



TCDS/TCdq for Run III and HL-LHC
Summary of the ongoing Thermo-mechanical
calculations
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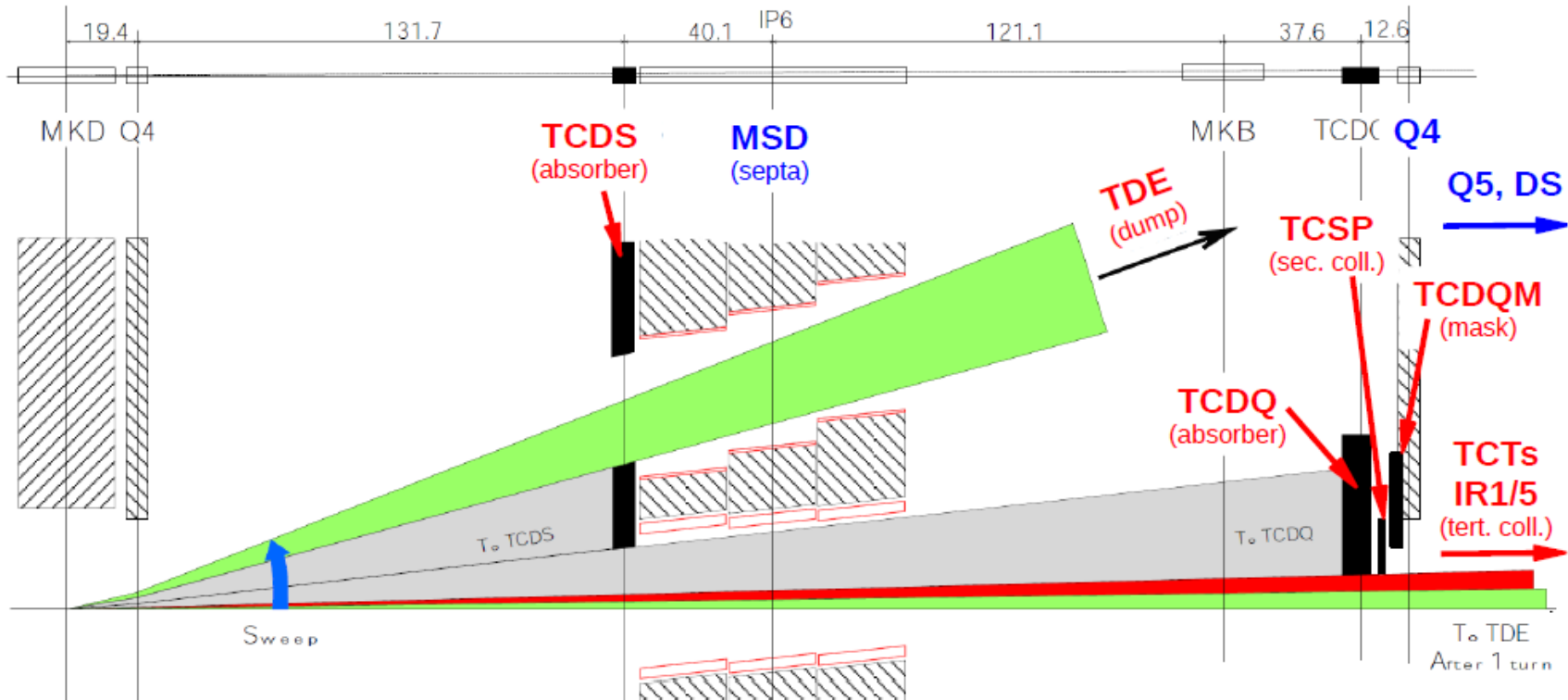
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TCDS / TCDQ



TCDS – A fixed diluter block installed immediately upstream of the MSD magnets(IR6)

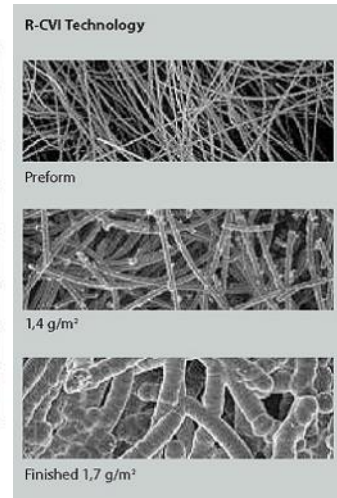
TCDQ – A mobile diluter block to protect the Q4 magnets, (IR6)

→Asynchronous firing of MKD kickers would cause the beam to sweep over the septum walls

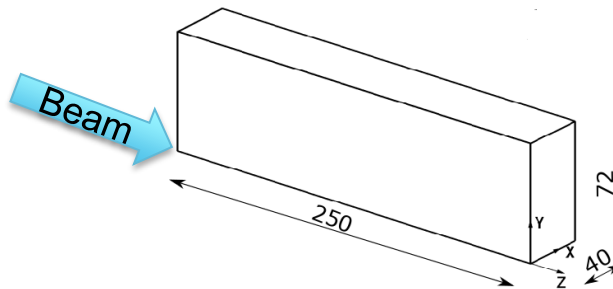
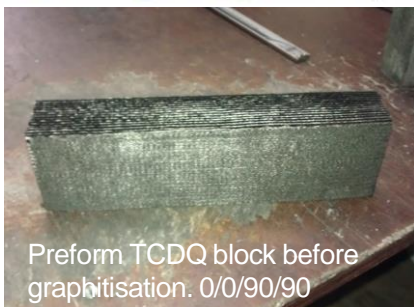
TCDS/Q Target Material Properties

CfC RNFF-SG/SAG (from CVT) is an orthotropic material. The fibers are in the y and z axes (+ small fibers in X).

Rapid-CVI Needled Fiber Fabric



CfC RNFF-SG (at 22 C)		⊥(x)	∥(y)	∥(z)	⊥(x)	∥(y)	∥(z)
Density	g/cm ³	1.4			1.75		
Tensile strength	MPa	NOT Known, assumption: taking data from 1.75 g/cc grade				84	61
Compressive strength	MPa				69.6	88.6	82.4
Compressive Young Modulus	GPa				2.8	10	10
Thermal conductivity	W/mK				91	110	110
3-point bending strength	MPa				170	190	190
3-point bending Young Modulus	GPa	38	40	40			



Graphite TCDS	Density	Tensile strength	Compressive strength	Young Modulus
Graphite C2020	1,77 g/cm ³	35 MPa	35 Mpa	10.7 GPa

Simulations are very sensitive to material properties, especially the young's modulus and the CTE.

Some material considerations

- Typical CFC materials experience non linear behavior
 - **Data not available**
- A way to post process the results consist in checking the thermal strain (temperature imposed problem)
 - **Strain at failure not available**
- Coefficient of thermal expansion varying a lot from one sample to another one
 - **Measurements done dependent with the layer thickness**
- Material behavior at high strain rate?

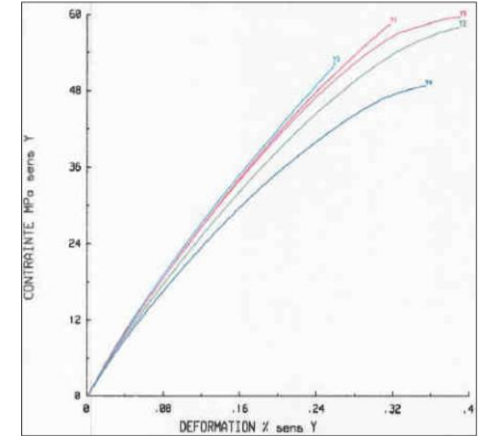


Fig. 1. Typical stress / strain curves for Carbon carbon composite

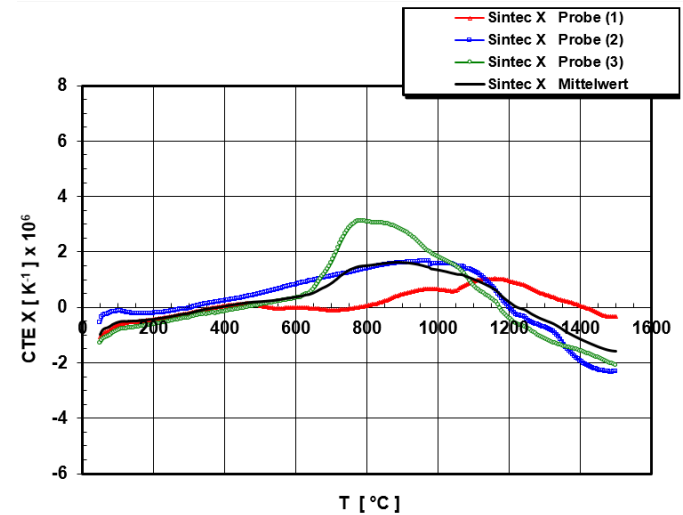
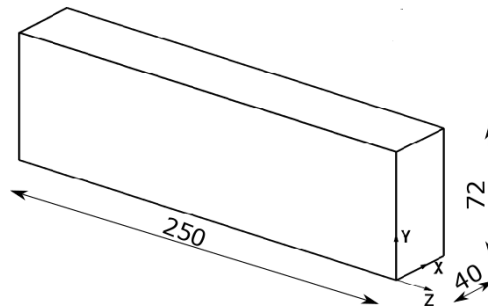
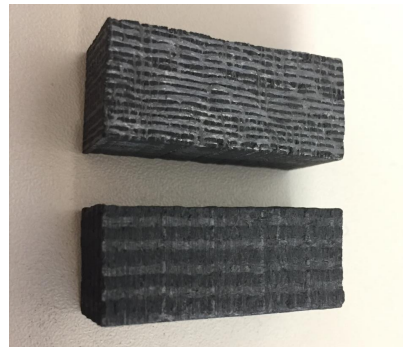


Fig. 2. Coefficient of thermal expansion of CFC.



TCDS Titanium Material Properties

Properties (at RT)	Units	Ti6Al4V
Density	g/cm ³	4,43
Yield Strength	MPa	925
Tensile Strength	MPa	1120
Young Modulus E	GPa	113,8
Thermal Conductivity	W/m·°C	7
Melting Point	°C	1604-1660
Specific Heat	J/kg·°C	513

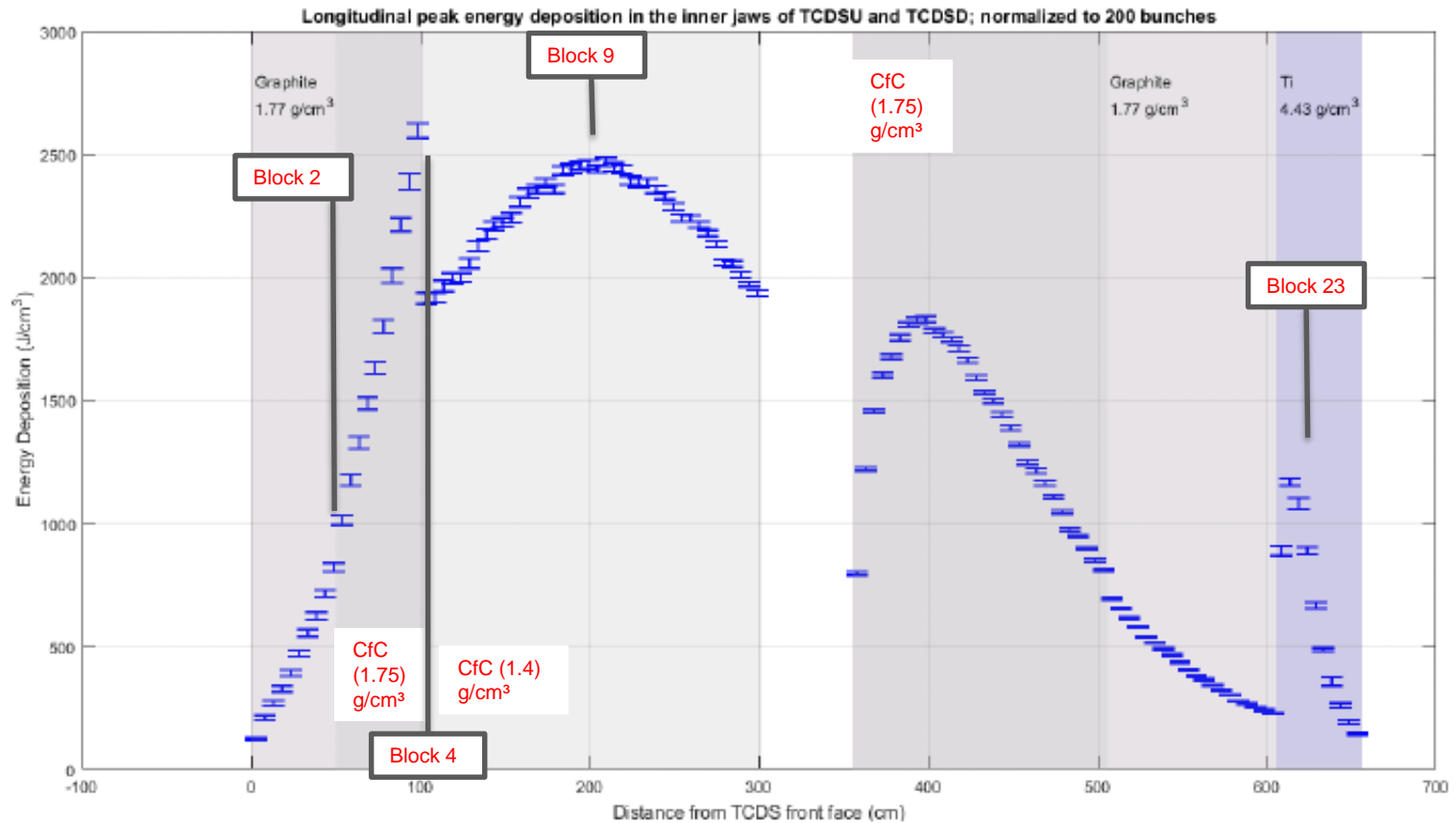
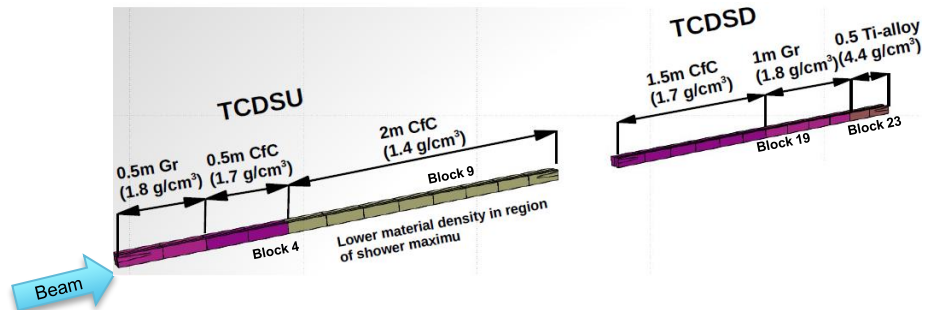
All the properties modelled as a function of the temperature

The titanium was modeled as a plastic material. (Multilinear kinematic hardening)

Main source: MIL-HDBK-5J, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HANDBOOK: METALLIC MATERIALS AND ELEMENTS FOR AEROSPACE VEHICLE STRUCTURES

TCDS Energy deposition (single MKD module pre-fire)

Parameters	HL-LHC25ns
Bunch intensity	2.3e11
Number of bunches	65
Total pulse intensity	1.5e13
Beam energy	7 TeV
Pulse length	1.1 μ s
Beam emittance	2.1 μ m



TCDS thermal and structural results

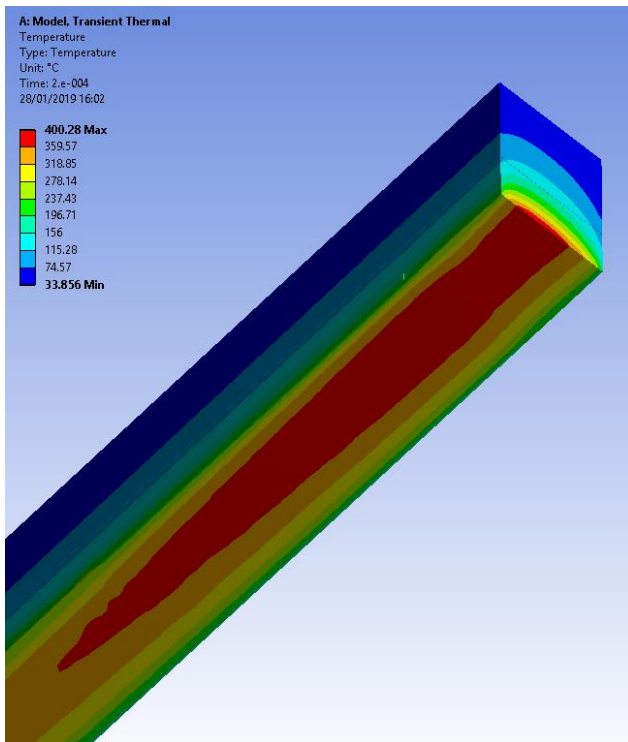
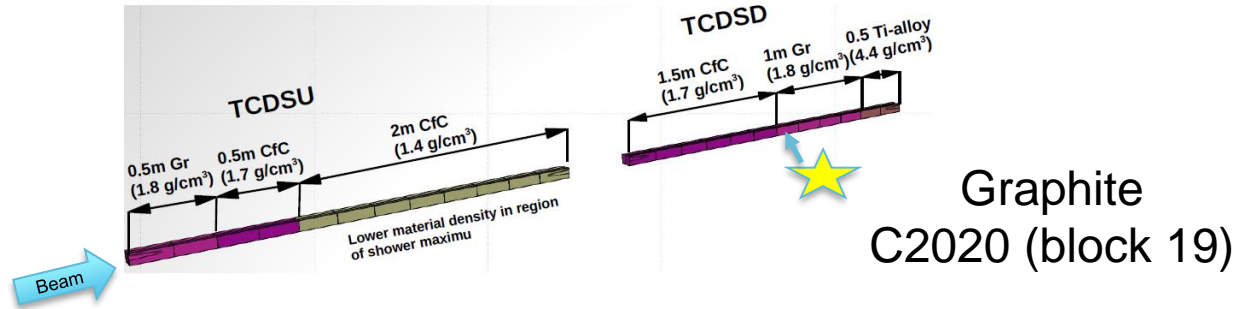


Fig. 1. Temperature distribution after the beam pulse

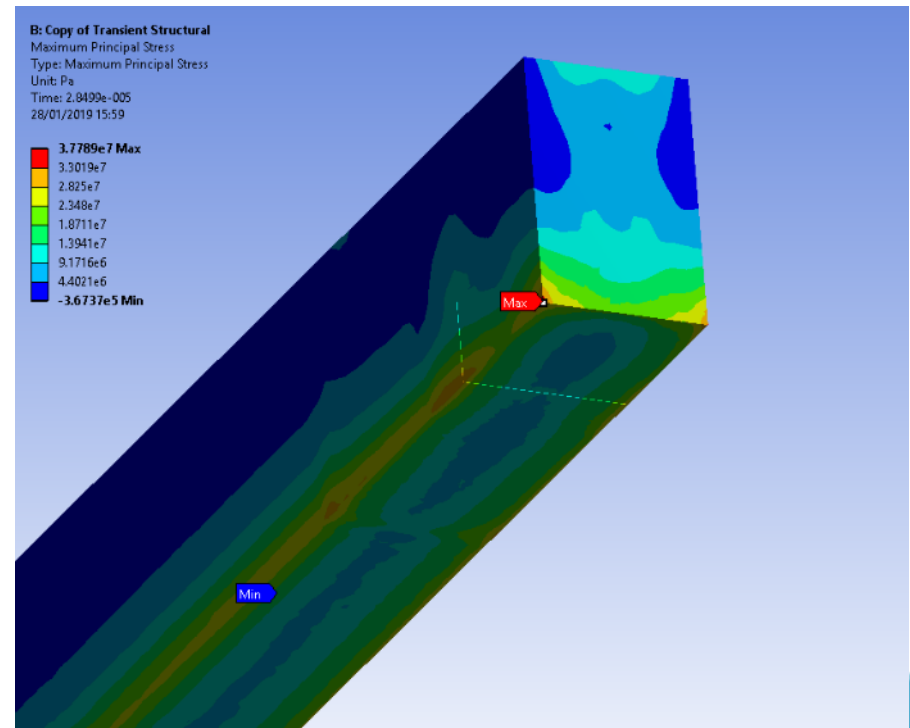
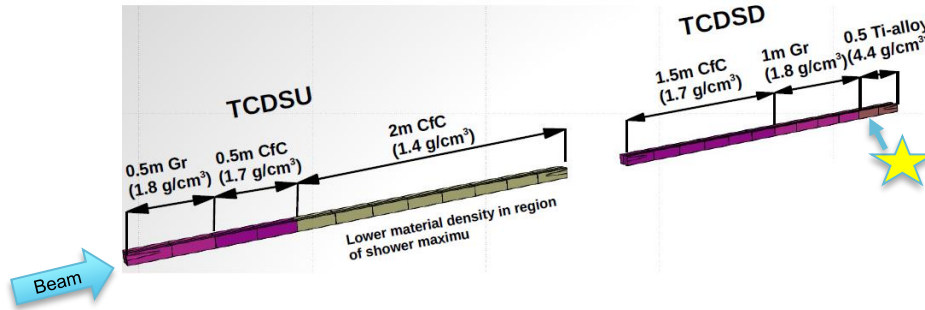


Fig. 2. Maximum principal stress after the beam pulse

TCDS thermal and structural results



(Ti6Al4V), block 23

C: Transient Thermal Mesh15.1

Temperature
 Type: Temperature
 Unit: °C
 Time: 1.1e-006 s
 30/09/2016 00:02

567,48 Max
 507,72
 447,97
 388,22
 328,46
 268,71
 208,95
 149,2
 89,442
 29,687 Min

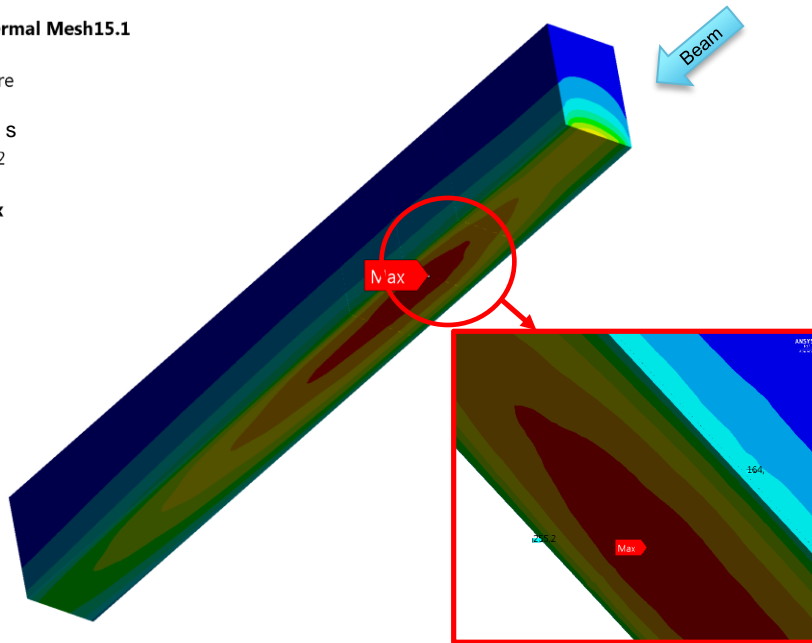


Fig. 1. Temperature distribution at the end of the beam pulse

Equivalent Plastic Strain
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 Unit: mm/mm
 Time: 1,5647e-004
 12/12/2016 02:14

0,011802 Max
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 0,0091791
 0,0078678
 0,0065565
 0,0052452
 0,0039339
 0,0026226
 0,0013113
 0 Min

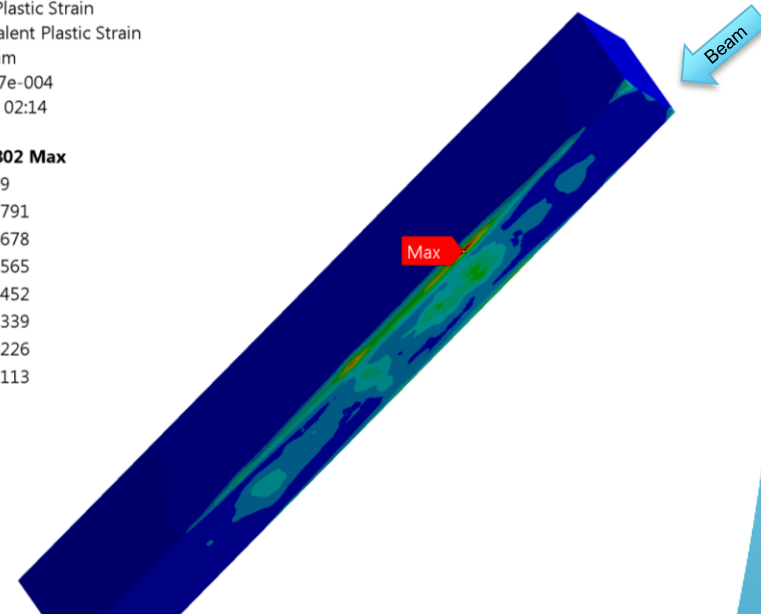
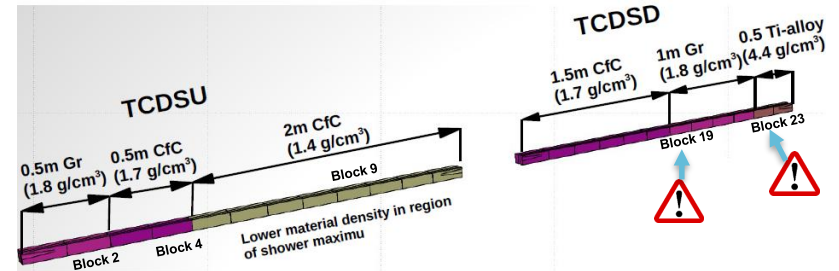


Fig. 2. equivalent plastic strain after the beam pulse

TCDS thermal and structural results

Preliminary results, pending new simulations and material characterization



TCDS (low Z)

Material	Graphite C2020 (block 2)	Block 4 C-C 1.7	Block 9 C-C 1.4	Graphite C2020 (block 19)
Max. Temp. [°C]	396	798	1141	402
Max. Comp. Stress. [MPa]	-20	-23	-27	-33
Comp. Strength	-35	-70	-70	-35
Max. Tens. Stress. [MPa]	29	18	51	38
Tensile Strength	35	61	84	35



TCDS (Ti6Al4V), block 23

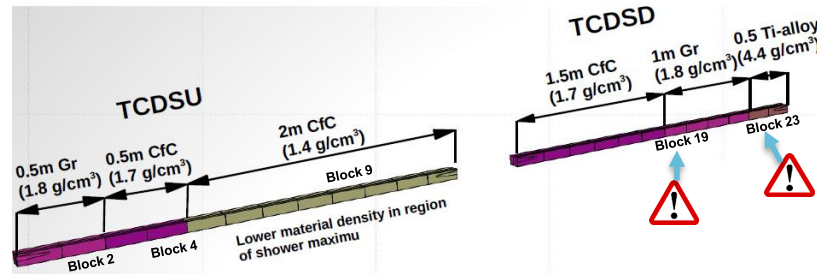
	Area at Max plastic strain
Temp. [°C]	255
Eq. Stress [MPa]	601
Yield Strength	529
Tensile Strength	645



The titanium block experiences a plastic deformation (1.2%) on part of the surface.

For block 9 → Material properties are not known.
Values written are assumptions based on 1.7 g/cc grade

TCDS preliminary conclusions



- A risk of failure caused by the high stresses and elevated temperature generated in the block 19 of graphite is expected.
- The titanium block experiences plastic deformation and very high temperature. An optimal design shall prevent any permanent deformation of the material.

→ It is suggested to **launch a new simulations campaign** searching for optimizing the material distribution:

- a. Substituting at least blocks 19 and 20 with 2D CFC (1.7 g/cc);
- b. Checking the Titanium blocks need for MSDA protection / or slicing it;
- c. Substituting the Titanium blocks with another material;

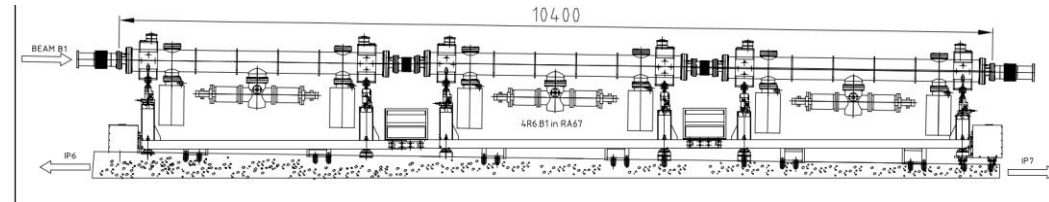
→ The 2D CFC seems to be strong enough **although the key material properties (ultimate strain /strength at high temperature...)** are not available.

Material characterization is needed

TCDQ

TCDQ description

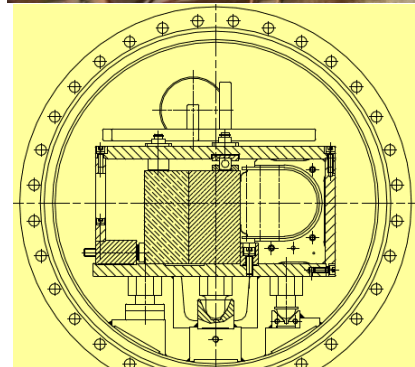
A 10.4 m long 3-tank system, on a mobile support girder, with 9 m absorber length installed at ~12.5 m in front of the Q4 magnet. Each tank consists of 12 absorber blocks, made of carbon fibre reinforced carbon (CFC), having a density of 1.75 or 1.4 g/cm³.



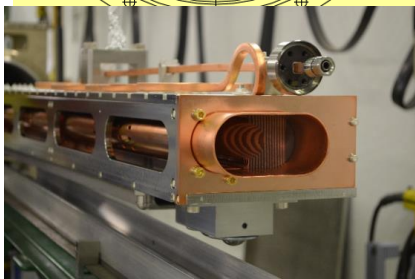
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1.75				1.4								1.4								1.75				1.75											

→ 36 blocks of 250 mm of carbon composite (CFC) with different densities:

- 4 blocks of high density CFC (1.75 g/cm³)
- 16 blocks of low density CFC (1.4 g/cm³)
- 16 blocks of high density CFC (1.75 g/cm³)



Cross-section of the TCDQ structure showing the graphite (left) and CFC (right) absorber blocks



TCDQ Energy deposition

Beam Parameters	HL-LHC25ns
Bunch Intensity	2.3E11
Number of bunches	50
Beam energy	7 TeV
Pulse length	950ns
Beam emittance	2.1 μm

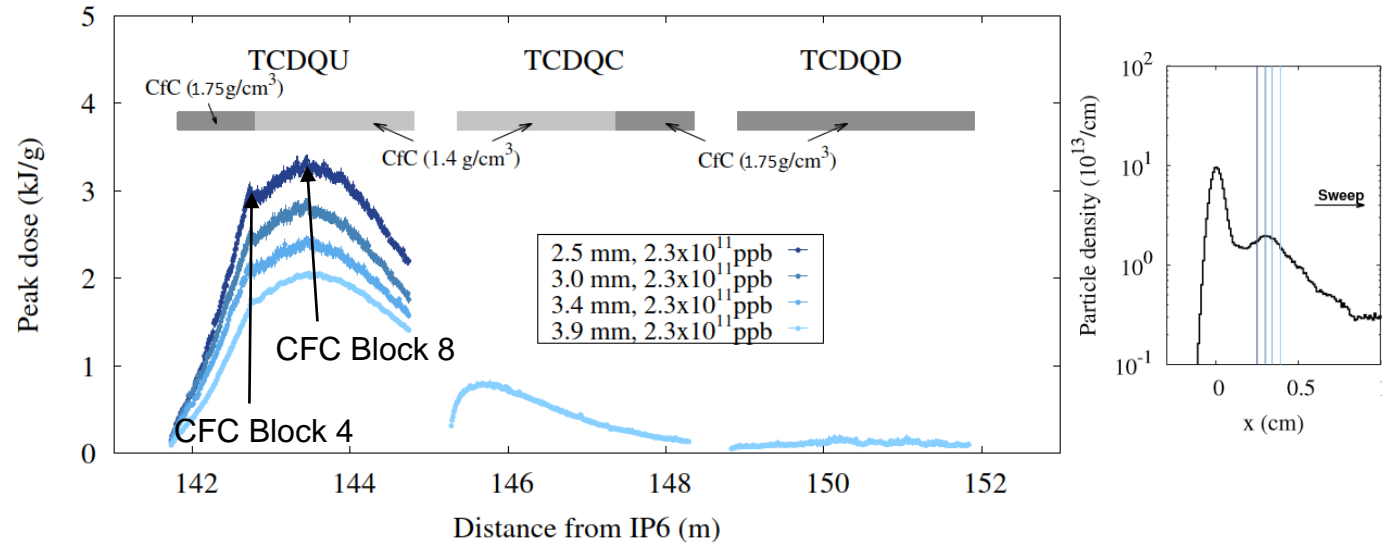


Fig. 1. Energy deposition distribution [2]. Courtesy of M. I Frankl.

Table 1. Beam parameter

- The TCDQ gap affects the energy deposition.
- From the mechanical point of view, the 4th and 8th blocks (high and low density CFC blocks, respectively) are the most affected.

	1.4×10^{11}	1.7×10^{11}	2.0×10^{11}	2.3×10^{11}
2.5 mm	2.0 kJ/g (1300°C)	2.4 kJ/g (1500°C)	2.8 kJ/g (1700°C)	3.3 kJ/g (1900°C)
3.0 mm	1.7 kJ/g (1100°C)	2.0 kJ/g (1300°C)	2.4 kJ/g (1500°C)	2.7 kJ/g (1600°C)
3.4 mm	1.5 kJ/g (1000°C)	1.8 kJ/g (1200°C)	2.1 kJ/g (1300°C)	2.4 kJ/g (1500°C)
3.9 mm	1.3 kJ/g (900°C)	1.5 kJ/g (1000°C)	1.8 kJ/g (1200°C)	2.1 kJ/g (1300°C)

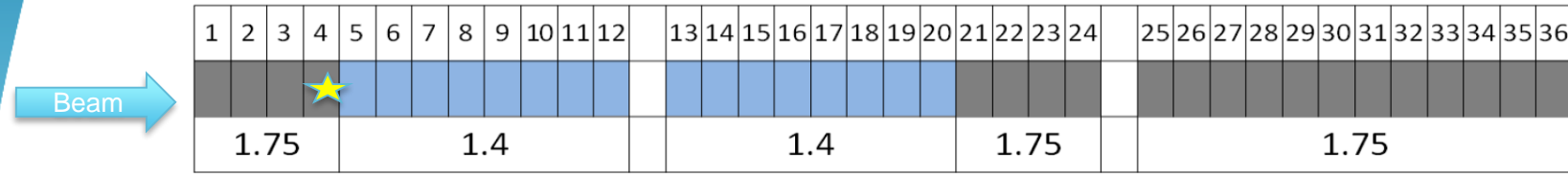
Table 2. Peak doses as function of the gap and beam intensity [2]

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TCDQ results for 1.7×10^{11} ppb and 2.5 mm gap

Block 4



I: 2D_Block_4
 Temperature
 Type: Temperature
 Unit: °C
 Time: 9.5e-007
 15/10/2018 10:19

1400.7 Max
 1247.6
 1094.5
 941.42
 788.31
 635.21
 482.1
 329
 175.89
 22.788 Min

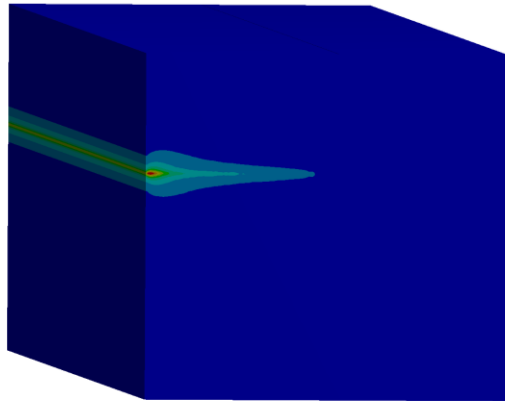


Fig. 1. Temperature distribution after the beam pulse

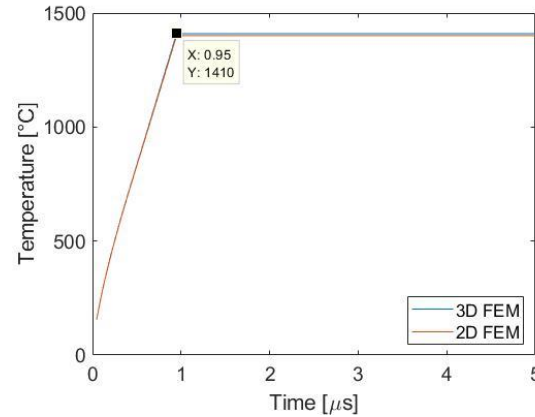


Fig. 2. Temperature evolution for the 2D and 3D FEM

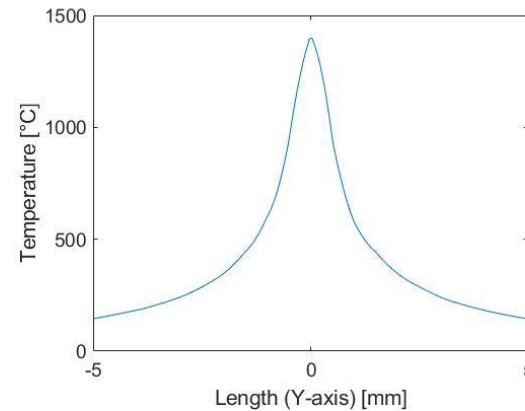


Fig. 3. Temperature distribution along the Y-axis at the temperature peak.

- Maximum temperature (1400°C) is expected to be acceptable. This temperature is reached after the beam pulse and is practically constant during the first 5 μs.

TCDQ results for 1.7×10^{11} ppb and 2.5 mm gap Block 8

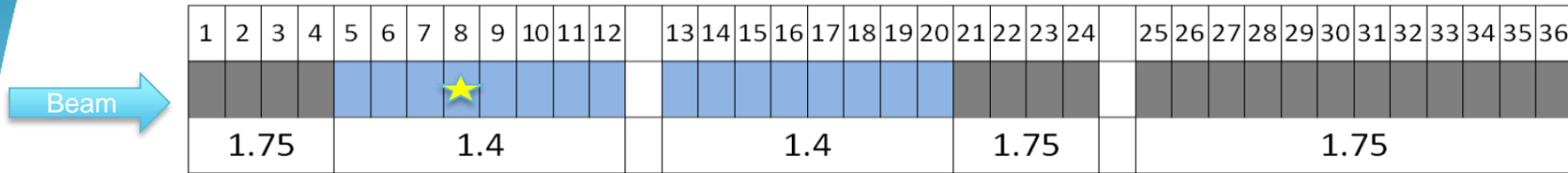


Fig. 1. Temperature distribution after the beam pulse

P: 2D_Block 8_Initial_section
 Temperature
 Type: Temperature
 Unit: °C
 Time: 9.5e-007
 15/10/2018 08:58

1534.1 Max
 1366.3
 1198.5
 1030.8
 863.01
 695.25
 527.48
 359.71
 191.95
 24.179 Min

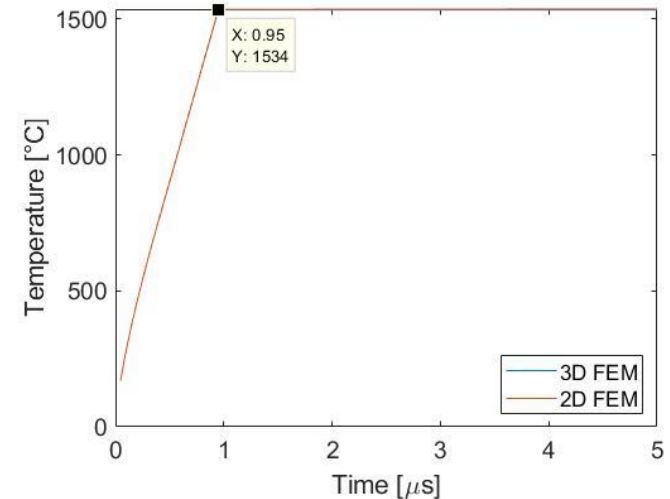
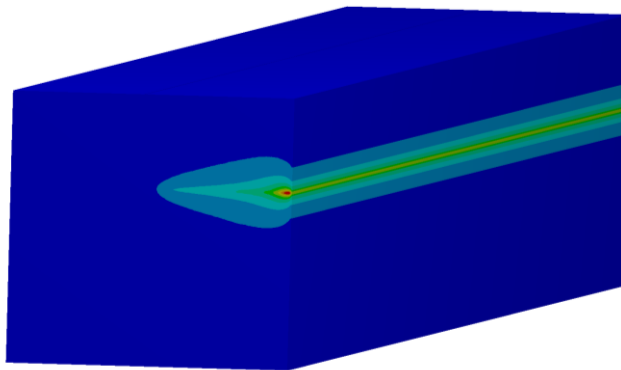


Fig. 2. temporal temperature evolution for the 2D and 3D FEM

- Maximum temperature (1536 °C) is expected to be acceptable. This temperature is reached after the beam pulse and is practically constant during the first 5 μ s

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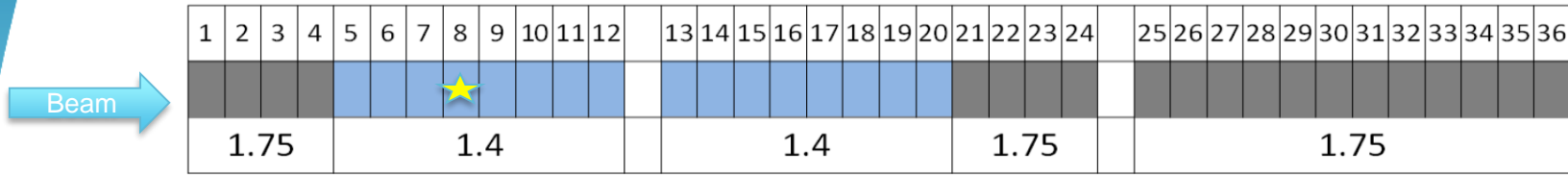


Fig. 1. Maximum principal stress distribution 3D

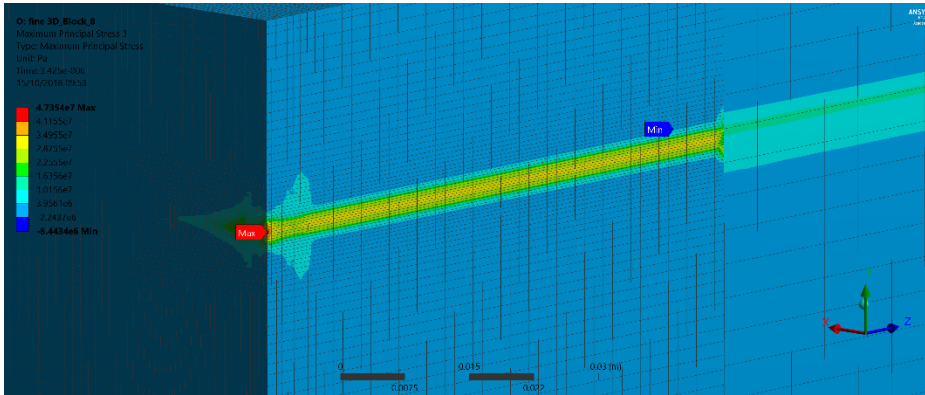


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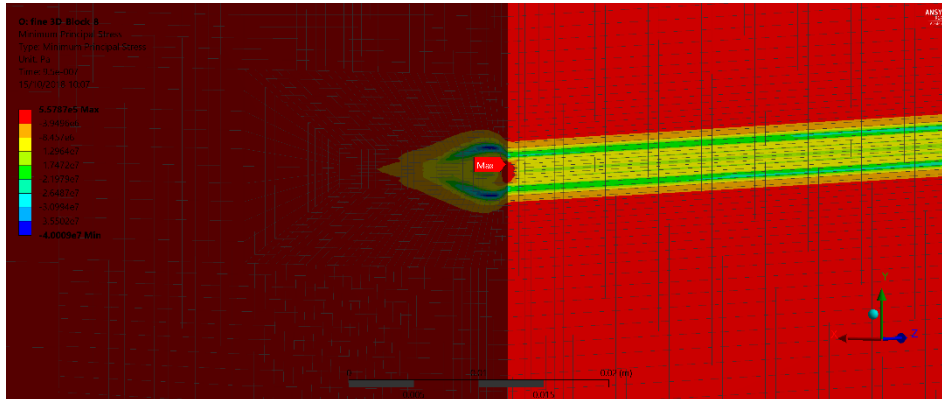


Fig. 2. Maximum principal stress over time

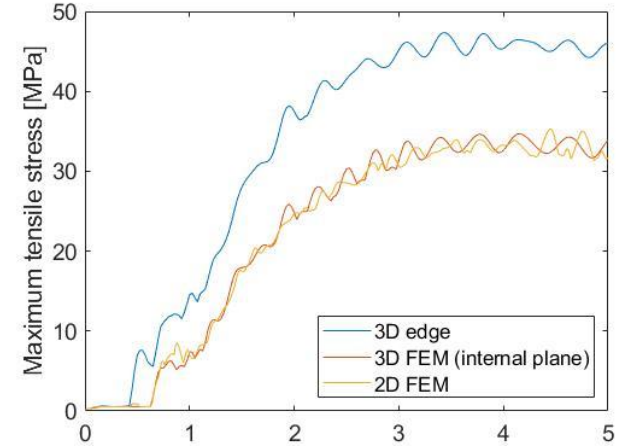
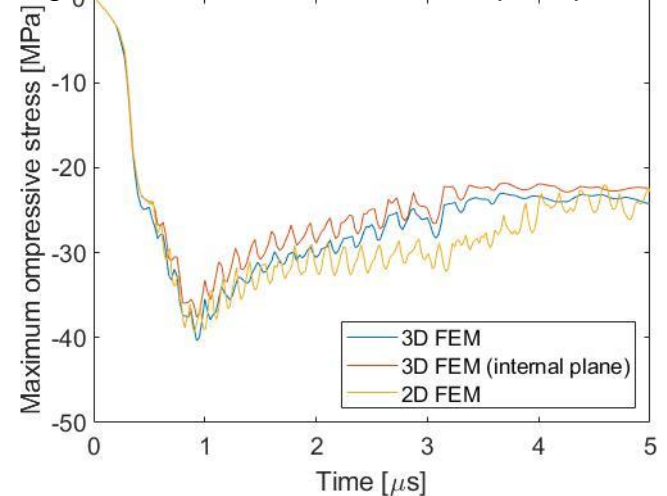
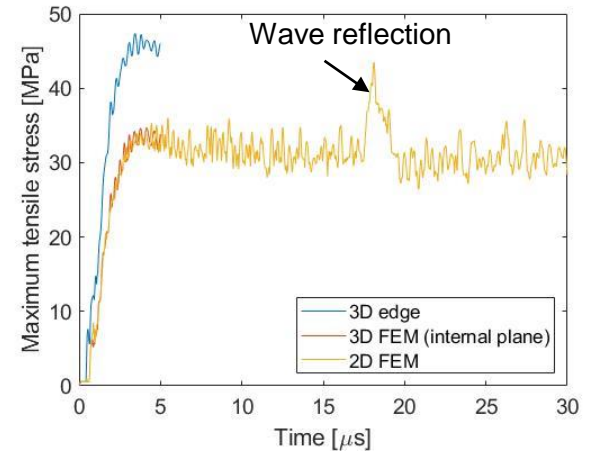
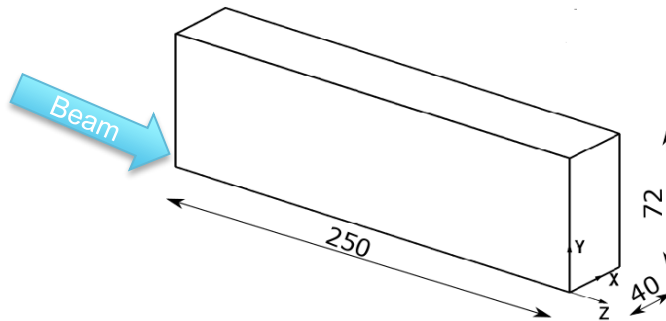
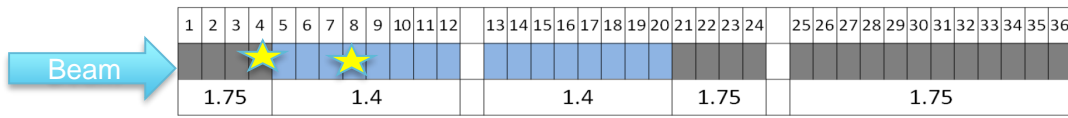


Fig. 4 Time evolution of minimum principal stress



TCDQ results for 1.7×10^{11} ppb and 2.5 mm gap } Blocks 4 and 8

TCDQ results for 2.3×10^{11} ppb and 2.5 mm gap }



	Bunch intensity $1.7e11$		Bunch intensity $2.3e11$	
	CFC 4 th block	CFC 8 th block	CFC 4 th block	CFC 8 th block
	2D FEM			
Max. Temp [°C]	1401	1534	1837	2018
Max. Princp. Stress [Mpa]	31/33(wave refl.) Y-dir	35/43(wave refl.) Y-dir	41/44(wave refl.) Y-dir	42 / 58 (wave reflection), Y-dir
Min. Princp. Stress [Mpa]	-29 Y-dir	-39 Y-dir	-38 Y-dir	-48 Y-dir
Compressive strength [Mpa]	-69.6 (X-dir) -88.6 (Y-dir) -82.4 (Z-dir)	Not known	-69.6 (X-dir) -88.6 (Y-dir) -82.4 (Z-dir)	Not known
Tensile strength [Mpa]	? (X-dir) 84 (Y-dir) 61 (Z-dir)	Not known	? (X-dir) 84 (Y-dir) 61 (Z-dir)	Not known
Safety factor (based on stress)	2.5	2.4*	1.90	1.45*

*Considering strength of 1.75 g/cc grade

Results highly dependent on the CTE

Preliminary conclusions I

TCDS

- **New simulation campaign** shall be launched with new material distribution for TCDS

TCDQ

- Simulations output for 2.0×10^{11} ppb and 2.0 mm gap, and 1.7×10^{11} ppb and 2.5 mm gap:
→ Targets integrity is expected to be kept, but impossible to commit due to lack of material data.
- Simulations output for 2.3×10^{11} ppb and 2.5 mm gap → High temperature and high strain may lead to material failure.

Preliminary conclusions II

→The same material properties are considered for both CfC, whereas the mechanical characteristics are expected to vary with different densities (experience on 3D CC).

→MATERIAL CHARACTERISATION NEEDED:

- Material properties for RNFF-sg (1.4 g/cc);

- For all:

 - Ideally the Stress / Strain curves at different temperatures (up to 1500 C);

 - High strain rates strength of the material (at high temperature too);

 - CTE cross check with suitable sample size.

- Some material available.
- Demanding work but very helpful to confirm the equipment ability to survive HL-LHC beam.

→This work will request resources and funding

The complete assembly flatness / geometry could be also affected by a beam impact, as observed on the TDE and recent HRMT experiments.

→Vessels absolute position could be measured after each impact (following ALARA's principle)?

→Interferometers could be eventually installed on the tank / absorber girders ?

Preliminary conclusions III

**3D CC HiRadMat
impact testing
(2016/2017/2018)**



Peak energy
deposition
achieved:
6.1 kJ / cc

**TCDQ Accidental impact:
 2.3×10^{11} ppb and 2.5 mm gap**



Peak energy
deposition
Expected:
5.8 kJ / cc



Transversal energy deposition gradient to be compared
(could be worst for HiRadMat)

If confirmed →

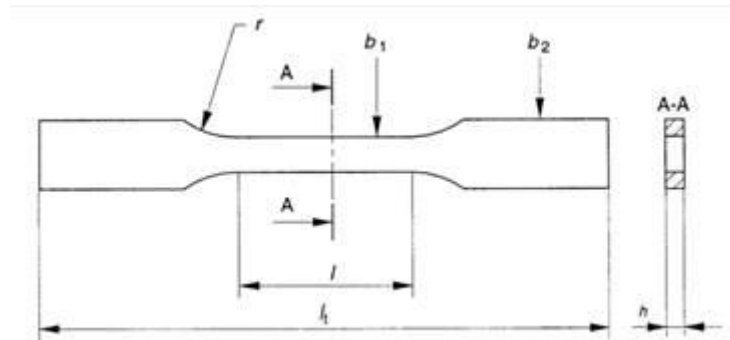
Materials tested at HiRadMat 28 could be potential candidates for TCDQ.

Material characterisation possibilities at CERN

- CTE: samples: cubes $\rightarrow 6*6*6 \text{ mm}^3$
- Specific heat: samples: any kind of geometry
- Thermal diffusivity: samples: Cylinders $\rightarrow \text{Ø}12.7 \text{ mm} * 6 \text{ mm (H)}$
- Compression samples: Cylinders $\rightarrow \text{Ø}8 \text{ mm} * 15 \text{ mm (H)}$
- Traction samples (maxi 700°C):

Table 1

Dimensions in millimetres	
l_t , total length	$\geq 100 \pm 0,5$
l , calibrated length	$\geq 40 \pm 0,2$
h , thickness	$\geq 3 \pm 0,2$
b_2 , width	$\geq 10 \pm 0,2$
b_1 , width in the calibrated length	$\geq 8 \pm 0,2$
r , Blend radius	$\geq 30 \pm 2$
Plan parallelism of machined parts	0,05 —



+ some ongoing test with IET

	Samples	Directions	Cost per Test [CHF]	Cost per Test Type [CHF]
CTE	3	3	600	5400
Diffusivity	3	3	600	5400
Specific Heat	3	1	300	900
Overall Cost				11700



Thanks for your attention

Material considerations

- Typical CFC materials experience non linear behavior
- A way to post process the results consist in checking the **thermal strain (temperature imposed problem)**

→ Strain at failure not available

- A strain at failure estimate is proposed based on the young's modulus at RT and the max tensile and compression strength

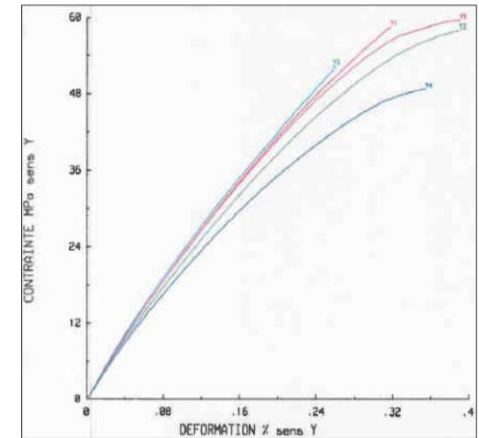


Fig. 1. Typical stress / strain curves for Carbon carbon composite

	Estimated strain at failure	
	CFC 4 th block	CFC 8 th block
Ultimate Compr. Strain	≈ ? (X-dir) -8.9e-3(Y-dir)	-8.2e-3(Z-dir)
Ultimate Tens. Strain	≈ ? (X-dir) 8.4 e-3(Y-dir)	8.2e-3(Z-dir)

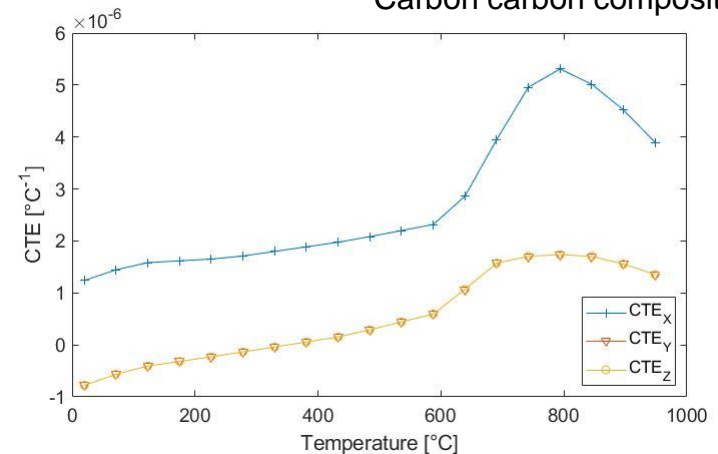
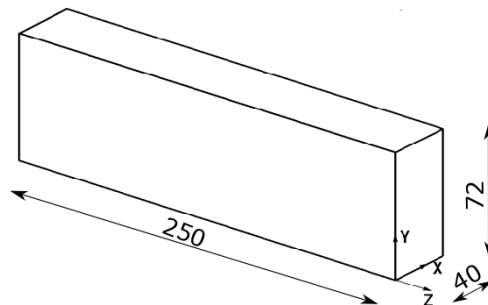
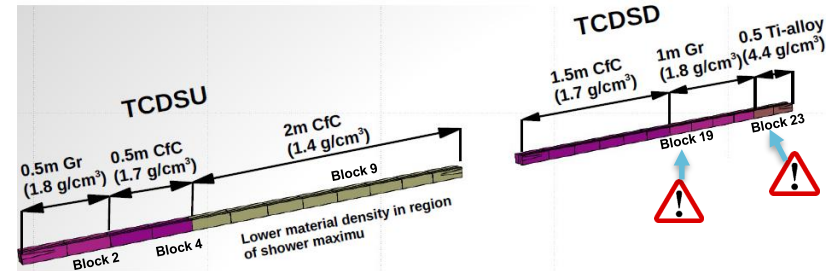


Fig. 2. Coefficient of thermal expansion of CFC.

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Preliminary results, pending new simulations and material characterization



TCDS (low Z)

TCDS (Ti6Al4V), block 23

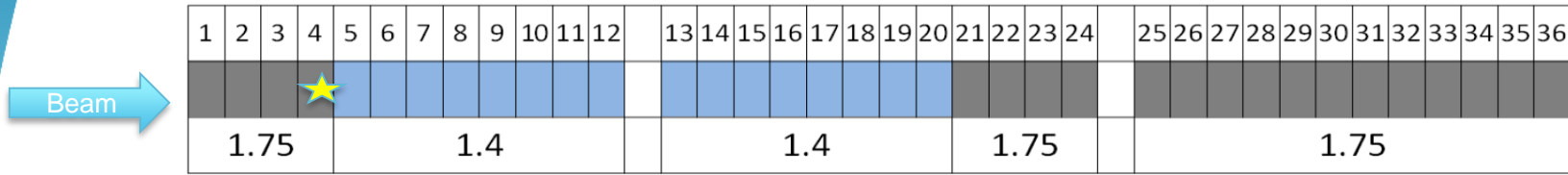
Material	Graphite C2020 (block 2)	Block 4 C-C 1.7	Block 9 C-C 1.4	Graphite C2020 (block 19)
Max. Temp. [°C]	396	798	1141	402
Max. Comp. Stress. [MPa]	-20	-23	-27	-33
Comp. Strength	-35	-70	-70	-35
Max. Tens. Stress. [MPa]	29	18	51	38
Tensile Strength	35	61	84	35

	Area at Max T	Area at Max stress	Area at Max plastic strain
Temp. [°C]	568	164	255
Eq. Stress [MPa]	308	711	601
Yield Strength	248	628	529
Tensile Strength	358	734	645

The titanium block experiences a plastic deformation (1.2%) on part of the surface in the middle plan. Although the material still have elongation before reaching the necking point (UTS at about 10% of the equivalent strain), material integrity cannot be guaranteed for several shots. An optimal design shall prevent any permanent deformation of the material.

For block 9 → Material properties are not known. Values written are assumptions based on 1.7 g/cc grade

TCDQ results for 1.7×10^{11} ppb and 2.5 mm gap Block 4



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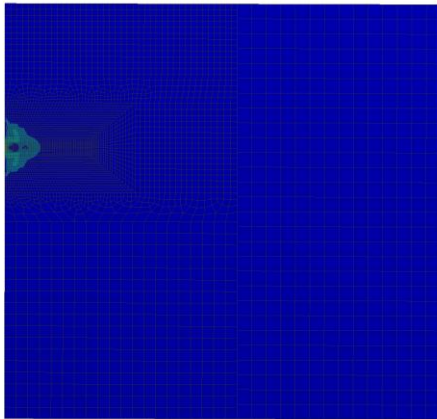
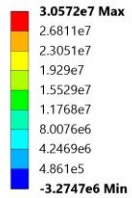


Fig.1. Maximum principal stress distribution for internal plane

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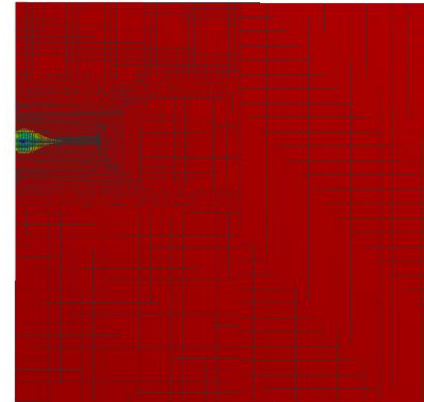
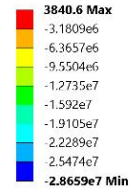
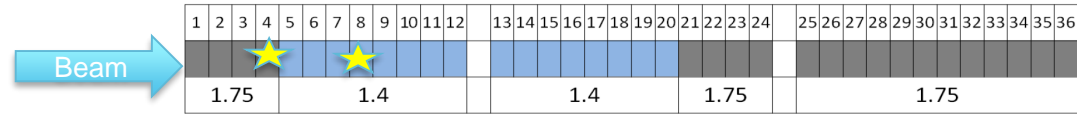
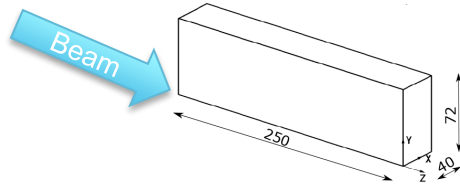



Fig. 2. Minimum principal stress distribution for internal plane

TCDQ results for 1.8×10^{11} ppb and 2.0 mm gap TCDQ results for 2.3×10^{11} ppb and 2.5 mm gap } Blocks 4 and 8



	Bunch intensity $1.8e11$		Bunch intensity $2.3e11$	
	CFC 4 th block	CFC 8 th block	CFC 4 th block	CFC 8 th block
	2D FEM			
Max. Temp [°C]	1636	1775	1837	2018 
Max. Strain [-]	4.9e-3 X-dir	5.3e-3 X-dir	5.8e-3 X-dir	6.4e-3 X-dir
Min. Strain [-]	-4.6e-3 X-dir	-4.4e-3 X-dir	-4.6e-3 X-dir	-4.8e-3 Y-dir
Ultimate Compr. Strain	= ? (X-dir) -8.9e-3(Y-dir) -8.2e-3(Z-dir)			
Ultimate Tens. Strain	= ? (X-dir) 8.4 e-3(Y-dir) 6.1e-3(Z-dir)			
Safety factor (based on strain)	Not known (lack of mat data in X direction)			1.8 (Y), warning X-dir

- The material production process temperature is 1500°C. → small permanent deformation of blocks can happen
- Considering that ultimate strains are estimates, the safety margin shall be considered small
- To confirm / precise the results, one could launch new material characterization aiming at determine:

- Material properties for RNFF-sg (1.4 g/cc);
- The ultimate strain at RT and up to at least 1500°C
- The strain rate effect on the ultimate strain (at RT and up to at least 1500°C)

• Some material available.
• Demanding work but very helpful to confirm the equipment ability to survive HL-LHC beam.

SUMMARY: 2.5 mm GAP 2.3e11 BI

	Bunch intensity 2.3e11	
	CFC 4th block	CFC 8th block
	2D FEM	
Max. Temp [°C]	1837	2018
Max. Princp. Stress [Mpa]	28.8/28.8(wave refl.)	31.0 / 39.0 (wave refl.)
Min. Princp. Stress [Mpa]	-35.7	-48.6
Max. Stress [MPa]	<i>Sx=20.2 ; Sy=28.8 ; Sz=24.7</i>	<i>Sx=22.8 ; Sy=39. ; Sz=26.3</i>
Min. Stress [MPa]	<i>Sx=-17.7 ; Sy=-35.7 ; Sz=-23.5</i>	<i>Sx=-19.4 ; Sy=-48.6 ; Sz=-26.1</i>
Tensile strength [Mpa]	X-dir≈ - Y-dir= 84 Z-dir=61	
Compressive strength [Mpa]	X-dir= -69.6 Y-dir= -88.6 Z-dir=-82.4	
Safety factor (based on stress)	2.5 (Z), warning X-dir	1.8 (Y), warning X-dir

Based on stress

	Bunch intensity 2.3e11	
	CFC 4th block	CFC 8th block
	2D FEM	
Max. Temp [°C]	1837	2018
Max. Princp. Strain [-]	5.8e-3	6.4e-3
Min. Princp. Strain []	-4.6e-3	-4.8e-3
Max. Strain [MPa]	<i>STx=5.7e-3 ; STy=3.0e-3</i>	<i>STx=6.4e-3; STy=3.9e-3</i>
Min. Strain [MPa]	<i>STx=-4.6e-3 ; STy=-3.0e-3</i>	<i>STx=-4.4e-3; STy=-4.8e-3</i>
Ultimate tensile strain []	X-dir≈- ; Y-dir= 8.4e-3; Z-dir= 6.1e-3	
Ultimate compressive Strain []	X-dir= -24.8e-3; Ydir= -8.9e-3; Z-dir= -8.2e-3	
Safety factor (based on stress)	2.8 (Y), warning X-dir	1.9 (Y), warning X-dir

Based on strain

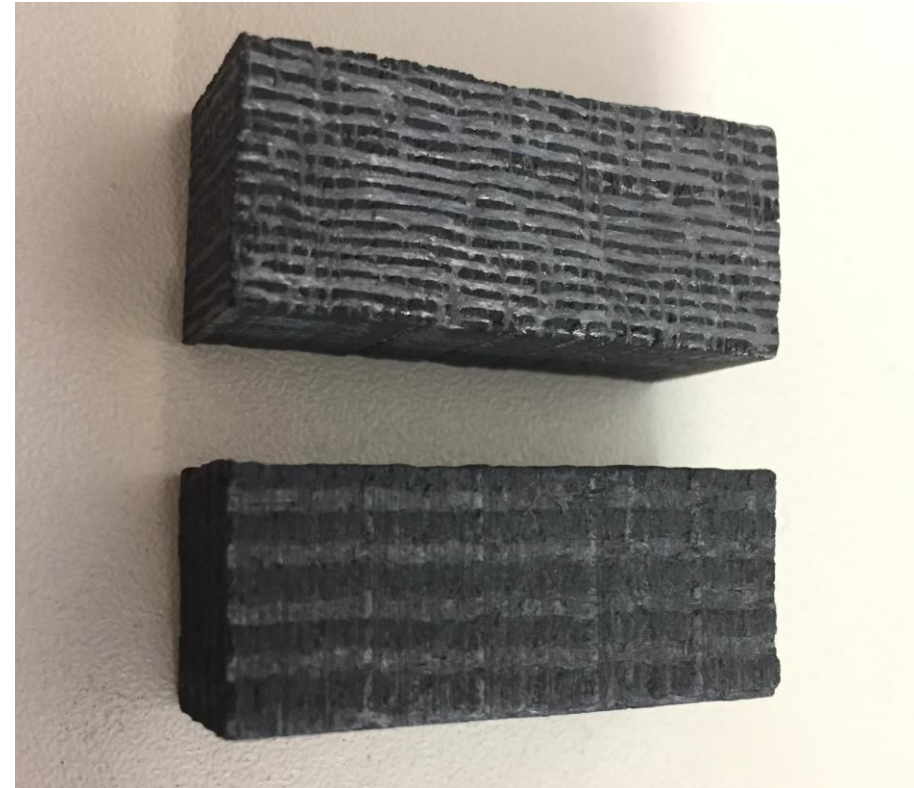
Carbon Carbon composite costs

Ariane Group
3D CC Sepcarb Novoltex (2018) /
Naxeco (2016)

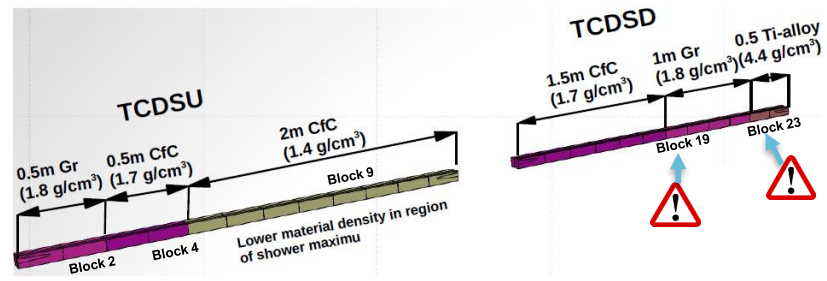
3300 € / block (80 x 37 x 170 mm³)
1 year of procurement time
Up to 200 mm thick in direction 3

CVT
RNFF-sag

1300 € / block (in 2012)
(40 x 72 x 250 mm³)
1 year of procurement time



TCDS detailed results



BLOCK 2 Graphite C2020

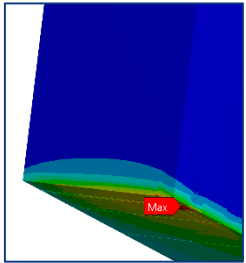
BLOCK 4 CfC 1.7g/cm³

BLOCK 9 CfC 1.4 g/cm³

Linear elastic material model

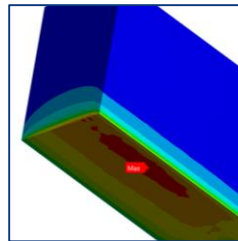
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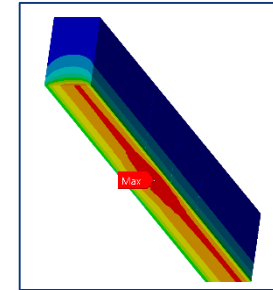
Temperatures profiles at the peak after one pulse

397°C



Temperatures profiles at the peak after one pulse

798°C



Temperatures profiles at the peak after one pulse

1141°C

Highest Compressive Stress

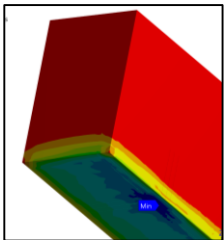
Highest Tensile Stress

Highest Compressive Stress

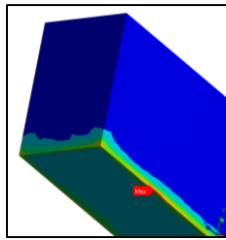
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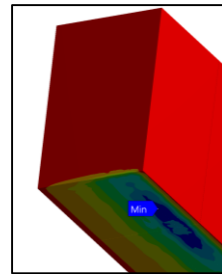
Highest Tensile Stress



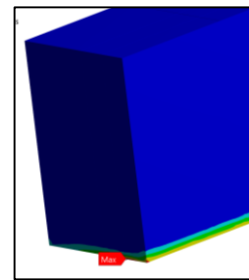
-20 MPa



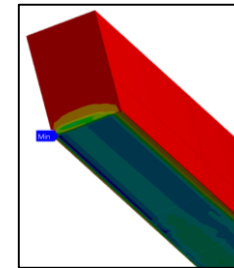
27 MPa



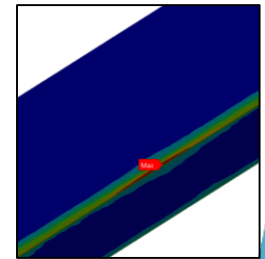
-23 MPa



18 MPa



-27 MPa



51 MPa

The maximum tensile stress is in the y direction

COMPARATIVE: 3DCC NOVALTEX vs CFC 1.75 g/cm³

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Expression: Sz
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01/02/2019 17:52

-2.2597e5 M
-1.9726e7
-3.9226e7
-5.8727e7
-7.8227e7
-9.7727e7
-1.1723e8
-1.3673e8
-1.5623e8
-1.7573e8 M

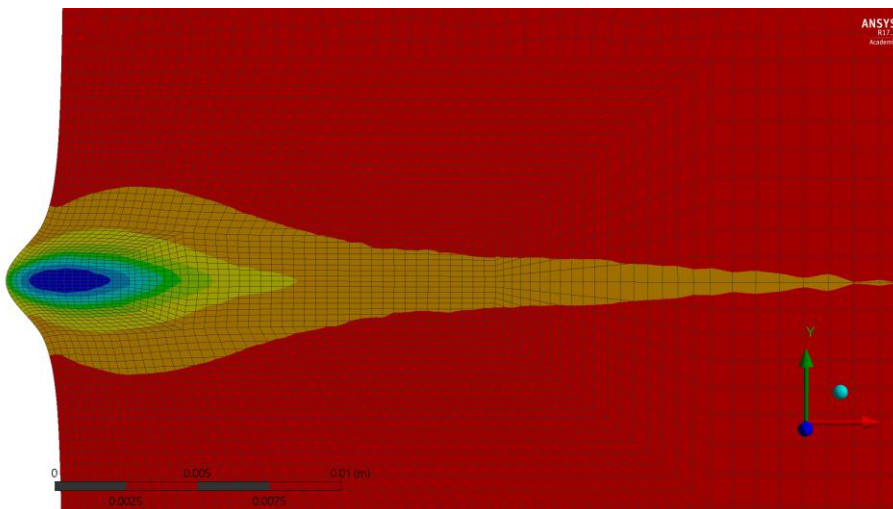


Fig. 1 Stress in beam direction for 3DCC (2.5 mm gap and 2.3e11 BI)

Sz
Expression: Sz
Time: 3.e-005
01/02/2019 18:08

1.9645e7 Max
1.5322e7
1.0999e7
6.6752e6
2.3519e6
-1.9715e6
-6.2948e6
-1.0618e7
-1.4942e7
-1.9265e7 Min

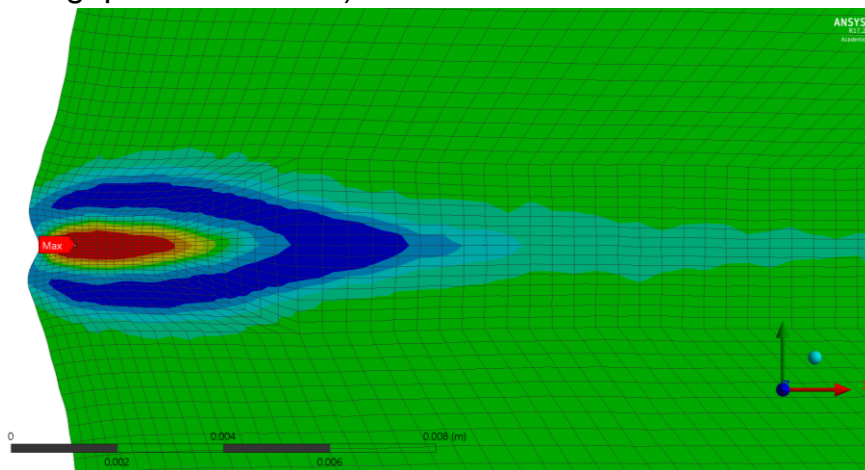


Fig. 2 Stress in beam direction for CFC (2.5 mm gap and 2.3e11 BI)

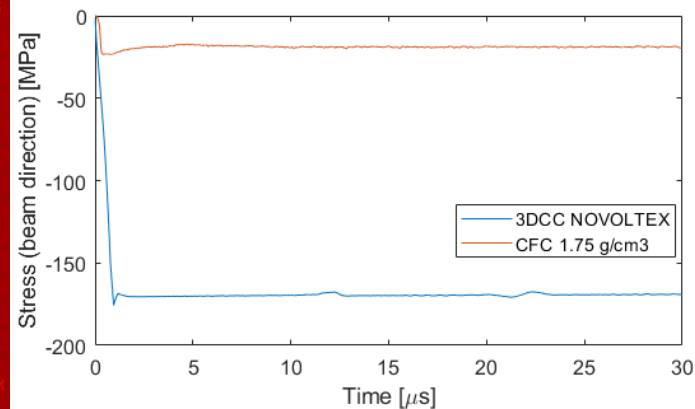


Fig. 3 Stress evolution on the beam direction for a block of 3DCC novoltex and a block of CFC 1.7 gr/cm³ assuming a gap of 2.5 mm and a bunch intensity of 2.3 e11 p.

- A comparative between a block of 3DCC novoltex and CFC has been carried out.
- Numerical simulations show that CFC has a lower stress level due to its lower stiffness.