

Status of Diamond Light Source and the Diamond-II Upgrade

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Diamond Operations

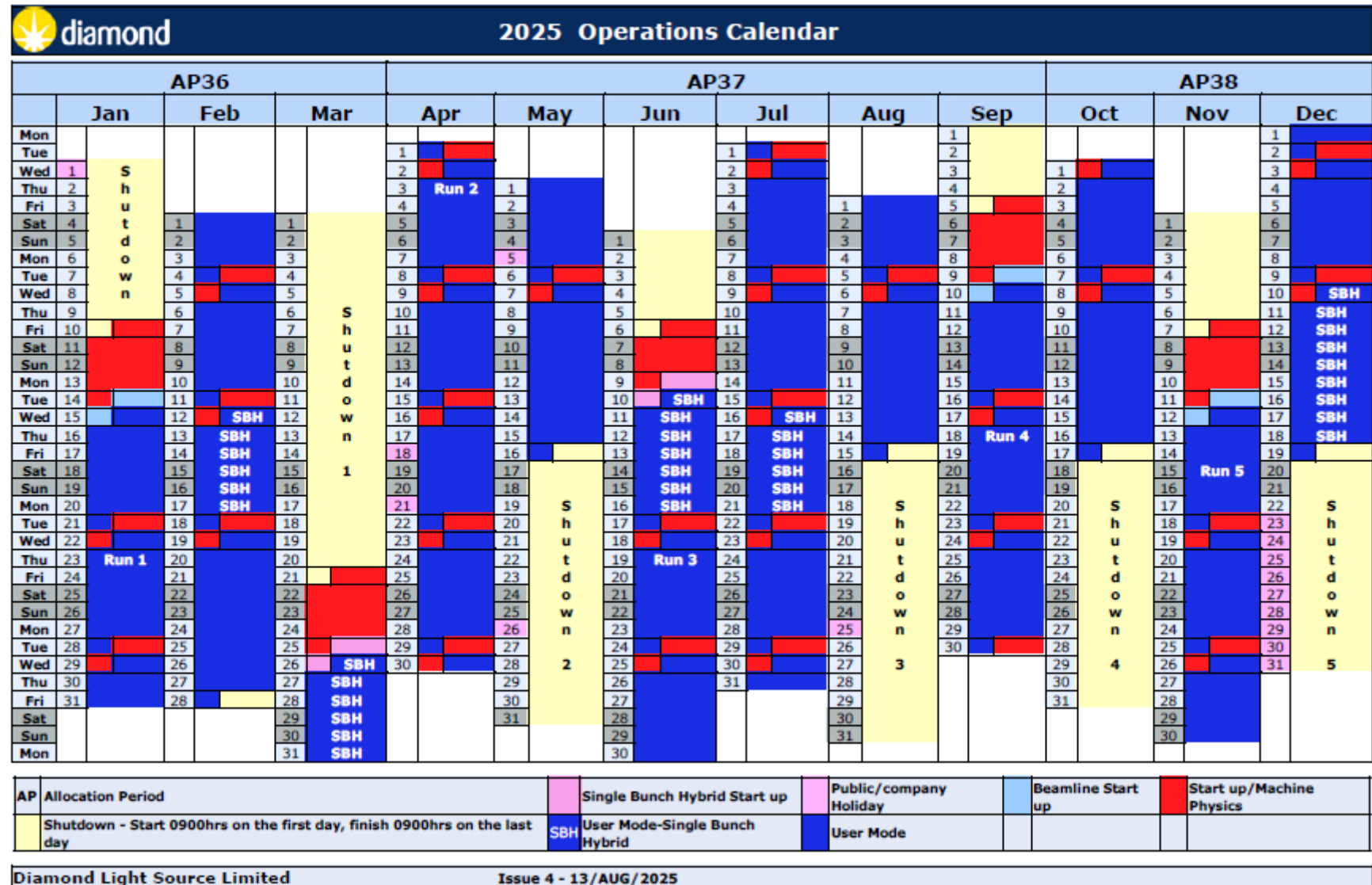
Diamond Operations

Diamond is UK's national synchrotron radiation facility

Operational since January 2007

Several operational modes on offer, only standard and hybrid requested by beamlines in last year:

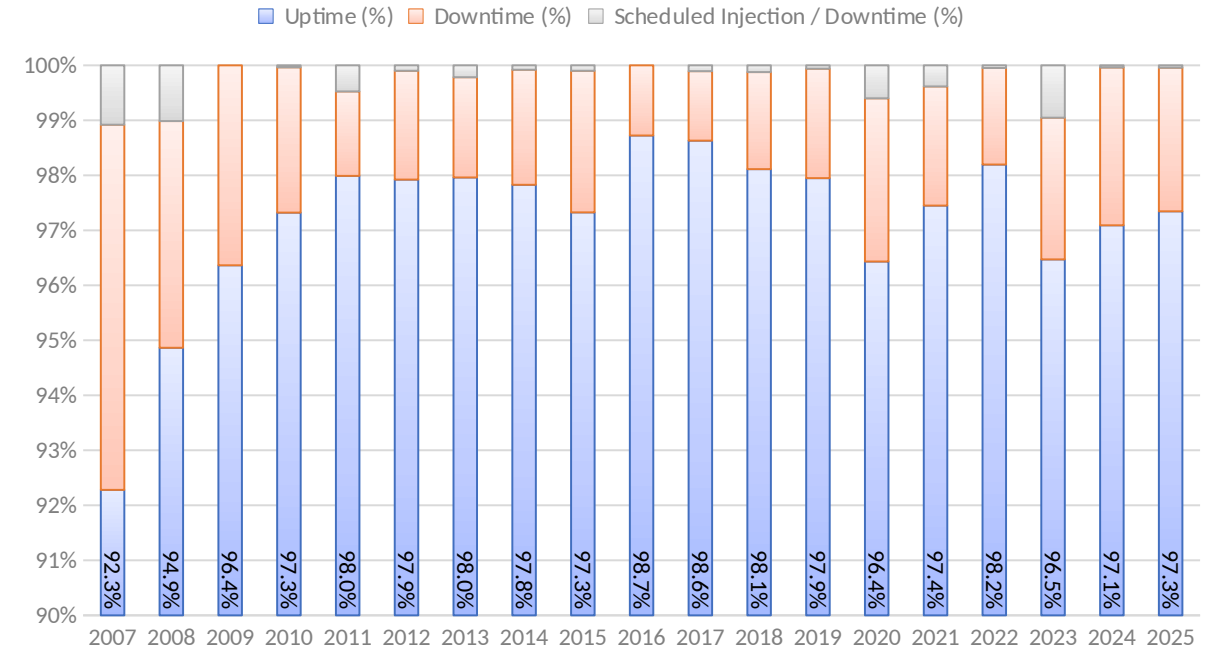
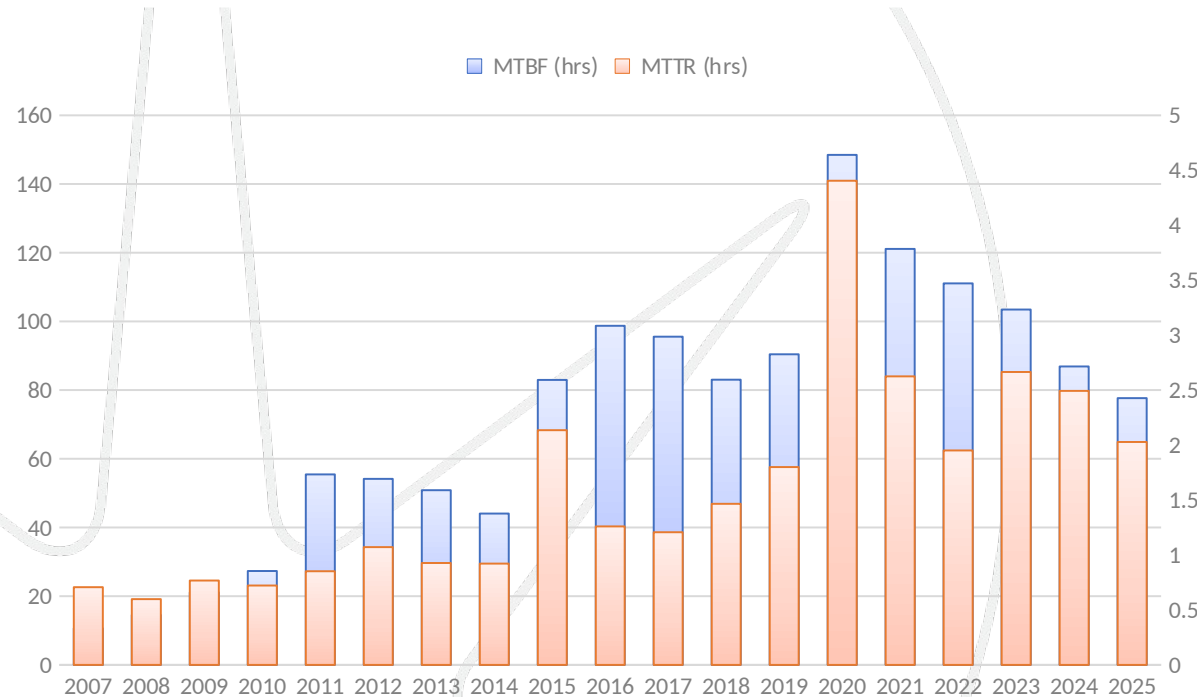
- Standard Fill (900 bunch)
- Hybrid mode (686+1 bunch)
- 156 bunch mode (timing)
- THz low-alpha
- Short-pulse low alpha



Diamond Operational Statistics

From Run 5 2024 – Run 4 2025 inclusive

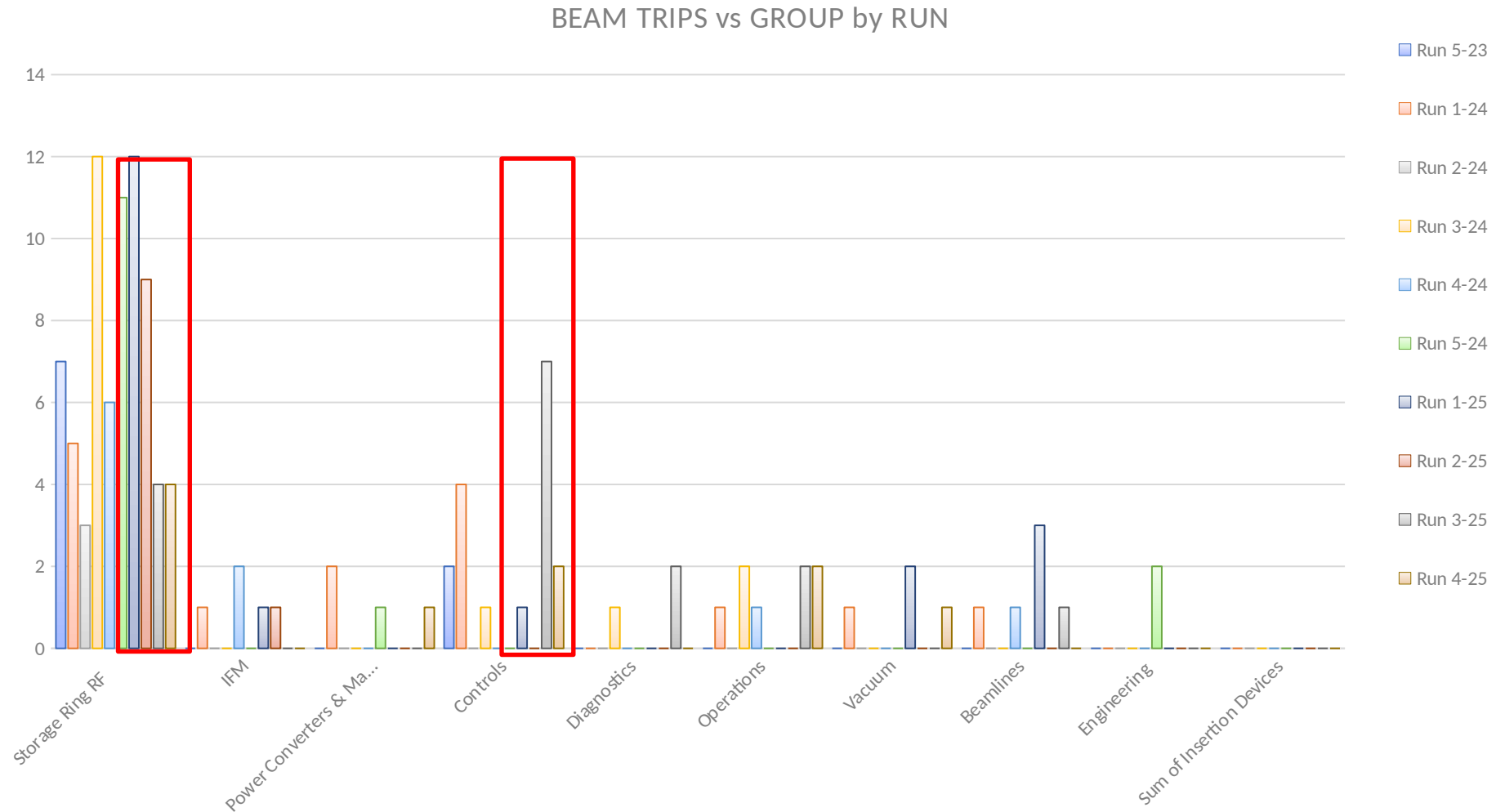
- Three trip free weeks (machine day to machine day). 6 Uptimes >100 h.
- 24 uptime periods >72 hours (ignoring MD and SD)
- Longest Uptimes: 410 h, 382 h, 323 h and 291 h at end of Run 4, 2025.



MTBF on downward trend due to RF issues, mixture of aging equipment faults and D-II preparation work.

Courtesy V. Winter

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Major events affecting downtime in last year:

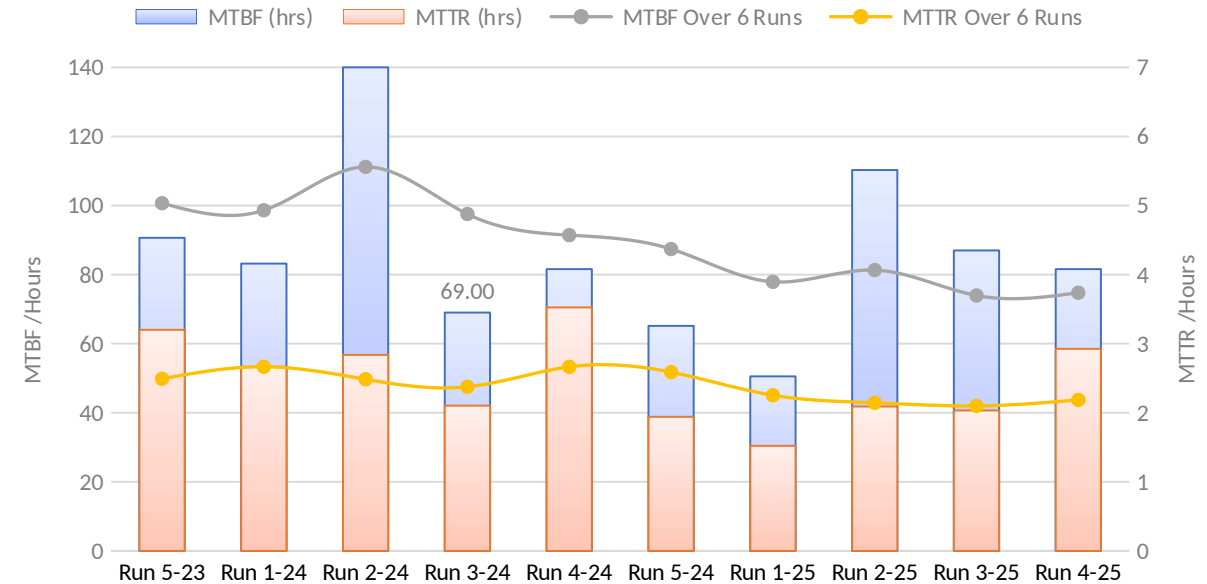
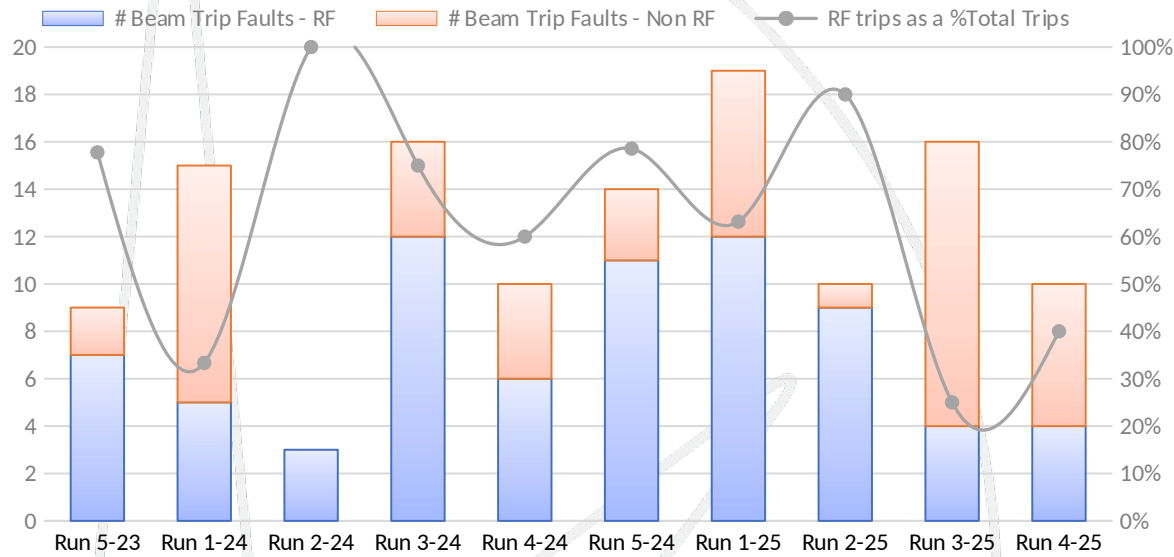
Impact	Summary	Downtime (hrs)
Beam trip	Master oscillator failure	8.1
Beam trip	Beam instability – vertical instability in high charge hybrid bunch	5.1
Beam trip	K11 major water leak in optics hutch	4.8
Beam trip + beamtime delay	BOBL (PSS) failure, recovery delayed due to RF conditioning	4.7
Beam trip	MPS PLC failure	4.3
Beam trip	Valve crate failure	4.1
Beam trip	Cavity 3 vacuum trip	3.4

General Category	Total Downtime /h	# Trips	# Delays
SRRF CAVITY	34.81	22	2
TMBF / Instability / SETUP	11.65	1	4
PLC	11.35	4	0
IOT	11.23	7	0
Master Oscillator ^[1]	10.78	2	0

^[1] Master Oscillator may be responsible for some inconclusive RF faults.

Diamond Operational Statistics

Run 5 2023 – Run 4 2025



- 01/11/24 – Running on SCC 2 & 3, NCC 15 & 16 (higher total voltage, reduced power on SCC). Cavity 18 tested at moderate voltages.
- 300mA dropped to 250mA near start run 5 following multiple cavity trips. Trip rate significantly improved following cavity 2 partial warm-up. Start Run 1 back to 300mA on 4 cavities
- From 11th February, cavity 16 off due to required soft start spares failure.
- From April 25 – RF conditioning Every MD and shorter preventative conditioning on most trips implemented with partial warm-up mid-way through run. Improvement seen in statistics from Run 2 2025
- From Run 3, non-RF issues dominated.

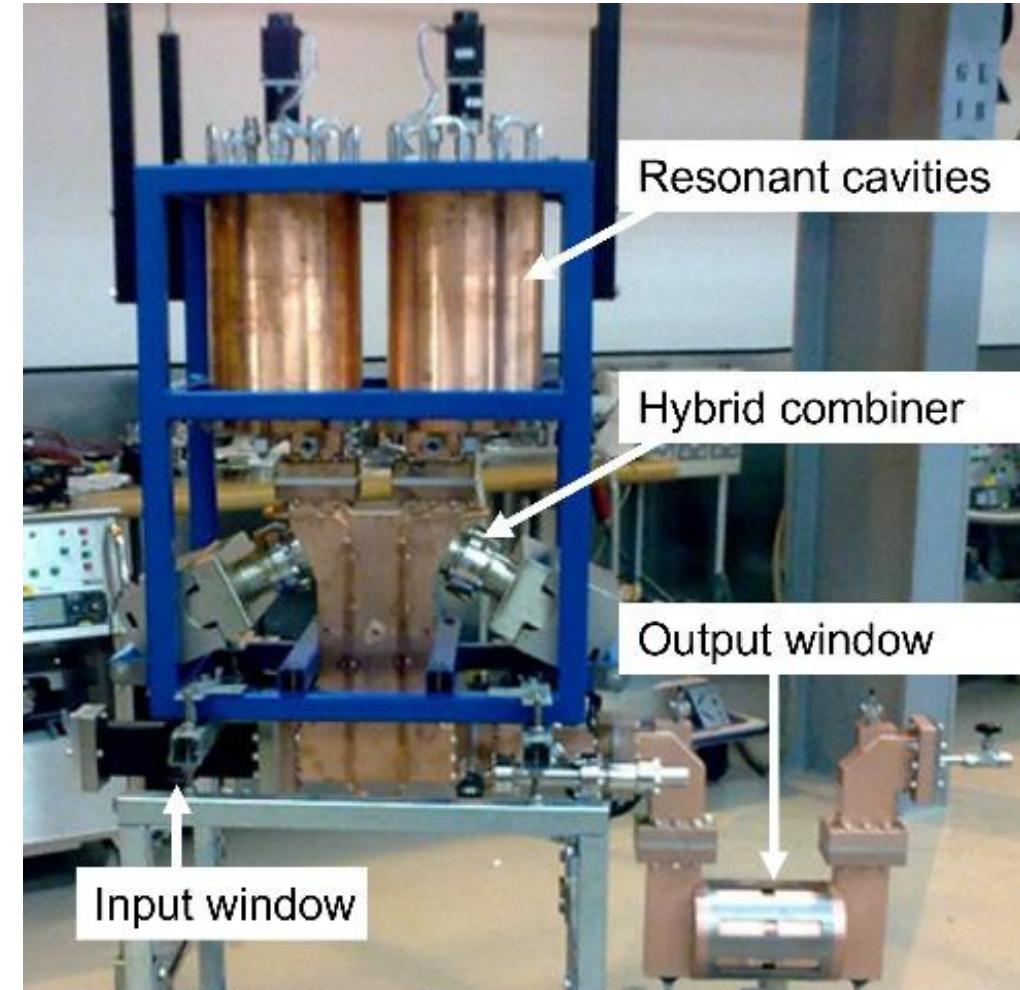
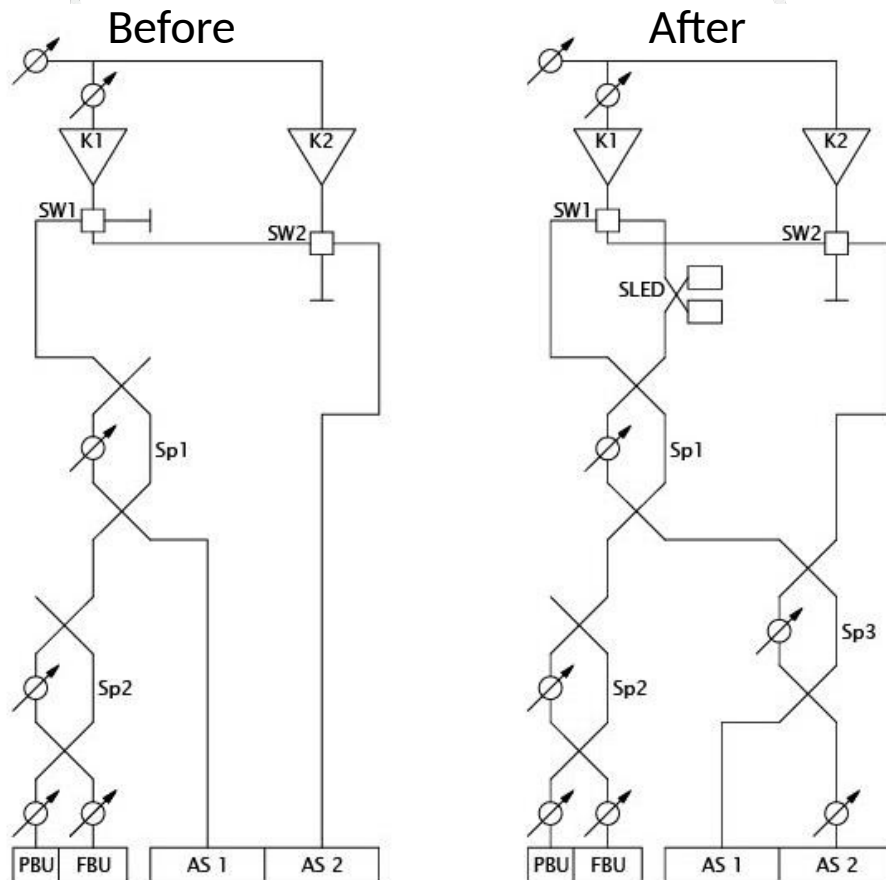
Dipole Leak

- March 2025 - Leak in coil of dipole in cell 17, dipole 2
- Easier to replace dipole with spare than to swap girder
- Difficult to remove dipole shims – partly rust, but also just wedged
- Ultimately repaired in place with rubber tape



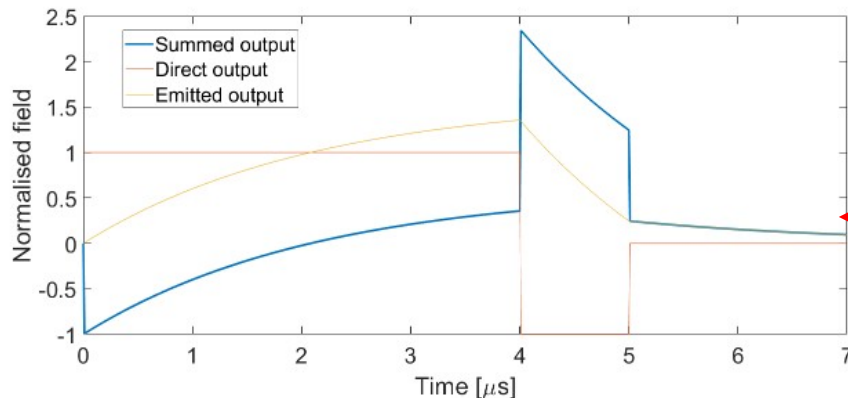
SLED Cavity Operation

- SLED pulse compressor installed in linac
- Compress output from klystron to increase peak power
- Waveguide layout changed to accommodate SLED
- Operate both linac accelerating structures from one klystron
 - Improved resilience

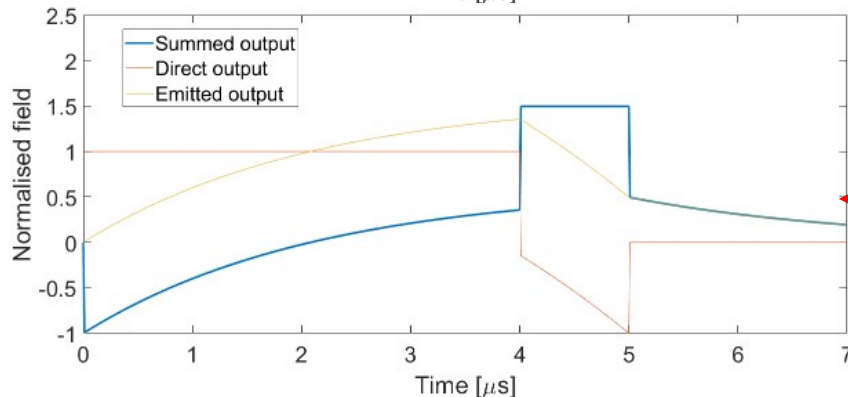


SLED Cavity Operation

- Amplitude modulation to shape flat top
- Operation since April 2025
- Multibunch possible, but requires careful shaping of pulse
- Only just long enough to fit 120 bunch train



← Theoretical



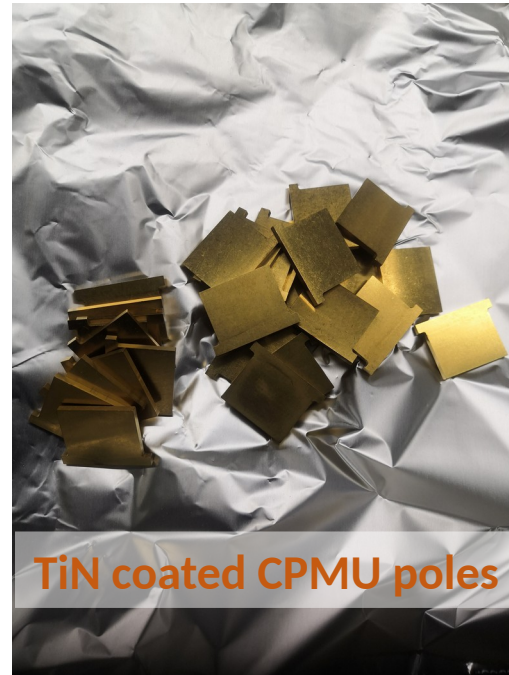
← With modulation

Real →



Insertion Devices Summary

- One CPMU installed Oct '24 in the DDBA straight
- Recommission of ID lab following 1 year shutdown (Jan '24 to Jan '25) for building works
- CPMU re-work ongoing. 2 devices suffered with a Cu-Ni foil buckling issue. First device is at the cold testing stage after:
 - Full strip-down & clean after smoke contamination from a fire in the building
 - Poles coated with TiN
 - Pole height set flush to magnets, full shimming performed
 - Foil pre-tensioned and reduced in width (50 mm -> 35 mm)
- Spare wiggler has arrived at site.
Preparing for SAT



Solar Installation

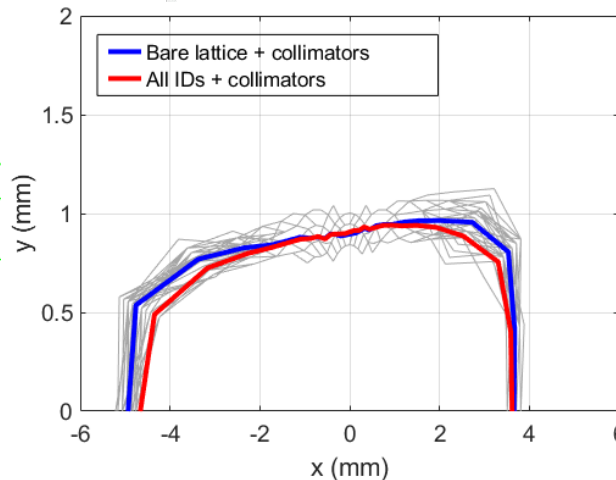
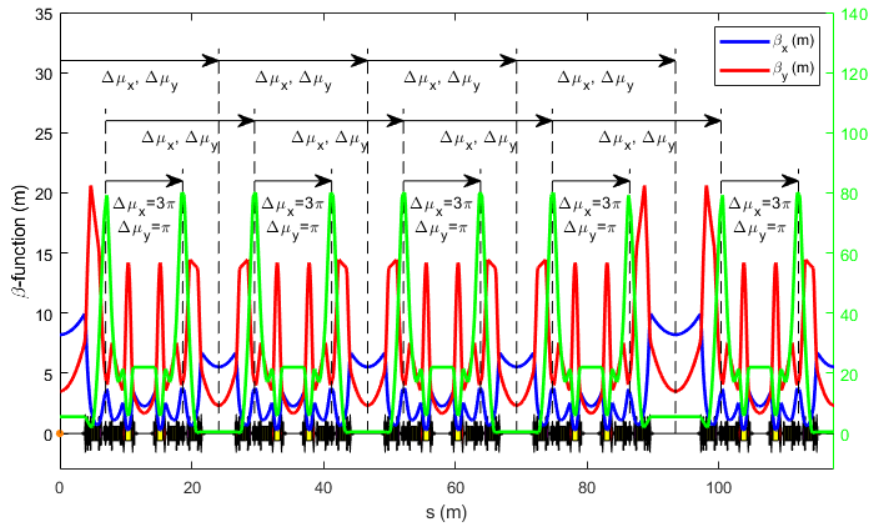
- Final stage of synchrotron building solar installation energised summer 2024
- 2.7 MWp capacity - predicted output 2.3 GWh/yr
- Actual output in the last year = 2.32 GWh



Diamond-II Updates

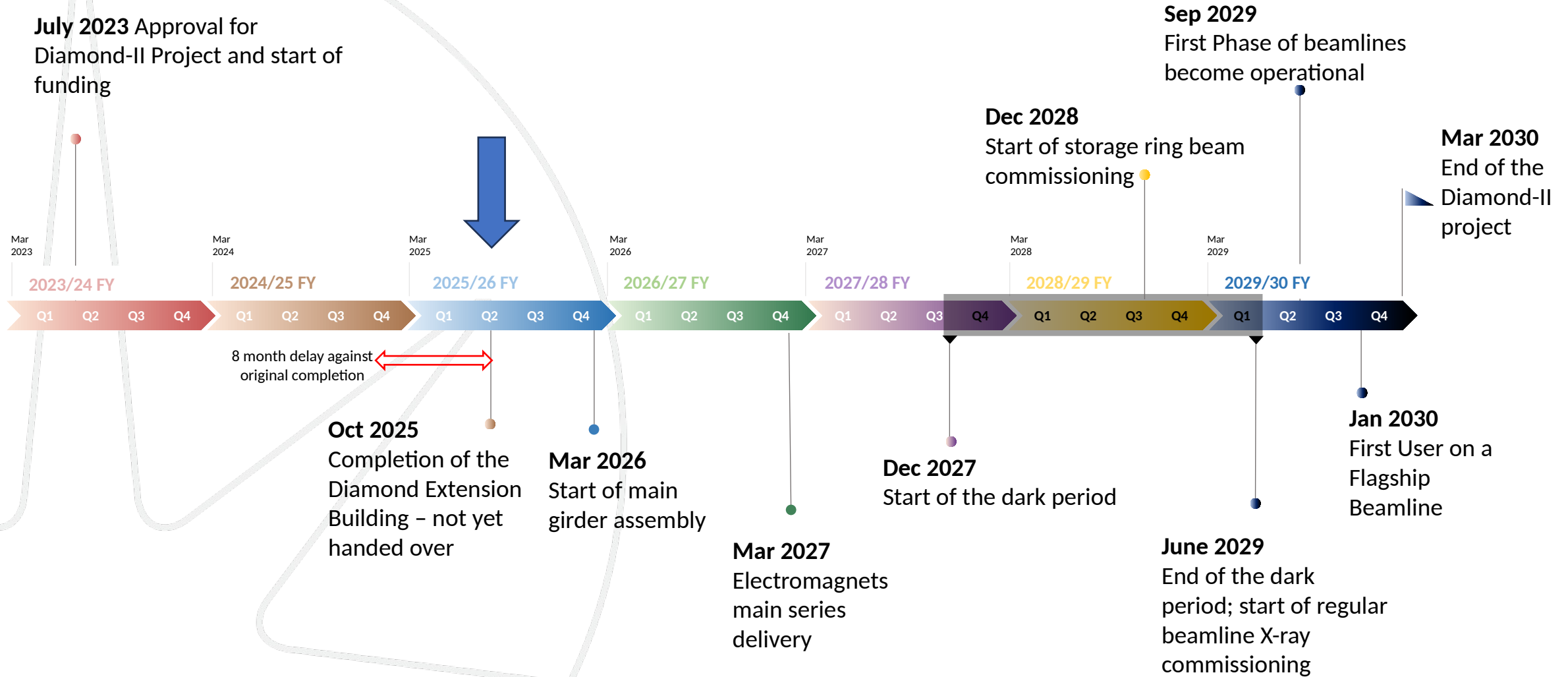
Diamond-II

- Modified Hybrid 6-Bend Achromat (M-H6BA) for low emittance
- Number of insertion straights increased from 24 to 48
- Off-axis injection for beam accumulation, top-up using kick-and-cancel (aperture sharing) double kick with striplines
- Passive SC harmonic cavity for lifetime / beam stability / IBS
- Development ongoing on options for low beta lattice



Parameter	Units	Diamond	Diamond-II
Energy	GeV	3.0	3.5
Circumference	M	560.6	560.560944
Harmonic Number	-	936	934
RF Frequency	MHz	499.654	499.511
Positive Bending Angle	deg	360.0	374.4
Reverse Bending Angle	deg	0.0	14.4
Total Bending Angle	deg	360.0	388.8
Betatron Tunes	-	[27.21, 12.36]	[54.14, 20.24]
Natural Chromaticity	-	[-79.0, -35.6]	[-68.2, -89.1]
Corrected Chromaticity	-	[1.7, 2.2]	[2.6, 2.6]
Mom. Compaction Factor	$\times 10^{-4}$	1.70	1.03
Natural Emittance	pm.rad	2729	162
Energy Spread	%	0.096	0.094
Energy Loss per Turn	MeV	1.01	0.724
Natural Bunch Length	ps	11.4@2.4 MV	12.4@1.4 MV
Horizontal Damping Partition	-	1.00	1.88
Horizontal Damping Time	ms	11.1	9.4
Vertical Damping Time	ms	11.2	18.1
Longitudinal Damping Time	ms	5.6	16.1

Diamond II Project Status



Diamond II Vacuum

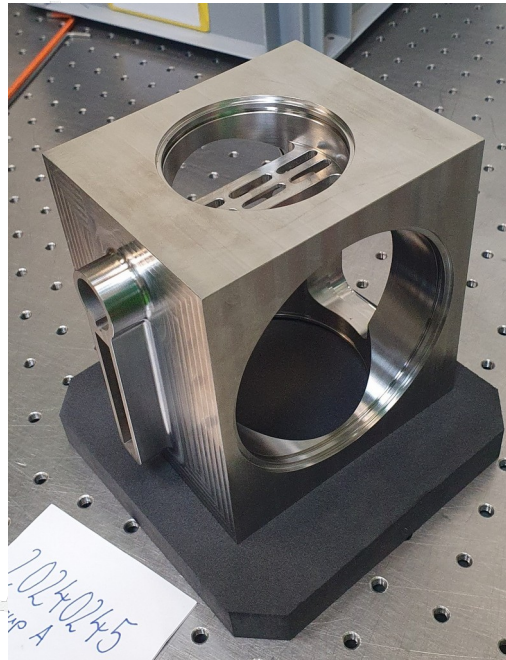
- Orders placed for main arc vessels
- Still to order special vessels, straights, ceramic vessels, injection components
- Issues with blistering on some copper vessels – Cu-OFS oxygen content measured 0.21-0.37%, should be $<0.005\%$!
- Vessels to be remade with Cu-OFE

Planning dates

Start of pre-series vacuum string assembly Feb 2026

Start of girder vacuum string assembly Apr 2026

Start of dark period Dec 2027



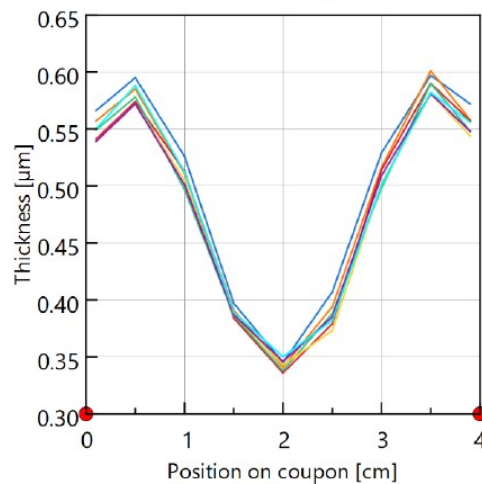
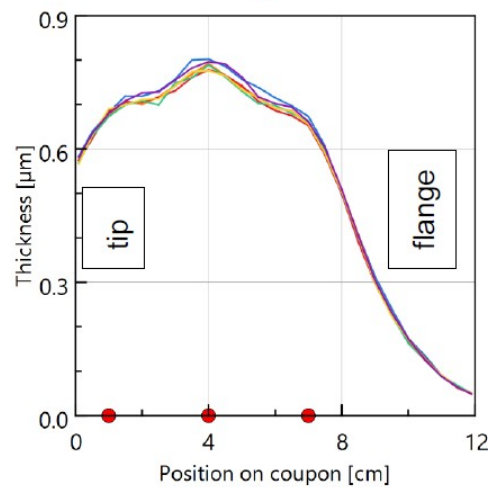
- Pumping block pre-series used 316L due to material availability
- Could not meet permeability spec
- Main series to use 316LN as specified

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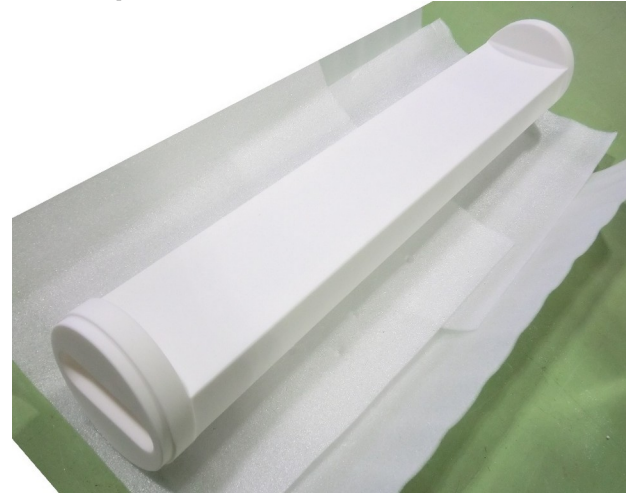
- Successful test NEG coating absorber



coating thickness as determined by XRF-spectroscopy



- Prototype ceramic kicker vessel
- Ti coating to be done by Polytechnik – coating 4 existing spare vessels as test



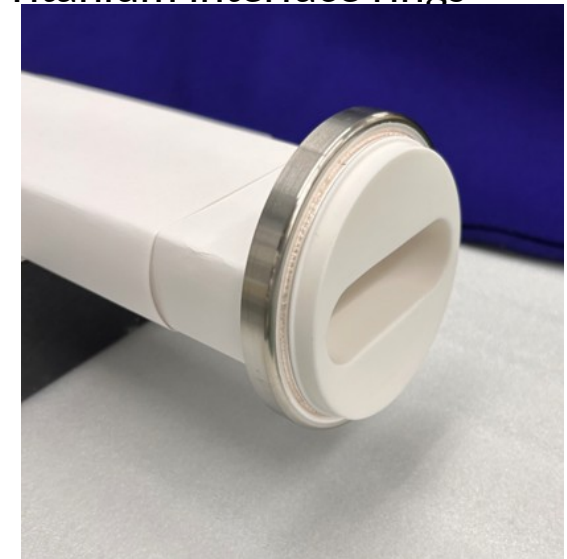
Monolithic Al_2O_3 ceramic body



Titanium interface rings



Titanium end flanges



Courtesy

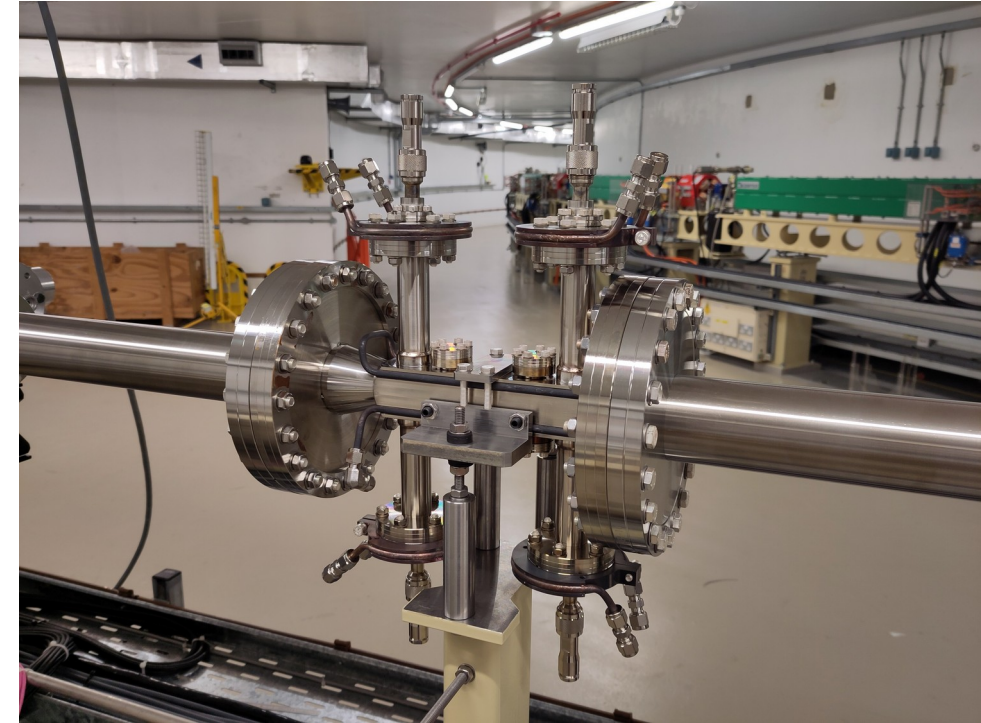
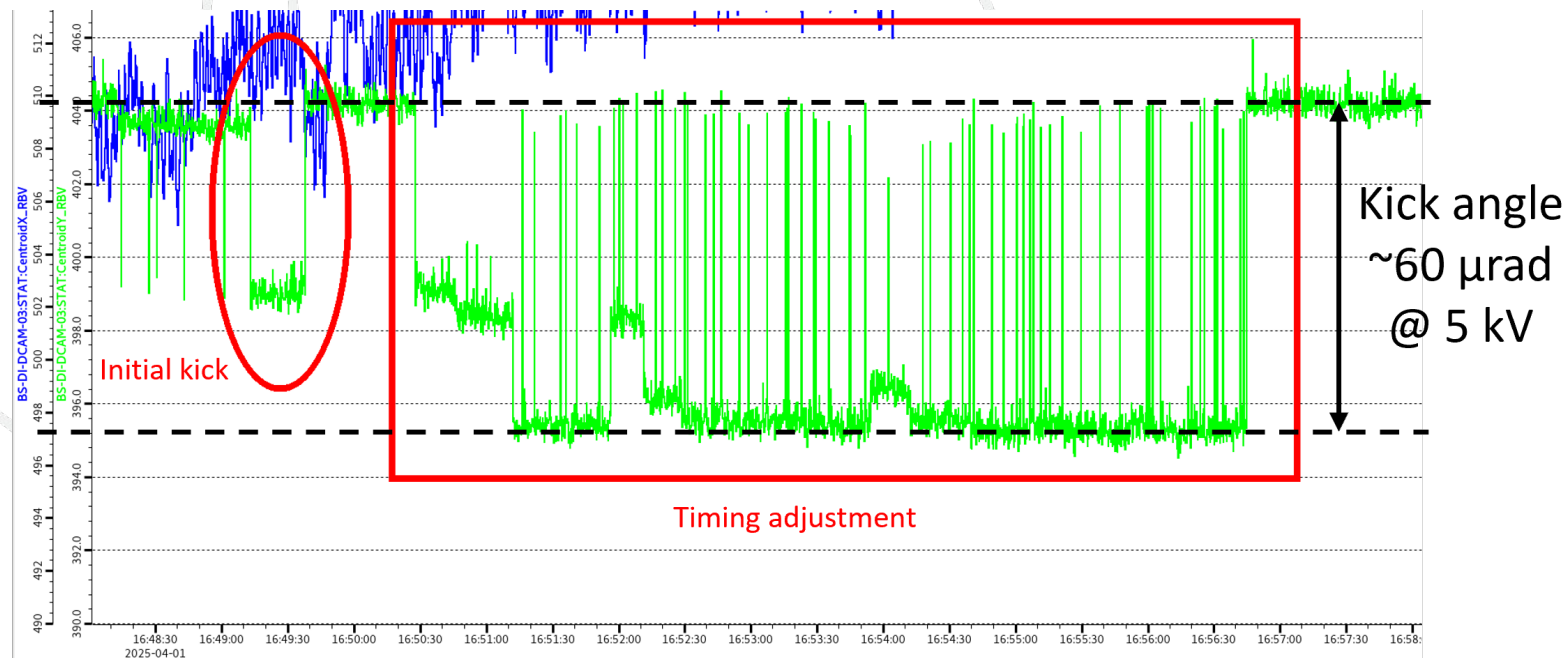
Ceramic body brazed to interface rings

Diamond-II Magnets

- DL assembly in progress – tuning to be done later once DEB is available
- DQ – some delay due to difficulty meeting tolerance
 - FAT and site witness visit due end October
- Quadrupoles – 1 of 4 pre-series failed dimensional testing, new yoke to be machined
 - Plan to accept partial batches so assembly can begin as ready
- Sextupoles – pre series FAT OK, but toward limit of acceptable range
 - Further tests negotiated on examples of each type, any changes only to final machining
- Octupoles – FAT on schedule
 - Oct/corrector pre-series FAT Jan 2026
 - Fast corrector pre-series FAT Feb 2026
- Booster magnets all under construction
 - Dipole testing at ALBA in November 2025

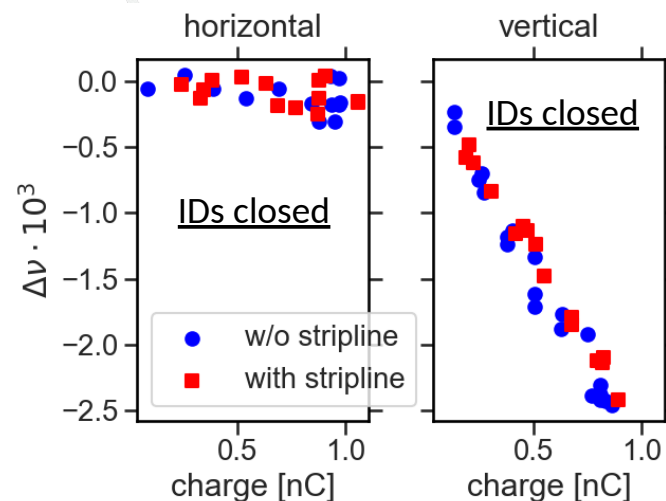
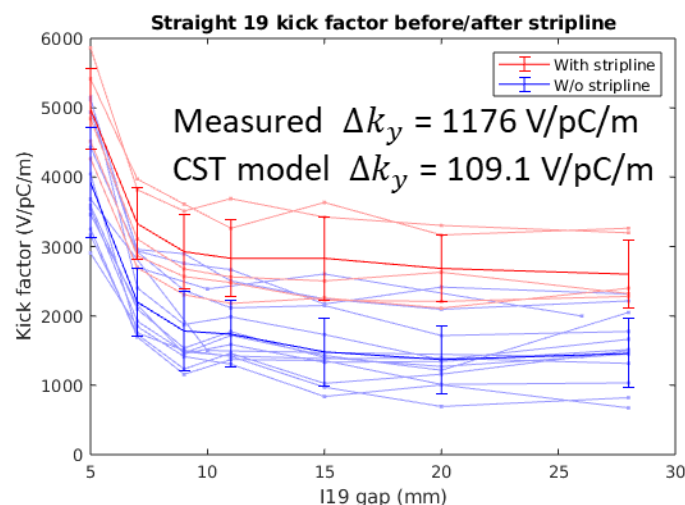
Diamond-II Injection: Striplines

- Prototype stripline installed in booster-to-storage ring (BTS) transfer line in March 2025
- Tested with low power 5 kV pulser
- Amplitude of kick as expected once correct timing found



Diamond-II Injection: Striplines

- Removed from BTS and installed in storage ring in June 2025
- Initial test without pulser to test apertures, beam heating, impedance, etc.
- Can't measure blade temperatures directly, but no problems observed from external monitoring – as long as ports are connected to correctly matched loads!

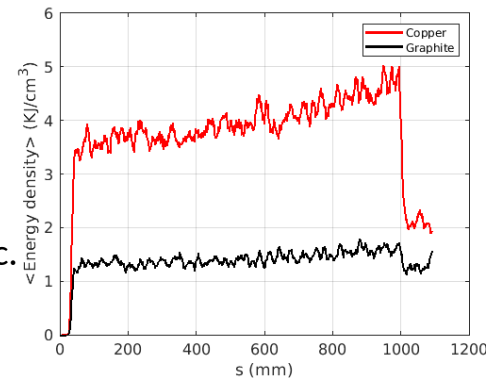
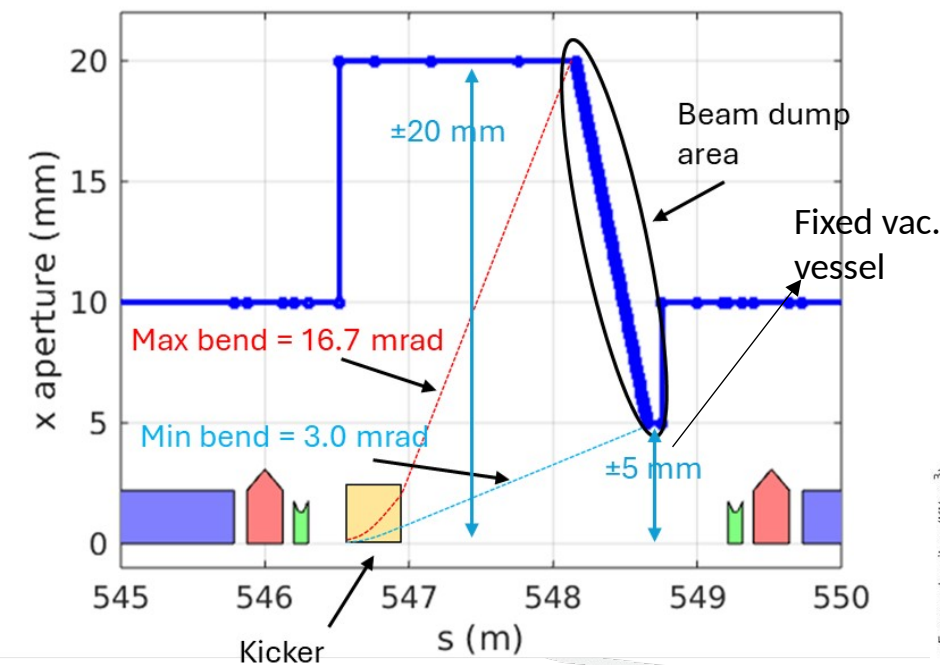


- Kick factor measured larger than expected, but very noisy and inconsistent between measurements
- No measurable impact on tune shift, bunch lengthening or microwave instability threshold

- Removed to replace feedthroughs with 7/16 type for high power
- Full assembly tested with 20 kV pulser last week – to be re-installed in ring this week

Diamond-II Beam Abort System

- Dedicated beam dump system required to prevent damage to machine on beam loss
- Preferred solution with kicker in K23 straight, tapered beam dumps in K23 and K24
- Based on SLS-II method
- Space for two kickers for redundancy, maybe vertical decoherence kicker

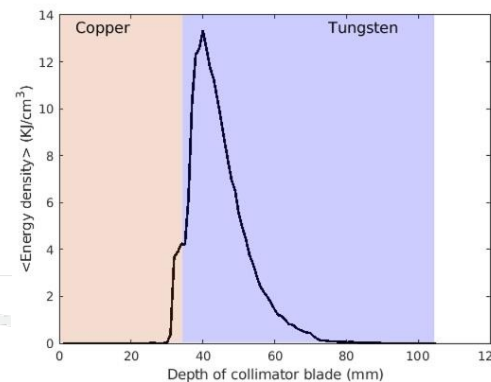


Copper beam dump: peak energy density = 5.0 kJ/cm³
(likely to melt)

Graphite beam dump: peak energy density = 1.7 kJ/cm³

Copper section of the collimator is also likely to melt:

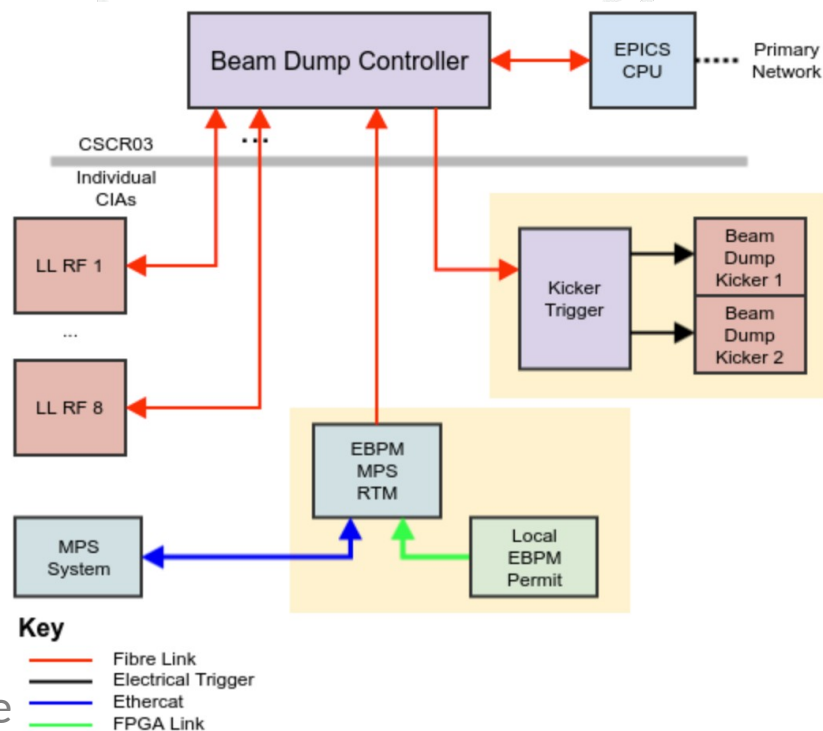
- Copper section = 4.3 KJ/cm³
- Tungsten section = 13.1 KJ/cm³ (below melting point)



Using linear pulse shape for kicker and spreading beam vertically should bring energy density within safe limits on beam dump and collimators (still WIP)

Diamond-II Beam Abort System

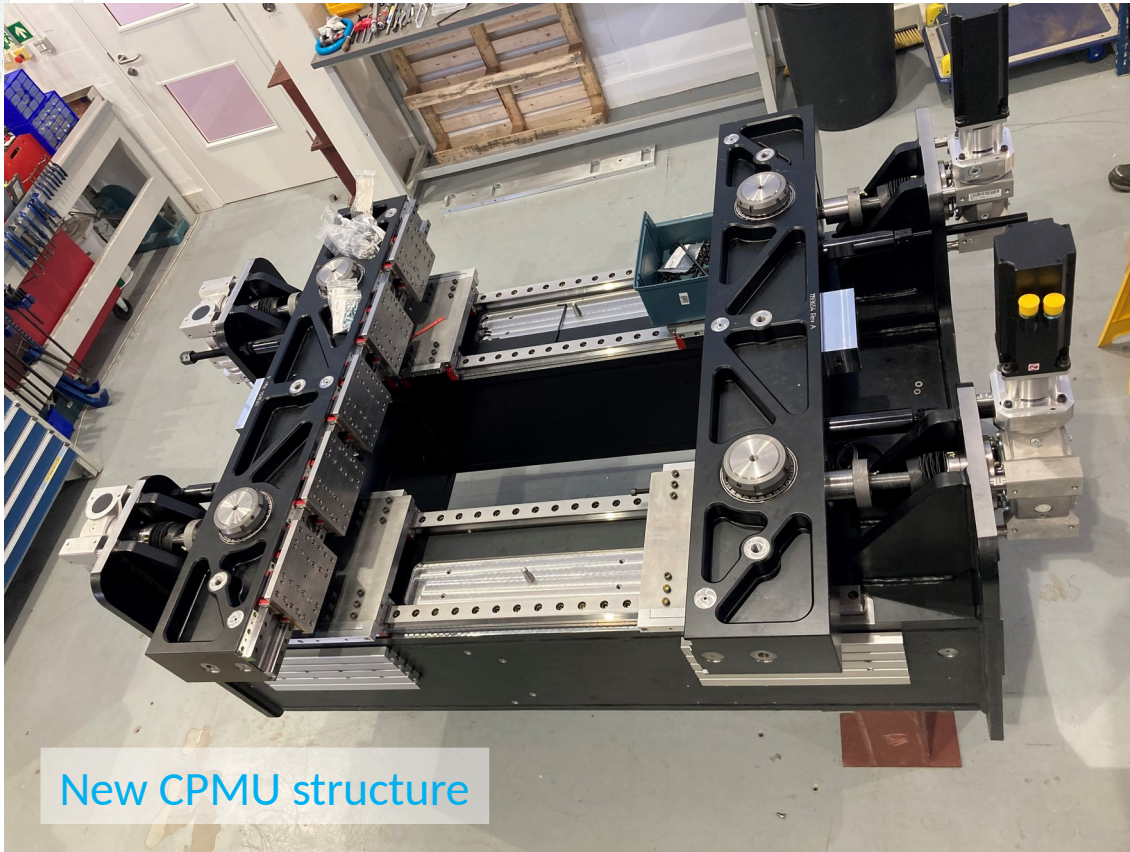
- Time budget is set by need to kill the beam before it starts to hit the collimator
 - RF trip: <90 turns ($\sim 170 \mu\text{s}$)
 - Outside orbit interlock: $<\sim 115 \mu\text{s}$ (TBC – step change of slow corrector)
- Three response times for the BDC:
 - Fast: ($<15 \mu\text{s}$) direct fibre links to 8 LLRF systems
 - Medium: ($<115 \mu\text{s}$) orbit interlock from EBPMs in local CIA
 - Slow: ($<400 \mu\text{s}$) PSS triggers RF+PSU power down, triggering MPS



Source	Delay
RF decision	$0.5 \mu\text{s}$
Fibre Delay	$1.8 \mu\text{s}$
BDC FPGA	$0.4 \mu\text{s}$
Fibre Delay	$1.8 \mu\text{s}$
PSU Realisation	$5\text{-}10 \mu\text{s}$
Kicker Pulse	$2 \mu\text{s}$
Total	$11.5\text{-}16.5 \mu\text{s}$

Diamond-II IDs

- New IDs for Diamond-II are a mix of **in-house** development and **procurement** from industry:
 - 1 CPMU, 2 HPMUs, 5 APPLE-IIs, 1 APPLE-KNOT, 1 EMPHU, 1 vertically-canted 3PW, 1 MPW
- Large engineering effort made to simplify and stiffen the ID structures going forward



New CPMU structure

CPMU: 17.6 mm period, 1.5 long

- Currently being built in-house
- Magnets delivered by HPMG
- Controls commissioning and magnet mounting due to start imminently

2 x HPMUs: 18.7 mm period, 1.5 m long

- Contract awarded to Kyma
- FDR to complete in next few weeks

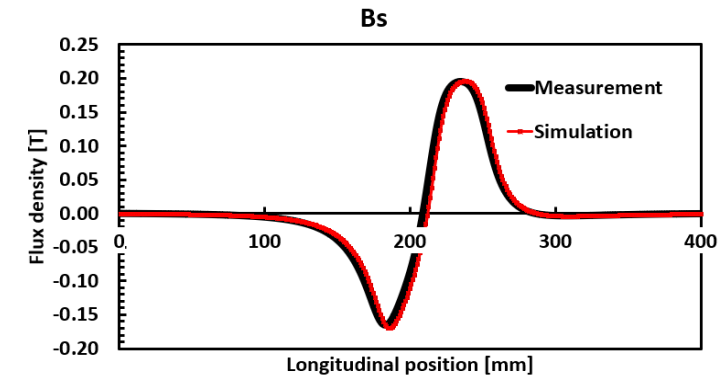
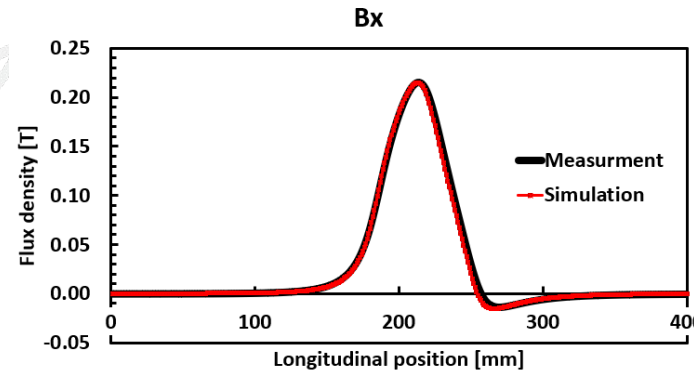
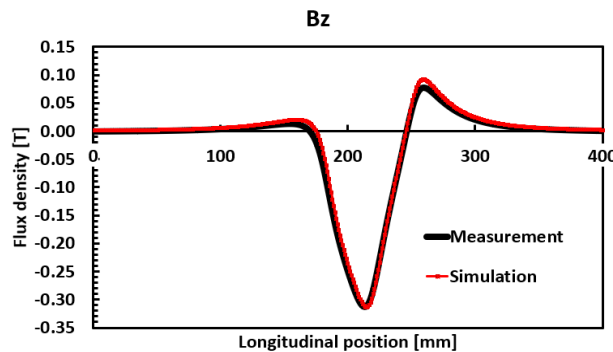
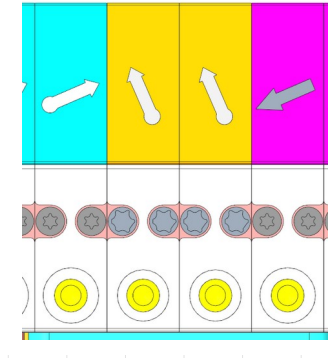
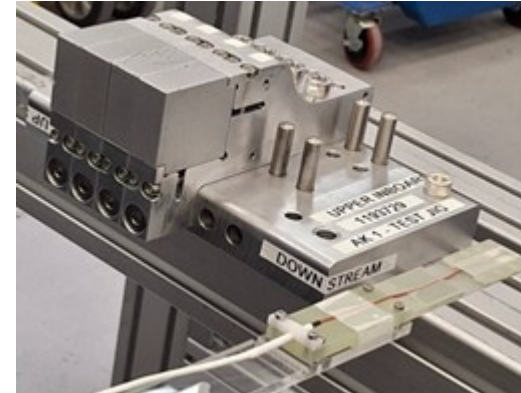
EMPHU: 56 mm period, 1.75 m long

- Based on Soleil's design
- Magnetic design validated, engineering design ongoing
- Stainless steel vessel to be used to avoid eddy currents

Diamond-II IDs

APPLE Knot: 140 mm period, 5 m long

- Magnets delivered from HPMG
 - QA ongoing
- Final prototype parts due end Oct.
- Small section of sample magnets measured on Hall probe bench match prediction from magnet model in Radia



1 x APPLE-II: 52 mm period, 5 m long

- Magnetic design ongoing
- 1 x APPLE-II:** 64 mm period, 1.8 m long
- 1 x MPW:** 116 mm period, 0.7 m long
 - Procurement specifications started

2 x APPLE-IIs: 56 mm period, 2 m long

1 x APPLE-II: 56 mm period, 4 m long

3PW: 1.4 T main radiator

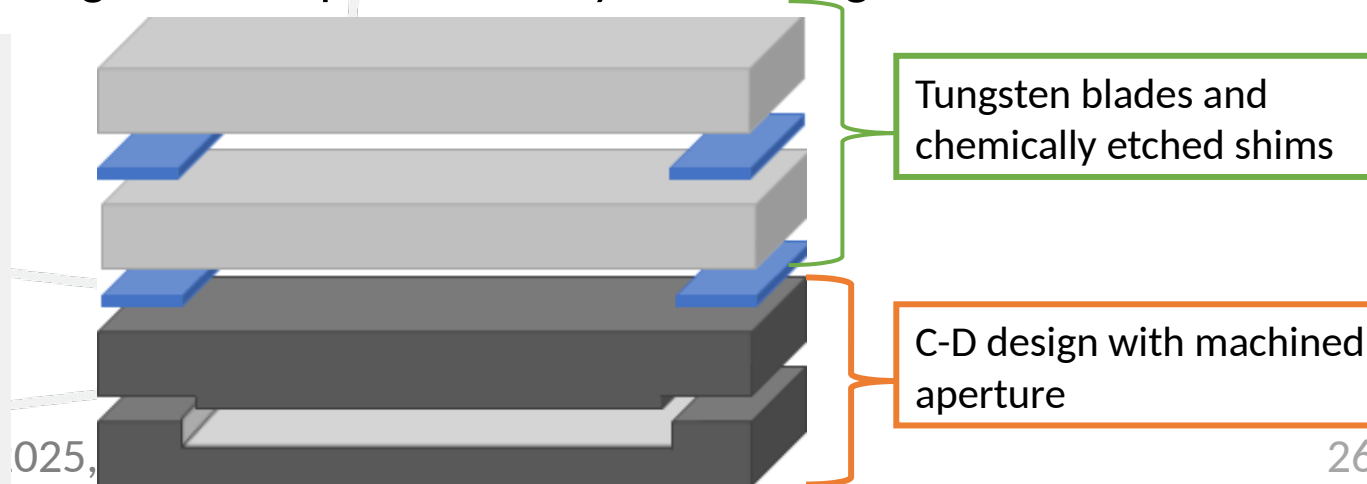
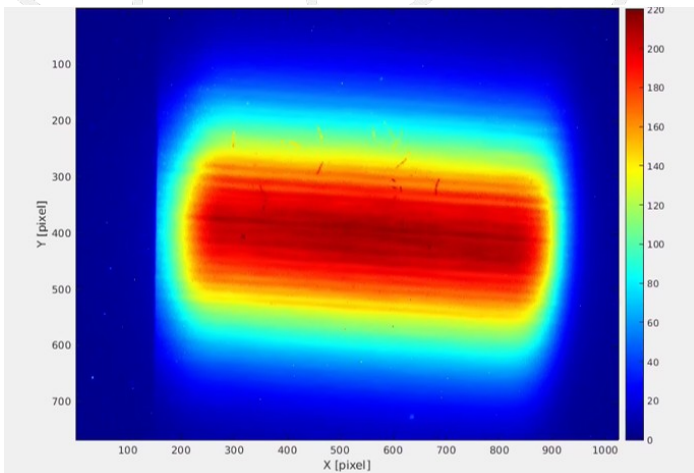
- Procurement specifications almost complete

Diamond-II Diagnostics

- Received 1000/2000 BPM buttons
- Successful FAT and SAT tests (visual, dimensional, leak, capacitance)
- One failed button during handling/welding – joint intact but ceramic broke

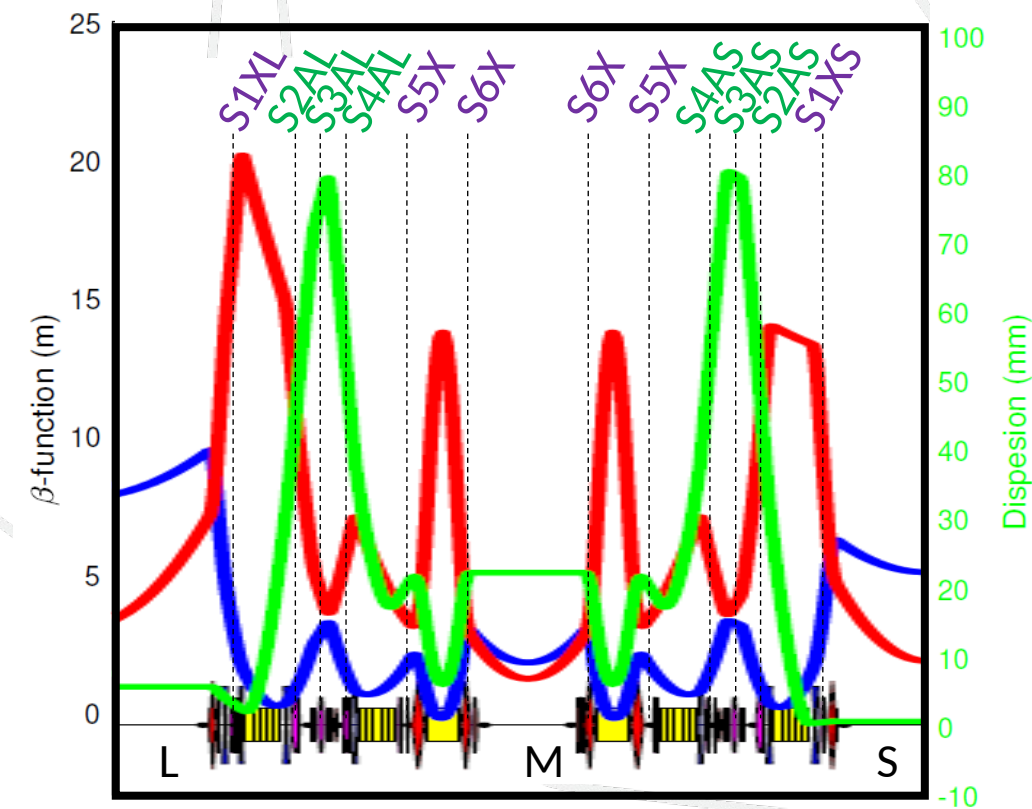


- X-ray beam extraction location to avoid fringe fields have been identified for all the pinhole cameras.
- Extraction window made of aluminium creates filamentation patterns, seen at Diamond, ESRF, HEPS and Soleil. Different solutions on overcoming this problem for Diamond-II are being investigated.
- New supplier for manufacturing a C-D shaped assembly out of tungsten



Diamond-II Lattice Update

- Ongoing optimisation of lattice (MOGA, AT)
- Introduce additional sextupole families where optics differ near long / standard straights



Lifetime: 2.7 h

Injection efficiency: 99.6%

Chromaticity $[\xi_x, \xi_y]$: [2.5, 2.7]

Lifetime: 3.0 h

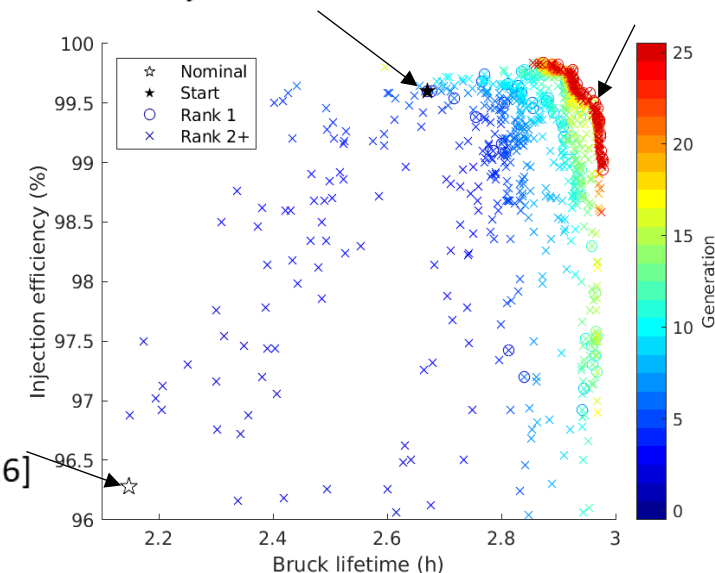
Injection efficiency: 99.3%

Chromaticity $[\xi_x, \xi_y]$: [2.0, 5.0]

Nominal lifetime: 2.2 h

Injection efficiency: 96.3%

Chromaticity $[\xi_x, \xi_y]$: [2.6, 2.6]



- Significant improvement in lifetime, although less with IDs closed
- Further improvement with higher RF voltage due to increased momentum aperture
- Lifetimes shown without 3HC – should have gain $> \times 3$ depending on fill pattern

Conclusions

Diamond

- Focus on supporting operations – improve resilience
- Rolling updates to IDs, RF and controls systems as part of Diamond-II preparations
- Testbed for Diamond-II – stripline prototype, accelerator commissioning, virtual accelerator...

Diamond-II

- Many major contracts placed, others following at pace
- Prototyping and pre-series testing underway on vacuum and magnet systems
- Beam abort system a concern, but design is progressing
- Hardware frozen, but optics optimisation still ongoing
- Some delays, absorbed by contingency in planning – still on target for Dec 2027 start to dark period

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Extra Slides

Diamond II Project Status

- Contingency in plan –still on schedule for Dec 2027 start to dark period
 - 3 month contingency still kept before start of commissioning in case of further delays
- Regular internal and external reviews:
 - MAC – machine
 - SAC – science and beamlines
 - SSAC – software and controls
- Project Assurance Reviews in Sept. 2025, 2027, 2029
 - Rated Amber-Green – no critical issues, some risks which are understood
- Bi-annual internal readiness reviews in run-up to dark period, first in Dec 2025
- £79.1m contingency funds to cover risks
 - £10m released so far
 - 5th RF cavity, 8th RF amplifier
 - 1MW data centre
 - Additional data storage, UPS
 - Apple knot ID

Diamond II Project Status

DEB



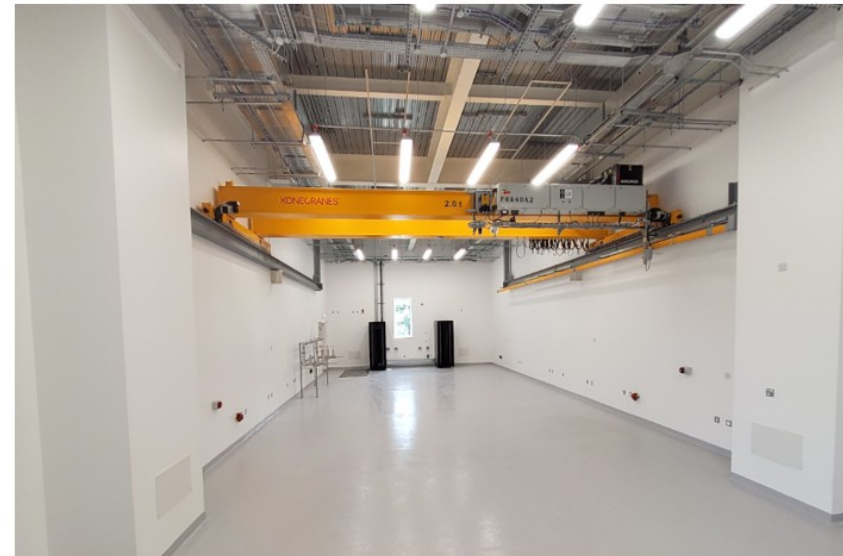
Girder Assembly



Vacuum Bake-out



Magnet Assembly



Beamline Assembly

Diamond-II Injection

Two injection schemes

1) Standard four kicker bump (SB or MB)

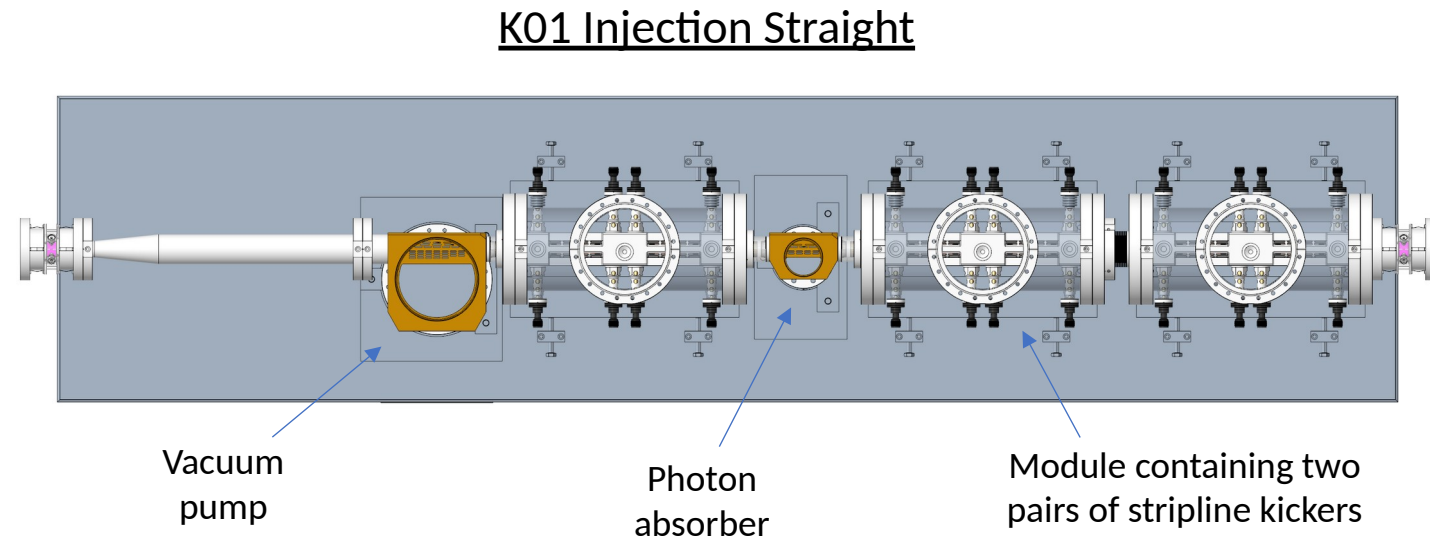
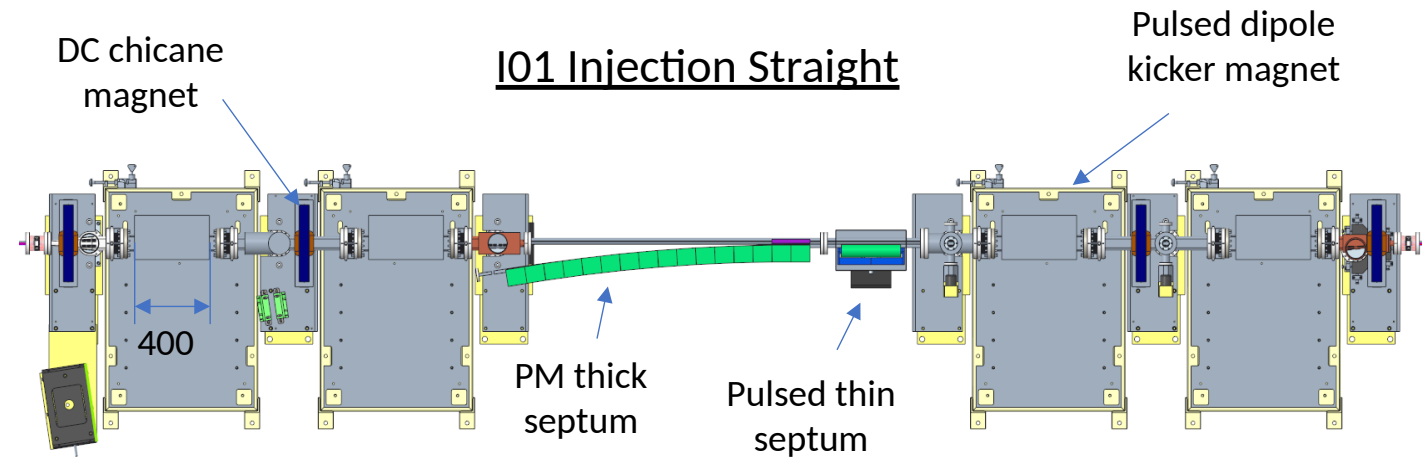
Robust, proven technology

- Stage 1: single shot, on-axis injection
- Stage 2: off-axis accumulation with non-closed bump (improved capture efficiency)
- Stage 3: off-axis accumulation with closed orbit bump (improved transparency)

2) Fast stripline kickers (SB only)

Pseudo-transparent injection

- Stage 4: top-up injection only



Beam Dump Options

Two options being considered for the beam dump:

Graphite beam dump (preferred)

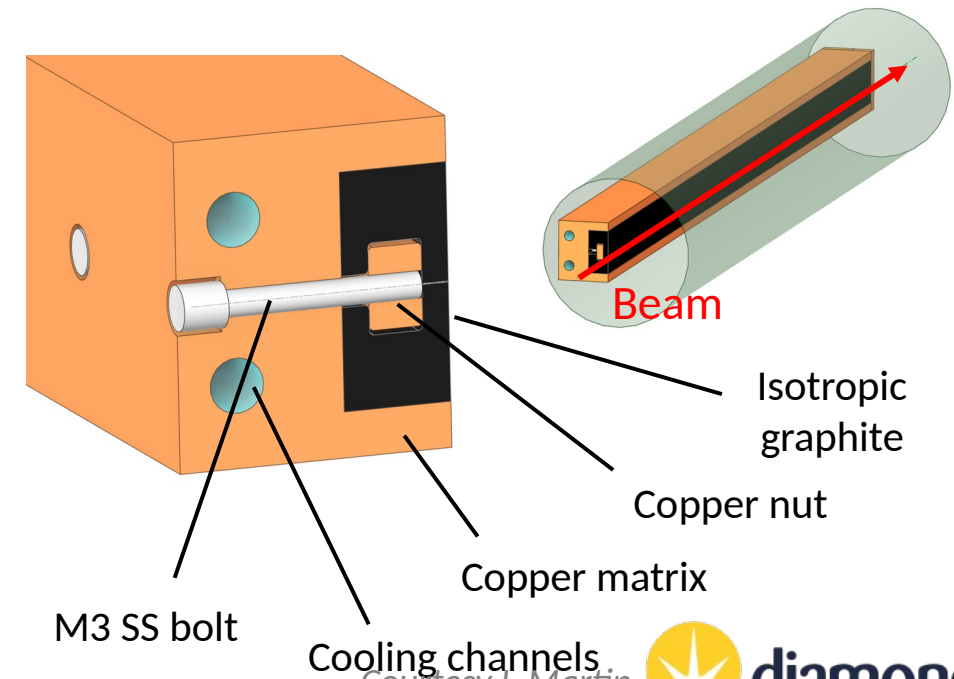
- High thermal shock resistance, high melting point
- Brittle material: likely to crack rather than melt
- Lower stopping power / extra shielding required
- Designed to be failure-free (would need replacing if damage occurs)

Copper beam dump

- Ductile material, tolerant to cracks
- Simpler design, replacement and manufacturability
- Higher stopping power / integrated shielding
- Lower melting point
- Designed to be tolerant to damage (functionality may degrade over time)

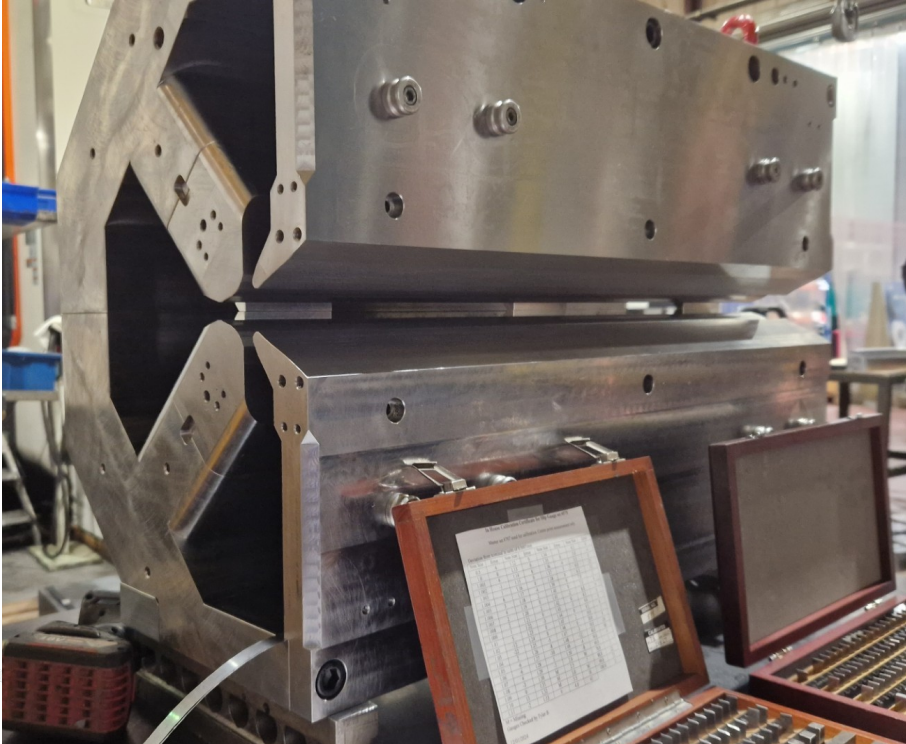
Graphite Beam Dump Concept

- Isotropic graphite to minimize thermal shock and improve manufacturability
- Copper holder to provide shielding
- Bolted joint to minimize thermal stress from synchrotron radiation
- Beam dump separated from vacuum vessel



Diamond-II Magnets

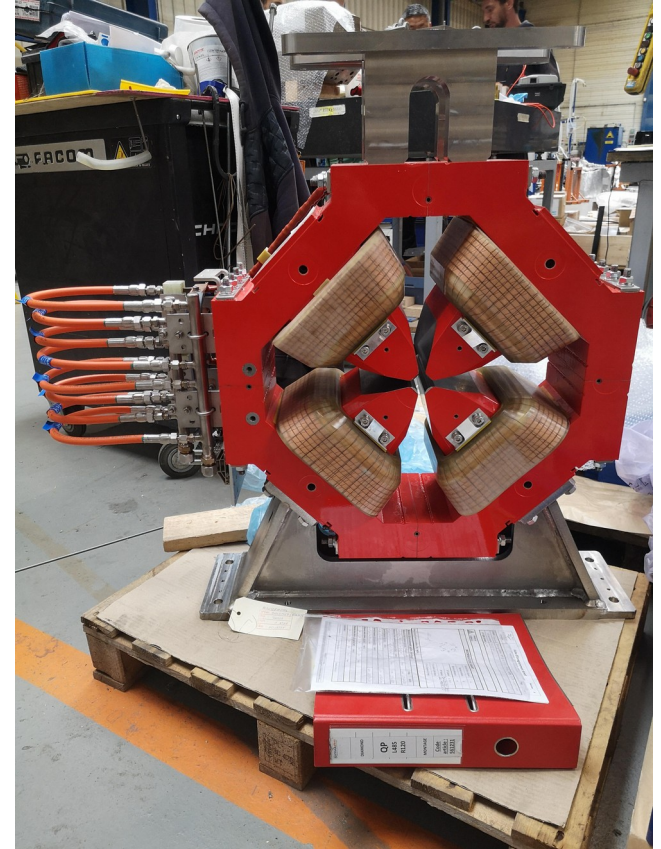
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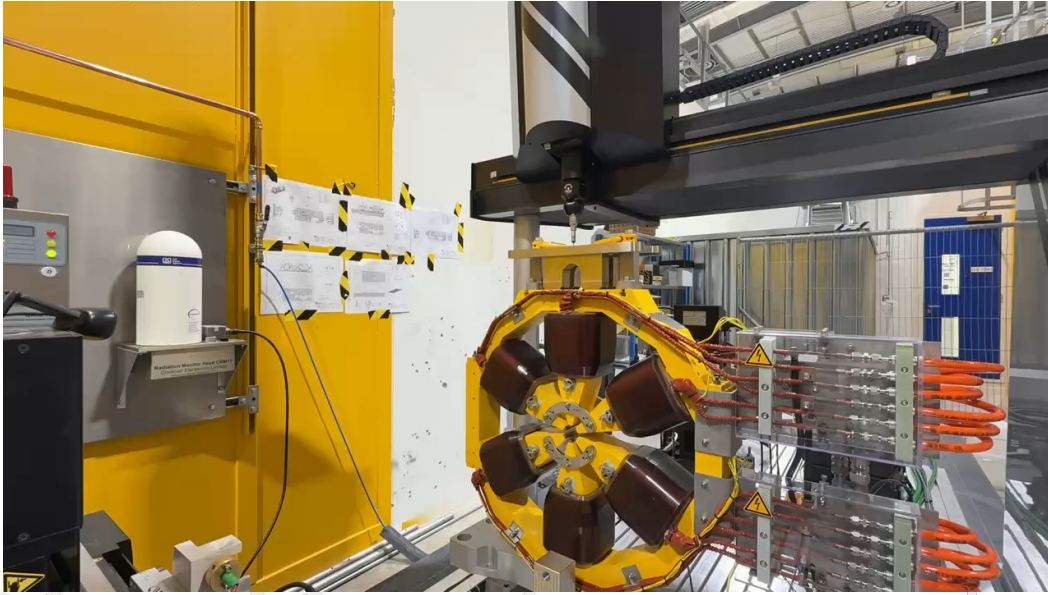


Quadrupole

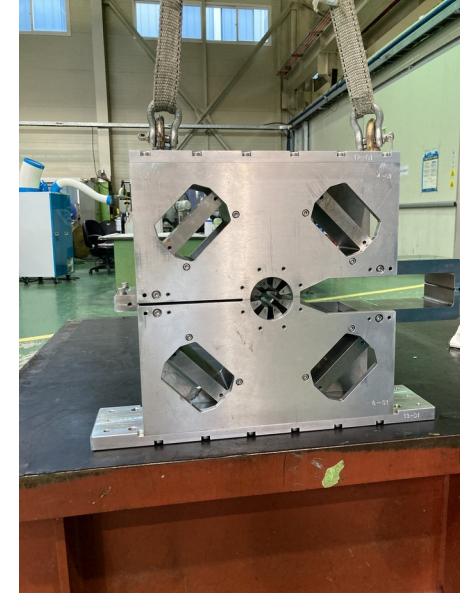


Diamond-II Magnets

Sextupole



Octupole



Diamond-II Booster Magnets

