

Module assembly jigs and assembly steps of the barrel modules

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Abstract

The second version module assembly jigs are developed at KEK by feeding back the experience and issues identified in the first jigs. An overview of the second version jigs, in comparison with the first ones, is presented, followed by descriptions of the assembly station, individual jigs, and step-by-step assembly process.

I. INTRODUCTION

During the fabrication of first version of module assembly jigs and building more than five precision mechanical modules, including trial ones, we have gained experience and insights into the jigs and assembly steps. These first version assembly jigs and the precision of assembled mechanical modules were reported in the SCT weeks in Nov. 1998 [1] and Feb. 1999 [2]. Having feedback from these results and experience, we have developed a new set of assembly jigs, the second version. This note describes the new set of module assembly jigs and assembly steps.

Although the full module assembly includes the assembly of hybrid on the baseboard and wire-bondings, this note describes the fabrication jigs which requires precision, i.e., aligning the detectors, in plane and back-to-back, and to the dowel holes in the baseboard. The hybrid alignment and wire-bondings are much less stringent in precision than these detector and dowel alignment.

II. ASSEMBLY JIGS

A. Feedback from the first version assembly jigs

The first version module assembly jigs, which concept of assembly station is shown in Figure 1, were developed in the process of evaluating, improving, and simplifying the Rutherford jigs. The first version jigs fabricated the detector-baseboard units with a precision less than about 4 μ m. Although the precision was within the tolerance of the module [3], the observations were

1. linear bearings-pins introduced 2 to 5 μ m errors due to elastic deformation,
2. location of the linear bearings-pins introduced displacement not only in angle but also alignment between the top and the bottom detectors, i.e., back-to-back alignment, due to the lever-arm if there was moment to the top or bottom transfer plates when they were mated,
3. removing the baseboard from the fixed dowel pin was diffi-

cult because the dowel pins and holes were made without play,

4. aligning detectors in plane could be made easier if the axis of transfer plates is pre-rotated by 20 mrad, leaving the detectors aligned in one direction, x-axis, which, then requiring small correction in rotation and in the translation in transverse to the strip direction, y-axis.

These issues requested usage of the jigs with great attention.

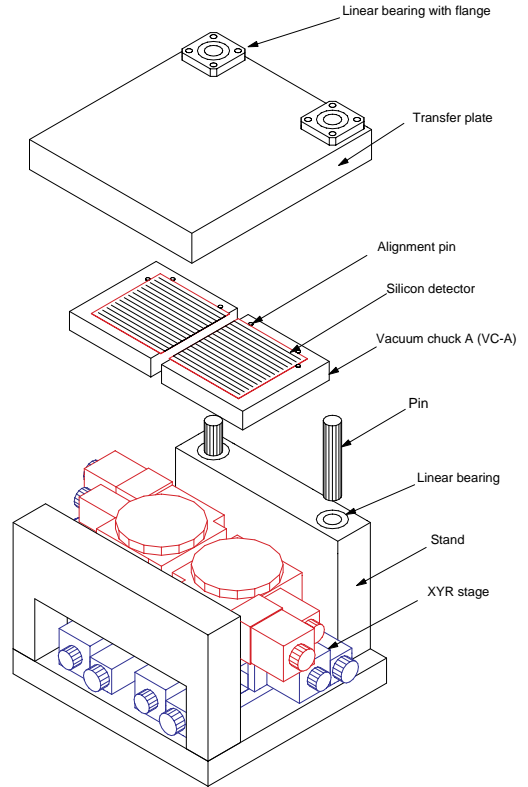


Figure 1: Concept of the first version assembly station and a detector transfer plate

B. Overview of the second version jigs

Consideration to the issues in the first version jigs has lead to a design of the second version jigs. A conceptual view of the second jigs is shown in Figure 2. The collection of the second version jigs can be seen in Figure 3. The modifications to the first version jigs are

1. location of the linear bearings-pins is moved to the ends of the detectors in the strip direction and in the centre axis of the detectors, in order to have a larger separation of two bearings-pins and a shorter distance to the detector's side-edges, which reduces the influence of the elastic move of the pins,
2. the axis of the linear bearings-pins is rotated 20 mrad to the x-axis of the rotation-translation and the main translation stages,
3. the dowel pins are made movable by using linear bearings-pins, so that the pins can be moved down when the base-board is taken out of the jig,
4. introducing a master gauge which defines the location of the master pins and the dowel-pins, from which the locations of linear bearings in associated jigs are copied, even to the multiple sets of jigs required for parallel operation of module assembly,
5. introducing a detector pre-alignment fixture, which eases the detector handling in an open space, simplifies the top table of the rotation stage which allows to make the assembly station concise,
6. use of disposable clean-room paper, which is porous enough to transmit vacuum, on the surface of the jigs where a detector touches, which is a common practice in a detector vendor.

The rotation-translation stage of the assembly station is shown in Figure 4, where detectors are vacuum-chucked on the rotation tables. Descriptions of the jigs are given in the next section. Most part of the jigs are made of an aluminium alloy, except the master gauge which is made of a steel alloy.

C. Jig description

1) Assembly station

An overview of the assembly station is shown in Figure 5, where the main components are a microscope-based rotation-translation stage and a video screen to display the view of the microscope. The assembly station is made of two blocks of stages: the main xy stage, x1 and y1, and an unit of rotation-translation stage, y2, x2, θ_1 and θ_2 . The sequence of the motion stages are, from the top,

1. θ_1 and θ_2 -- rotation stages of two detectors, manually driven,
2. x2 -- small x-axis translation stage, manually driven,
3. y2 -- small y-axis translation stage, manually driven,
4. y1 -- main y-axis translation stage, motorized,
5. x1 -- main x-axis translation stage, motorized.

The main xy stage and the microscope unit can be any of existing equipment as long as the precision fulfils requirement. The small rotation-translation stage is a specific for the detector-baseboard alignment purpose.

The rotation-translation stage of the assembly station has lin-

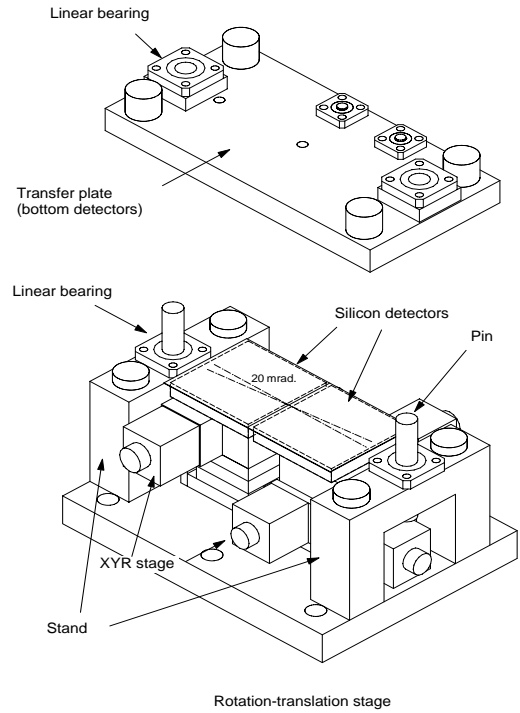


Figure 2: Conceptual view of the second version module assembly jigs

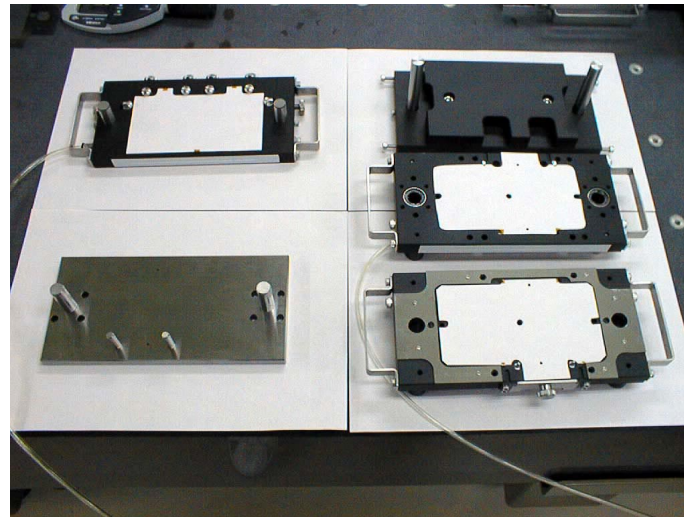


Figure 3: Overview of the second version barrel module assembly jigs: Master gauge (bottom-left), Detector pre-alignment fixture (top-left), Bottom fixture (top-right), Bottom detector transfer plate (bottom-right), and Top detector transfer plate (middle-right)

ear bearings for holding master pins for the detector transfer plates. The axis of the linear bearings is rotated 20 mrad to the x-axis of the rotation-translation stage and of the main xy stage. The setting of the 20 mrad axis is described in the section of rotation-translation stage setting.

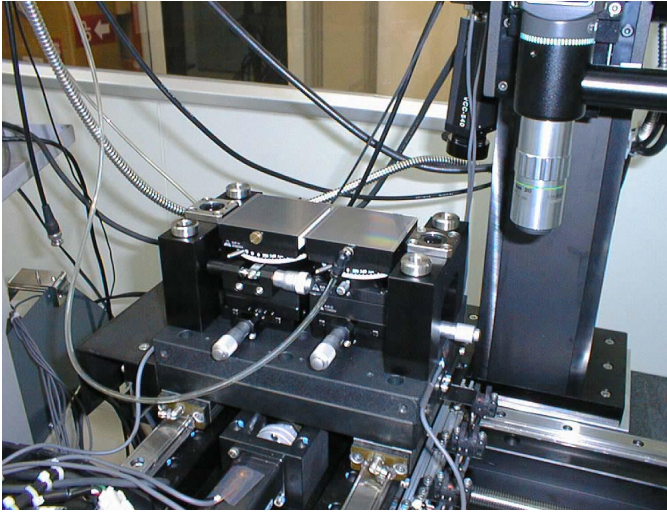


Figure 4: Rotation-translation stage in the assembly station

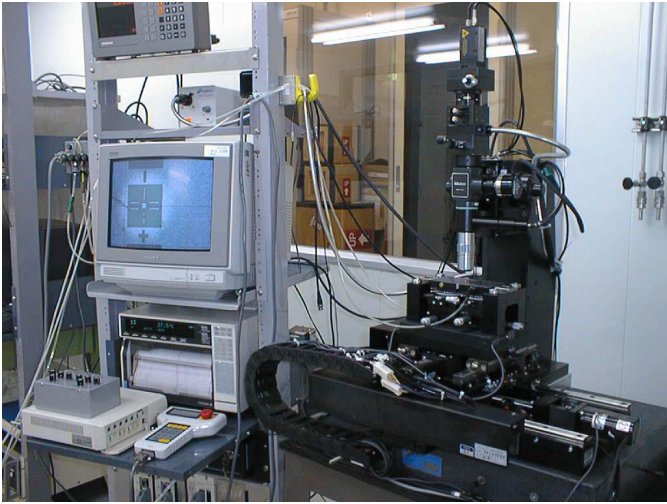


Figure 5: Overview of the barrel module assembly station. The left screen displays the centre fiducial mark of the barrel detector which is being set on the rotation-translation stage of the assembly station.

2) Master gauge

One of the major issue in the assembly jig is to make identical copies. Since the required tolerance is less than an order of $5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, it is very costly if all the jigs are machined individually to the accuracy. A simple and economical method is to make a precision master gauge and adjust parts of associated jigs to mate the gauge. This copying of the master gauge is made possible with the use of flange-type linear bearings. The flange of the linear bearing is fixed in the associated jigs after mating the pins of the master gauge.

The master gauge of the second version jigs is shown in Figure 6. There are two master pins for detector alignment and two small pins for the dowel holes in the baseboard. These mas-

ter and small pins are made by planting a thicker pins and machining to a diameter a few microns thicker than the diameter of the mating linear bearings. The machining ensures the diameters and the normality of pins. Around the master pins there are four holes so that the screws of the flanges can be fixed through the master gauge when fitted. The gauge is made of a steel-alloy.

Ideally, the axis of the master pins will be the centre line of the module and the module centre will be defined from the location of the dowel pins. Critical dimensions are, as shown in Figure 7,

1. parallelism of the master and the small pins,
2. distance between the axes of the master and dowel pins.

Any offsets from the above can be corrected, but, introduces complexity in the aligning the detectors in the assembly station.

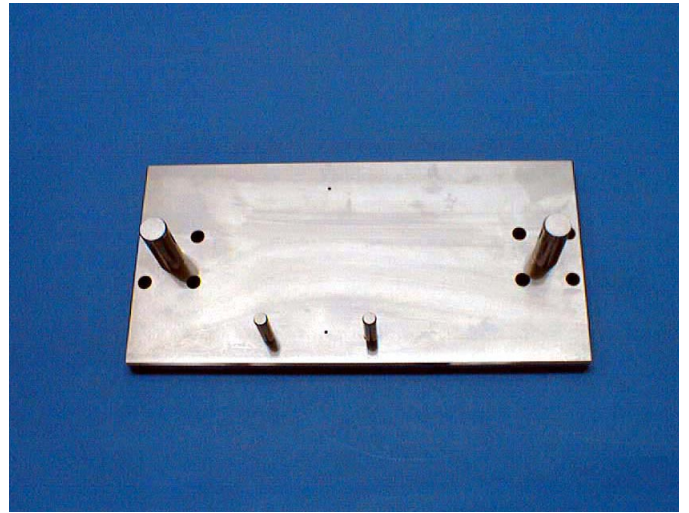


Figure 6: Master gauge. The large two pins are for the detector alignment and the small two pins are for the dowel hole and slot alignment.

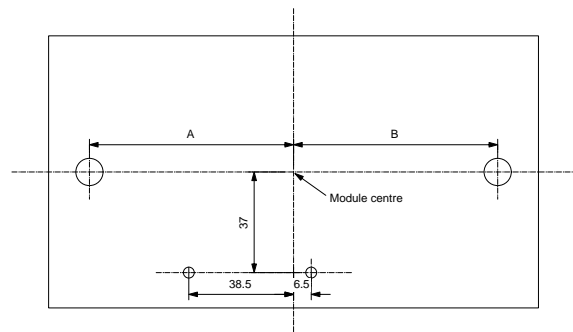


Figure 7: Critical dimensions of the Master gauge. The exact values of "A" and "B" are not critical but the module centre must be known within a required precision.

3) Detector pre-alignment fixture

The detector pre-aligning is required so that the centre of the rotation stage is at the centre of the detector in order to separate the movement in translation and in rotation. In the first version jigs, the alignment pins were planted on the rotation table. There were two issues in the step of the pre-alignment:

1. it was possible to work on placing the detectors on the rotation tables in the assembly station, but was awkward because of other objects such as the microscope,
2. the alignment pins chip the detector edge when the detectors are transferred out of the table.

In order to solve these issues, a detector pre-alignment fixture, shown in Figure 8, is designed, which allows

1. placing the detectors in a separate open space and being able to work simultaneously with precision alignment in the assembly station,
2. alignment pins to be retracted off from the detectors once the detectors are vacuum-chucked to the fixture.

The two master pins in the fixture are pins inserted to linear bearings in the fixture. The locations of the linear bearings are copied from the master gauge, although a full precision is not required in these pins.

The surface protection of the detectors and the fixture is made by using a clean-room paper which will be disposed every time when new detectors are placed. The clean-room paper is porous enough to transmit vacuum in order to vacuum-chuck detectors. The use of this clean-room paper for the surface protection is a common practice in testing detectors in a detector vendor.

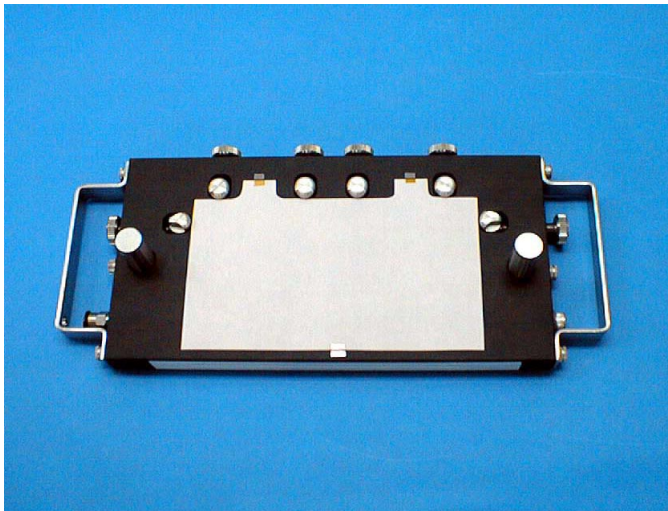


Figure 8: Detectors pre-alignment fixture. The white section is a disposable clean paper. The detector alignment pins will be retracted after the detectors are vacuum-chucked to the fixture.

4) Bottom fixture

Stacking is the concept of the module assembly jigs: from the

bottom, the bottom detectors, the baseboard, and the top detectors. The detectors are aligned and vacuum-chucked in transfer plates. In order to stack the transfer plates, a base plate called the Bottom fixture, is designed to hold the master pins and to make clearance for the flanges of the linear bearings of the Bottom-detector transfer plate. The Bottom detector transfer plate itself is described in the next section. The fixture is shown in Figure 9. No critical accuracy is required to the location of the master pins which are being held loosely in the fixture.

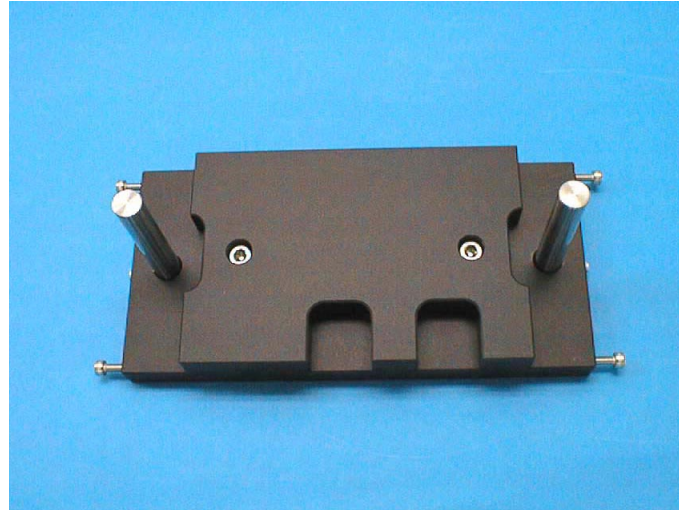


Figure 9: Bottom fixture. A simple pedestal fixture making clearance for the heads of the linear bearings and holding the master pins.

5) Bottom detector transfer plate

There are two detector transfer plates. One is for the bottom detectors and the other for the top detectors. The bottom detector transfer plate is shown in Figure 10. The transfer plate carries the master linear bearings which are hidden with the frame-spacer, the dowel pins, with which the baseboard is aligned to the detectors, and a frame-spacer, which defines the thickness of the detector-baseboard unit, surrounding the detector chucking area.

The shiny metal frame is the frame-spacer, which has cut-outs for the detectors, the master pins, and the dowel pins. The linear bearings for the master pins are hidden under the frame-spacer. The dowel pins are pins inserted in the linear bearings. The heads of a thicker pins are machined to be the diameter of the dowel screws of the module mounting. The dowel pins are movable, being able to be pushed down, with a metal plate seen in the edge of the jig, connected to the pins. This helps removing the baseboard from the dowel pins since the dowel pins and the dowel holes in the baseboard are designed without play.

The detector area is covered with the disposable clean-room paper for detector protection. The jig and the clean-room paper have holes along the centre line of the module in order to inspect the location of the fiducial marks from the back after vacuum-chucking the detectors. The thickness uniformity of the clean-

room paper is important because the thickness must be counted into the thickness of the frame-spacer. A measurement has shown the uniformity is good. In addition, the thickness can be monitored by sampling the lots.

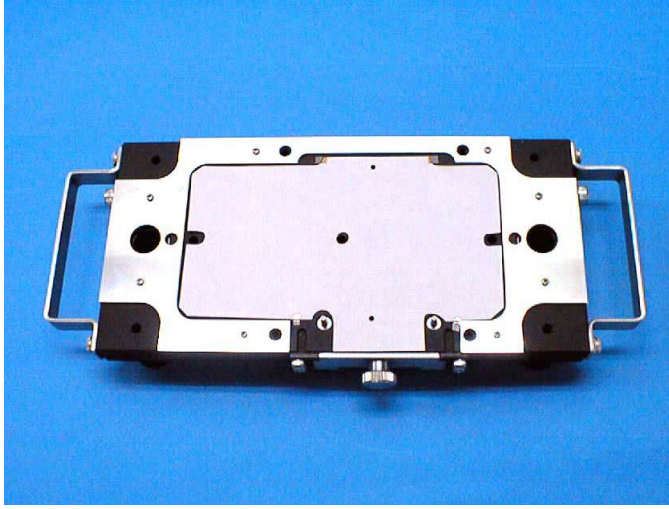


Figure 10: Bottom detector transfer plate. The shiny metal frame is a spacer defining the module thickness, i.e., the distance between the surfaces of the top and the bottom detectors sandwiching the baseboard. The white centre piece is a disposable clean-room paper. The two pins at the bottom-centre is the dowel pins for the dowel holes of the baseboard.

6) Top detectors transfer plate

A pair to the bottom detector transfer plate is the top detector transfer plate, shown in Figure 11. The jig is basically the same as the bottom detector transfer plate, except the dowel pins, for which female holes are machined in the mirror positions. The linear bearings of the master pins are visible in the jig. The frame-spacer can be attached to the top detector transfer plate as well.

7) Glue dispensing machine

The detectors and the baseboard are glued with a room-temperature curing epoxy glue, e.g., Araldite 2011, with a Boron-Nitride filler to help thermal conductivity. The epoxy glue is applied to the both sides of the baseboard with pre-defined amount to ensure the glue thickness. The application is made with a glue dispensing machine which is a combination of a xyz stage and a glue dispensing unit. Use of a glue dispensing machine is a clean way of applying glues, by touching the baseboard only when it is placed and removed from the machine.

Since the glue will cure in several hours in the room temperature, the viscosity of the glue changes in time, and, in addition, after several hours the glue is hardened and has to be disposed. An economical glue dispensing is to use a disposable syringe, which is driven by pressure. The change of the viscosity can be compensated by changing the pressure, which is effective for applying dot patterns, and/or changing the speed of head move-

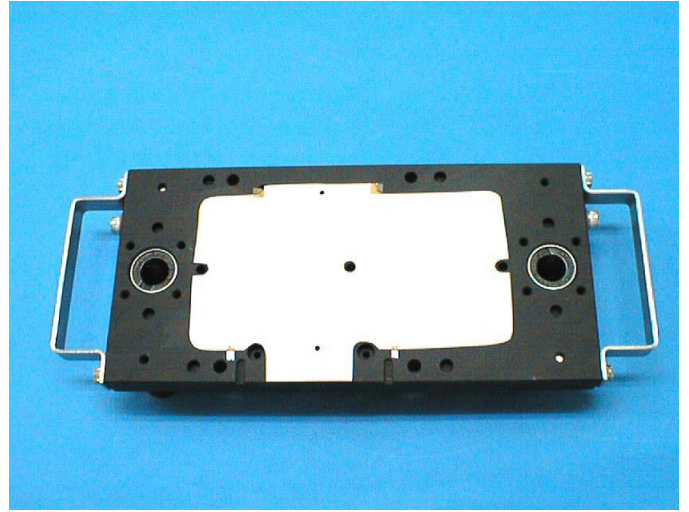


Figure 11: Top detectors transfer plate. The white piece is a disposable clean paper.

ment, effective for applying line patterns

A machine being used at KEK is shown in Figure 12, which has capability of programming pressure in time [4]. Empirical pressure adjustment curve is shown in Figure 13 for the Araldite 2011 with BN filler in compensating the change of viscosity. The variation of dispensed amount is less than 5% even after one hour from the mixing.



Figure 12: Glue dispensing system which is made of (1) a xyz stage where the baseboard is on the xy stage and a glue-syringe is attached on the z-axis, and (2) a dispensing controller.

D. Copying the Master gauge

1) Rotation-translation stage

The rotation-translation stage aligning the detectors will have the master pins to which the transfer plates are slid

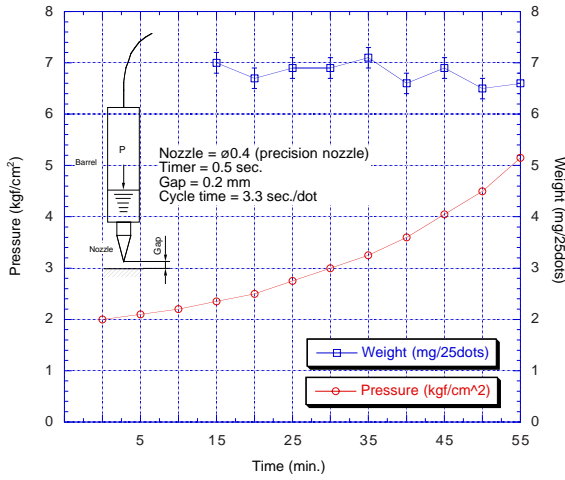


Figure 13: Pressure compensating the change of viscosity of the Araldite 2011 with BN filler (circle) and the weight of dispensed glue in 25 dots (square)

down. The location of the master pins is copied from the master gauge by adjusting the location of the linear bearings of the rotation-translation stage, as shown in Figure 14. Separate master pins, which diameters are measured to match the master pin of the master gauge, are, then, inserted into the linear bearings of the rotation-translation stage.

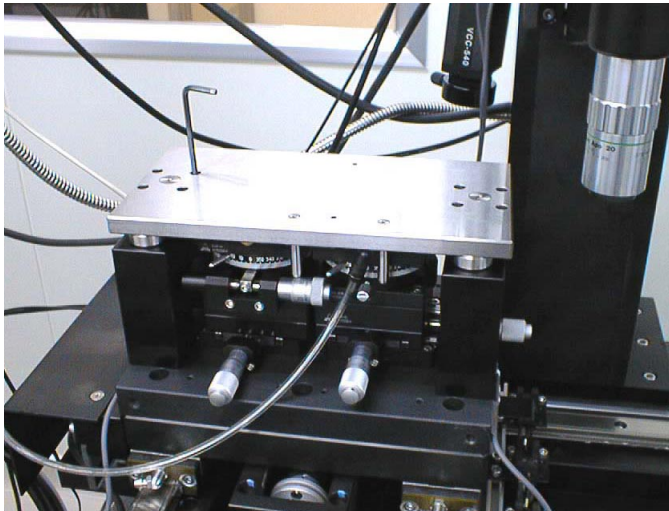


Figure 14: Copying the master pin locations to the linear bearings of the rotation-translation stage from the master gauge

The location of the linear bearings is at 20 mrad rotation to the x-axis, but imperfect because of the required play for the process of copying the master gauge.

2) Transfer plates

The locations of the master (and small) pins of the master gauge are copied to the bottom detector transfer plate by sliding

in the transfer plate on to the master gauge and fixing the flanges of the linear bearings. The mating of the master gauge and the bottom detector transfer plate is shown in Figure 15. The similar process is repeated to the top detector transfer plate to copy the master gauge.

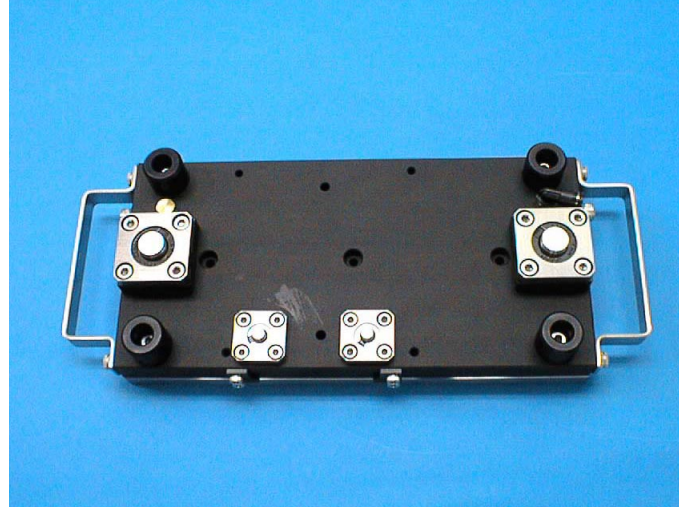


Figure 15: Copying the pin locations from the master gauge to the bottom detectors transfer plate for both the detector and the dowel linear bearings

E. Rotation-translation stage setting

In order to ease the aligning of the detectors, the axis of the master pins of the rotation-translation stage is rotated 20 mrad to the x-axis of the x-translation stages, x1 and x2. With the rotation, if perfect, the detectors, which must be rotated 20 mrad to the module centre line, i.e., the axis of the master pins, is aligned along the x-axis of the stages, as shown in Figure 16. The detectors, then, require only a small correction in the rotation in θ_1 and θ_2 and a small correction in the translation in y2, since the detectors are pre-aligned in the pre-alignment fixture. One remaining relatively large motion is along the x-axis, x2, since a large gap is left between two detectors on the pre-alignment fixture in order to allow a safe operation in the rotation and the y-translation.

The accurate 20 mrad rotation of the axis of the master pins to the x-axis of the main x-translation stage is made by making correction to the unit of rotation-translation stage:

1. the centres of the master pins are obtained by measuring the outer circles of the pins optically,
2. the centres of the pins are referenced to the fiducial marks on the unit of rotation-translation stage,
3. the unit is moved until the fiducial marks are in the preset positions such that the axis of the centres of the master pins is rotated 20 mrad to the x-axis of the main x-translation stage.

The fiducial mark, after setting the rotation-translation stage, is displayed on the video screen in Figure 17. Because of this

correction to the rotation-translation stage, there arises a small correlation in the small xy stages, x_2 and y_2 , in the rotation-translation stage, in reality.

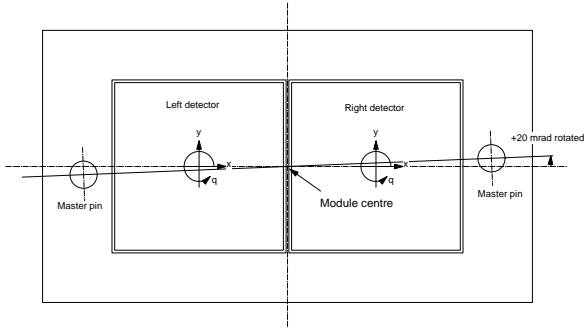


Figure 16: Rotated axis of the master pins in the rotation-translation stage to make the move of the detectors minimum

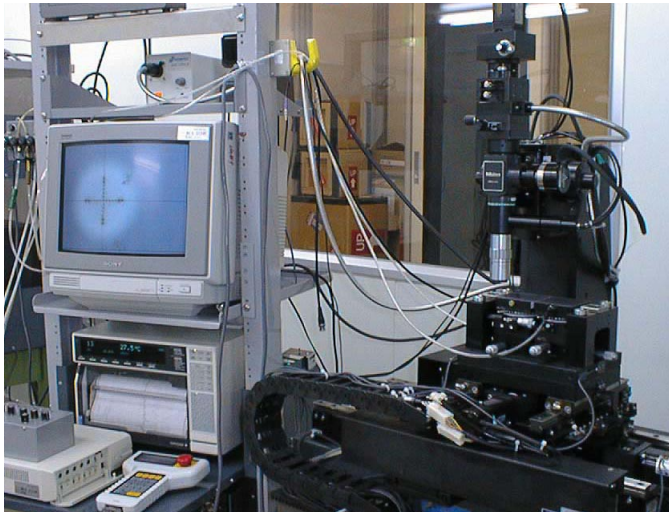


Figure 17: Setting the axis of the master pins of the rotation-translation stage rotated 20 mrad to the x-axis of the main x-stage

III. ASSEMBLY STEPS

The detector-baseboard assembly sequence proceeds in the steps of, pre-aligning detectors, transferring detectors to the rotation-translation stage, aligning detectors in precision, transferring detectors to the transfer plates, placing the baseboard on the bottom detector transfer plate with the bottom detectors vacuum-chucked, and mating the top detector transfer plate with top detectors vacuum-chucked.

1) Pre-aligning detectors

A detector is picked up from the detector envelope with a vacuum picker by chucking the backside of the detector. With the alignment pins pressed to the nominal positions, two detectors are placed to touch the alignment pins at each edge, as

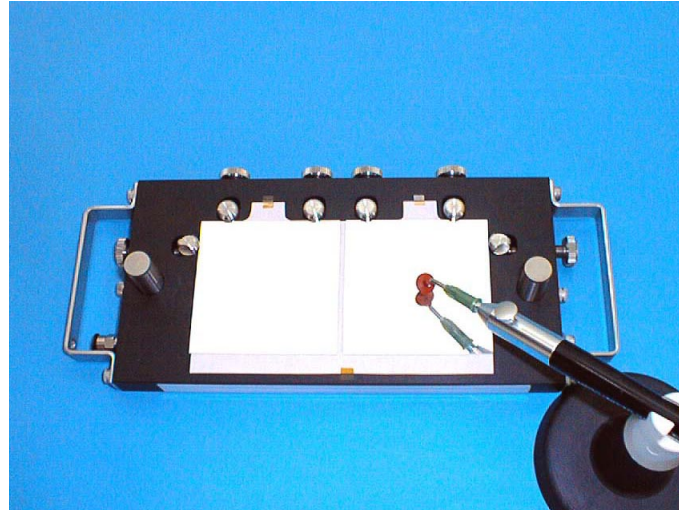


Figure 18: Placing the detectors on the detector pre-alignment fixture. A vacuum picker can be used in holding detectors.

shown in Figure 18. Once the detectors are vacuum-chucked to the pre-alignment fixture, the alignment pins are retracted off the detectors to a safe position.

2) Transferring to the rotation-translation stage

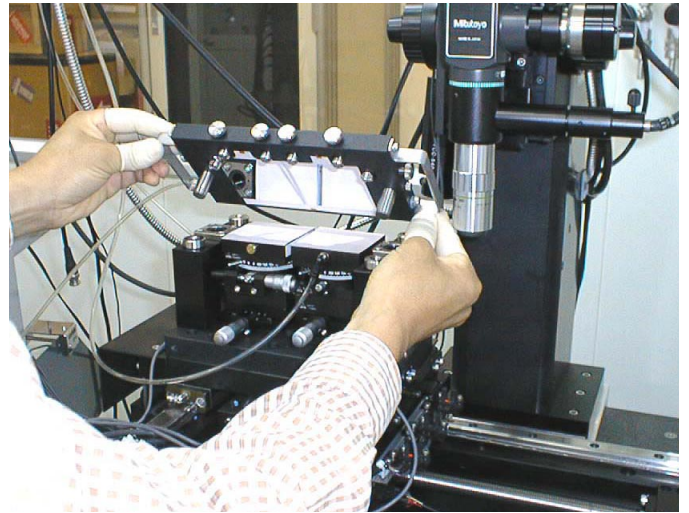


Figure 19: Placing the chucked detectors on the detector pre-alignment fixture to the rotation-translation stage

The pre-alignment fixture is transferred to the rotation-translation stage while vacuum-chucking the detectors, as shown in Figure 19. A spacer is ensuring such that there is a gap of 10 to 20 μm between the surface of the detectors and the surface of the rotation tables. The detectors are transferred to the rotation table by turning off the vacuum of the pre-alignment fixture and, sequentially, turning on the vacuum of the rotation table. It is not critical in this step, but critical in the precision process, to turn the vacuum off and on sequentially. It is found that when

the both vacuum are on, the stages move and there arises random move in the detector position of 5 to 10 μm , due to imperfect flatness or parallelism in the two jigs.

3) Aligning detectors in precision

Two detectors on the rotation-translation stage are aligned in precision by observing the fiducial marks on the detectors, as shown in Figure 20. Since the rotation of the 20 mrad is already taken care of by the axis of the master pins, after small correction in rotation, a move of two detectors in the x-direction with a small correction in y-direction can set the fiducial marks to pre-defined positions, defined from the module centre in the master gauge, relatively in straight-forward way.

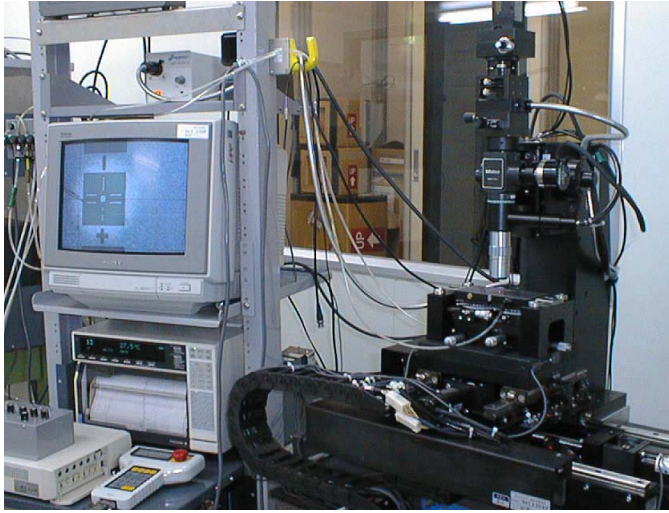


Figure 20: Aligning detectors

4) Transferring to the detector transfer plates

Once the detectors are aligned in precision, the detectors are transferred to the transfer plate. The bottom detector transfer plate being placed on the stage is shown in Figure 21. A gap of 10 to 20 μm is ensured, with a spacer, between the surface of the detectors and the transfer plate. The detectors are transferred by turning the vacuum of the rotation tables off, first, and, then, turning the transfer plate on, sequentially. It is important to confirm the coordinates of the fiducial marks of the detectors, after transferring, viewed through the observation holes, so that there is little move in the transferring.

The bottom detector transfer plate with detectors being vacuum-chucked and placed on the bottom fixture is shown in Figure 22. The top detectors are also aligned in precision and transferred to the top detector transfer plate

5) Placing baseboard on the bottom detectors transfer plate

The baseboard with glues applied in both sides is placed over the bottom detectors on the bottom detector transfer plate, as shown in Figure 23. The alignment of the baseboard is made by using the dowel pins in the transfer plate and the dowel holes in the baseboard.

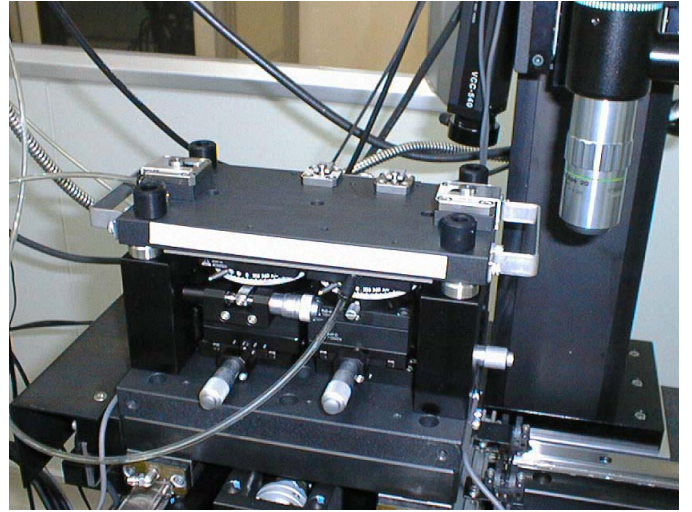


Figure 21: Transferring detectors from the rotation-translation stage to the bottom detector transfer plate. The fiducial marks of the detectors can be seen through the observation holes.

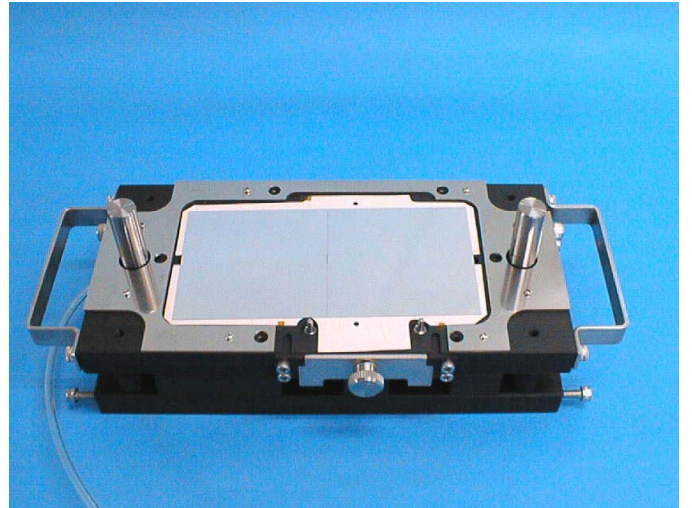


Figure 22: Aligned detectors chucked on the bottom detector transfer plate

6) Mating the top and the bottom detectors transfer plates

Immediately after the baseboard is placed on the bottom detector transfer plate, the top detector transfer plate with top detectors being vacuum chucked is slid in, in order to sandwich the baseboard with the top and the bottom detectors, as shown in Figure 24. The top and the bottom detector transfer plates are, then, pressurized with screws and left in the room temperature for several hours until the glue is cured.

IV. SUMMARY

A second version of module assembly jigs has been designed and fabricated at KEK by feeding back the experience and the issues found in the first version of the jigs. The major modifica-

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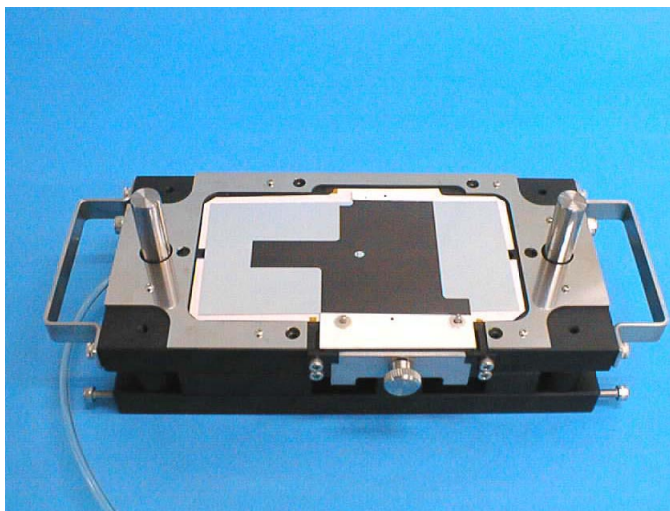


Figure 23: Baseboard is being placed over the bottom detectors. The alignment of the baseboard to the detectors are being made with the use of dowel pins in the bottom detector transfer plate and the dowel holes in the baseboard.

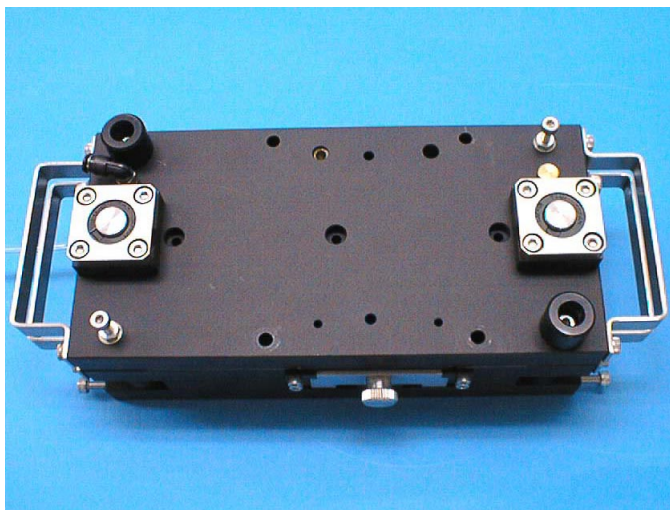


Figure 24: Mating the top detectors and the bottom detectors transfer plates

tions in the second version are the move of the location of the master pins, introduction of the master gauge, the pre-alignment fixture, and the 20 mrad rotation of the axis of the master pins in the rotation-translation stage. Assembling of precision mechanical modules are under way. Experience of the assembling and the precision of the assembled modules will be reported in a separate document.