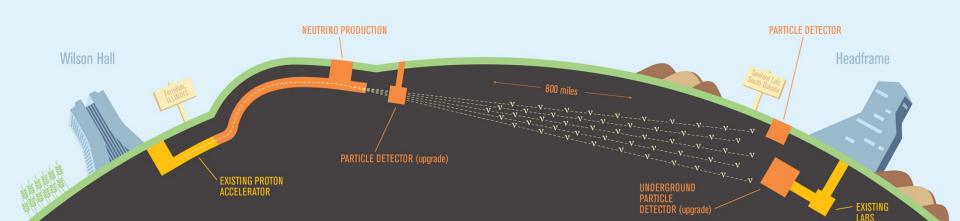




Short between U channels on APA 12

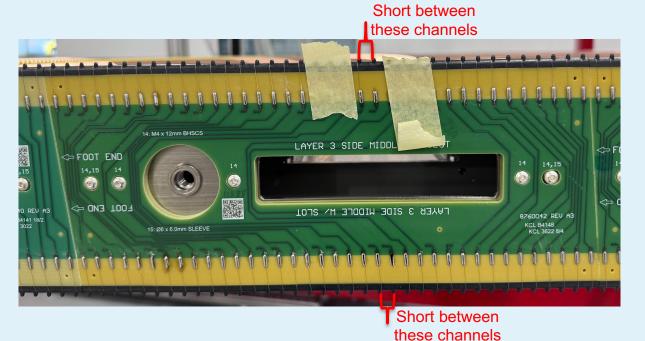
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Short between U-layer channels



These two channels show a physical connection within the U-layer wrap board shown

 Layer & side
 Head board & pad
 Cold channel
 Offline channel

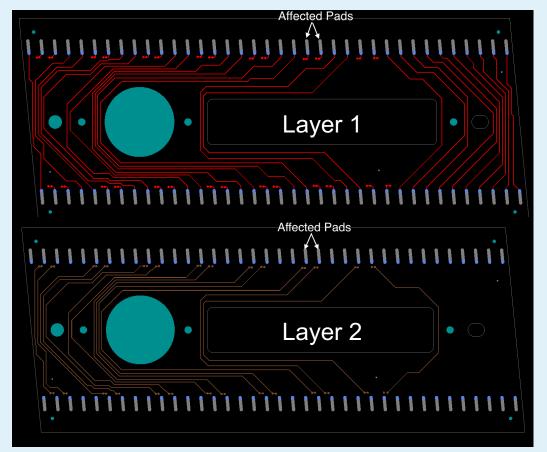
 Channel 1:
 BU
 3-33
 3-6-3
 287

 Channel 2:
 BU
 3-34
 12-3-8
 286



Short is on an inner layer





- The short is on the second layer of a multilayer board, hence this is very unlikely to be damage from a mishandling of the board
- No physical damage is visible on the board





Investigation with Merlin

Merlin PCB is the board manufacturer

They have gone through their test record for us

This board came from a batch of 84 boards, produced from 21 panels

- Merlin perform automated optical inspection and an electronic bare-board test on all boards
- > Of this batch, 1 board failed the electrical test and was not sent, but Merlin are certain that this board in question passed the tests
- Merlin's full route card for this batch of boards is included in the root cause document





Conclusion and recommendation

It is unknown how this short came about

Our investigations show that Merlin is doing the required QC on boards leaving their factory

And this is a one-off failure across many hundreds of boards

We recommend that the U wires be kept in place on both these channels and the APA be completed with the short in place and recorded

APA experts agree that keeping the wires in place is the optimal decision

- Removing a wire would modify the drift field, which would reduce the physics performance of the APA
- The signals from these two shorted channels will still be useable

A full root cause document is available in EDMS

- https://edms.cern.ch/document/3082407/1
- Please take a look and send through any comments if nothing significant is raised, we will approve this on Wednesday



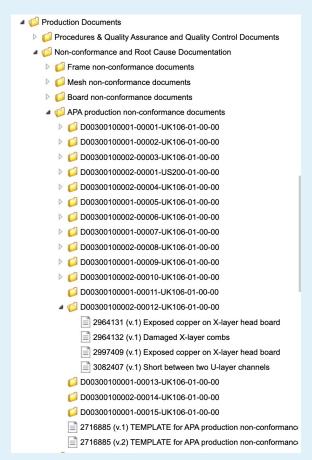


Documentation reminder

Each APA has a folder of dedicated root cause / non-conformance documents

This should be one of the first ports of call for understanding details of any APA

Especially missing/shorted wires





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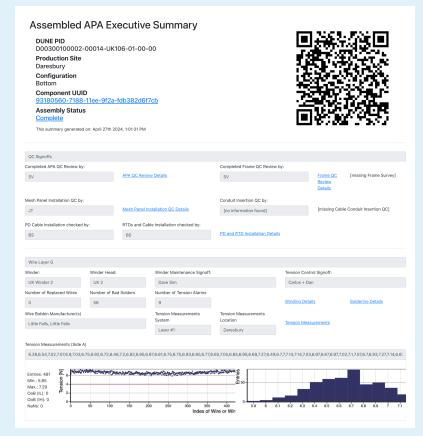
We also have a construction database

https://apa.dunedb.org/

Pretty much everything you need to know is in here

e.g. board-by-board QC data, APA travelers, etc

There is a summary page for each APA which will also show all key features of APAs such as missing channels



This is an example from APA 14