

# R&D considerations on lightweight mechanics

- The need
- Current activities & Future R&D
- Conclusions



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based on the Snowmass White paper on mechanics [\[arXiv:2203.14347\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.14347)

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# Future colliders (FCC-hh like)

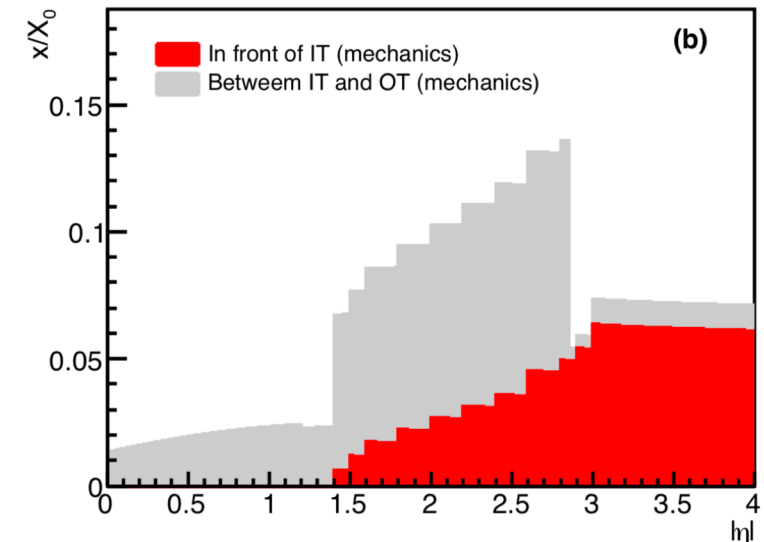
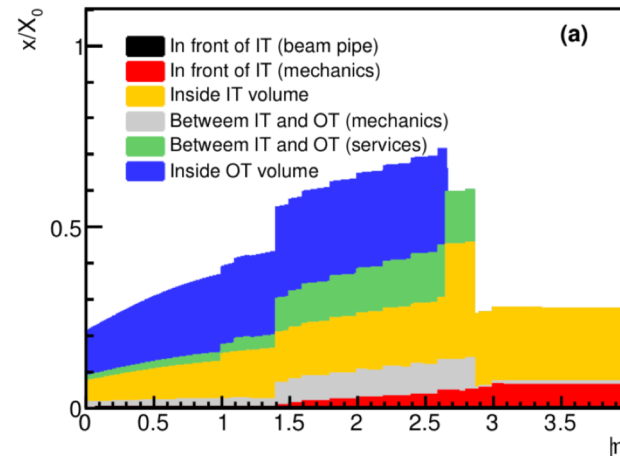
High-luminosity phase of the LHC as example in this talk, but future colliders

- Momenta and angular ranges up by 10x and 2x
- Challenging for forward tracking/detectors
- Pile-up of a thousand results in very harsh conditions

Pixel Layer dose (3.7cm)	HL-LHC 3ab <sup>-1</sup>	FCC 3ab <sup>-1</sup>	FCC 30ab <sup>-1</sup>	FCC (2.5cm) 30ab <sup>-1</sup>
$\times 10^{16} n_{eq} cm^{-2}$	1.5	3	30	70
Dose (MGy)	5	10	100	220

Example of the HL-LHC upgrades as example:

- Support structures need to be optimized, light-weight  $\rightarrow$  minimal mass possible, highly thermally conductive
- CMS HL-LHC upgrades as example

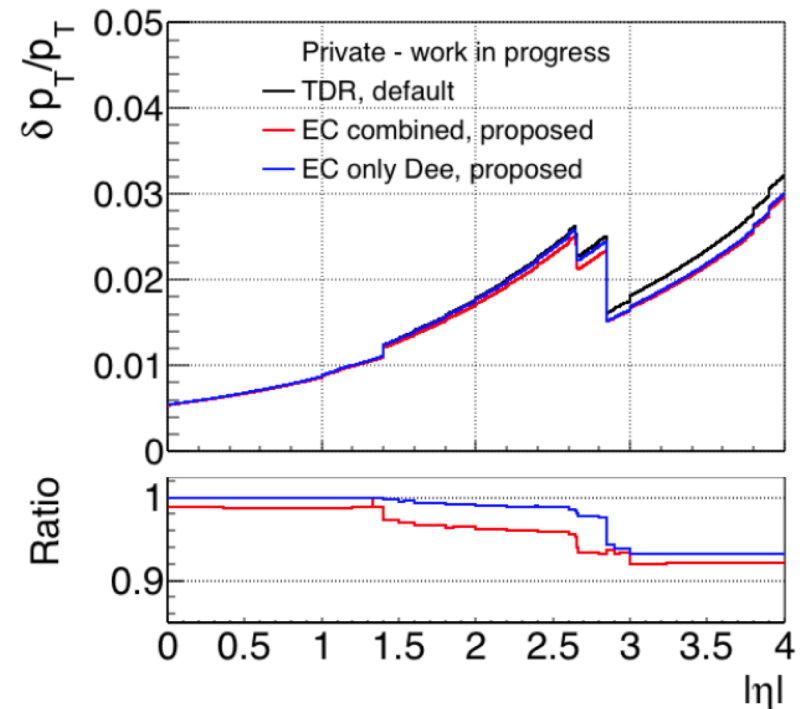
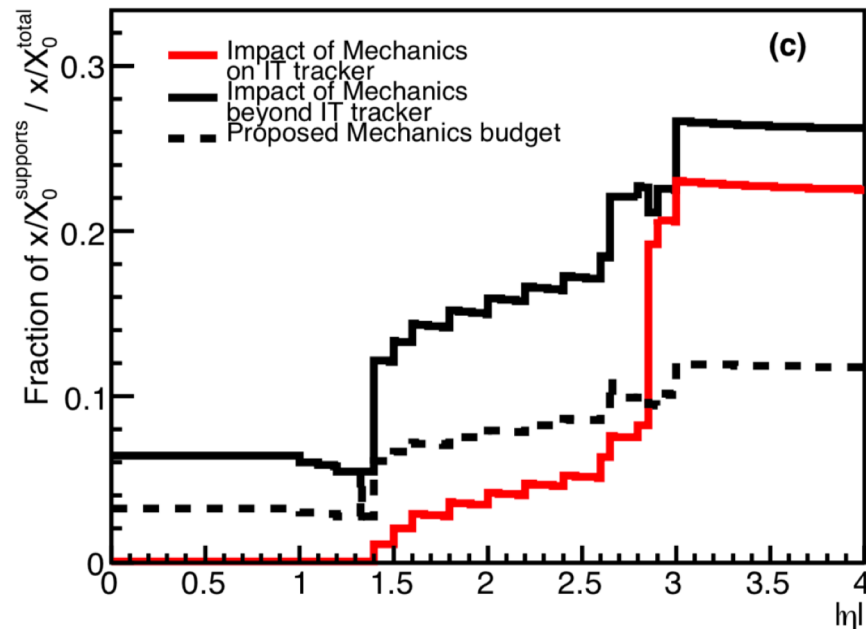


# Material budgets & mechanics

Substantial R&D on all fronts to make a FCC-hh detector a reality

- Support & Cooling constrains Tracker performance, e.g. thermal runaway
- Mechanics is significant fraction of the material budget
- **Lowest mass possible requires new approaches to an old topic**

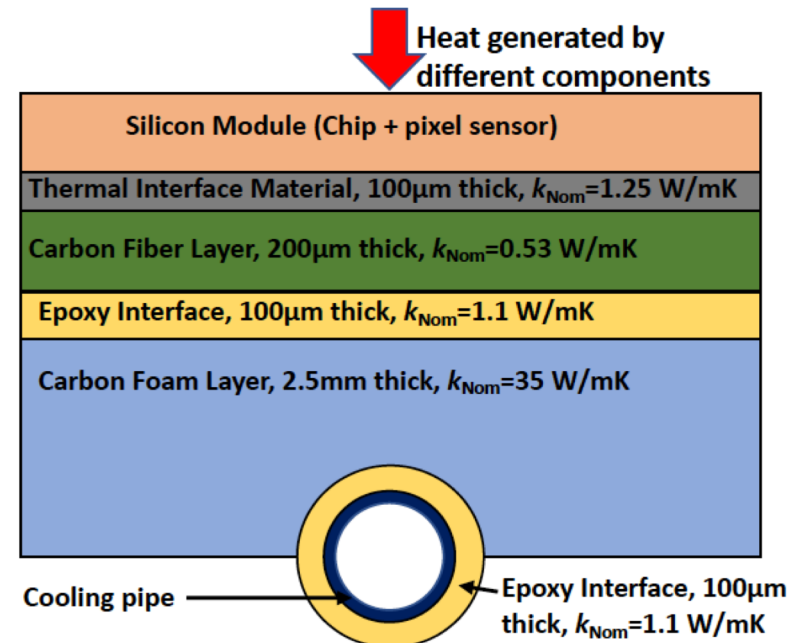
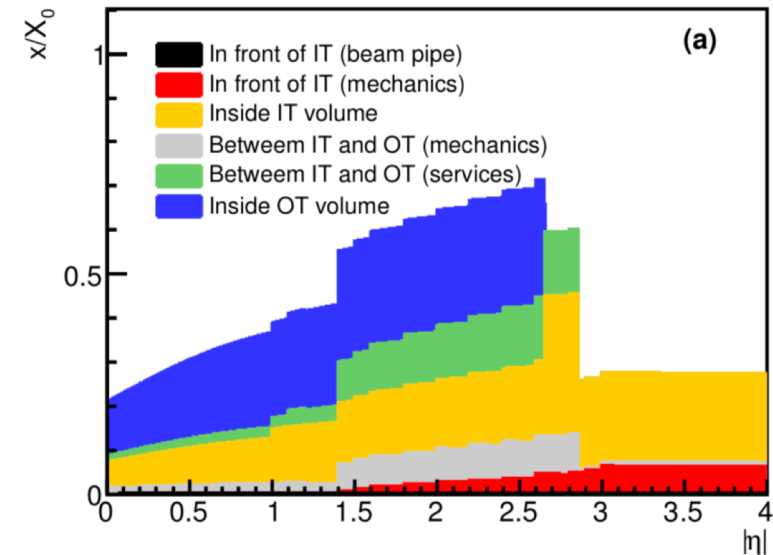
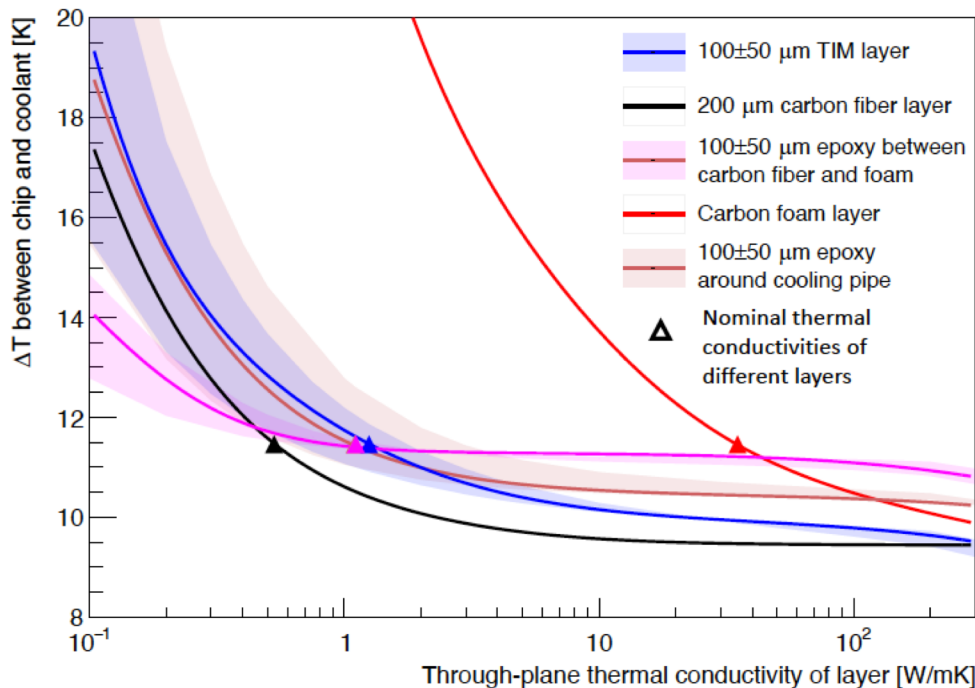
Fraction of mechanics vs entire Detector material



- Can improve b-ID efficiencies by 2-3% per b-jet and high b-jet multiplicity  $\sim 10-15\%$
- Significant improvement by novel approach, b-ID relevant for di-Higgs (priority @FCC-hh)

Tracker of the HL-LHC is a very significant fraction of the total CMS upgrade budget

- Support & Cooling is the constrain in which Tracker is operated, e.g. thermal runaway
- Mechanics is sizeable fraction of the material budget
- Requires detailed FEA & mock-up's to understand and verify experimental measurements



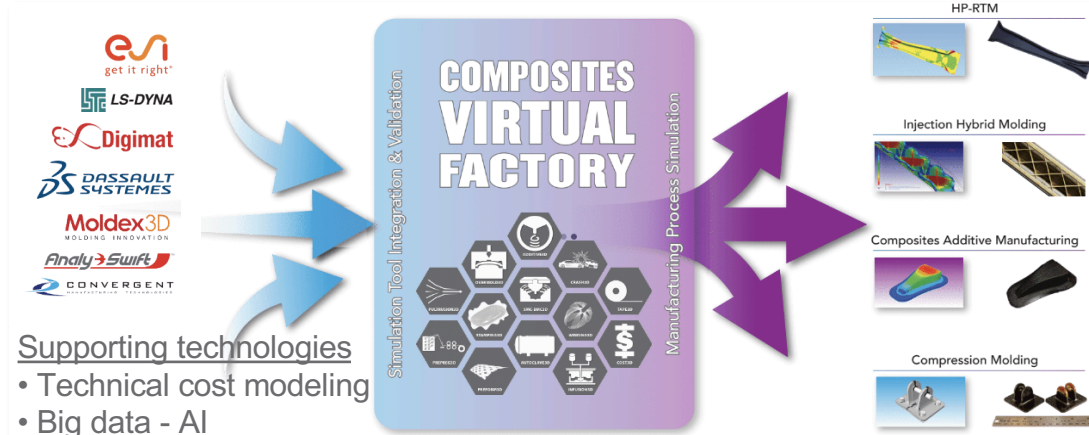
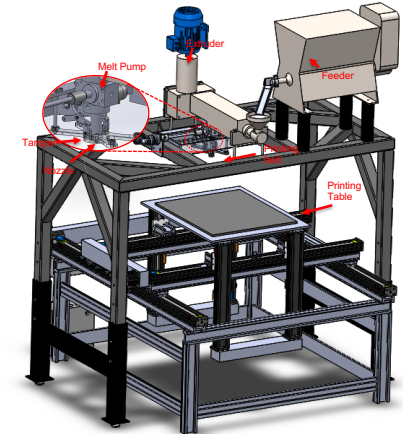


Completed in summer 2016:

- Composite manufacturing & simulation center (CMSC)
- Multi-disciplinary center: Aeronautics, Chemical E, Materials E, Aviation Tech, Computer graphics

A Purdue Center of Excellence:

- Experts in simulation as a decision-making tool for composites
- Dassault Systemes Simulation Center of Excellence
- Process-specific engineering workflows

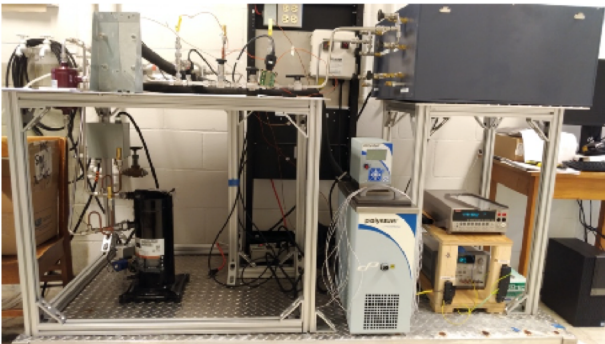


## Cooling Technologies Research Center:

- Multi-disciplinary center to study micro-channels, fluid dynamics, cooling (air & fluid), thermal interface materials, etc.

## Purdue Silicon Detector Laboratory:

- Large clean rooms for automated pixel module assembly & electronic tests
- Thermal conductivity setups, etc.



**COOLING TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH CENTER**

The Cooling Technologies Research Center (CTRC) is a graduated National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center and addresses pre-competitive, longer-term research and development issues in the area of high-performance heat removal from compact spaces.

Microscale Transport and Microchannels

Electrically Actuated Microscale Flows

Thermal Interfaces

Small-Scale Refrigeration

Thin-Film Transport, Wicks, and Heat Pipes

Novel Air and Impingement Cooling Approaches

Surface and Interface Engineering

Thermal Materials R&D

Exploratory and Novel Concepts

Renewable and Sustainable Energy

Dr. Justin Weibel  
Mechanical Engineering  
Thermal Management

CTRC center:

<https://engineering.purdue.edu/CTRC/research/index.php>

## PSDL-CTRC Collaboration on:

- Various aspects of thermal management relevant for the applications at LHC
- Common 2-phase CO<sub>2</sub> cooling box setup



What structures are we involved with? (HL-LHC Upgrade)

## Large Support Structures – light-weight but rigid

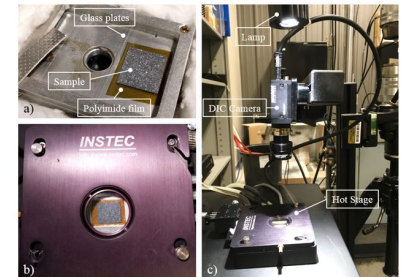
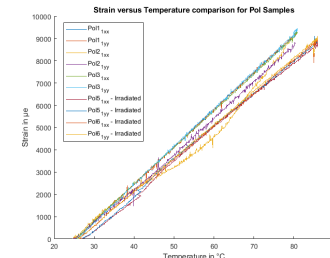
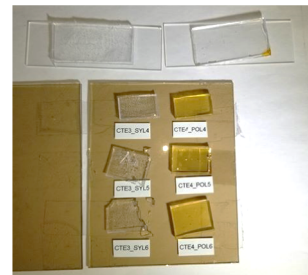
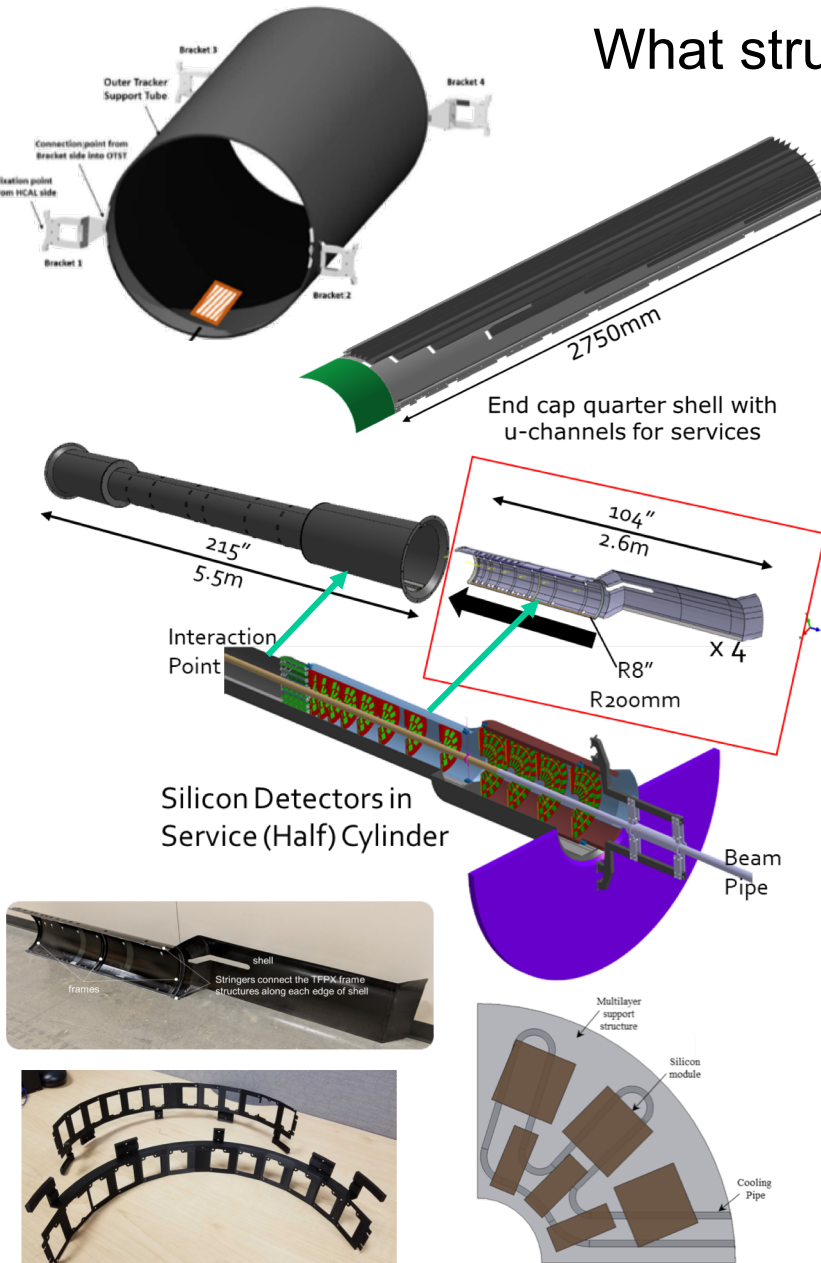
1. Boundary Tracker Support Tube (CMS)
2. Inner Tracker Support Tube (CMS)
3. Inner Tracker Service Cylinder (CMS)
4. End Cap Quarter-Shells (ATLAS)

## Small Structures – extremely flat and thin

1. Pixel Dees Support Structure (CMS)
2. High-TC flat sheets for modules (CMS)

## Irradiation campaigns:

- In collaboration with US TFPX institutes (Cornell, Rice, others)
- Open to European institutes, e.g. Zuerich has sent samples in the past



- Use simulation and prediction based on material characterization to ensure accurate prediction of final part performance
- Applied to CMS structures already with full chain of tool compensation, machining, cure and load test

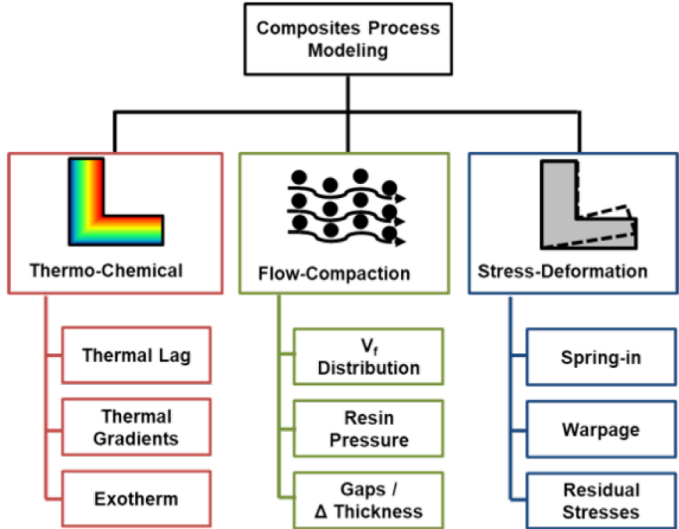
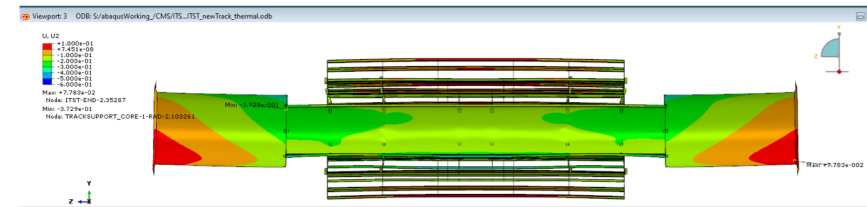
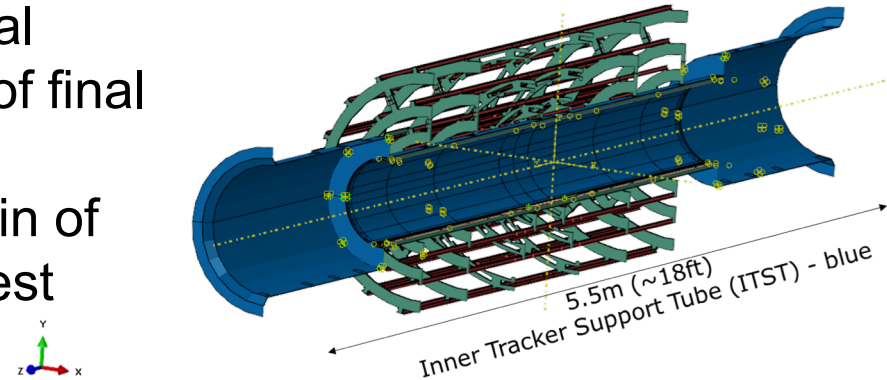
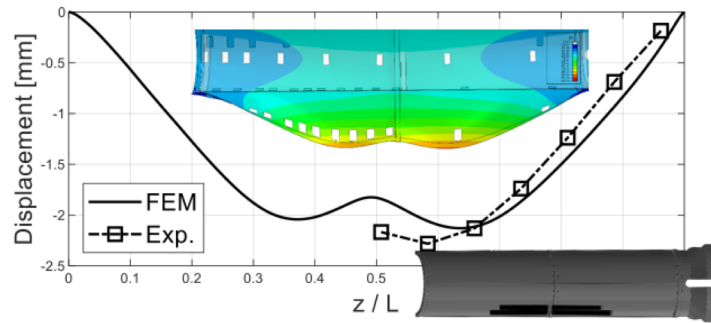
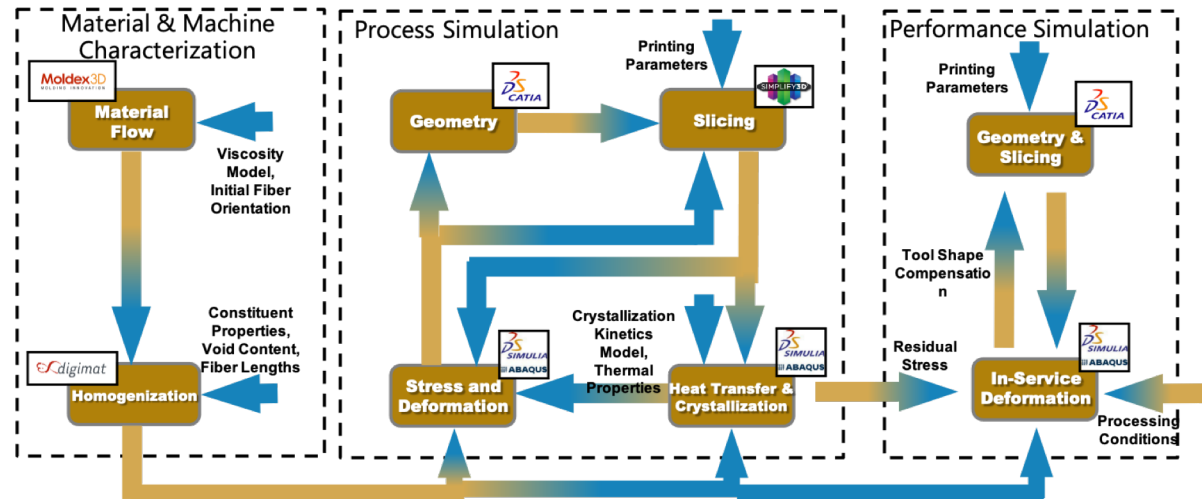
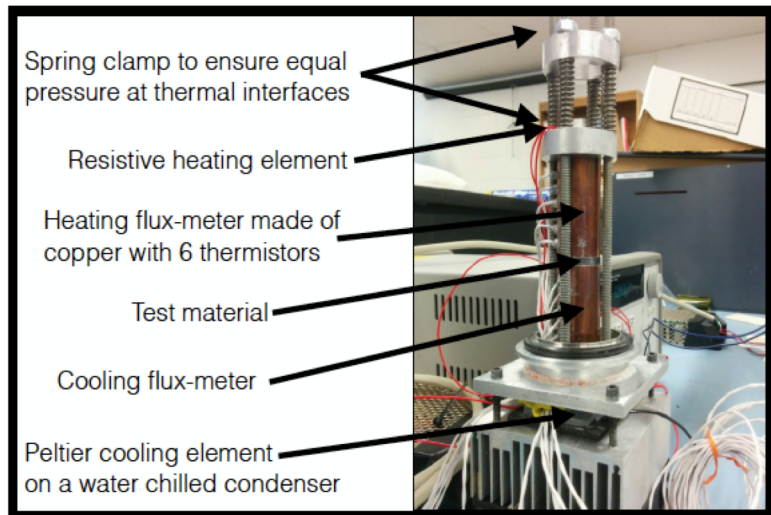


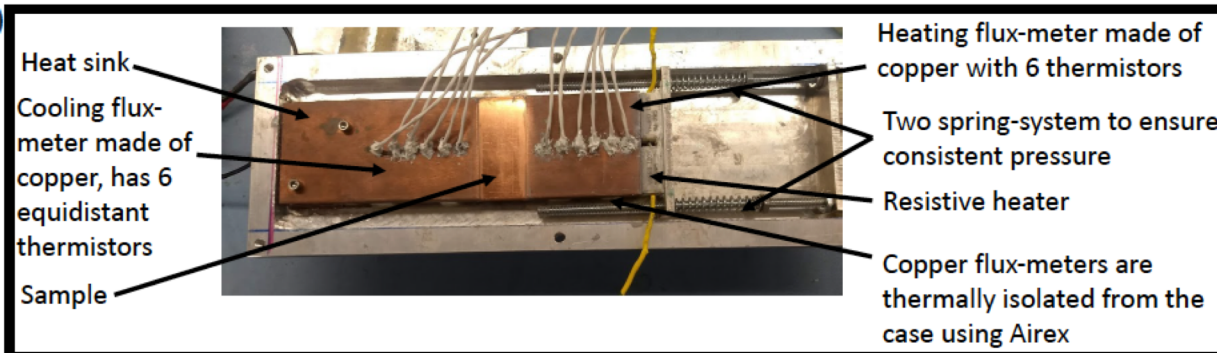
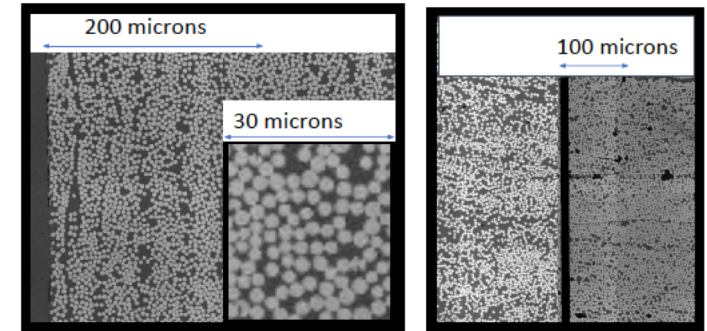
Figure 1-1 Composites process modeling problem types



- UG student driven activities, low-cost but precise
- High pressure curing to boost TC, factor 2 improvement
- Additional fillers to boost TC while maintaining mechanical strength
- Method & Results to be submitted to JINST soon...



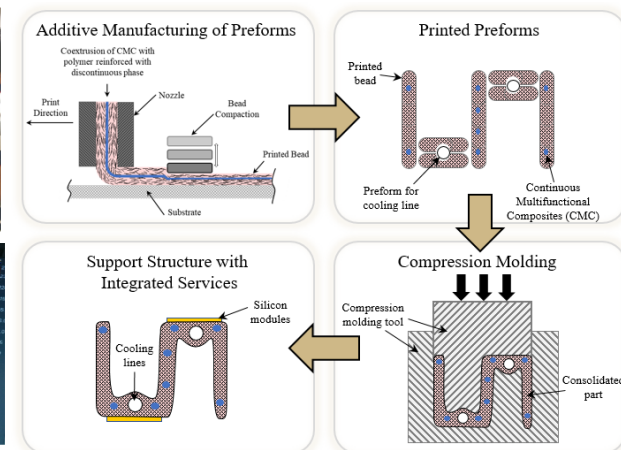
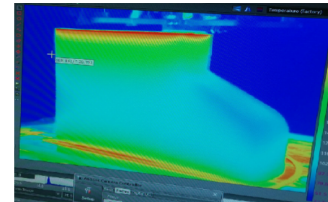
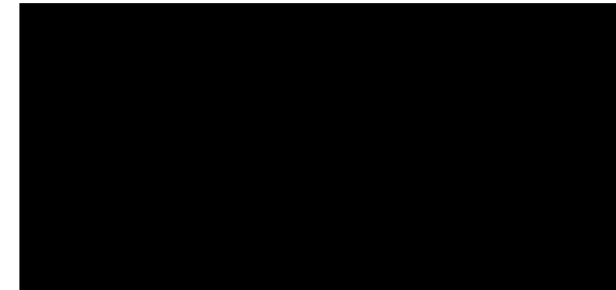
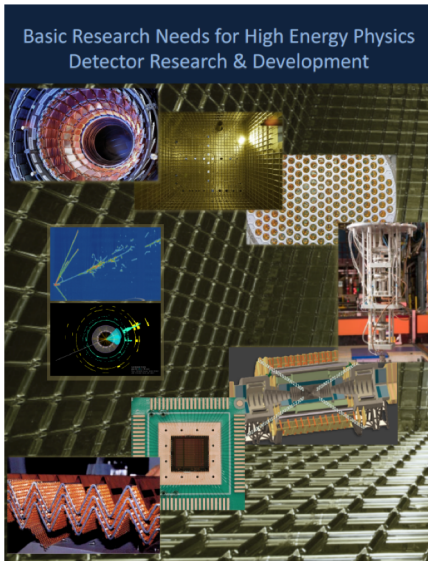
- High pressure samples increase volume fraction to 72%
- Microscopies to measure volume fractions



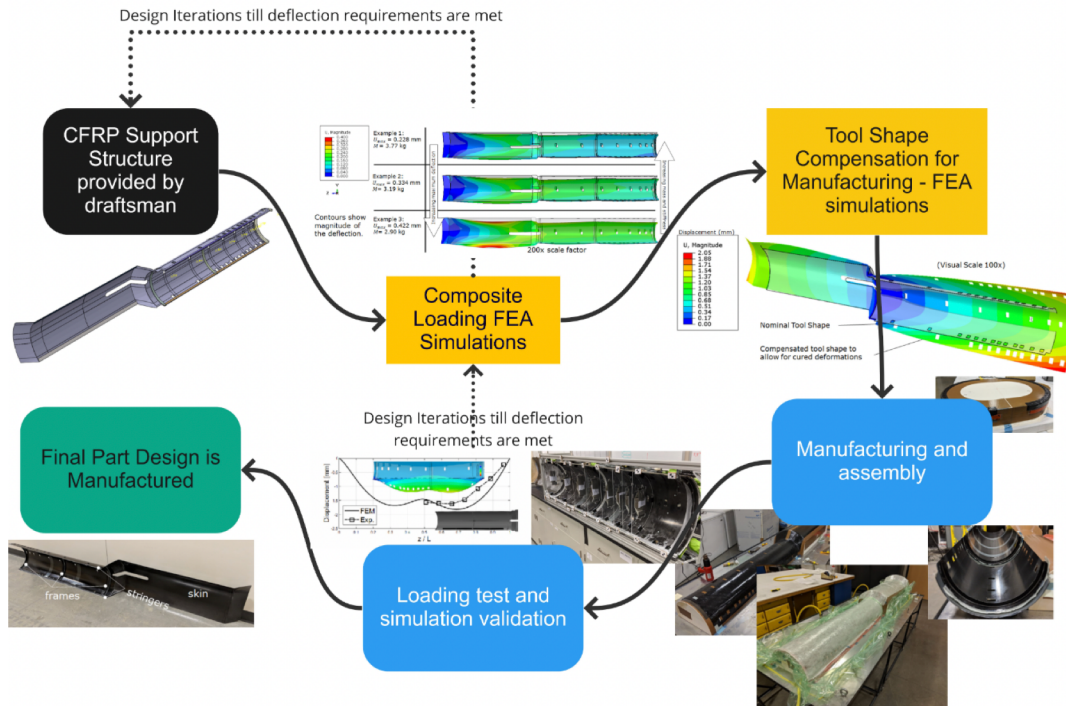
Sample/ Direction of measurement	Thermal conductivity ( $k$ ) [W/mK]	Interface thermal resistance of Flux-meter-TIM-Sample ( $R_{int}$ ) [Km <sup>2</sup> /W]	Reduced $\chi^2$ of the linear fit	Expected value of $k$ [W/mK]
K13C2U+EX1515 carbon fiber composite (Unidirectional)				
x-axis	(320 ± 28)	(1.8 ± 0.4) · 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.83	318 [3]
y-axis	(6.0 ± 2.6)	(3.8 ± 2.8) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.17	0.53 [3]
z-axis	(1.09 ± 0.15)	(-6.0 ± 17.0) · 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.05	0.53 [3]
z-axis (20 bar)	(2.21 ± 0.31)	(3.0 ± 7.0) · 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.09	1.2 [3]
K13D2U+EX1515 carbon fiber composite (Unidirectional)				
x-axis	(376 ± 31)	(1.7 ± 0.3) · 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.65	410 [3]
y-axis	(7.5 ± 4.4)	(3.9 ± 3.5) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.01	0.53 [3]
z-axis	(1.44 ± 0.24)	(1.4 ± 1.4) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.44	0.53 [3]
z-axis (20 bar)	(2.79 ± 0.46)	(2.0 ± 9.0) · 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.43	1.2 [3]
Other materials				
IM7 8552 (x-axis)	(8.0 ± 2.3)	(1.2 ± 0.8) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.85	5.50 [20]
Celstran® PPS-CF50-01 (z-axis)	(0.34 ± 0.08)	(-2.2 ± 4.6) · 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.09	0.39 [21]



- R&D efforts on low-mass support structures with integrated services for silicon detector systems
- Targeting the Basic Research Needs for HEP by DOE topic of “Realize scalable irreducible-mass trackers”, thrust 2 on low mass detector system.
- Leverage current activities on high-TC, accurate predictive manufacturing of large composite structures, etc.
- Connections with companies engaged in high-TC carbon foam development
- Multi-functional composite structure research
- Integration of cooling and other services into the support structures to reduce mass further
- Novel approach to mechanics design from inception phase of the detector

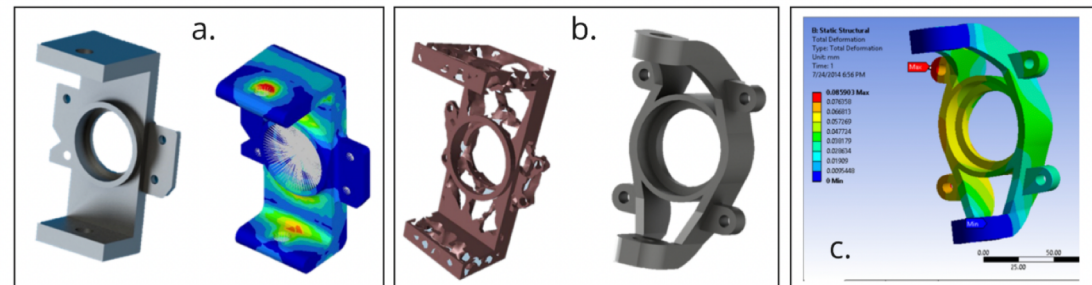


- Scalable large mechanics structures
- Multi-functional support structures
- Ease integration, applies also to calorimetry [\[arXiv:2203.04312\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.04312)



- FEA, prototypes, iterative process.
- Consistent approach to better controlled manufacturing process, eases assembly.
- Especially true the larger the structures become, integration is a “hassle”

- Collaboration with material sciences, companies for novel materials, and latest techniques.
- Example: ML for optimization with HEP inputs, excites future generation



Exchange of ideas & progress across existing collaborations:

- Snowmass process, but no dedicated forum in the US to exchange on this
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## My own opinions

- In the past largely focused at national labs, single Universities.
  - Community building in the US around the US participants of the Forum and Snowmass, consistent funding is a problem.
  - Establish more long term funding as a future around existing “seeds” ?
  - Interdisciplinary R&D can realize additional synergistic activities
- Future detectors are huge, mechanics is a significant fraction of material and also of the cost – serious / critical risks related to material availability
  - Ample evidence in the past years, not going away

Detector mechanics can play a significant role in a detector's performance, improvements require:

- In-depth study of total mass
- Novel ways to reduce the total mass

Over the past years established Purdue collaborations to benefit HEP tracker mechanics activities and R&D efforts

→ For now: the “Forum on tracker mechanics” is the ideal place to exchange progress on detector mechanics at boundary of material science, engineering and physics.

→ Many opportunities for external collaborations

→ Low mass detectors

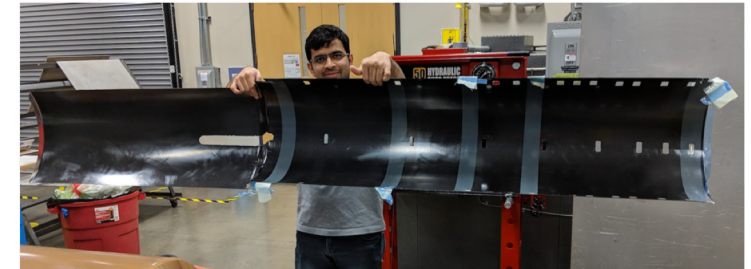
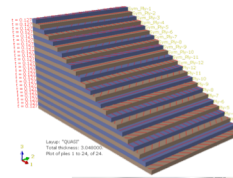
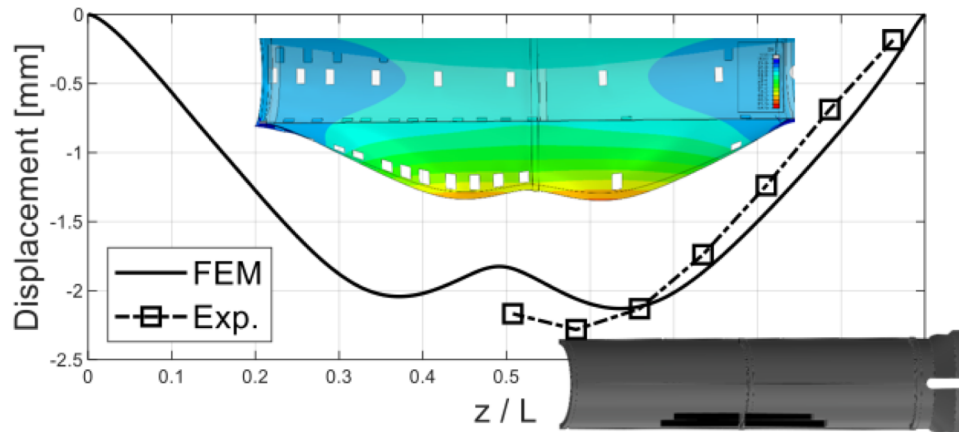
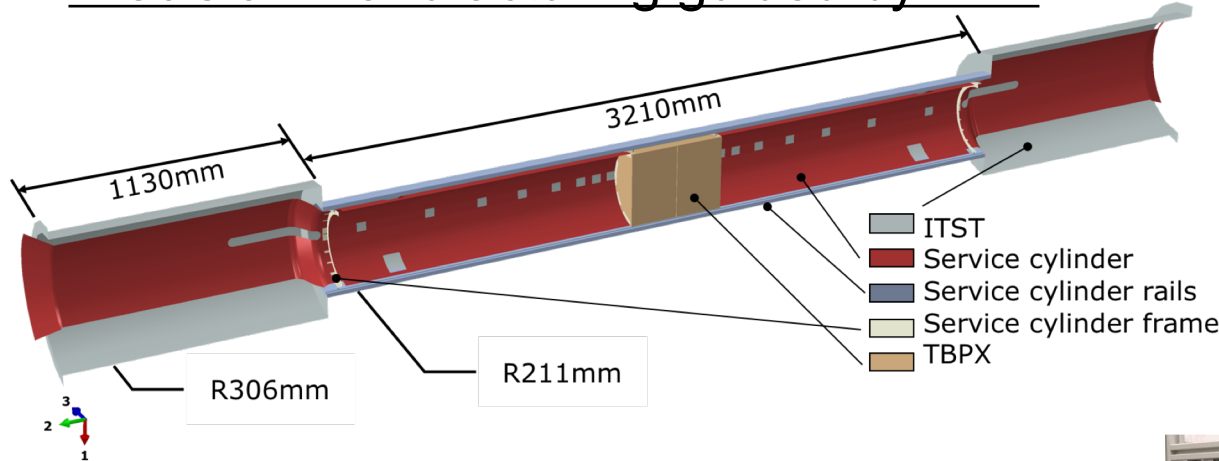
→ High-performance cooling





First prototype of the Service Cylinder, **sub-mm tolerances**

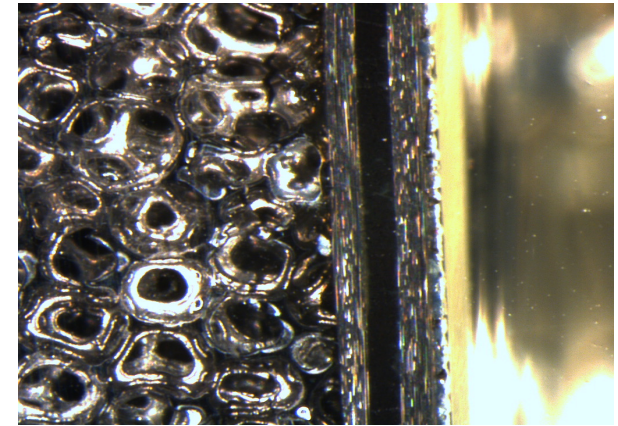
- Structure mass is 2.77kg
  - Loaded mass is large, shows deflection more easily
  - Very good agreement with the FEA
- Precision manufacturing guided by FEA



# Pixel support structures

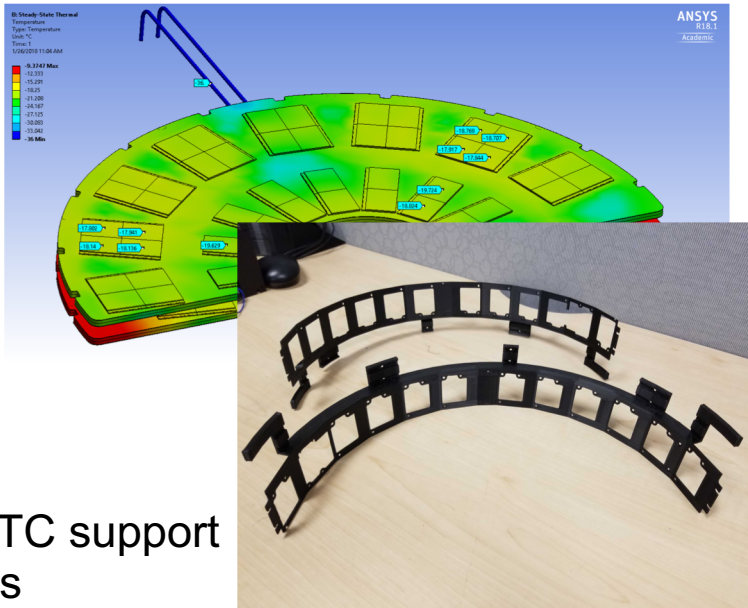
- Disc-like support structures made from Carbon Foam & Fiber
- FEAs use TC measurements as inputs
- Capable of cooling all ~1800 pixel modules
- Carbon is light-weight, and strong

1<sup>st</sup> half dee prototype, in collaboration with Cornell University

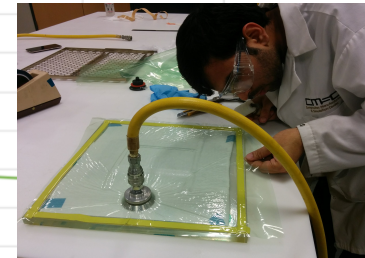
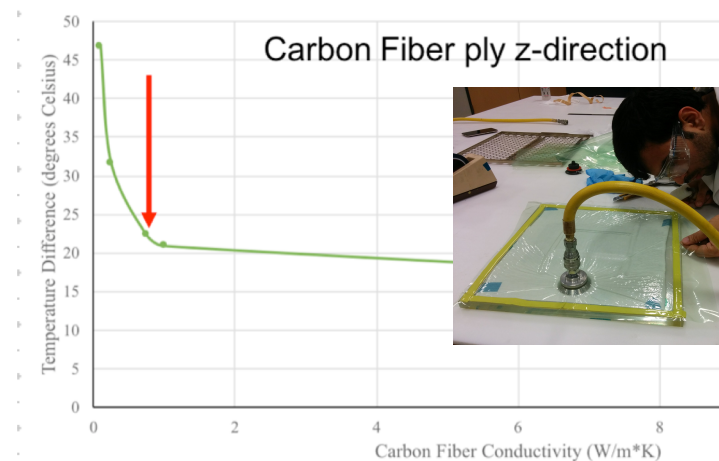


Carbon foam

3-ply skin



High TC support pieces



Bad laminate

