

Overview of the ATLAS ITk Pixel Detector Project

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The ATLAS Upgrade Programme for HL-LHC



- HL-LHC enables a broad physics programme through a 10-fold increase in luminosity starting after Long-shutdown 3 (LS3)
 - recently CERN approved LS3 start with December 2025 and will last 36 months
 - ATLAS just completed its Phase-I upgrade (e.g. New Small Wheel muon detector) and pursues all HL-LHC Phase-II Upgrade projects now in parallel to Run-3 data taking



Challenges for pp-experiments at HL-LHC

- \rightarrow Instantaneous nominal luminosity x 5-7 and integrated luminosity x10
 - New radiation hard sensors complete new tracker
 - Finer sensor granularity
- → Increase of overlapping proton-proton events (pile-up) from $<\mu>$ ~ 50 now to <µ> ~ 200
 - Additional energy in calorimeters, accumulation of "pile-up" jets especially in the forward region
 - High hit rates of up to 3GHz/cm² in tracker center
- \rightarrow Increase readout rate 10-fold (L0 trigger rate 1 MHz)
 - requires new front-end and/or back-end electronics for many sub-detectors
 - new DAQ and trigger system to cope with complex high-rate trigger and band-width requirements





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ATLAS Phase-II Upgrade Projects



- All silicon with at least 9 layers up to |η| = 4
- Less material, finer segmentation

Upgraded Trigger and Data Acquisition System

- Single Level Trigger with 1 MHz output
- Improved 10 kHZ Event Farm

Electronics Upgrades

 On-detector/off-detector electronics upgrades of LAr Calorimeter, Tile Calorimeter & Muon Detectors

Forward detector upgrades

- Luminosity detectors (1% precision)
- HL-ZDC (Heavy Ion physics)

High Granularity Timing Detector (HGTD)

- Precision time reconstruction with Low-Gain Avalanche Detectors (LGAD)
- Improved pile-up separation and bunch-by-bunch luminosity

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rate

sMDTs, and TGCs

Improved trigger efficiency/

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momentum resolution, reduced fake

ITk Tracker Upgrade



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- ITk tracker consists of outer strip tracker and inner pixel tracker to replace current ATLAS "Inner Detector"
 - 168 m² of silicon strip and 13 m² of silicon pixel
 - designed to withstand up to $10^{16} n_{eq}/cm^2$ on inner most pixel

• Improve impact parameter resolution and robust tracking

- Coverage increases from $|\eta|{<}2.5$ (ID) to $|\eta|{<}4$ (ITk)
- Provides >9 silicon hits per track
- Reduced material and finer segmentation

• Current status & activities

- Global ITk support mechanics in production
- CO₂ Cooling studies and optimisation
- Preparation for ITk integration in ATLAS Point 1



True track n

Moderator men. ATLAS Preliminary Dry Nitrogen PP1 and enclosure ATLAS gths Patch Panels 0 + Simulation 4111 Dry Nitrogen Simulation Electrical Cabling Strip services and cooling Strip supports **Titanium Cooling Pipes** prove Strip modules ID Run 2 Support Structure ITk Layout : 23-00-03 Pixel services and cooling **Pixel Chips** Pixel supports Active Sensors Pixel modules ID Beam pipe and IPT H Beam Pipe ITk Factor

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The ATLAS ITk Pixel Detector

- Outer Pixel system: 3 layer of planar quad modules
- Inner system: 1 layer 3D sensors + 1 layer planar Quad modules.
- Inner system is replaceable



Constructing with about 10,000 modules ~ 13 m² ! (Current : 2 m²)



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Layer 1 – Layer 4

Production flow

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Modules Subsystem Number Number of installed Linear triplets IS 96 Inner Coupled ring modules 8372 in 5 System IS 180 triplets different types Intermediate ring triplets IS 120 ITKPIX FE Sensor Thin quad modules IS 1160 Thick quads OB+OEC 6816 8372 Modules Flexible Hybridisation Outer hybrids **Bare modules** Barrel Module flex Wire bond area 4 x Front-end Chips (150µm thick) Assembled modules Planar Sensor (150µm thick) Flex Hybrid, with SMDs Encapsulated wire bonds Outer Sensor Solder/Indium Bumps Endcap Local Support FE chips 01/08/2022 18:42 Quad module 7 CEPC workshop October 2023 H.Pernegger (CERN)

ITk sensors



- preproduction successfully completed and qualified
- tests in beam tests and irradiations







Test of different ToT modes

ITKPIX - The Front-end ASIC

- Developed by <u>RD53 collaboration</u> jointly with ATLAS and CMS support
 - common chip design (slight difference in FE and matrix size)
 - 50×50 μm² pixel size, 153k pixel per FE
- Production Design completed and submitted in March 2023
- First 100 V2 production wafers in hand now
 - Tests on SCC with first diced wafer
 - Wafer probing in multiple sides
- Main focus of tests are verification of fixes implemented from version ITKPIX V1.1 to production version ITKPIXV2
 - Start-up tests SLDO (ok)
 - tests of data merging show that previous bug on V1.1 is fixed
 - TOT working now
 - Threshold tuning at 1000e- ok, thresh. r.m.s. 41e- , mean noise 53e-
 - X-ray irradiation results consistent with previous version (V1.1)







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Hybridization: bump-bonding sensor to ASIC

- Bump-bonding by 4 industrial vendors to complete bare modules
 - Bumping of FE-asic 300mm wafer with Indium or Solder bumps
 - Compatible UBM on sensor
 - Flip chip of 4 ITKPIX to sensor
- Current in preproduction of ~ 600 modules
- Thermal cycling and Connectivity test after module assembly with flex







Assembled Modules

Delamination test with x-ray scan



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Thermal cycles, -45 – 40 °C 100 times



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ITK Module assembly and test

- Currently in pre-production of ~ 500 modules
 - qualify assembly process, QC test procedures and assembly sites
 - provide modules to system test and loading of support structures
 - test of bump-bonding quality and strength



Outer Barrel Local supports



Outer Endcap Local supports

- Single rows of modules on half-ring-shaped supports
 - Module-loaded half-rings are supported in half-cylinders
 - Half-cylinders are assembled by layers, inside to outside
 - R-z Hermeticity provided by strategic z-placement of half-rings
- Module-loaded half-rings are identical front-back...
 - Modularity
- ...but are 'handed'.
 - Uniform z separation of modules at top/bottom overlaps









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Inner System Local supports

- The Inner System will be contained inside an Inner Support Tube and will be replaced once at ~half-lifetime
 - Short 2-layer flat barrel + long section of rings (3 types)
 - Assembled in quadrants one quadrant shown below.





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ITk Pixel Detector Systemtest and Serial Powering

- Carbon fibre support for pixel modules passed thermal and mechanical qualification and are in pre-production / production
- "ITK demonstrator" & System test
 - first prototype staves & rings are loaded with RD53A modules to test system aspects of ITk Pixel
 - qualify module loading and electrical tests on support mechanics
 - essential to sign-off components
- Powering based on serial powering concept
 - chain of up to 13 modules are fed with constant current and chip voltage produced inside FE-chip
 - serial powering implementation is most essential to reduce power cable volume and material budget
 - First two 8-quad module long serial powering chains built and under test









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Data transmission module to opto to FELIX

kapton/copper flexes \rightarrow PP0 \rightarrow TwinAx cables \rightarrow Gigabit receiver chip (GCBR) \rightarrow IpGBT (low-power Gigabit transceiver and VTRx+) for aggregation and electro-optical conversion



- Readout from FE-chip at 1.28 Gbps with up to 4 links per chip depending on position in pixel system
 - Uplink sharing on module used on all layers to reduce material
- Very tight integration constraints for power and data services to support structures



Summary

- The ATLAS ITk Pixel Detector will be at the center of the new ATLAS tracker for HL-LHC Run 4
- The detector is currently progressing in pre-production for modules as well as support structures, services and readout
- Individual components have been verified in prototype runs during last two years and passed final design reviews
- The production of modules will start early 2024, production of sensors, FE-ASIC and local supports is already in progress.
- Module production, loading to staves and integration will be carried out the the collaboration largely in parallel tasks to complete the ITK pixel detector in 2027 ready for installation in the ITK strips and the ATLAS cavern

