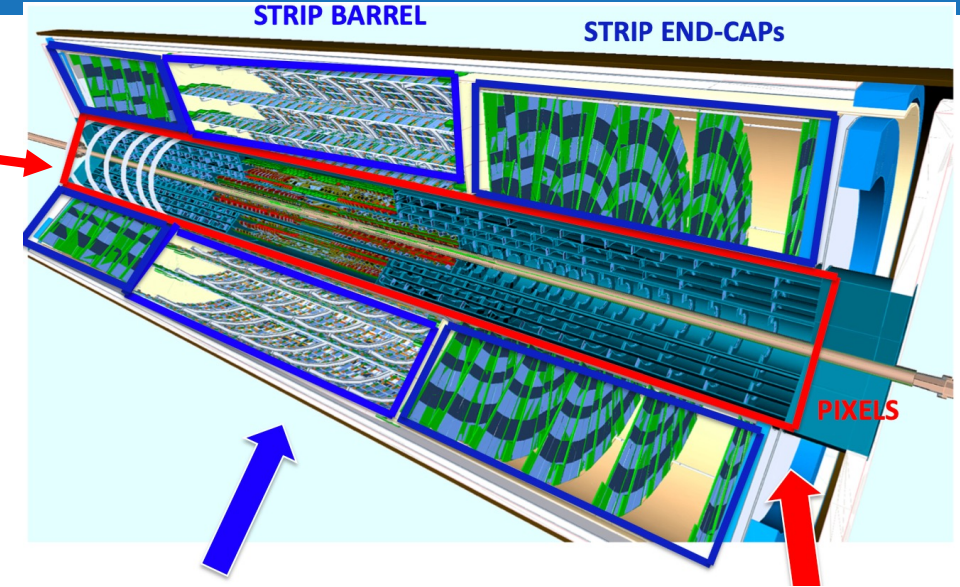
Outer end-cap ring:



Demonstrators development for both endcap and outer barrel



- ATLAS is building a **new full silicon tracker tracker, ITk-Pixel**, to face the harsh conditions of HL-LHC
 - Extended in η ; Radiation hard
 - Low material budget; Fine granularity
 - Fast readout
 - Performance: same or better compared to current inner detector



Area	Preliminary Design Review	Prototyping	Final Design Review	Pre-production	Production Readiness Review	Production
Planar Si sensors	Complete	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming
3D Si Sensors	Complete	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming
FE-ASIC	Complete	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming
Hybridization	Complete	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming
Module Assembly	Complete	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming
On-detector Services	Complete	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming
Off-detector Services	Complete	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming
Data Transmission	Complete	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming
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Global Mechanics	Complete	Complete	Complete	Ongoing	Ongoing	Upcoming
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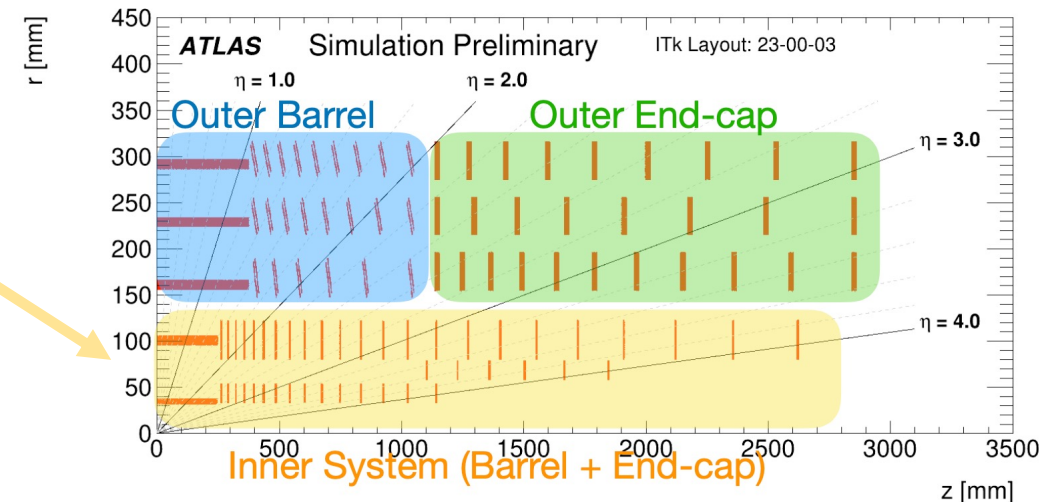
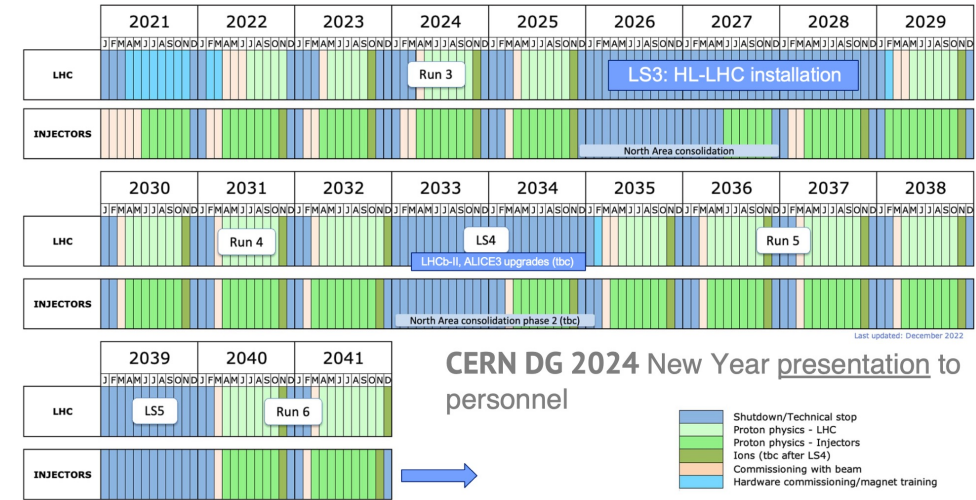
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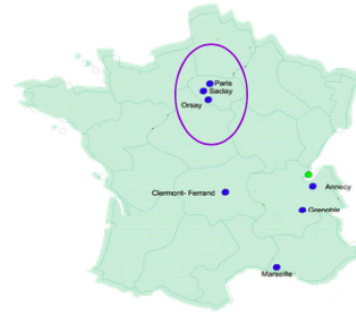
- Project is entering the final production stage
- Concerning modules, production should start after this summer and is expected to last 2 years
- ITk-Pixel ready for insertion in 2027: very challenging schedule
- HL-LHC expected to start in 2029

Bonus slide

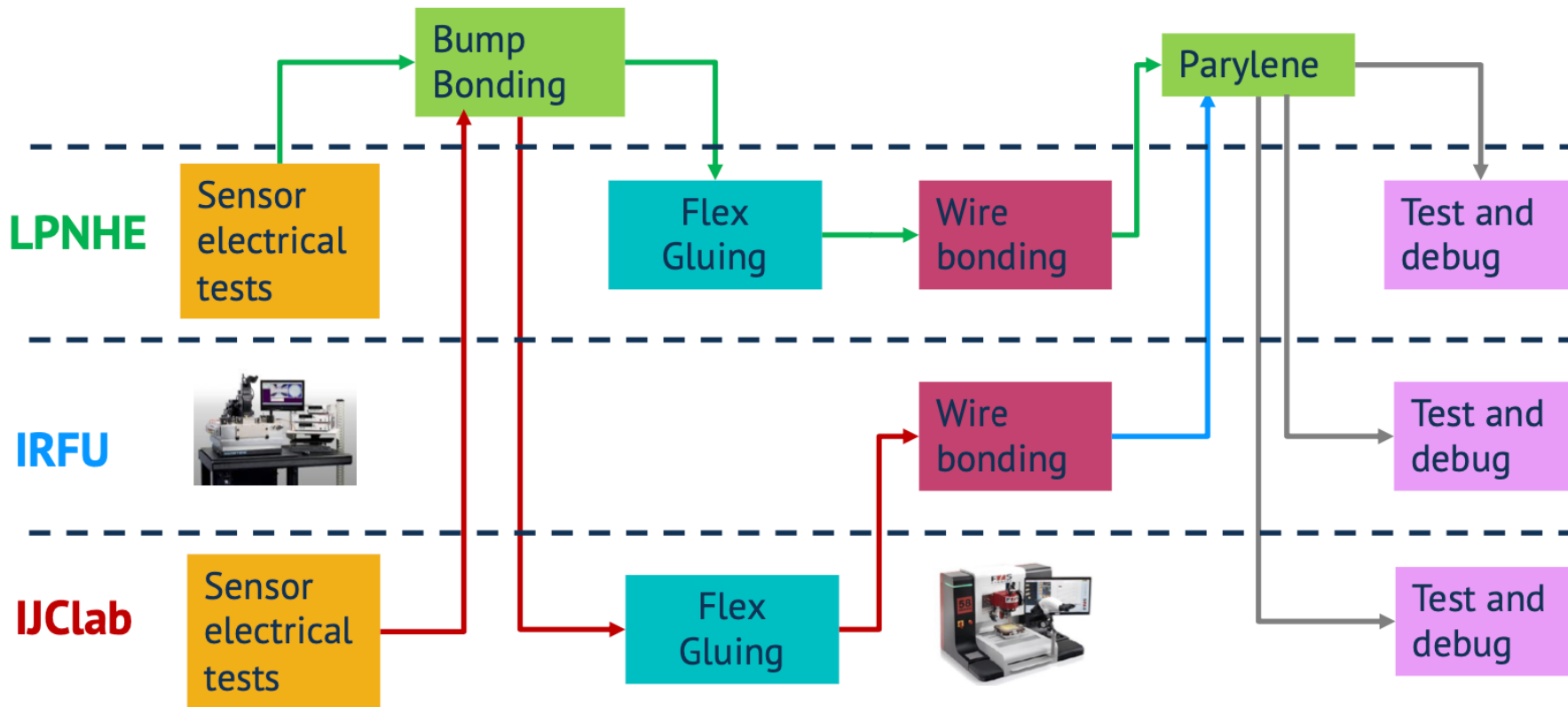
- Described also in the TDR, partial replacement of ITk-Pixel detector is foreseen at \sim half lifetime ($1500-2000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)
 - The **replacement** involves the areas **more exposed to large fluences and doses**
- It is the full **inner system** that is planned to be replaced after about half lifetime (**LS4? LS5?**)
 - Similar requirements as for the planned ITk, but **improvements in terms of pixel size, material budget and timing will be attempted**
 - **Active R&D on this topic:** Monolithic sensors, CMOS 28 nm techno for FE (Moshine's presentation), advanced interconnection (Giovanni's presentation)
- Similar replacement is planned for CMS tracker as well
- This upgrade will be a preliminary step towards future hadrons colliders

Indicative timeline out to 2041 for (HL)-LHC Schedule

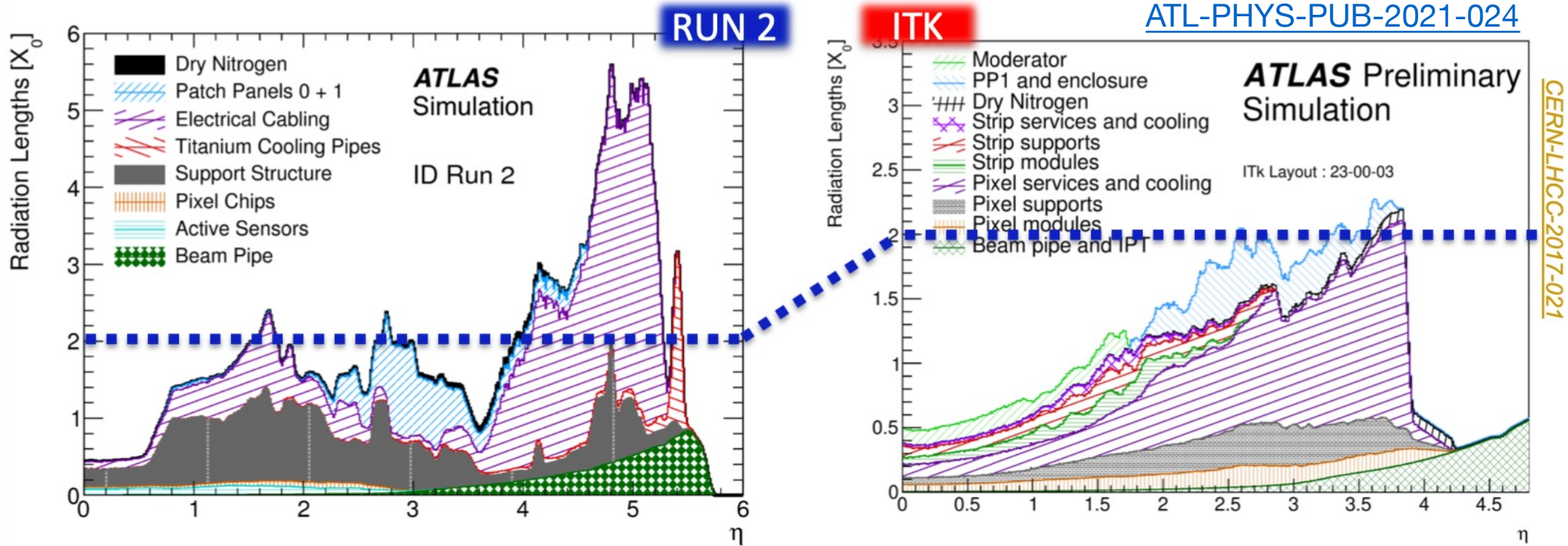




Paris cluster



+ metrology at various stages by all 3 labs



- **Reduced material with respect to current inner tacker**
 - **Sophisticated CO2 cooling system**
 - **Ultra light carbon structures** for mechanical mounting
 - **Innovative serial powering** for the ITk-Pixel detector: less cabling/services

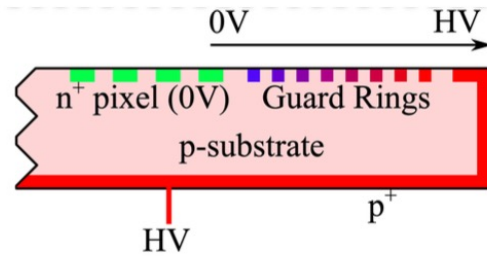
Extensive R&D has been done to create silicon sensors that can withstand the intense radiation of the HL-LHC

Planar sensors:

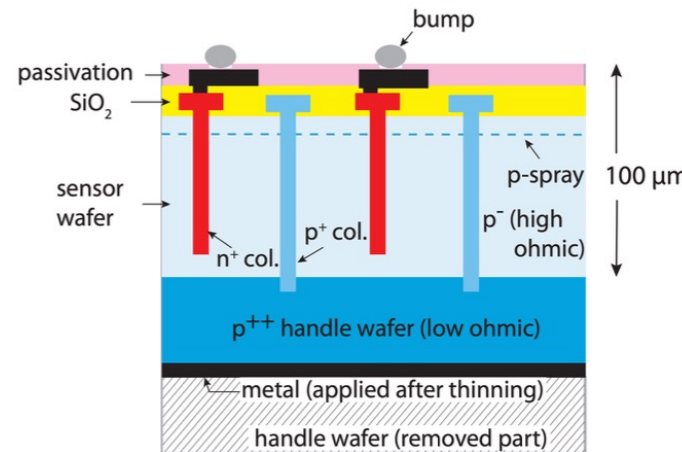
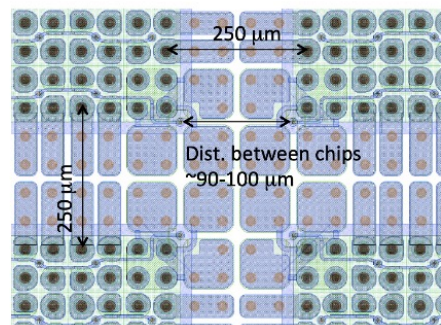
- Radiation hard to $\approx 4 \times 10^{15} \text{ n/cm}^2$ (@ 4000 fb⁻¹)
- n-in-p technology
- Bias voltages up to 600 V
- Vendors: HPK, Micron, FBK

3D sensors:

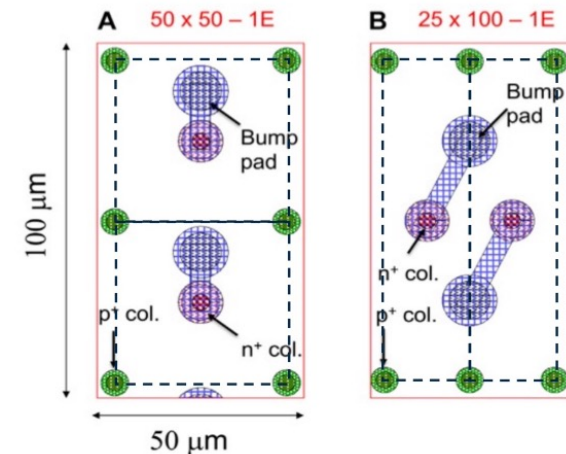
- Radiation hard to $\approx 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ n/cm}^2$ (@ 2000 fb⁻¹)
- Used only in innermost ITk layer (L0)
- Technology demonstrated in ATLAS IBL
- Bias voltage up to 250 V
- Vendors: SINTEF, FBK



Pixel size varies in inter-chip region:

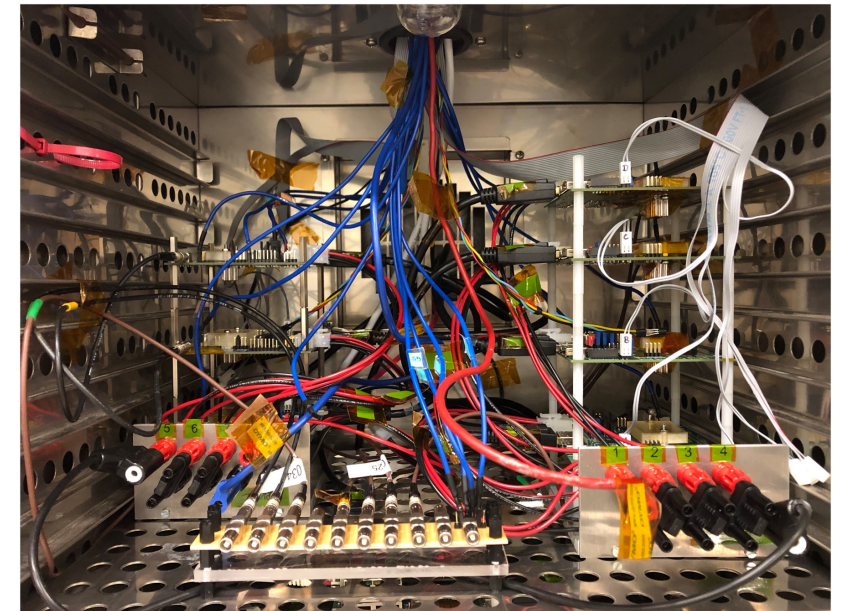
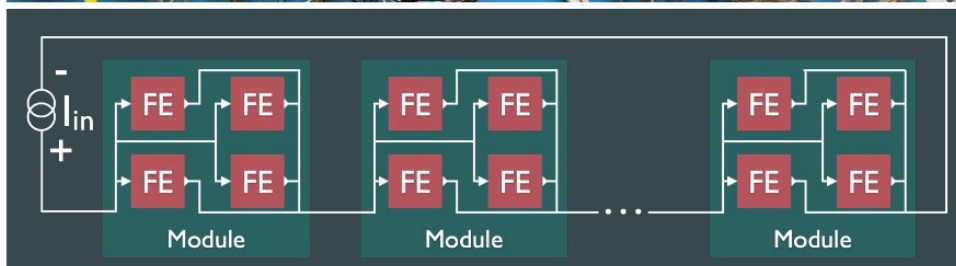
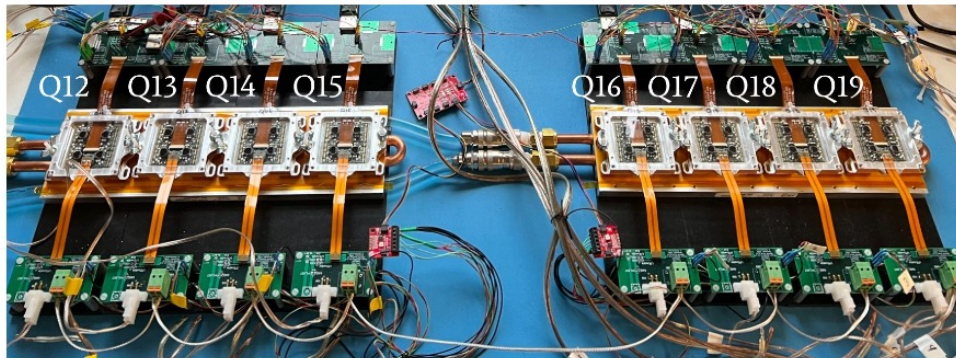


Pixel geometry:



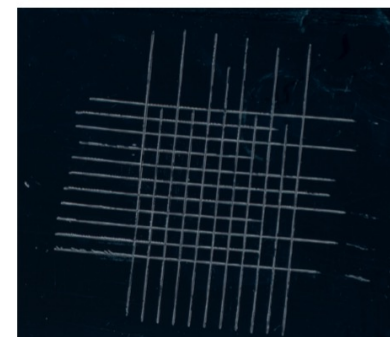
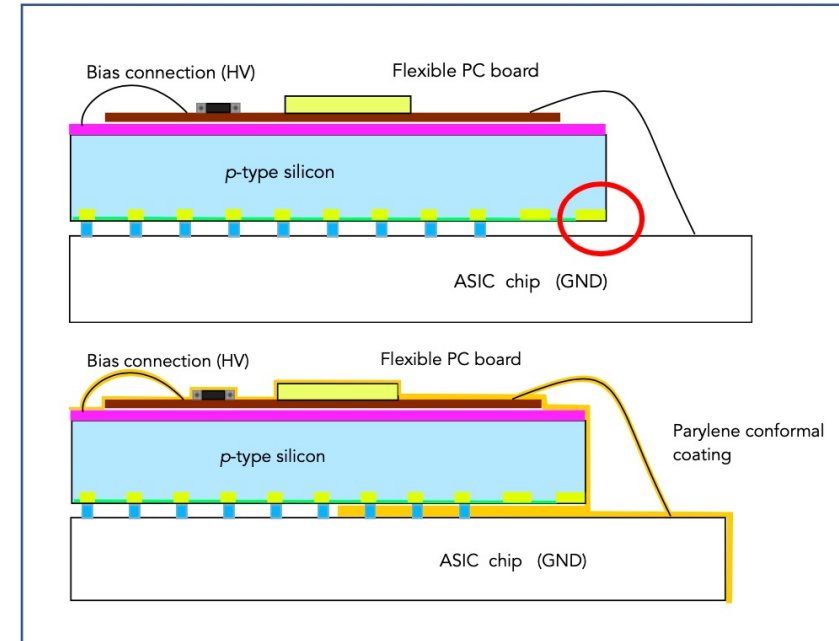
- In order to minimize material budget, a **serial powering scheme** will be utilized ITkPix chips are equipped with Shunt Low Drop Output (SLDO) power regulators
 - When powered with constant current, SLDO's dynamically adjust shunt current to have constant local voltages on chip
 - Modules will be powered in series with constant current in serial powering chain, chips on a module will be powered in parallel → improve reliability of chain in case of chips breaking

- Serial power chain tests with real modules
 - On irradiated and non-irradiated modules
 - No damaging effect from serial powering



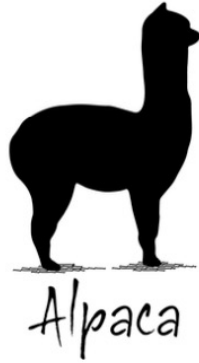
Technology challenges

- Large area ASIC, 20 x 20 mm² , large area sensor 40 x 40 mm²
- High density, low pitch bump bonding 50 μm x 50 μm
- Radiation hardness
- Large temperature range: operating at [-25 to -10°C] to limit radiation damage effects, heat to +20°C during maintenance
 - Avoid delamination of bumps: thin metal flex circuit
- Low-mass services, to reduce X₀
- Serial powering (see [talk by F. Hinterkeuser](#), this session)
- Large Bias voltage across thin air gap (10μm) → conformal coating
 - 54 quad modules (RD53a) coated with parylene N
 - Excellent reproducibility and adhesion
 - Both commercial and in-house lab coating
 - Tested after irradiation and thermal cycles

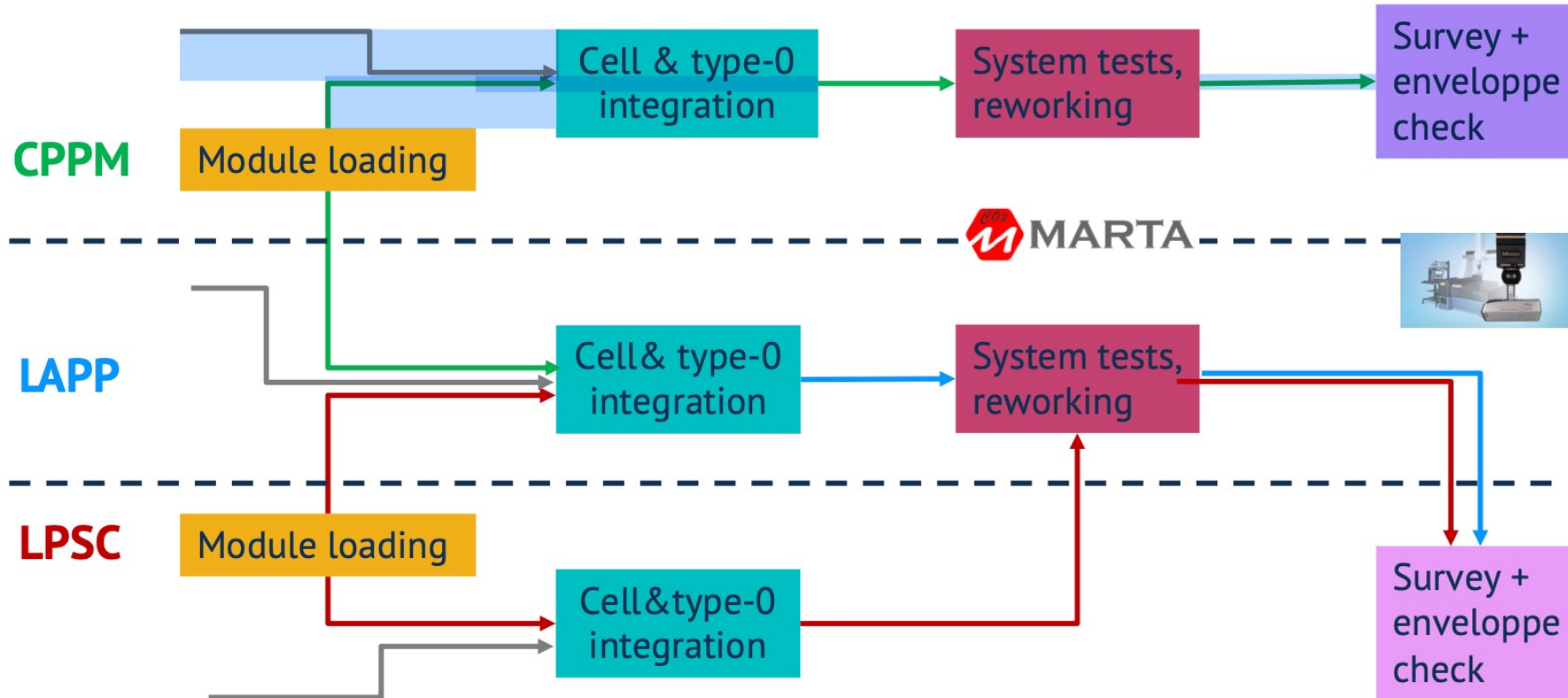
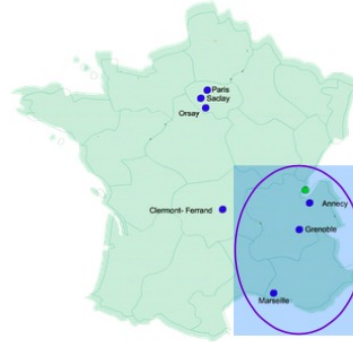


Adhesion tests of Parylene on Silicon after 1 10¹⁶ neutron eq. cm⁻² (nucl. reactor irradiation)

Loading & integration



Alpaca cluster

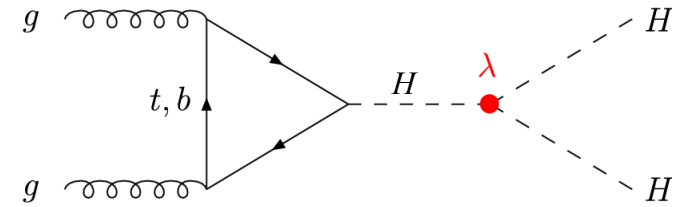
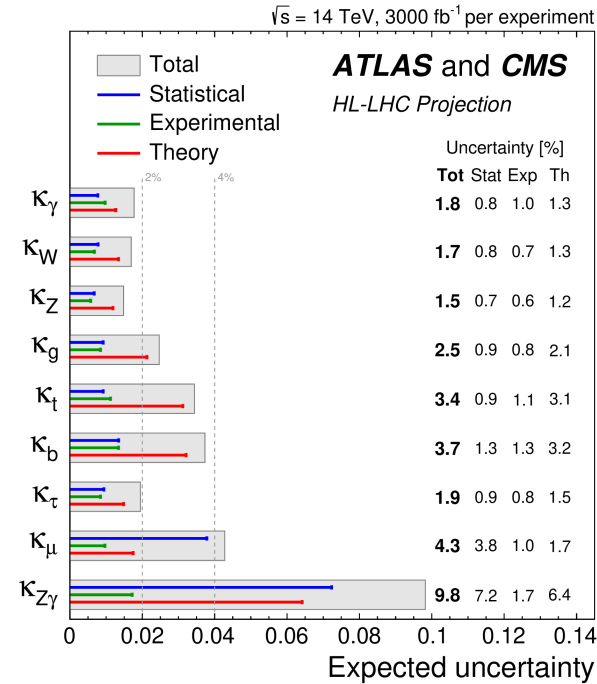


Higgs Physics at the HL-LHC,

[CERN-LPCC-2018-04](#)

Snowmass, [ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2022-018](#)

- Estimated integrated luminosity of HL-LHC: **3000-4000 fb⁻¹**
- Highlights of HL-LHC physics programme
 - High precision on **Higgs boson properties**: couplings, mass, width, access to self coupling
 - Increase precision in **EW sector measurements**: vector boson scattering, triboson couplings, rare processes
 - **Search for BSM physics**: SUSY, dark matter, exotic resonances, long-lived particles, etc

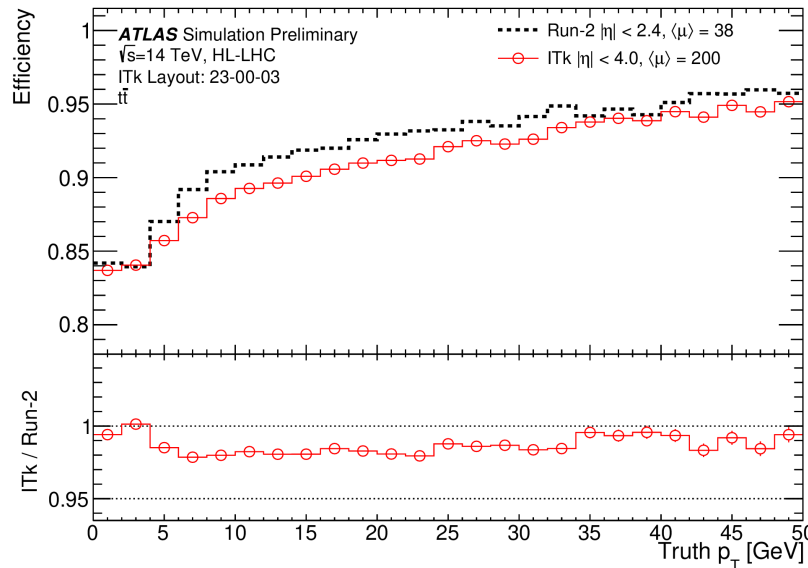
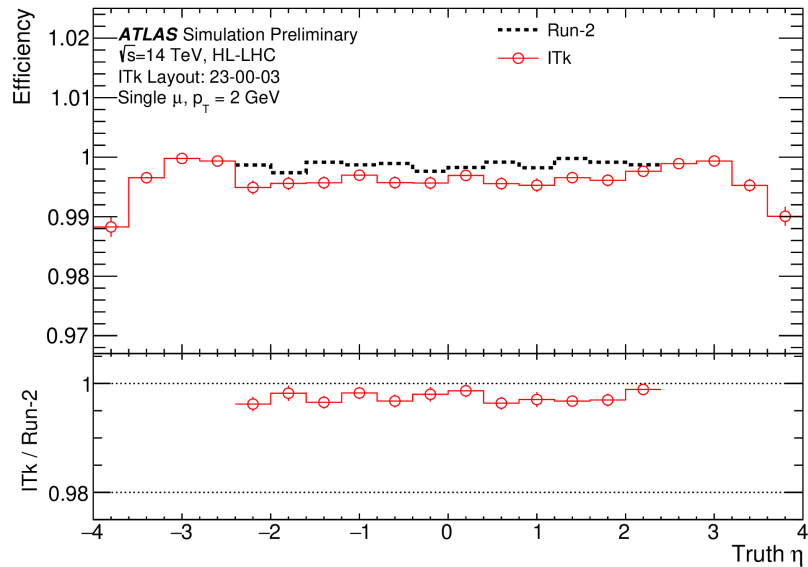


SM di-Higgs production in ATLAS @ 3000 fb⁻¹

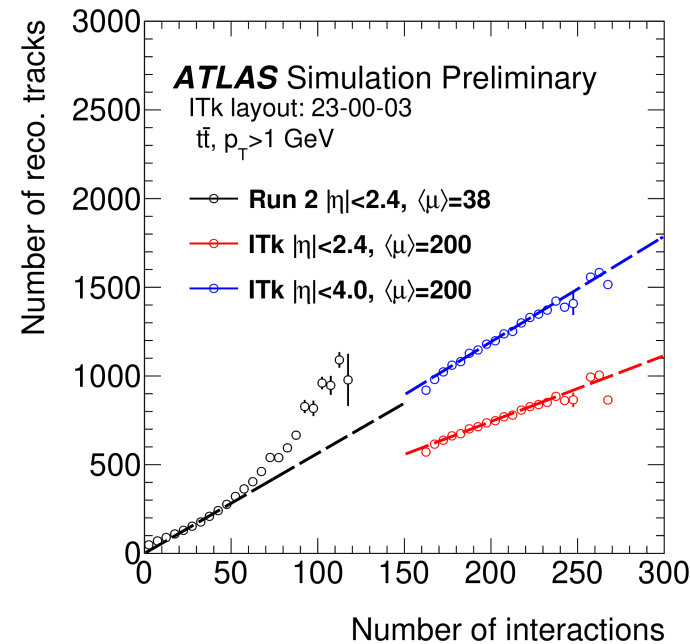
Measured μ	Statistical-only	Statistical + Systematic
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	1.0 ± 0.6	1.0 ± 1.6
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau\tau$	1.0 ± 0.4	1.0 ± 0.5
$HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$	1.0 ± 0.6	1.0 ± 0.6
Combined	1.00 ± 0.31	1.0 ± 0.4

- Huge statistics: **stringent test of our physics models**
- **Indirect search of new physics** through deviations from the theory (differential measurements, EFTs, etc)

- Higgs boson couplings uncertainty < ~4%
- Di-higgs production
 - 40% signal strength uncertainty
 - 4 σ significance after ATLAS & CMS combination at 3000 fb⁻¹
- LHC history teaches us that we often do better wrt the projections. *(We will most likely do better)*



- Need to have robust tracking reconstruction efficiency at x5 pileup wrt to Run2-3
 - Similar performance at the barrel region
 - Very high efficiency at the forward region!



- Number of reconstructed tracks exhibits a very linear behaviour wrt the number of interactions with the Itk: very low tracking fake rate in spite of $\langle \mu \rangle = 200$ environment