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#### Outline

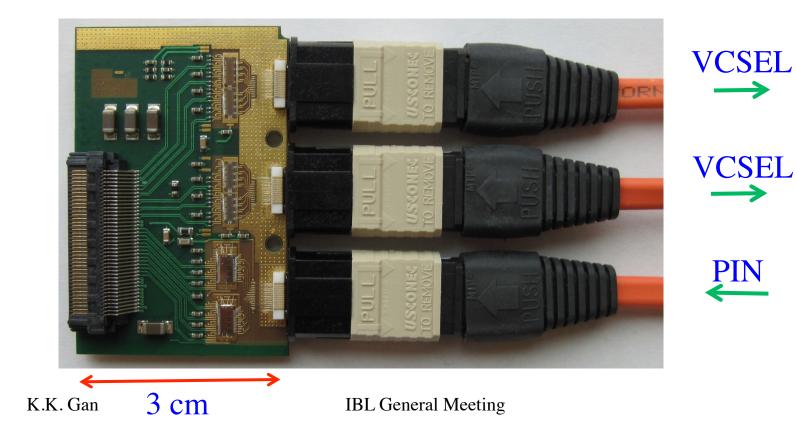
- Results on prototype opto-board
- Analysis of accelerated lifetime test results
- Plan/summary

### Status of Opto-Board Prototyping

- 3 opto-board flavors
  - D opto-board (disk): 7 TTC + 7 data links (2 flavors)
  - B opto-board (B-layer): 7 TTC + 14 data links
  - IBL opto-board: 8 TTC + 16 data links
- October IBL GM:
  - PCBs for B opto-board (nSQP) were fabricated by CERN
    - 6 opto-boards fabricated/irradiated
      - ➡ several design changes to ease the PCB fabrication

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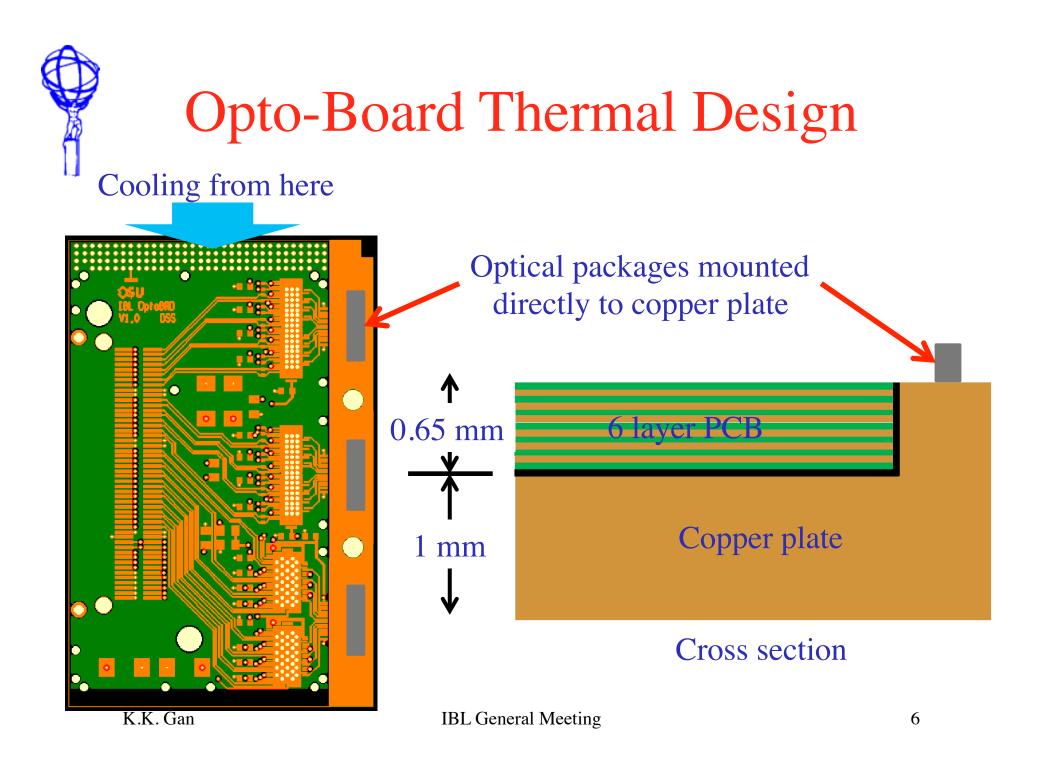
- 4 new B opto-board (nSQP) fabricated
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prototype PCB: SLAC
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prototype PCB: Bern, CERN, Wuppertal





#### **IBL Opto-Board Submission**

- IBL design submitted to the CERN PCB shop last week
  - special thanks to Steven Welch as liaison to the shop
  - should receive the boards in mid July
  - should have results by mid August

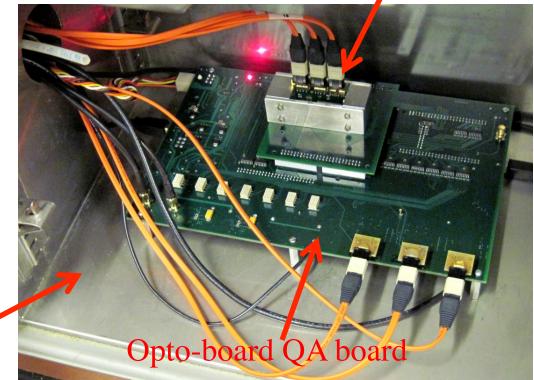




- plan to perform QA test similar to present pixel opto-boards to validate constructed boards
  - burn in: 72 hours @ 50°C
  - 10 thermal cycles:  $-25^{\circ}C \Rightarrow +50^{\circ}C$ 
    - 2 hours per cycle
    - 1 hour soak at 50°C
  - electrical and optical QA
- QA system exercised on fabricated opto-boards

Envirnomental chamber-

Opto-board



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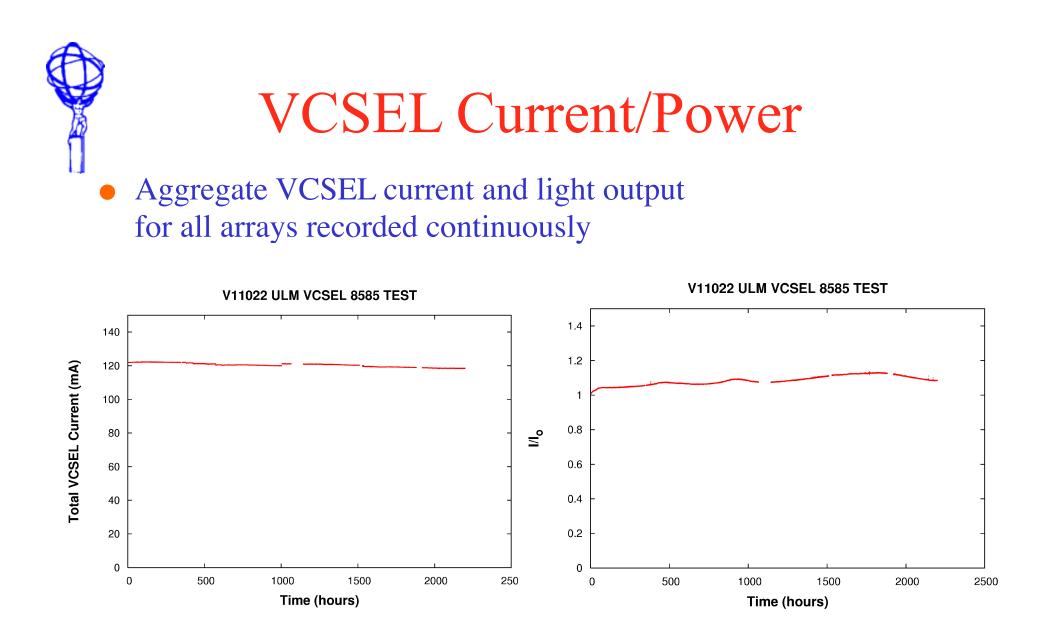


#### Accelerated Lifetime Test

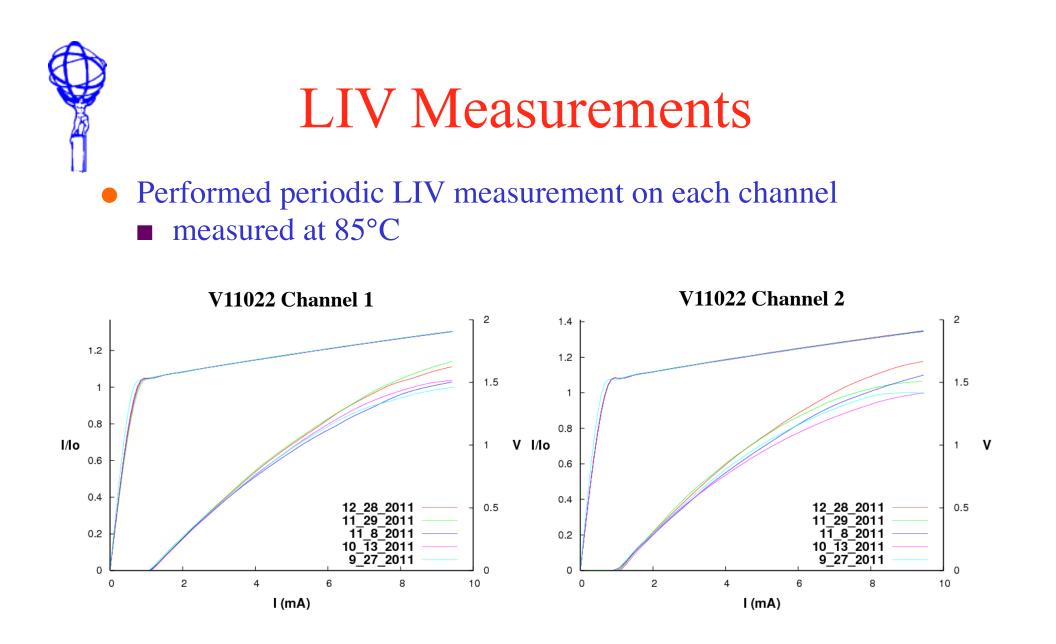
- Performed an accelerated lifetime test:
  - 20 VCSEL arrays from ULM (10 Gb/s)
  - mounted on OSU opto-packs
  - operated at 85°C and 85% relative humidity over extended time
  - all 240 channels continuously operated at 10 mA DC
  - aggregate VCSEL current/power from each array monitored with a wide area photo-diode
  - LIV (light-current-voltage) measurement every ~500 hours
- Test meant to qualify the use of ULM arrays mounted on the OSU opto-pack
  - believe that the arrays themselves are qualified

# Light-Current-Voltage Measurements

| Date  | <b>Operating Hours</b> |
|-------|------------------------|
| 27/9  | 0                      |
| 13/10 | 380                    |
| 08/11 | 1,002                  |
| 29/11 | 1,510                  |
| 28/12 | 2,200                  |



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#### Results

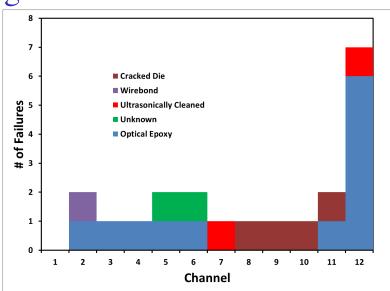
| Hours | Failed Channels |
|-------|-----------------|
| 1,002 | 0               |
| 1,510 | 2               |
| 2,200 | 19              |

- Failure study:
  - visual inspection with microscopy
  - further measurements
  - discussion with ULM via Michal Ziolkowski



#### Failure Analysis

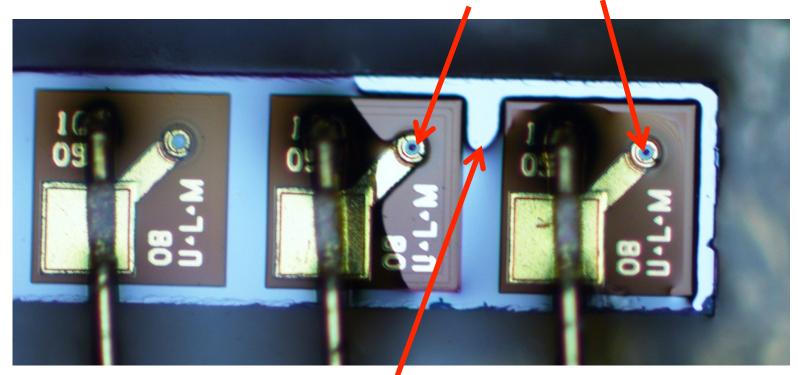
- 16- optical epoxy coverage/scraping
  - including 4 on a cracked die
- 2 no obvious/correlated cause
  - discolored die
- 2 ultrasonic cleaning of die before placement
- 1 broken wire bond during test





• All channels with incomplete epoxy coverage failed

failed channels

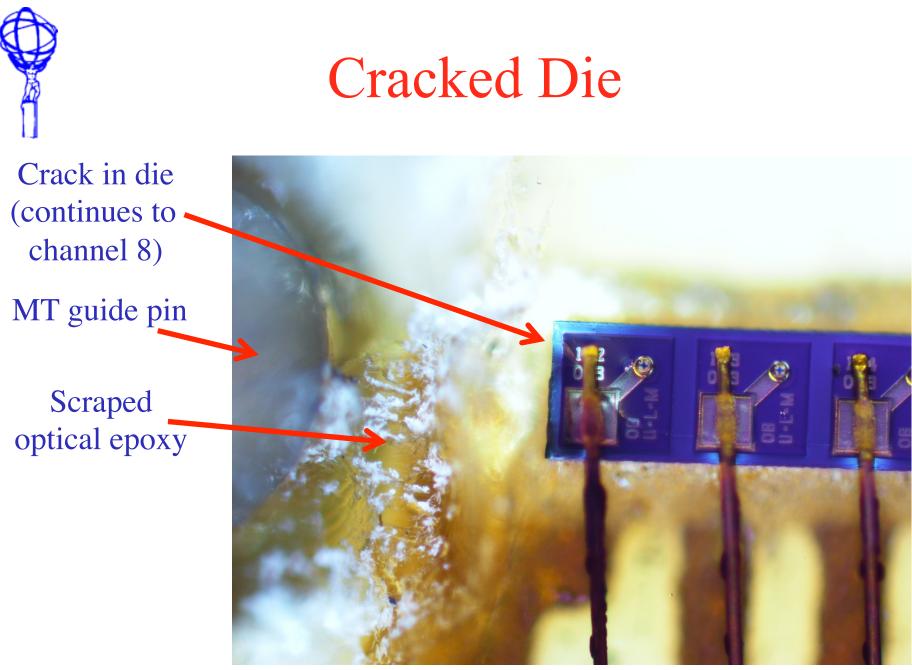


optical epoxy boundary

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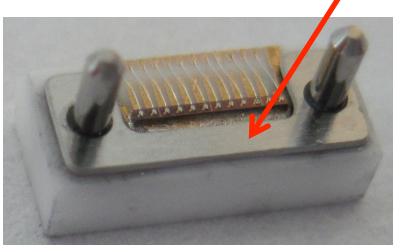
## Optical Epoxy Scraping Failures

- not possible to have complete epoxy coverage without epoxy around MT guide pins
  - ➡ epoxy wick up the guide pins due to capillary effect
  - ➡ scrape epoxy from guide pins to allow proper fiber coupling
  - the accelerated lifetime study reveals that this might cause long term reliability issues:
    - cracked a die (which survived nearly the whole test)
    - introduced stress in a few arrays



#### **Optical Epoxy Solution**

- Add an optical epoxy dam
  - keeps epoxy from climbing the MT guide pins
    no optical epoxy scraping
  - adds reservoir to assist in complete epoxy coverage
  - doubles as MT ferrule bumper
- Presently constructing 20 Finisar arrays with the optical epoxy dam for next lifetime test
  - dam tested on 12 arrays
    - 6 good
    - 5 can be used in opto-boards for tests
    - 1 has too much epoxy



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**Optical epoxy** 

dam

## Opto-Board Accelerated Lifetime Test

- working towards accelerated lifetime test on nSQP B-boards
- IBL board technology nearly identical
  - ➡ test is extremely relevant
- will test 16 nSQP B-boards
- will test 4 IBL boards





#### Mounting card for wide area photo-diodes Opto-board

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#### Summary

- Four new B opto-board PCB (nSQP) fabricated
- IBL opto-board design submitted for fabrication
- QA test system fabricated and exercised
- Accelerated lifetime test reveals potential mechanical stress due to scrapping of optical epoxy from guide pins
   use epoxy dam to contain the epoxy