



An elliptical profile has the benefit of concentrating the vessel wall image currents towards the top and bottom of the profile away from the absorber features and pumping ports in the horizontal plane as illustrated in fig 4. This reduces beam perturbations arising from these features.

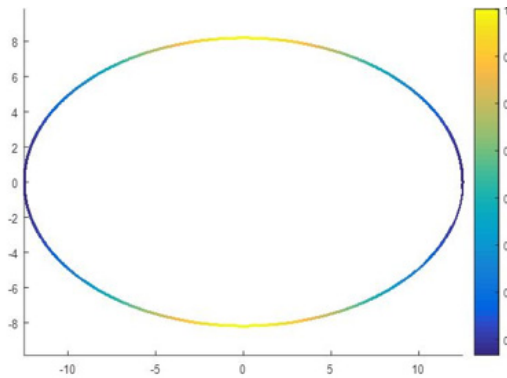


Figure 4: Normalised current distribution around vessel profile ‘courtesy of G Rehm, DLS’.

### Gasket Type and Sealing Loads

In order to ensure metal to metal contact across flange joints; and give no cause for cavities to trap electric fields resulting in perturbations to the orbiting electron beam, or arcing, a gasket retained in a groove was sought.

A sprung metal seal such as a Helicoflex® was trialled as a potential solution. This presented two other potential improvements in joint reliability.

1. A departure from the ‘knife edge’ style of seal.
2. Lower gasket sealing loads.

The equivalent sealing load for a Conflat® gasket is variously quoted as between 300 and 600N/mm using a DN100 as an example [2], (see fig 5)

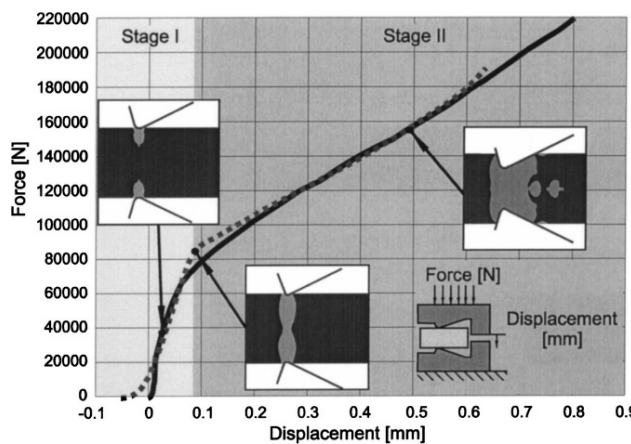


Figure 5: Example of required sealing load for a DN 100 Conflat® gasket.

The size and stiffness of the Helicoflex® seals can be modified to suit the application and consultation with the vendor resulted in the suite of seals shown in Table 2. These were incorporated into the flange designs.

Table 2: Seal Sizes and Sealing Loads.

Designation	HN100			
Flange DN#	40	63	100	160
Outer diam	48mm	82mm	120mm	171mm
Inner diam	43mm	75mm	114mm	164mm
Sect' diam	2.6mm	3.4mm	3.3mm	3.3mm
Contact diam	46mm	79mm	117mm	168mm
Sealing load (N/mm)	150	140	200	200
Compression load (N)	21,441	34,614	73,450	105,369
Maximum load (N)	43,416	105,408	210,816	263,530

The compression load refers to the force necessary to achieve the sealing load, the maximum load is the maximum recommended load available from the flange bolts (Class 80 Grade A5 stainless steel). The bolt sizes, pitch circle diameter, and number were the same as those for the standard Conflat® flange of the same size.

Initial problems were experienced with the DN40 seal in obtaining a reliable leak free joint. Much work was carried out in conjunction with the vessel manufacturer to try a variety of techniques to vary the surface finish of the flange groove surface. Both polishing techniques and machining techniques were varied. It was concluded that polishing of the sealing faces did little to improve the reliability, special tooling was helpful to ensure that a circular lay pattern was produced, as recommended by the seal supplier (see fig 6).

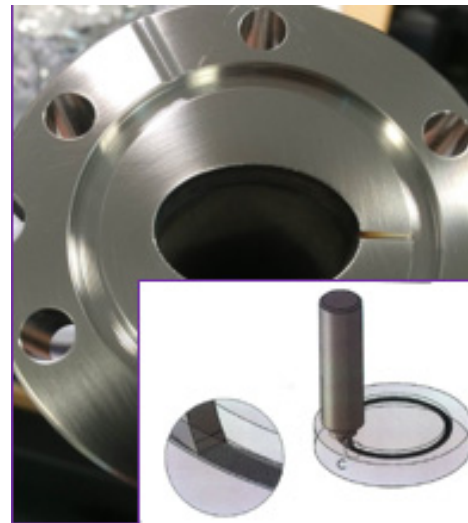


Figure 6: Seal face circular lay production.

The problems were only encountered with the DN40 seal and it was concluded that whilst care was required in preparing the seal surfaces, the characteristics of the seal such as section size and stiffness are equally as important. In order to maximise the contact area the seal section diameter should be  $\geq 3.0\text{mm}$  and the sealing load should

be  $\geq 200\text{N/mm}$  for a reliable UHV seal without requiring undue emphasis on surface finish.

### VESSEL MANUFACTURE

Close work with the vessel manufacturer, FMB [3], produced good results. It was proved that complex copper and stainless steel vessels can be fabricated with appropriate accuracy. The correct tooling jigs and inspection gauges were important aspects of maintaining accuracy of form (fig 7).

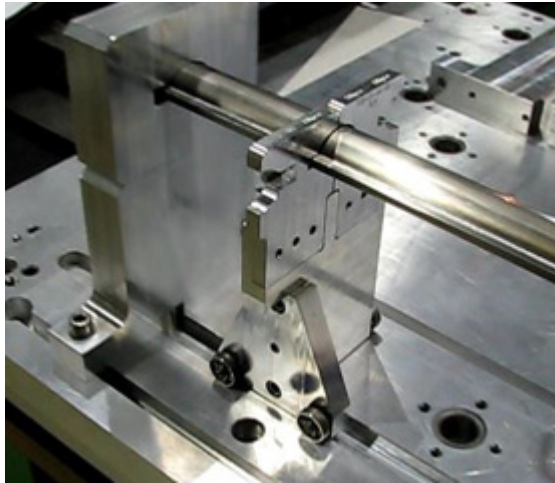


Figure 7: Vessel Inspection Tooling

The development of an automated welding process by the manufacturer was key to achieving repeatable high quality welds. All physical parameters were controlled to enable the work-piece to rotate with a variable rate to maintain a constant weld arc length and speed around the elliptical profile. The control was sufficiently sophisticated to compensate for eccentric rotation of the work-piece thus dispensing with the need to centre it in the machine (fig 8).

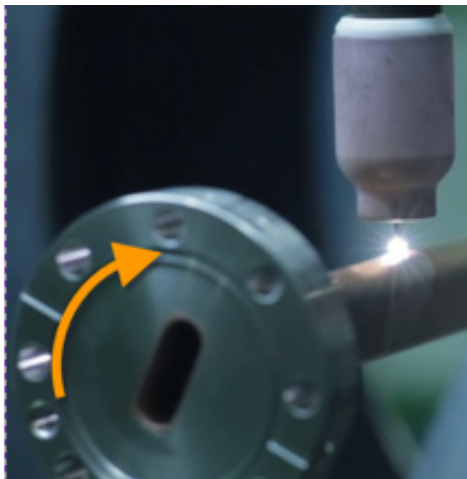


Figure 8: Automated vessel welding

The resulting circumferential butt welds had minimal weld cap and root penetration (fig 9), the latter being a vital feature of a vessel wall in close proximity to the circulating electrons.



Figure 9: Circumferential weld profile

Good liaison with the electron beam subcontractor produced welds with good material homogeneity in the welded joint between the vessel and the cooling channel where it is vital to eliminate voids in the zones of high heat transfer (fig 10).

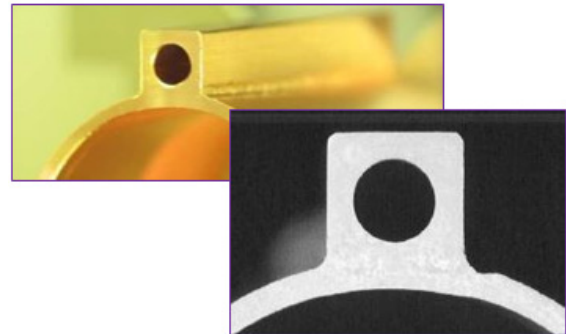


Figure 10: Homogenous weld in heat transfer zones.

### CONCLUSION

A number of engineering challenges have been solved for the DDBA project specifically manufacturing small bore vacuum vessels, smaller scale magnets and assembly to high precision in an operating storage ring. All these design features, skills and valuable experience equip the Diamond team to look forward with confidence to constructing the next generation low emittance storage ring Diamond II.

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