

# The Burn-in testing of advanced custom low-voltage power supply components within ATLAS TileCAL testing facilities.

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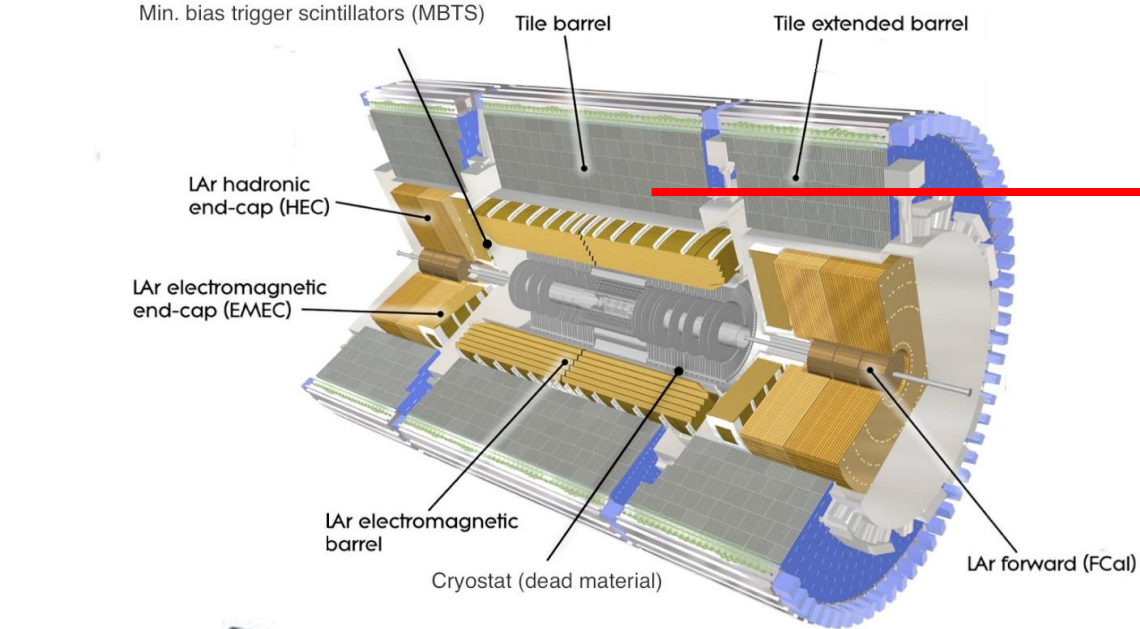
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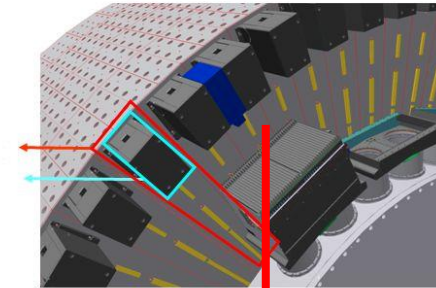
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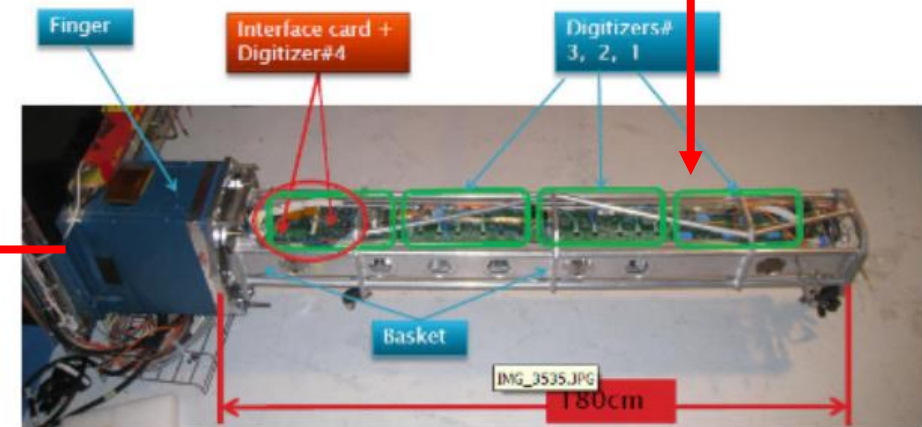
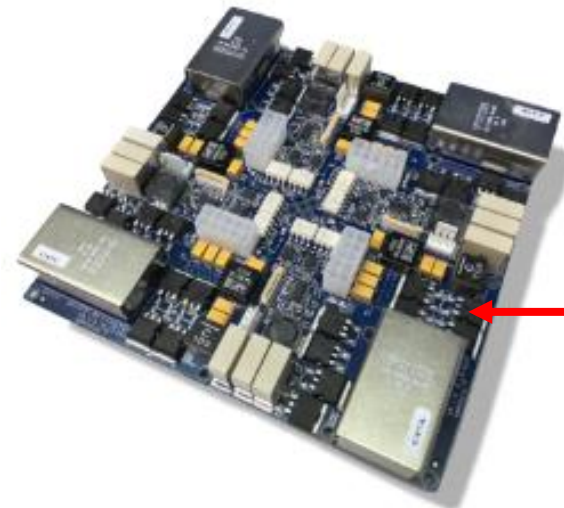
# The LVPS brick in context



## Tile Calorimeter



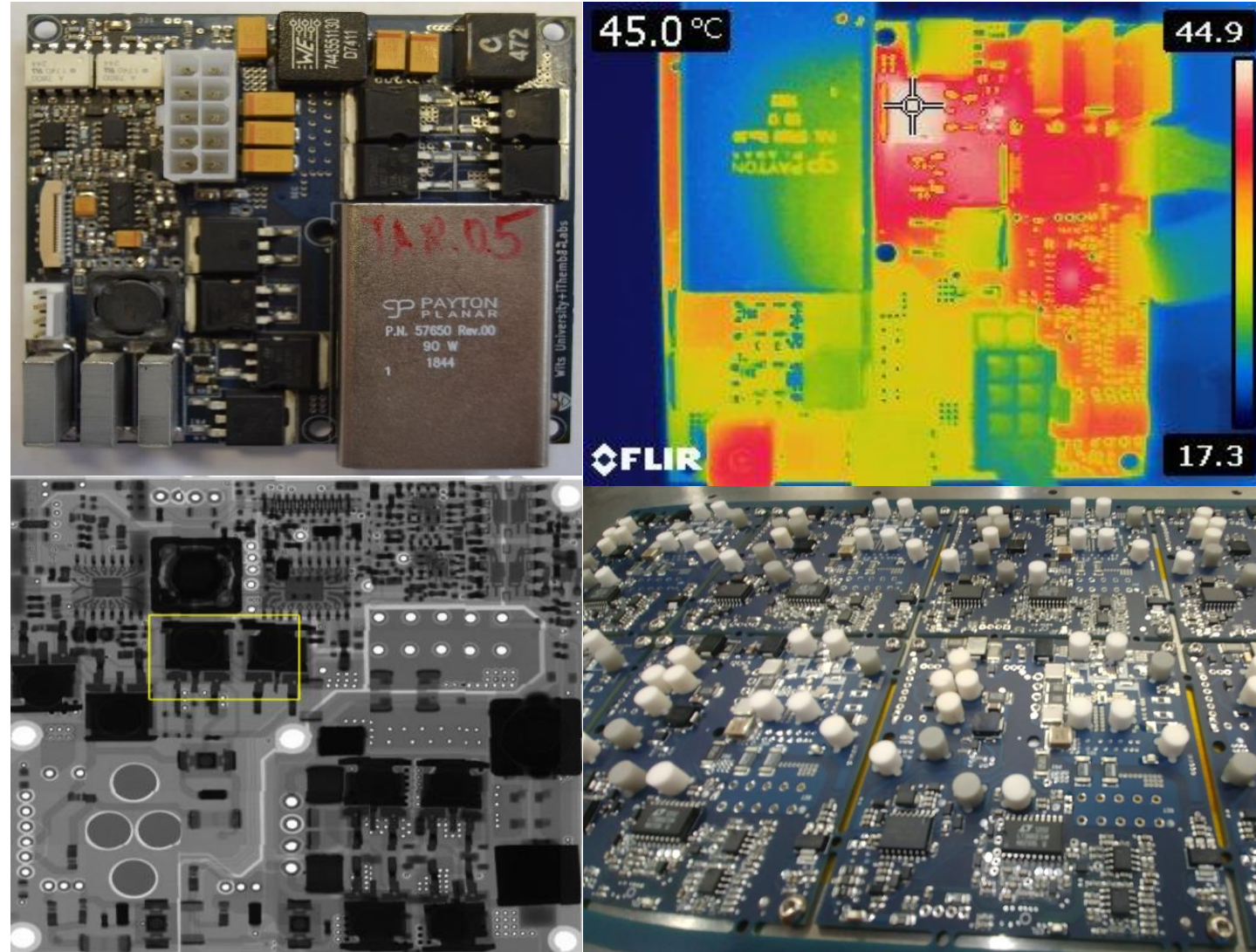
*Tilecal: one barrel (6m), 2 endcaps (3m).  
- 256 drawers with front end electronics.  
- 256 power supplies, 300W each.*





# The LVPS Brick

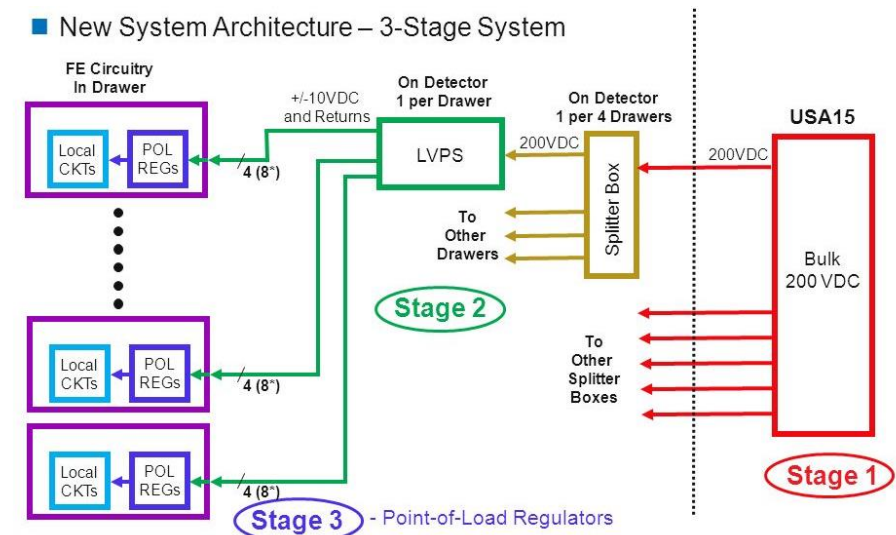
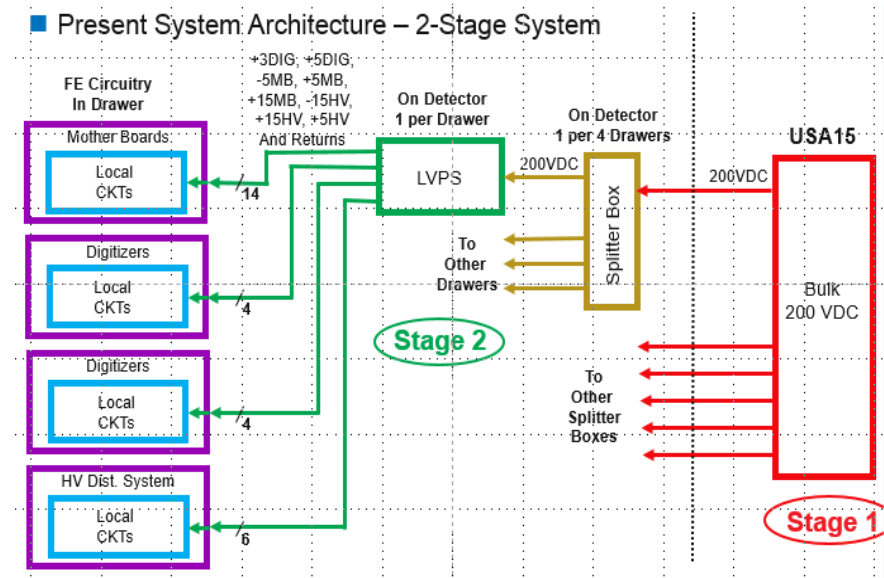
- Topology: A transformer coupled buck converter.
- Function: To convert bulk 200VDC power to the 10VDC which is distributed to point-of-load regulators located on the Front-end electronics.
- V8.4.2: Current iteration going to Functional design review.
- Identical footprint to bricks currently installed within ATLAS allowing for drop-in replacement.



**Version 8.4.2 Hybrid Brick produced within South Africa**

## Motivation for LVPS brick upgrade

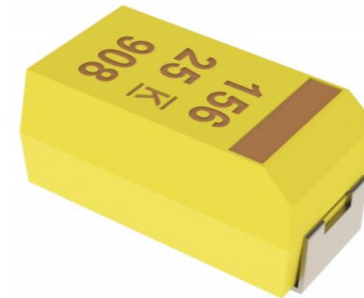
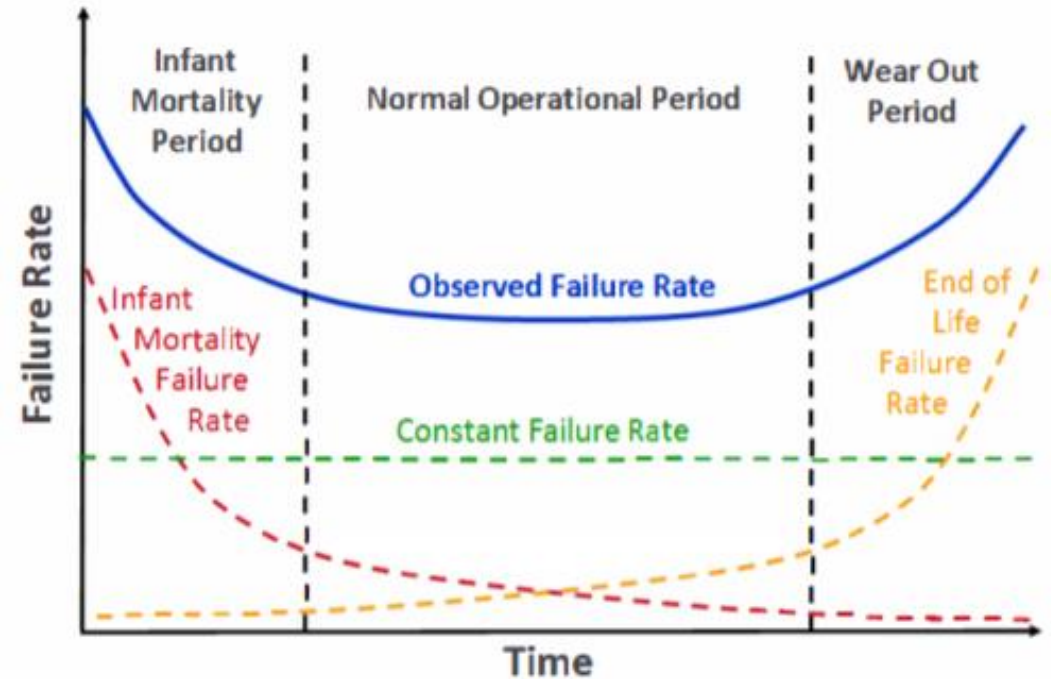
- The main TileCAL upgrade pertains to the Front-End (FE) electronics: all data sent out is now digital, trigger signals are no longer analogue.
- Upgrade from a 2-stage to 3-stage power distribution system to accommodate the FE upgrades.
- Emphasis is placed on the reliability of the particle detector and by extension all of the subsystems and electronics therein
- LVPS's represent a single point failure in the readout system. – loss of data from a particular module.
- Limited access to LVPS on the order of once per year.



- A form of accelerated aging of electronic components.
- Purpose: To improve the reliability of the LVPS bricks.
- Method: The operation of the LVPS bricks at a higher load and operating temperature should cause the components to fail immediately within the Burn-in station as opposed to prematurely within ATLAS.
- Failed components can be repaired before installation within ATLAS.
- Previous Burn-in testing contributed to an annual failure rate of the V7.5 on the order of 2 per year,  $\sim 0.1\%$  of population.
- Taking place at the University of the Witwatersrand (WITS) and the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA).

# Burn-in Testing

*Bathtub curve of electronics failure rate*



KEMET Tantalum capacitor  
 Highest failure rate (FIT = 288) before voltage de-rating  
 Current V7.5 Bricks within ATLAS experience  $\sim 2$  failures per year which constitutes  $\sim 0.1\%$  of the total population.



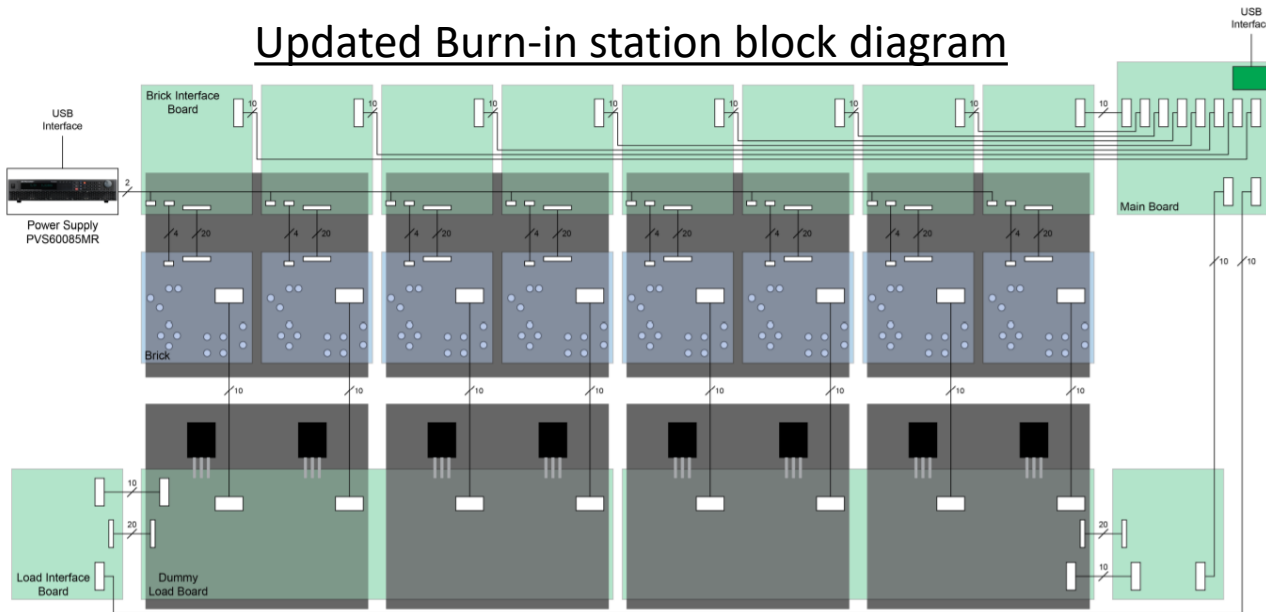
# LVPS Brick Burn-in station

Composed of:

- Chassis
- Cooling system
- Custom PCB's: Mainboard, Interface-boards and Dummy-load boards
- Power supply (200V)
- LabVIEW control program
- Desktop PC

- Utilizes a legacy design as a framework.
- A total of four will produced, 2 by WITS and 2 by UTA.
- The test stations will be required to test approximately 2048 bricks starting with the testing of 200 bricks as part of pre-production in mid 2021.

Updated Burn-in station block diagram

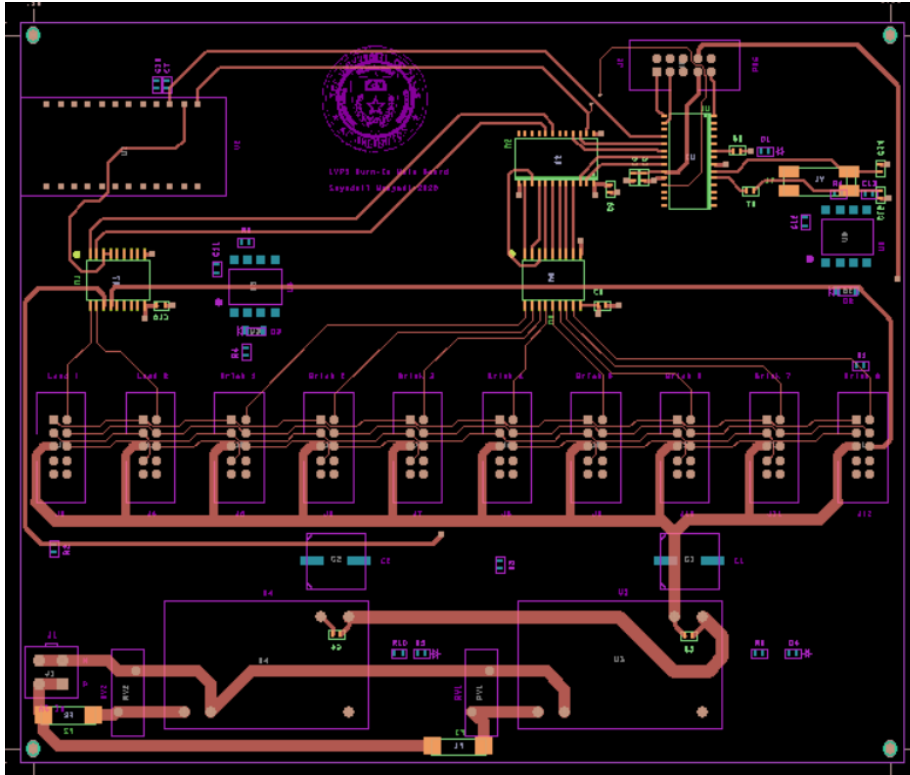


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Legacy Burn-in test station

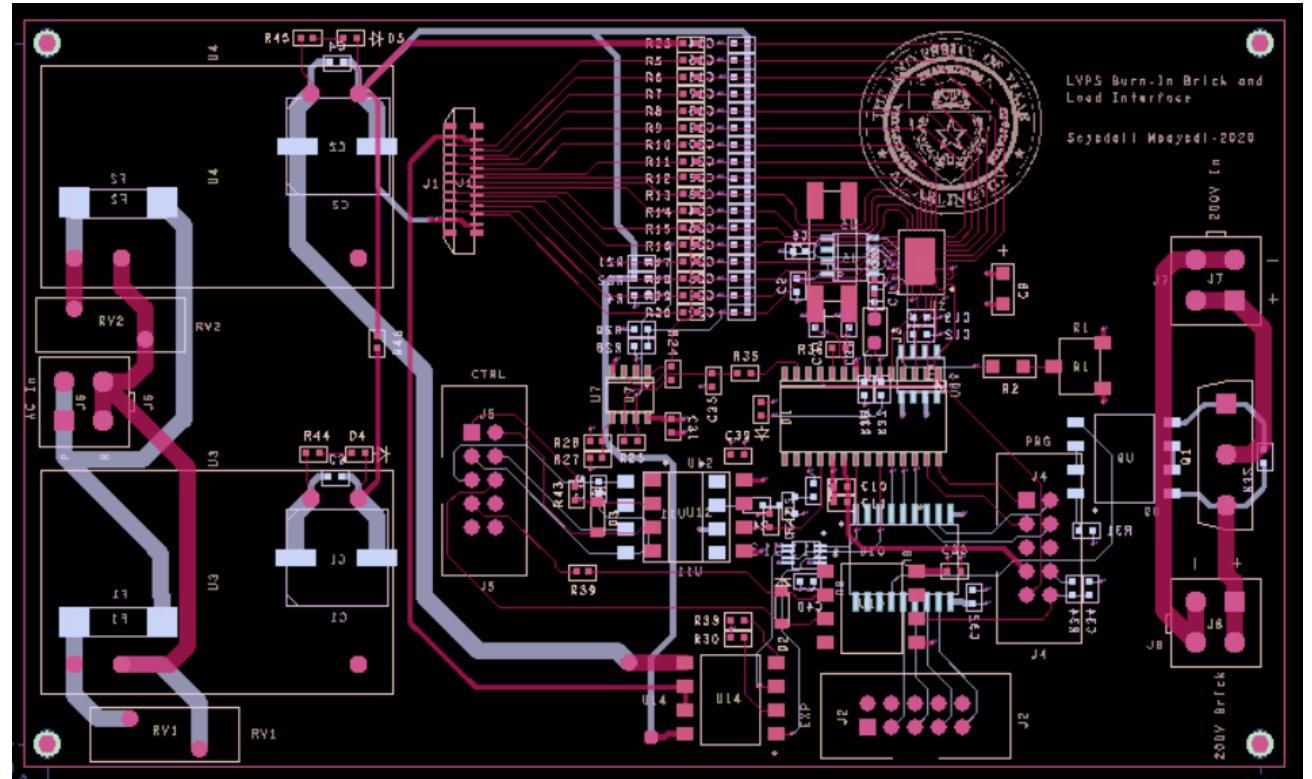


# Main-board



- Function: A multiplexer to each readout board.

# Interface-boards

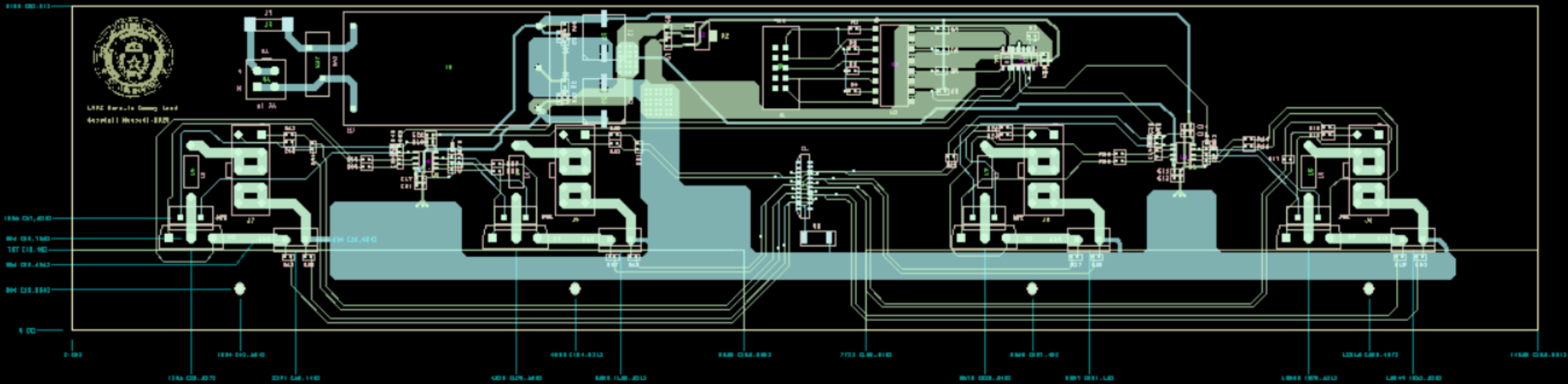
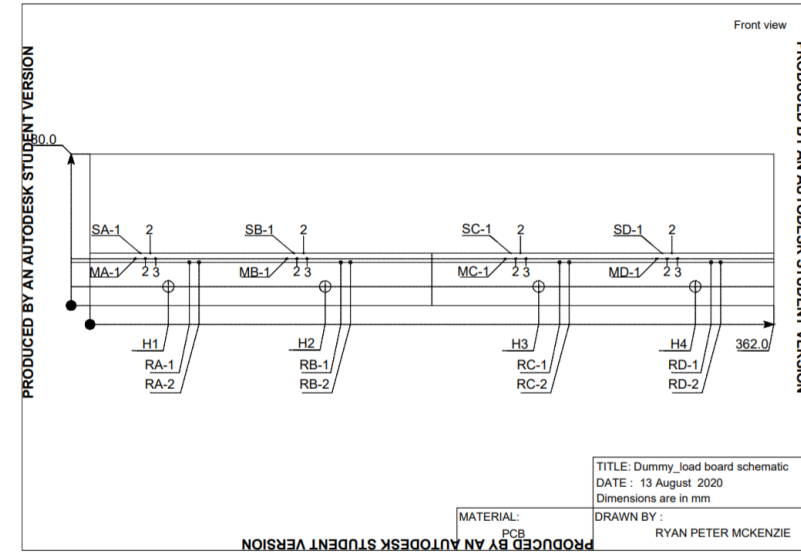


- Function: Interfacing between main board and Load/brick.
- Both the Brick Interface-board and Dummy-load interface board utilize the same PCB design.
- Variation occurs in the component populated on the board.

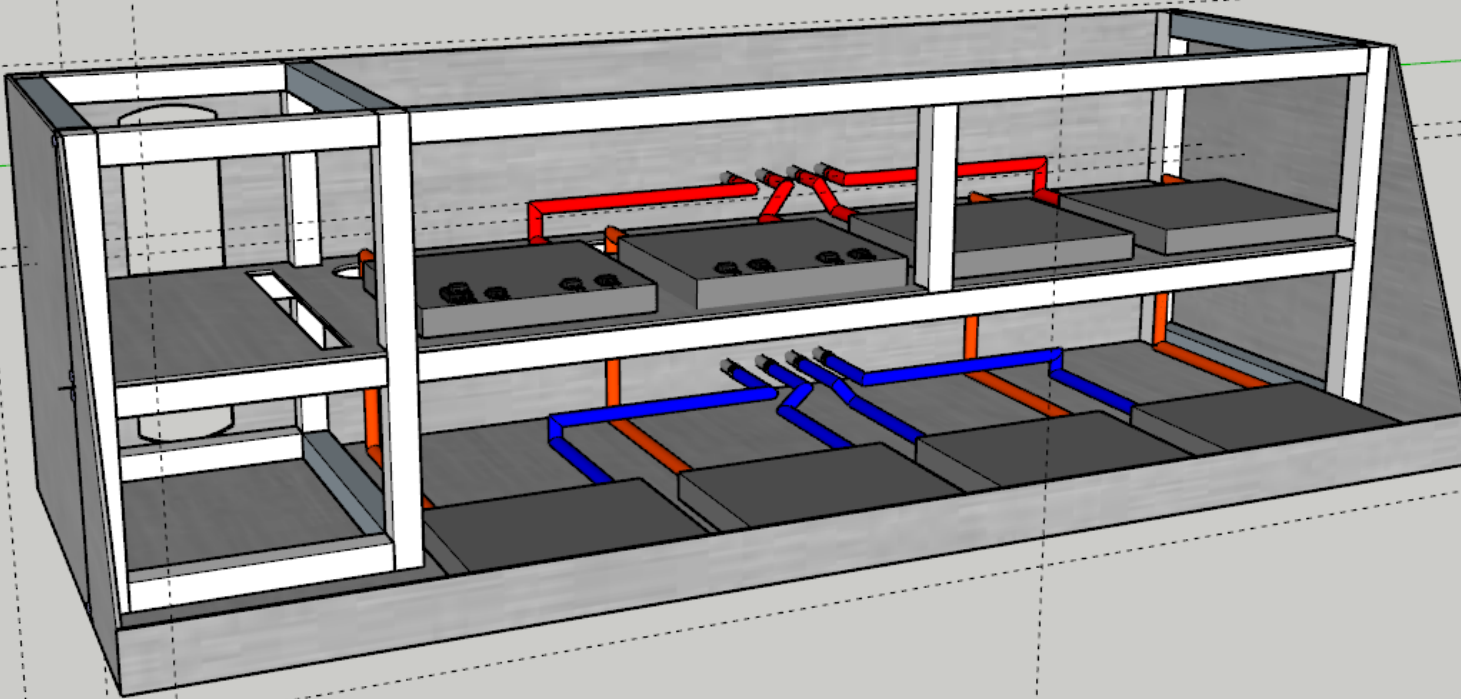


# Dummy-Load board

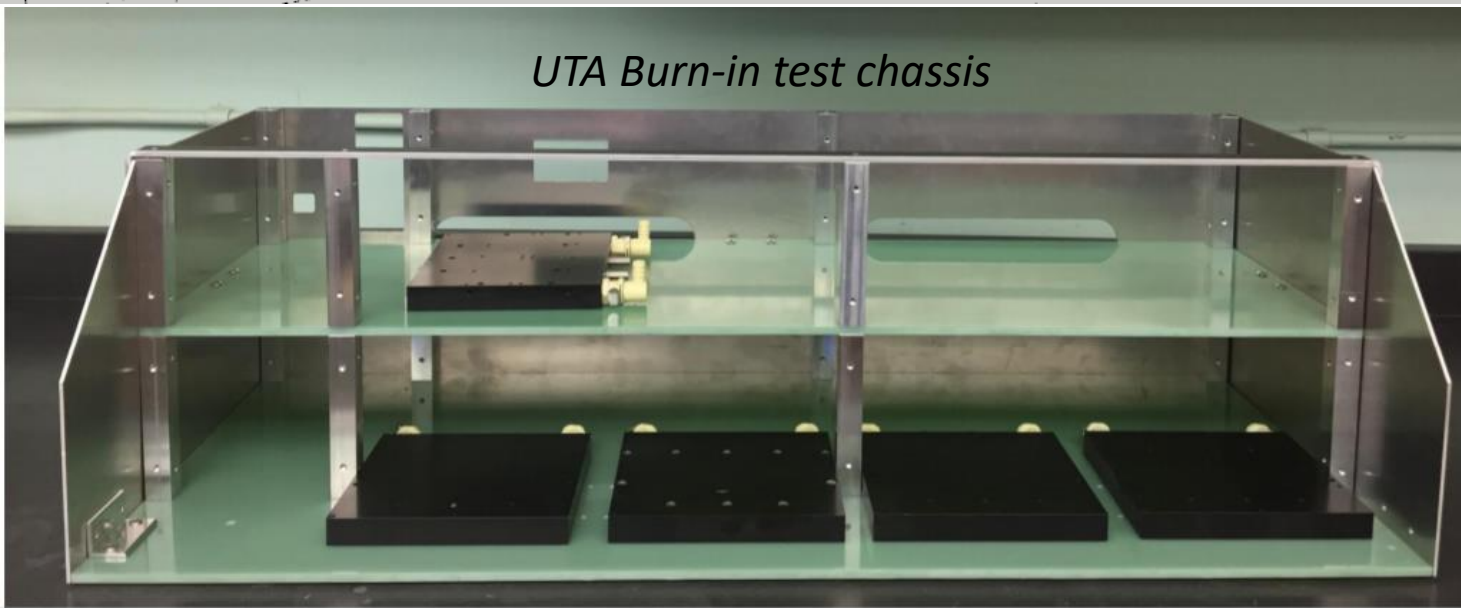
- Function: Acts as a variable electronic load for the LVPS bricks.
- Converts power received into heat via MOSFETS.
- Heat dissipated via cooling plates.
- Both mechanical and electrical design need to be considered in the PCB development.



*WITS Burn-in test chassis*



*UTA Burn-in test chassis*

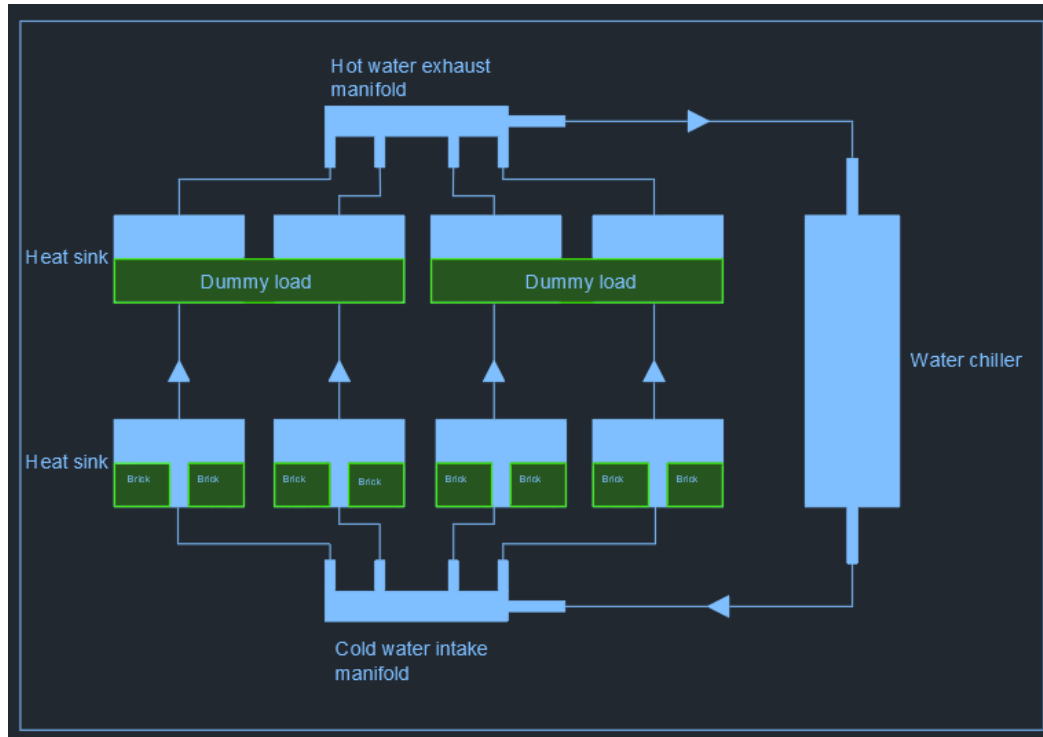


## Burn-in chassis

- Function: To contain the testing apparatus as well as the LVPS bricks during testing.
- Key Considerations:
  - I. Safety – Grounding of 200VDC can be potentially fatal. The presence of coolant heightens the risk.
  - II. Due point – Condensation within the chassis is inherently undesirable.
  - III. Accommodate PCB's and cooling plates.

# Burn-in station cooling block diagram

- Function: To extract heat from the dummy-loads and LVPS bricks.
- Considerations:
  - I. Total heat to be extracted  $\sim 750$  W
  - II. Ensuring bricks receive  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  coolant.
  - III. Require 86L/h per branch,
  - IV. Ensuring consistent flow rate.
- Additional flow meter to be added.



Water chiller



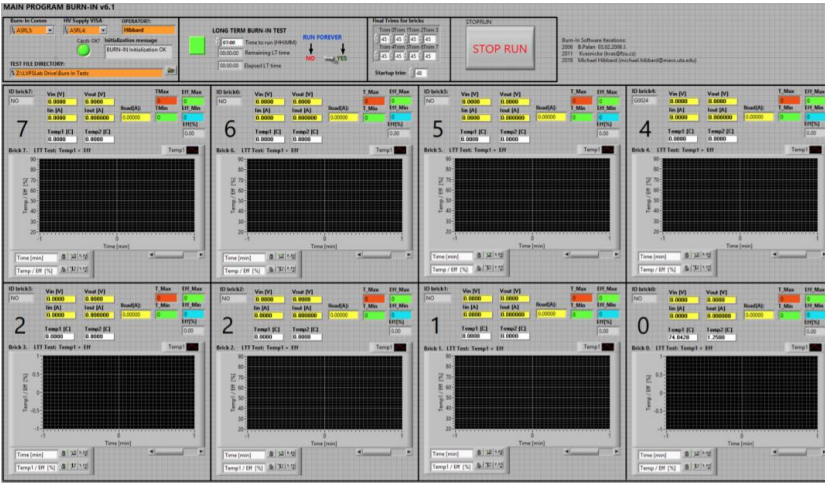
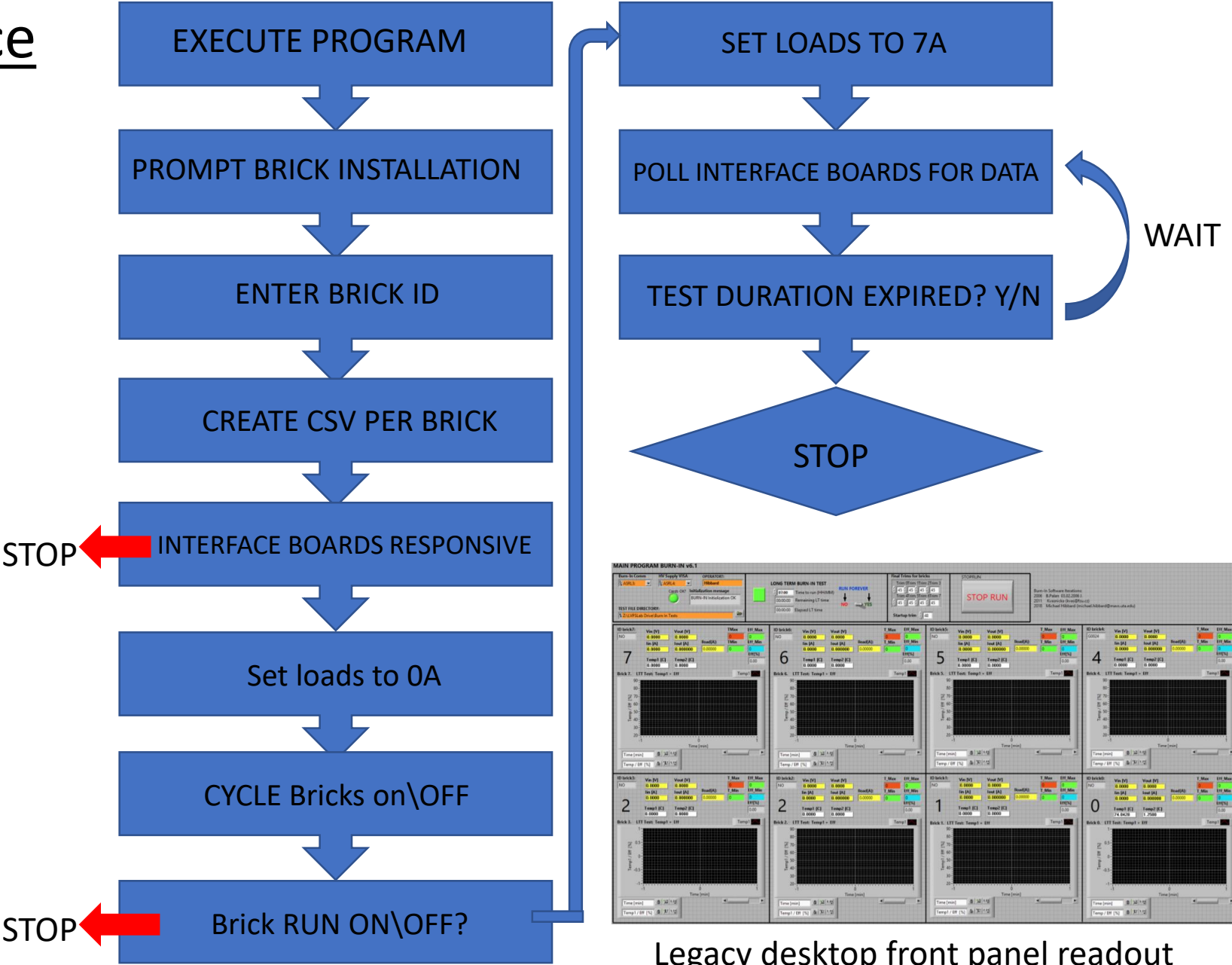
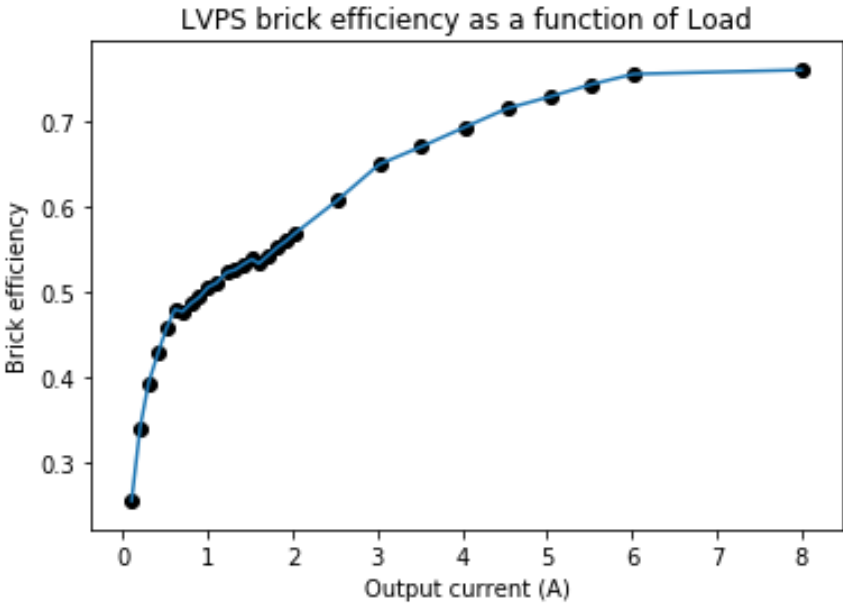
Water manifold





# A Burn-in test sequence

Parameter	Value
Time duration	6 hours
Temperature	80°C
Brick Load	7A
Startup cycles	30+

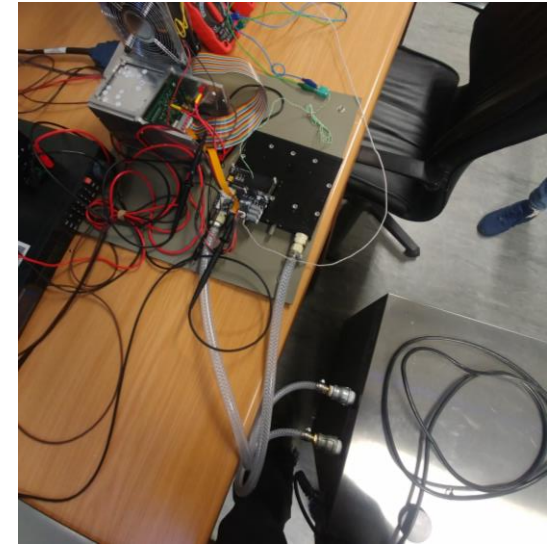
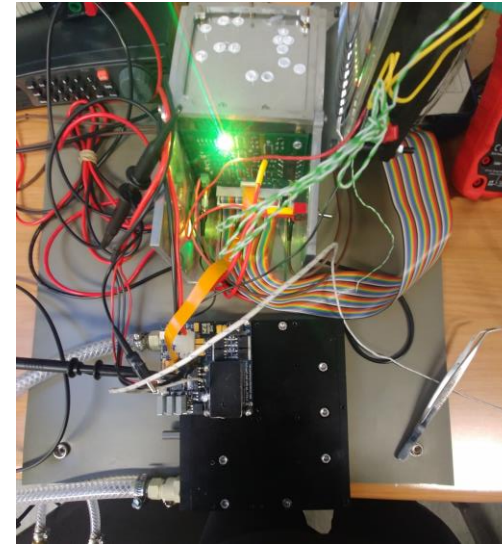


Legacy desktop front panel readout

# Burn-in station summary

- LVPS design and testing is an important step in the ATLAS TileCal Upgrade.
- Burn-in testing facility was designed:
  - Test chassis
  - Cooling system
  - Water chillers
  - Custom PCB's
  - Control software
- Preliminary testing of Latest version of Hybrid LVPS bricks currently ongoing.

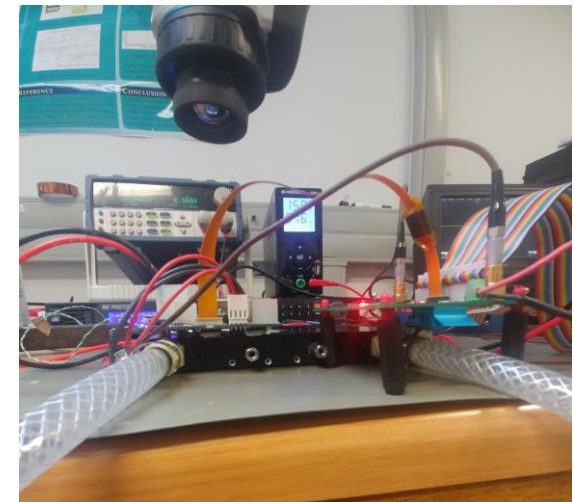
Thermal testing of new LVPS bricks while awaiting Burn-in components.



Latest Hybrid V8.4.2 Brick produced in SA.

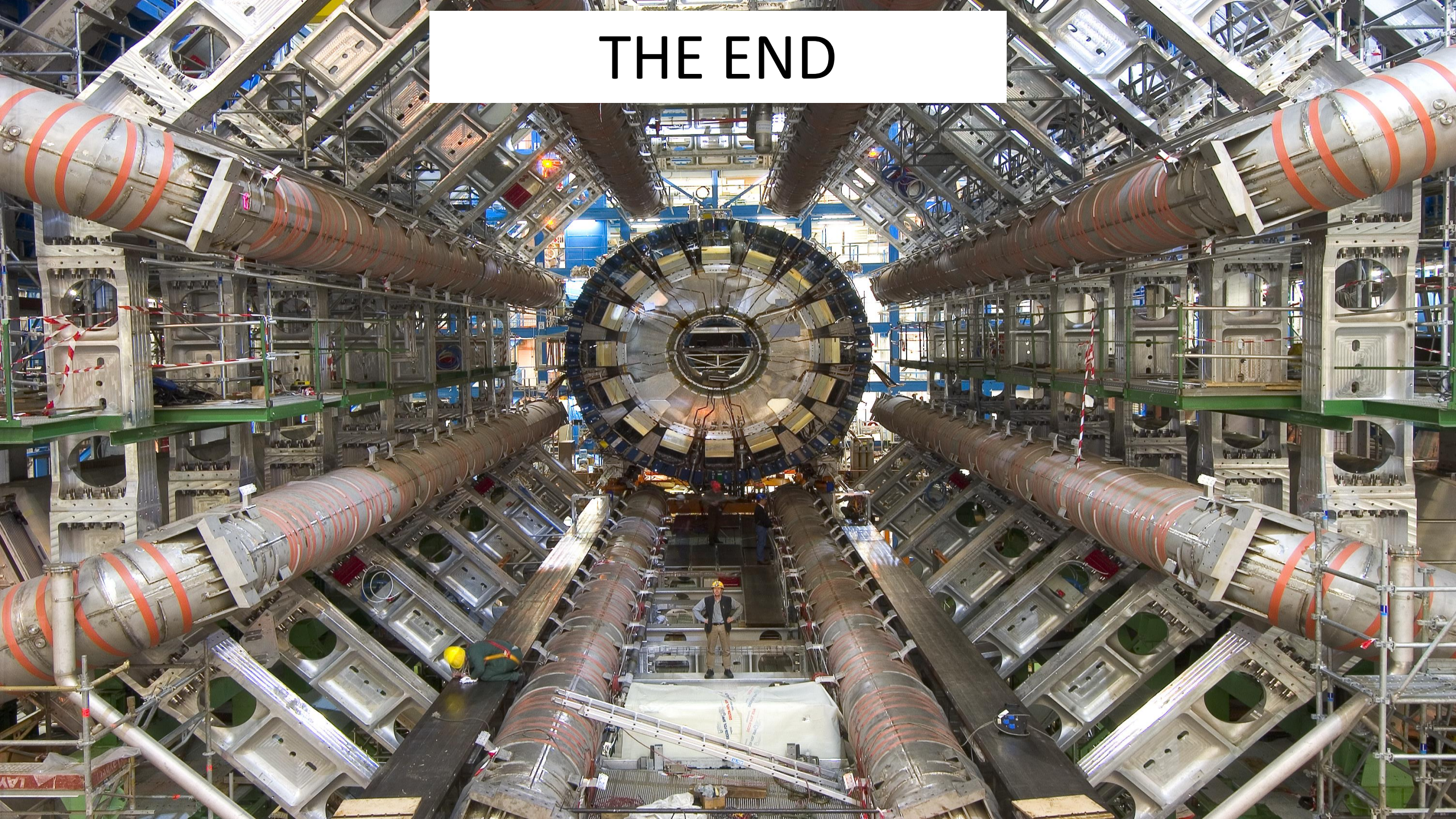


Thermal imaging camera





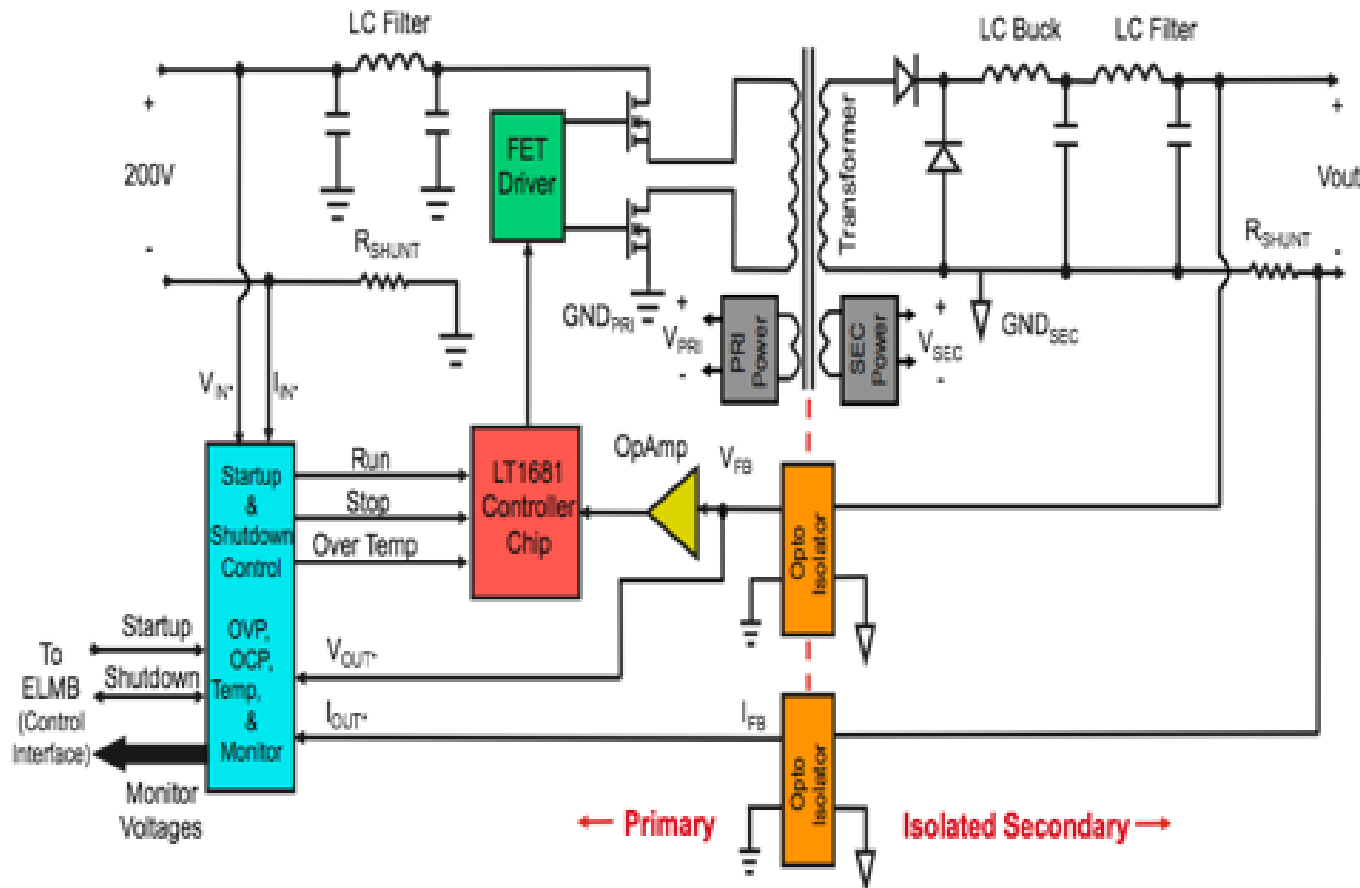
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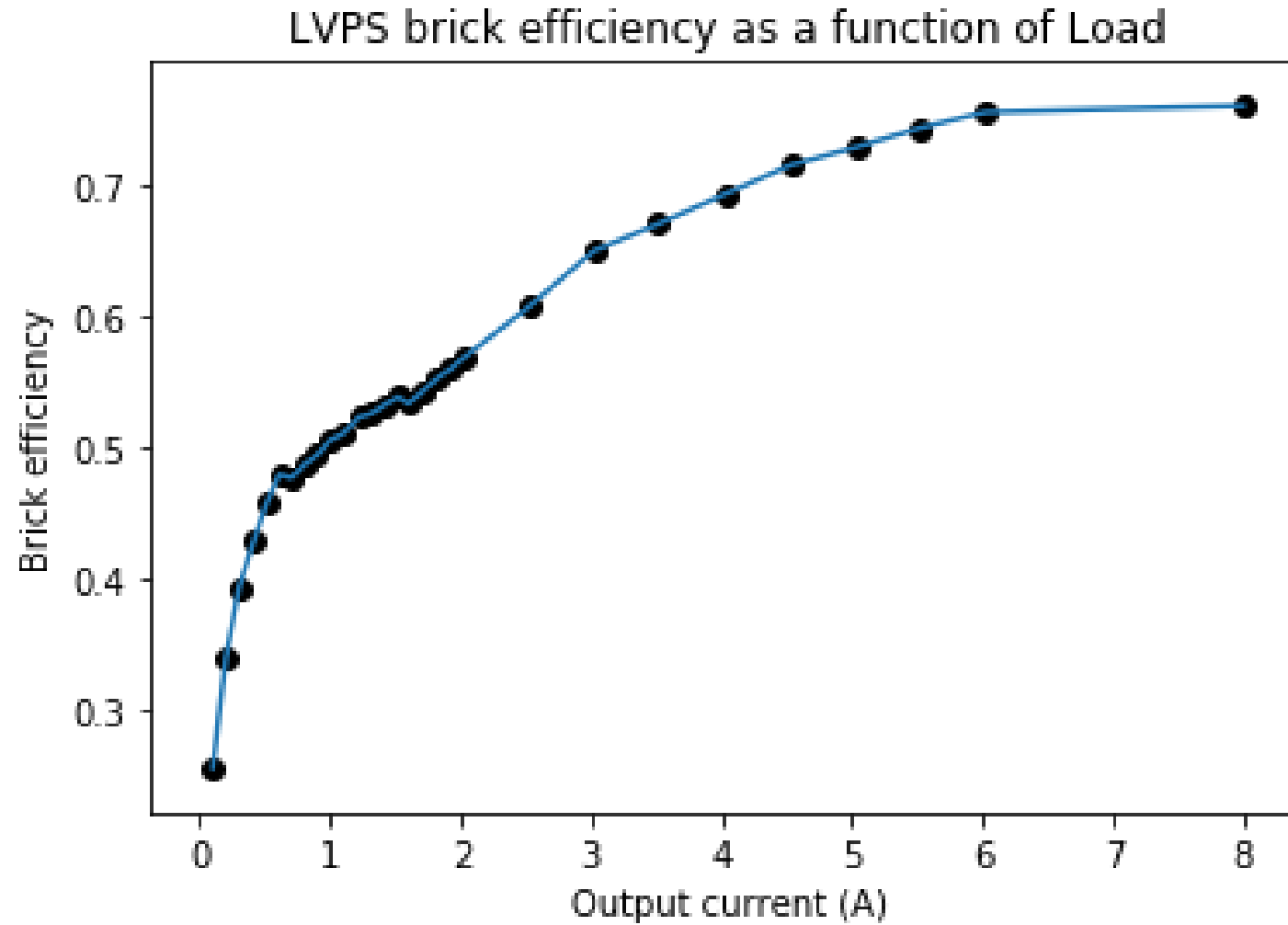
# Backup slides

# LVPS Brick



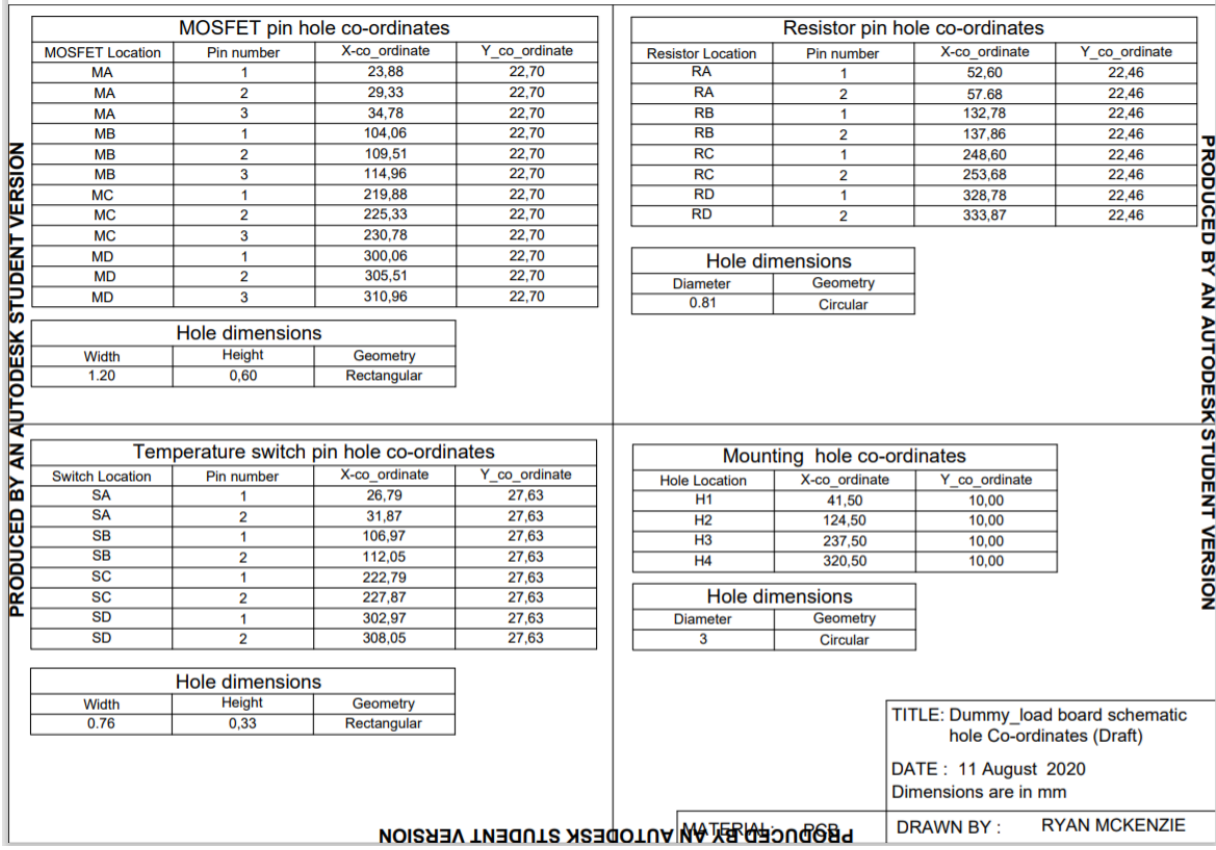
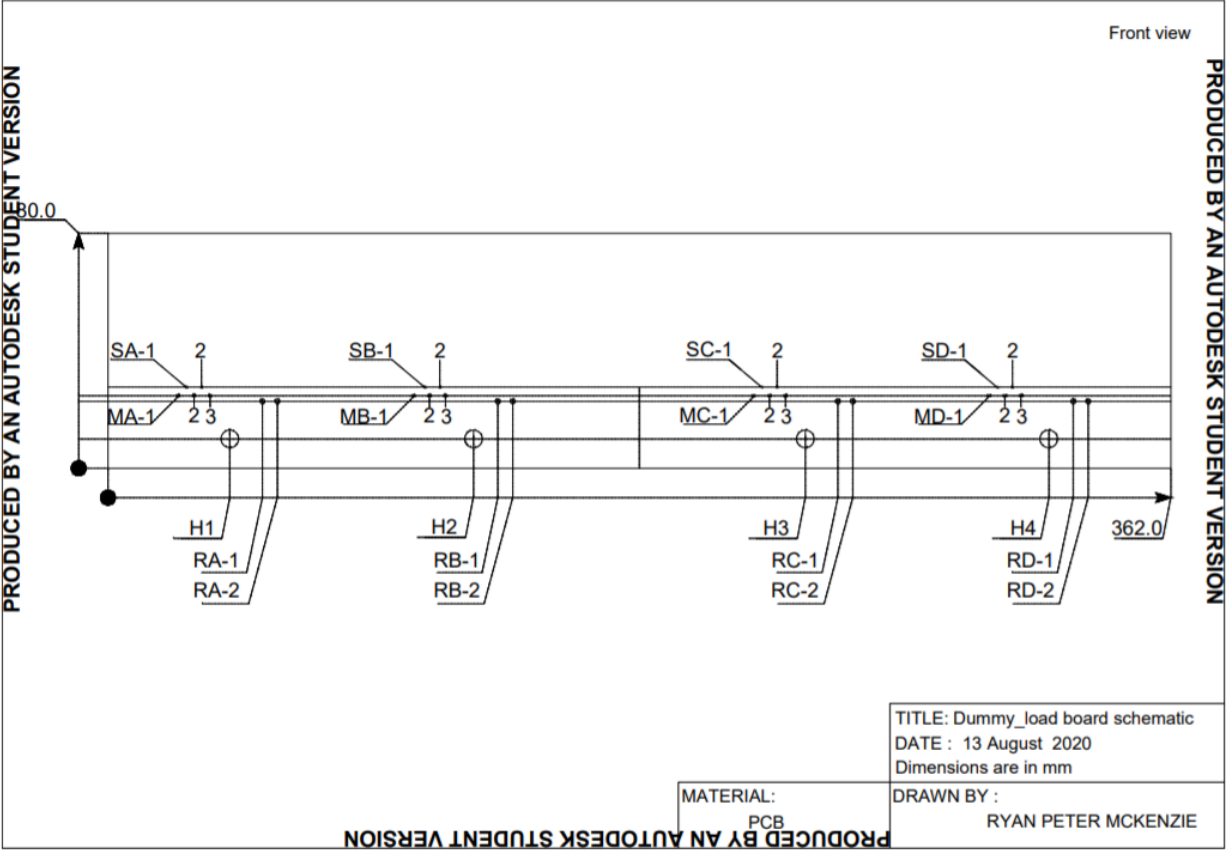
- LT1681 Controller Chip: Heart of design
- FET Drivers: Drive the Field Effect Transistors.
- FET's: When conducting current flows to the primary windings of the transformer which transfers energy to the secondary windings.
- Opto-Isolators: Provide voltage feedback for controlling the output voltage.
- Shunt Resistor: For measuring the output current
- Protection circuitry: Over Current Protection , Over Voltage Protection,

# LVPS Efficiency

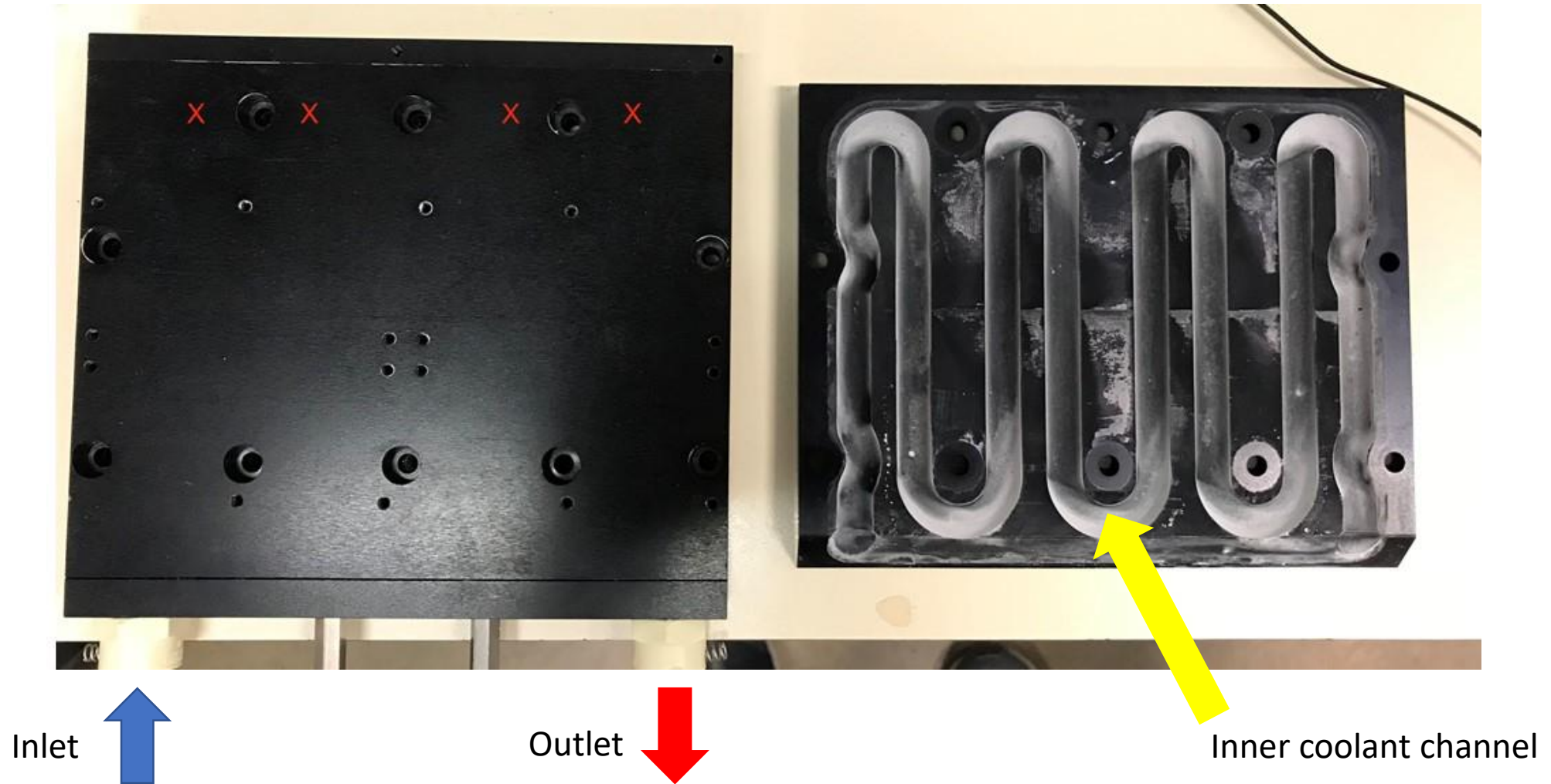




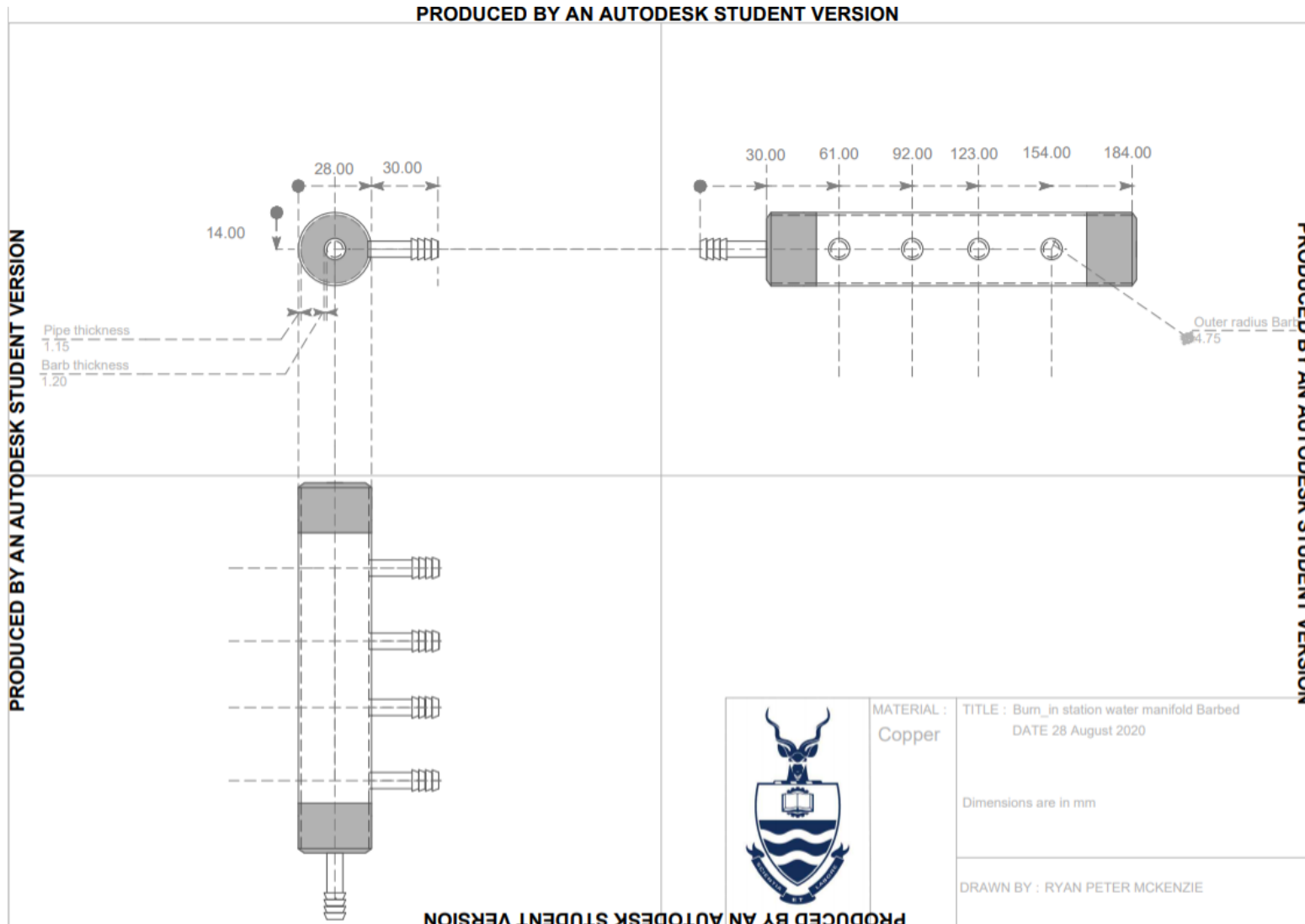
# Dummy-load board mechanical design



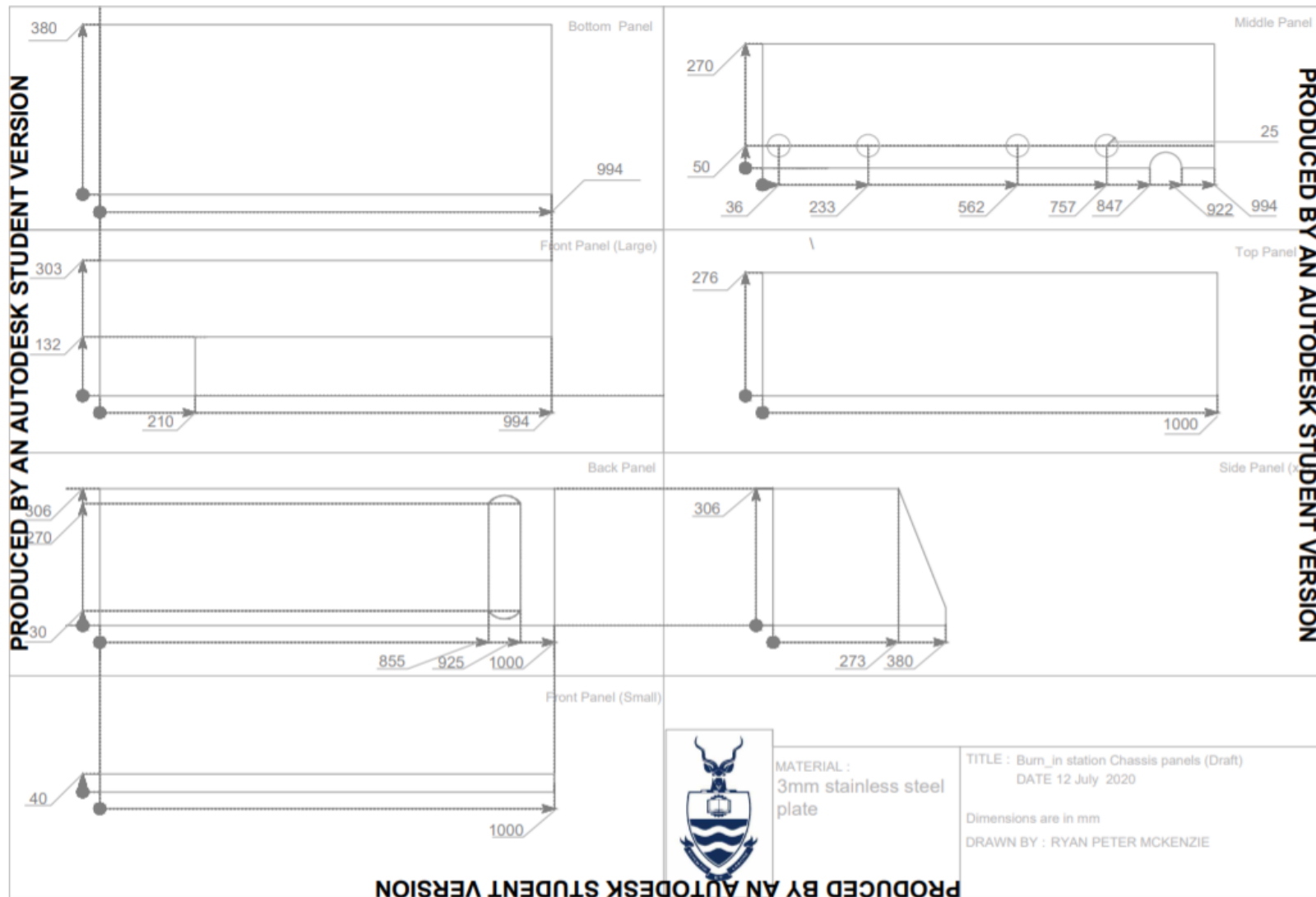
## LVPS cooling plates



# Water Manifold



# Burn-in chassis panel schematics



# Front-end electronics

Consists of:

- 12×PMTs,
- 12×FENICS and 12 active dividers → read out 6 TileCal cells,
- 1×MainBoard,
- 1×DaughterBoard,
- 1×HV passive board

