

# Light-weight, fiber-coupled qcw diode laser pump module for the BepiColombo laser altimeter

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# DILAS Diodenlaser GmbH

**DILAS GmbH**

**founded 1994**

**located in Mainz  
Germany**



**DILAS Inc.**

**founded 2005**

**located in Tucson  
Arizona**





**Founded:** 1994

**Employees:** 153

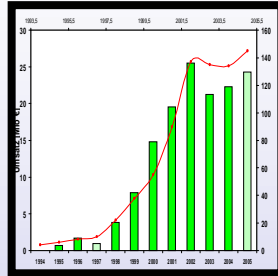
**Majority**

**Shareholder:**

Rofin Sinar  
 Technologies Inc.  
 since 1997  
 (Nasdaq RSTI)

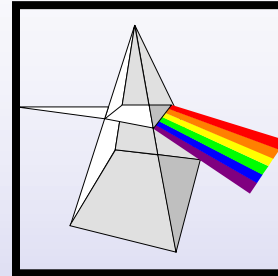
**ISO 9001-2000**

certified Quality  
 System



**Markets:**

- DPSSL pumping
- Material processing
- Graphic Arts
- Medical
- Defence
- Instrumentation



**Research:**

35 academics  
 & engineers

**R&D Budget:**

~11% of revenue



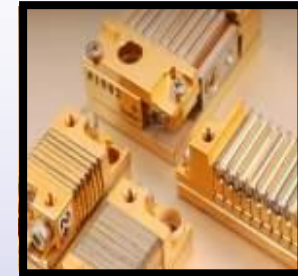
**Facilities:**

- § Mainz / Germany
- § 2 buildings  
 ~3300m<sup>2</sup> total
- § 500m<sup>2</sup> clean room  
 with class 100  
 workbenches
- § other production  
 area of ~700m<sup>2</sup>

- § Tucson / Arizona
- § 300m<sup>2</sup> facility

**Sales offices:**

representatives  
 in all major market  
 areas or direct sales  
 from headquarter



**Products:**

- § Laser diode bars
- § Laser diode stacks  
 - vertical / horizontal
- § Fibre coupled LD
- § Laser Diode Systems
- § custom solutions
- § available wavelength  
 - 650...690nm  
 - 785nm, 792...797nm  
 - 808nm  
 - 830nm  
 - 880nm  
 - 915nm  
 - 940nm  
 - 980nm  
 - 1064nm  
 - 1470nm

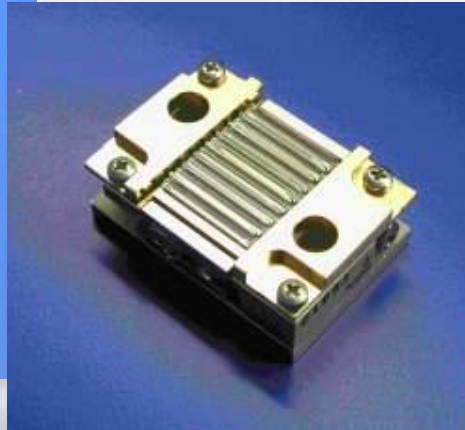


## Quasi-cw Products

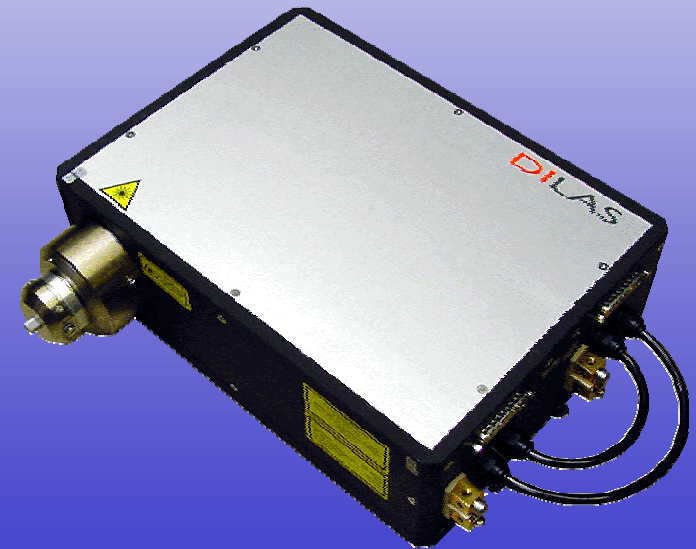
Stack



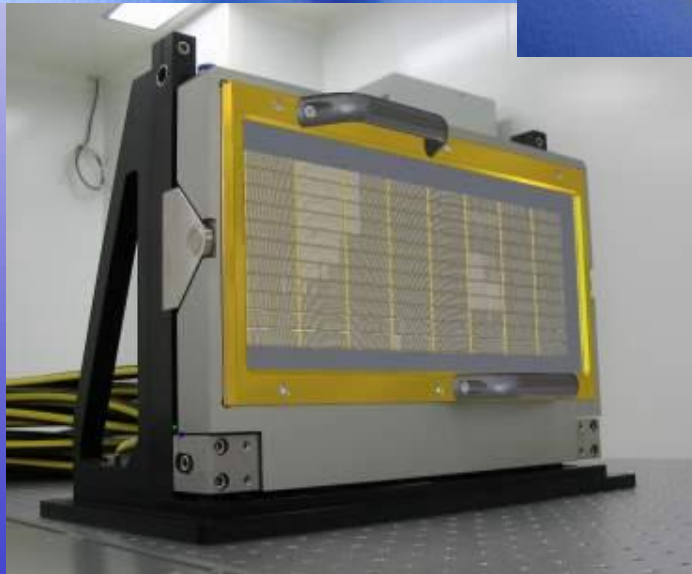
Collimated stack



Fibre coupled module



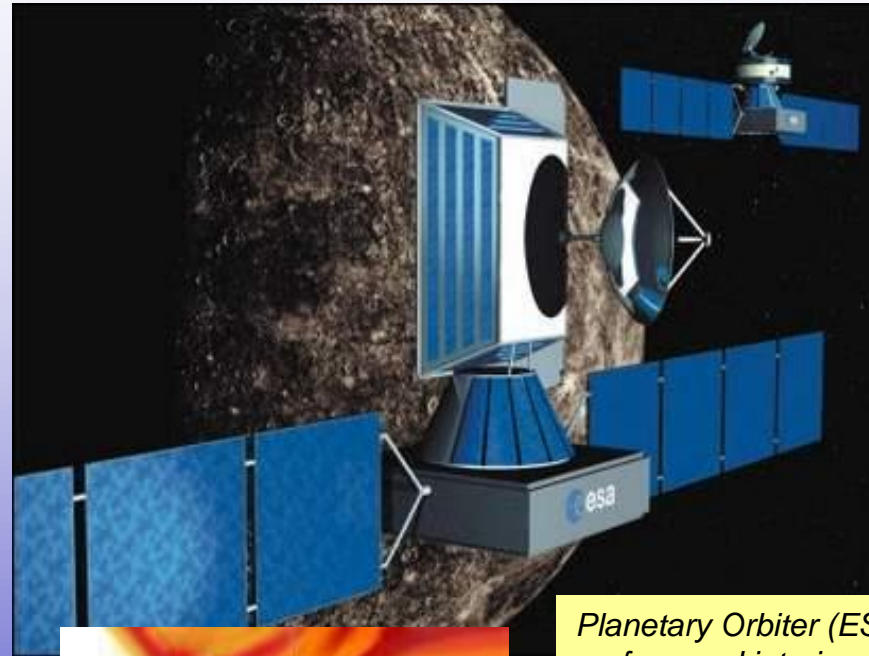
Large  
2D-  
Array





## BepiColombo Mission

- ESA & JAXA Joint Mission
- Launch in 08/2013
- 8.45 years travel time
- >1 year scientific operation



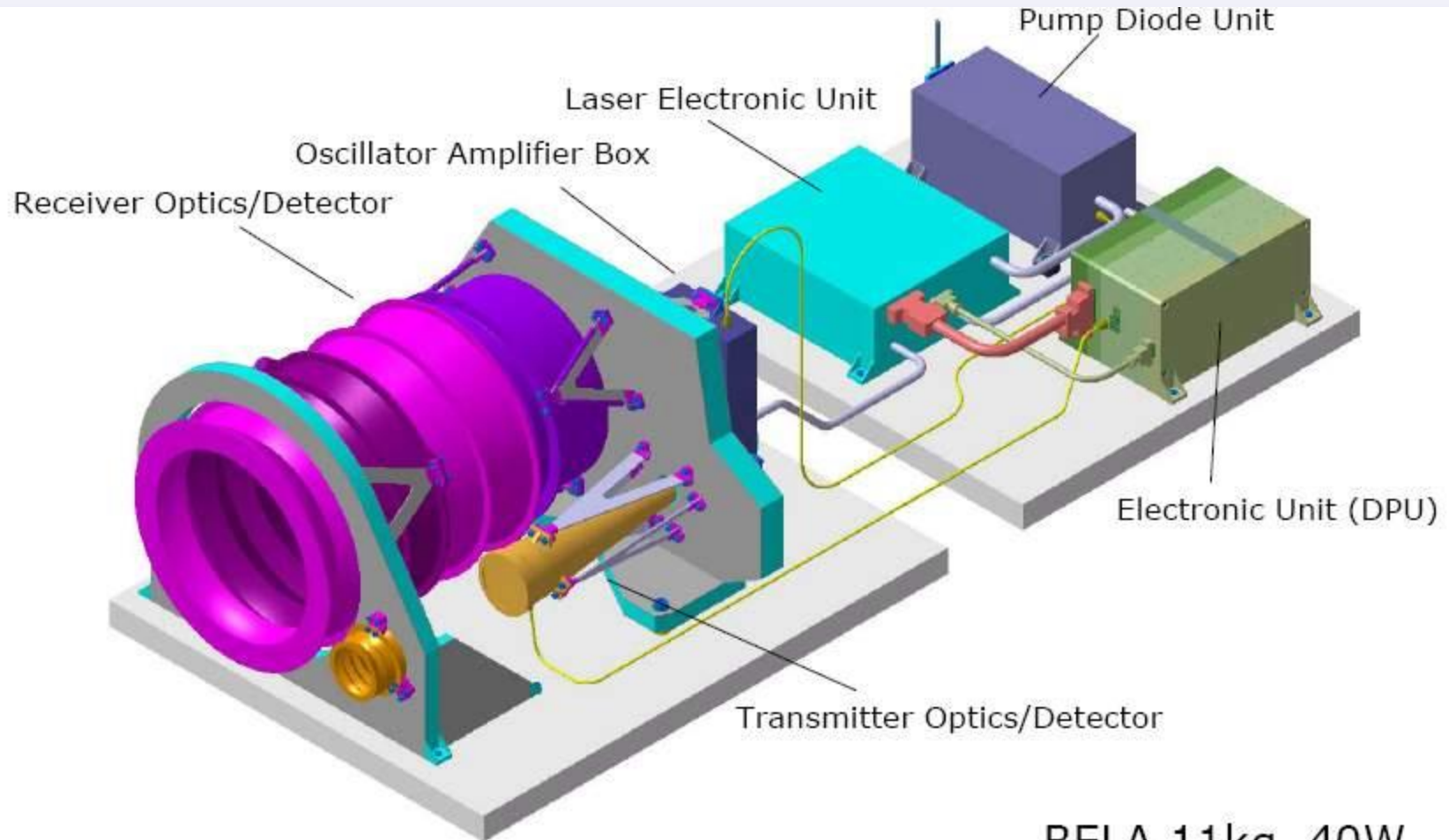
*Planetary Orbiter (ESA)  
surface and interior  
Polar Orbit: 400-1500km*



*Magnetospheric Orbiter (JAXA)  
Magnetic field and magnetosphere  
Polar Orbit: 400-12000km*



## BELA - BepiColombo Laser Altimeter



BELA 11kg, 40W



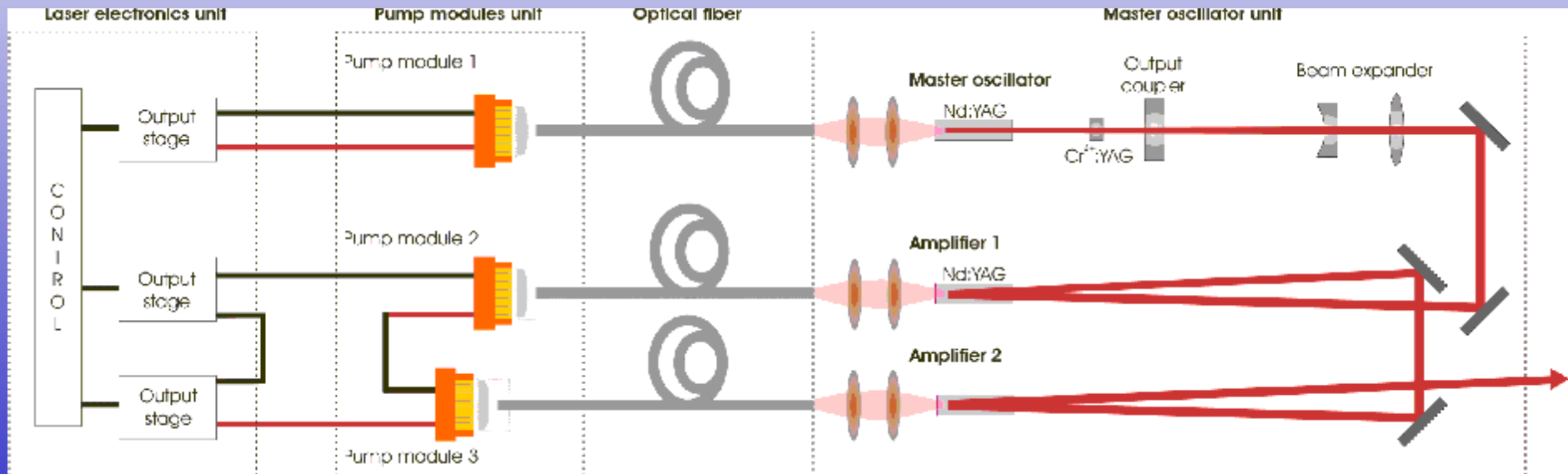
## BELA Laser Design Concept

- Fiber coupled pump diodes
  - ▶ thermal and mechanical separation of pump source and laser head
- Longitudinal pumping scheme
  - ▶ long absorption path
  - ▶ optimized overlap pump beam / laser mode
  - ▶ higher efficiency
- qcw pumping
  - ▶ 200ms pump pulse duration as compromise between efficiency and output energy
- Passive Q-switching with Cr<sup>4+</sup>:YAG
  - ▶ simple design
  - ▶ low mass
  - ▶ low power consumption
- MOPA with 2-stage amplifier
  - ▶ avoid self-lasing
  - ▶ redundancy



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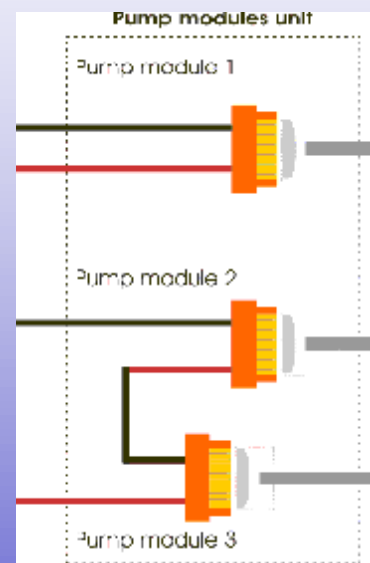
- Wavelength: 1064 nm
- Puls Energy: 50 mJ
- Puls duration: <10 ns
- Beam quality:  $M^2 < 1.6$
- Rep. rate: 10 Hz (20 Hz)





## Specifications for BELA Pump Diode Unit

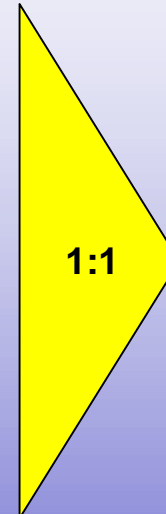
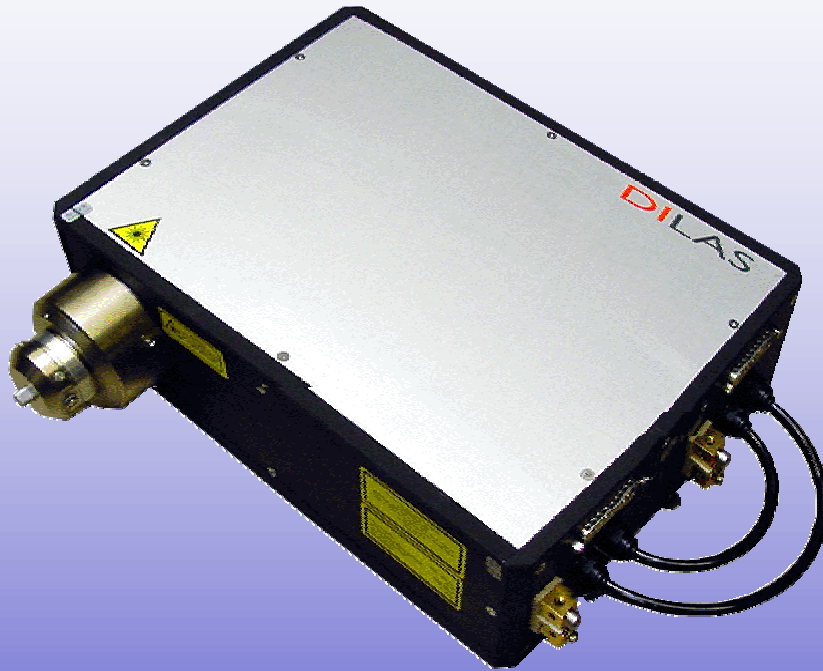
- 3 sub-units:
  - 2 x 500 W (660 W)
  - 1 x 100 W (165 W)
- 800  $\mu\text{m}$  fibre coupling
- No liquid cooling
  
- Wavelength: 806 +/- 3 nm
- Puls duration: 250  $\mu\text{s}$
- Duty Cycle: 0.25-0.5 %
- Rep. rate: 10 Hz (20 Hz)



- Electrical power: < 13,5 W
- Diode Current: < 110 A
- Voltage: < 32 V
- Efficiency: > 70 %
- Total mass: < 1,4 kg
  
- Vibration: 26  $\text{g}_{\text{rms}}$
- Radiation: 100 krad
- Temperature:
  - Non-op.: -40 to +60°C
  - Operational: +18 to +33°C



## Industrial Module to Space Module

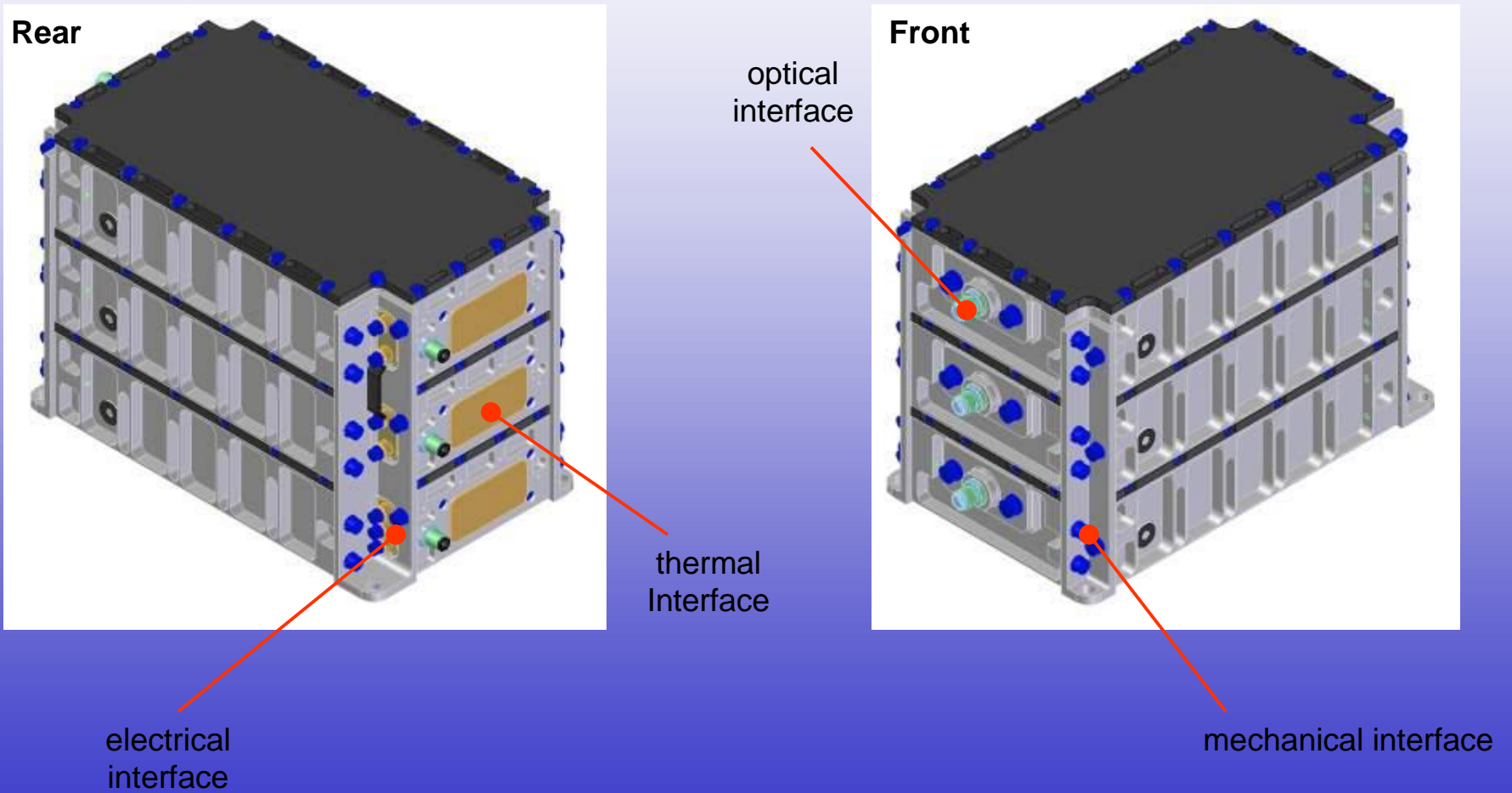


1000 W rated power  
16 diodes  
Mass: 9.5 kg  
Size (l x w x h) : 30 x 23 x 11 cm<sup>3</sup>  
Volume: 7590 cm<sup>3</sup>

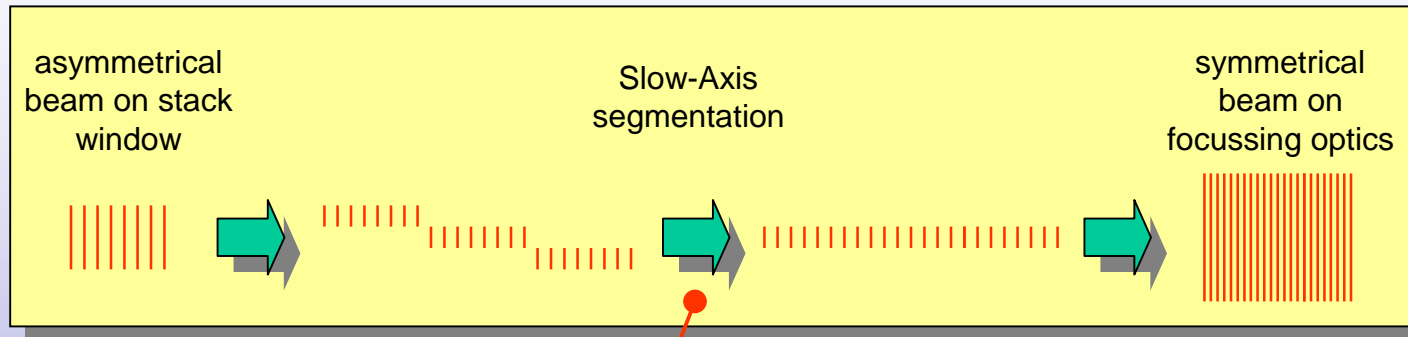
1100 W rated power  
22 diodes  
Mass: 1.3 kg  
Size (l x w x h): 17 x 8 x 10 cm<sup>3</sup>  
Volume: 1360 cm<sup>3</sup>



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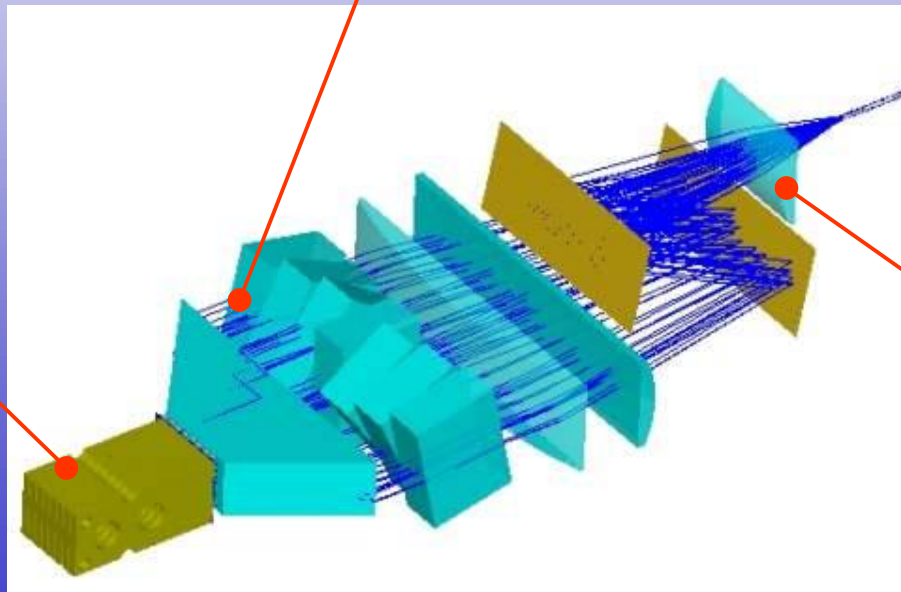


## BELA PDU Sub-Module



beam transformation

diode stack

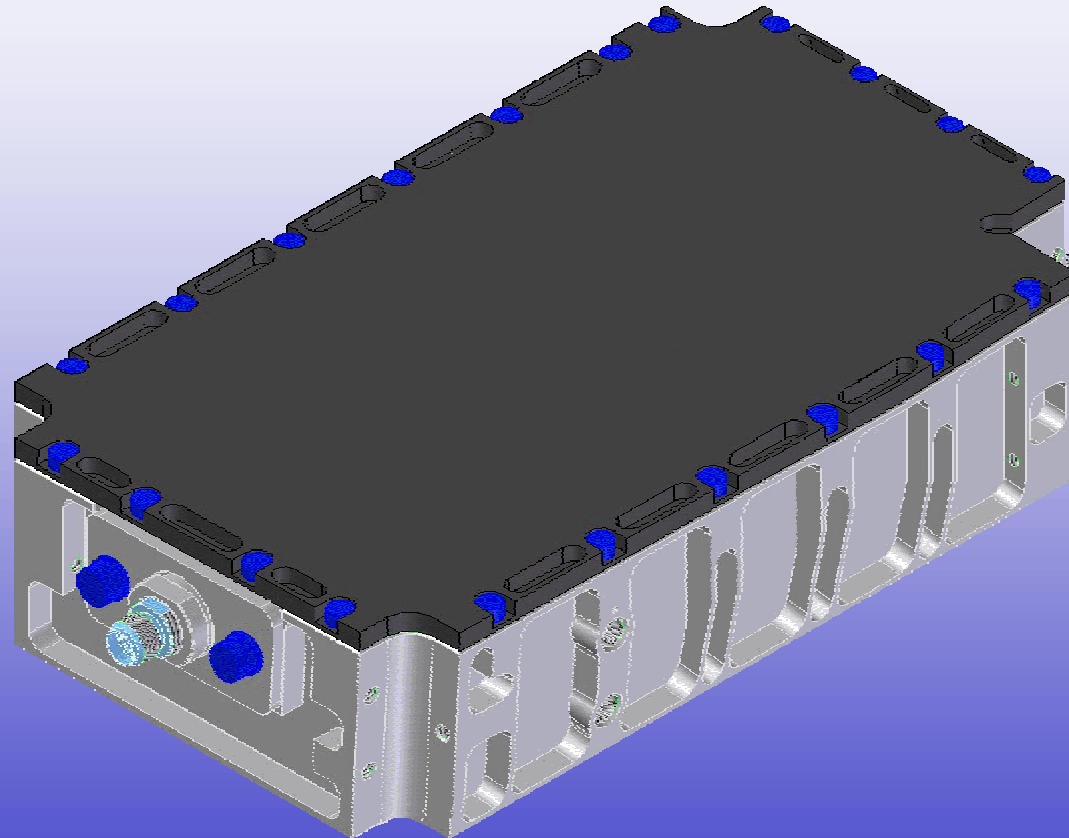


fiber coupling optics

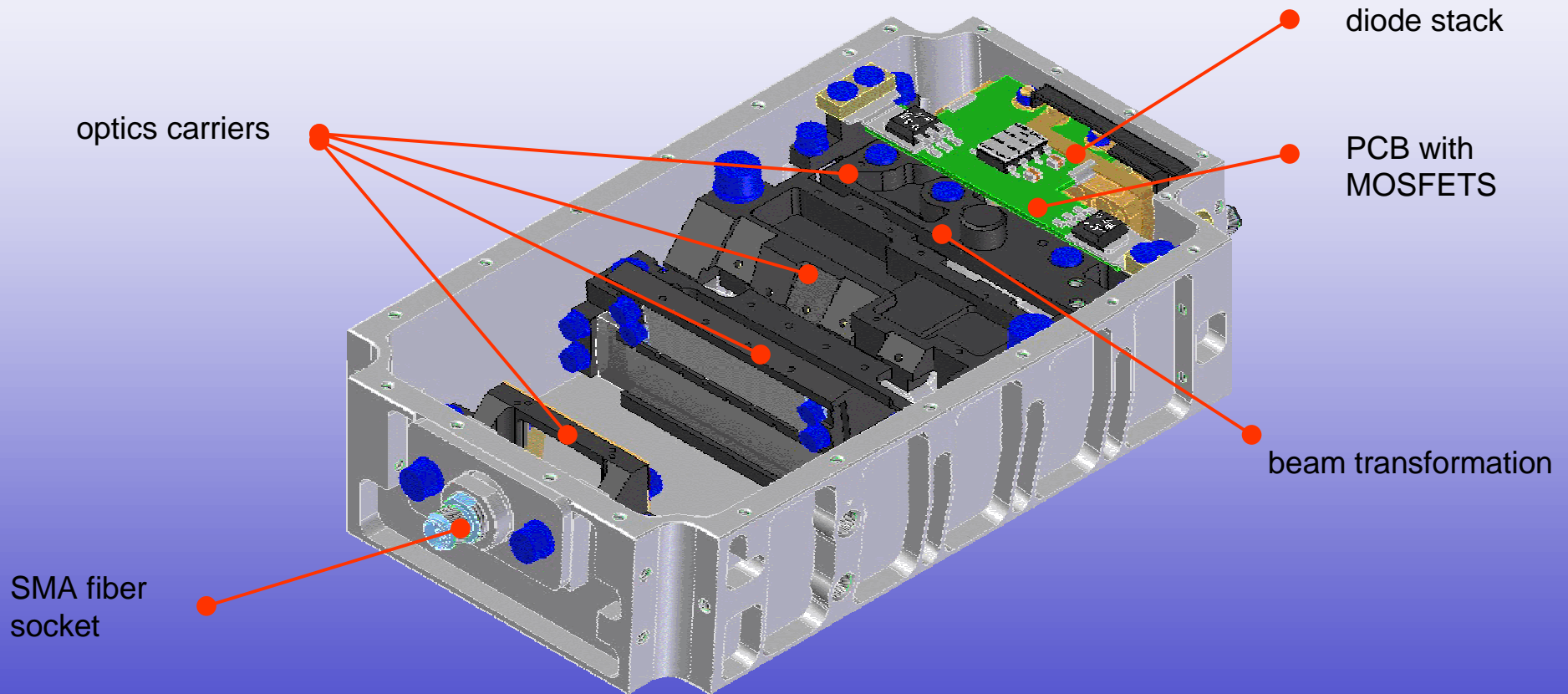




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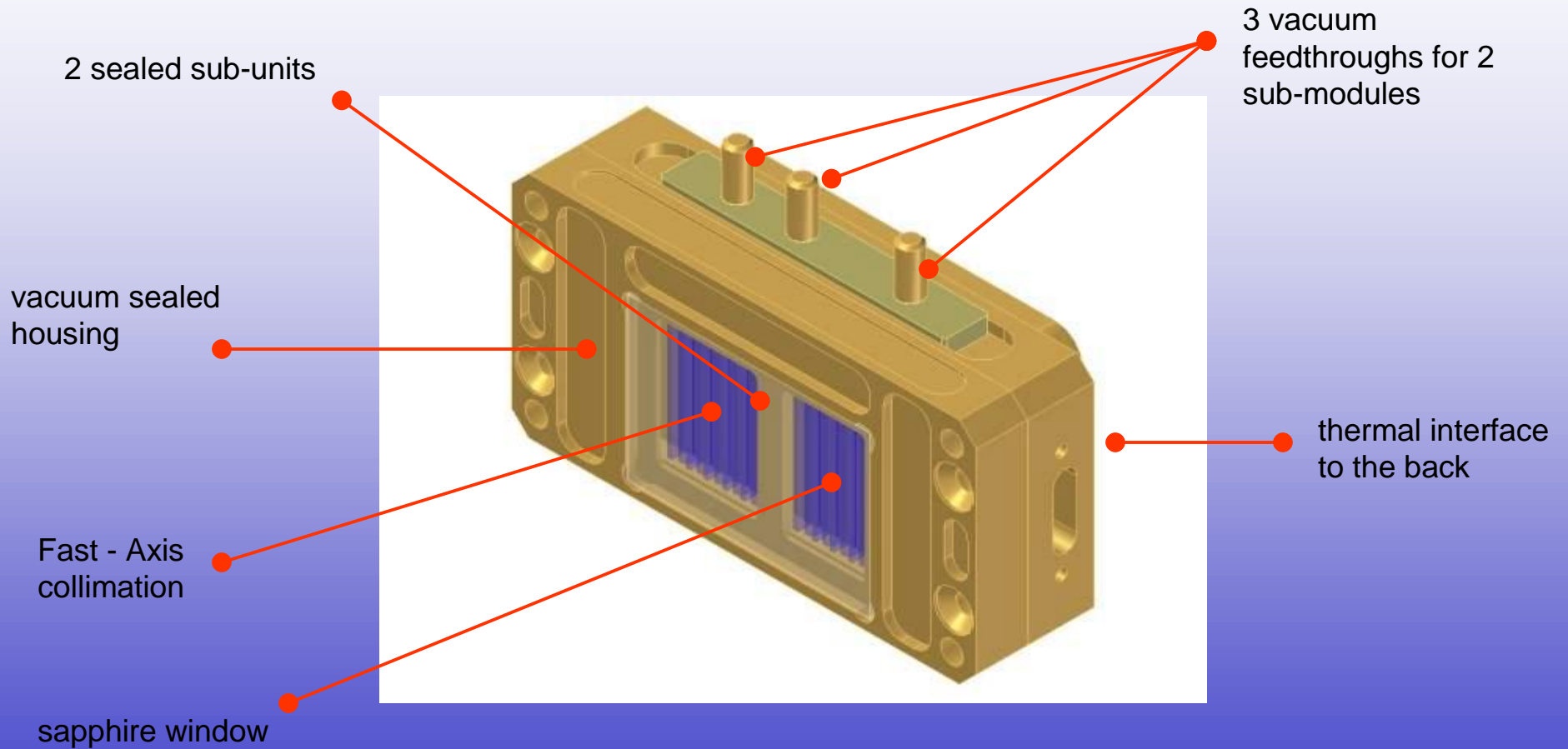


## Space Aspects

- light weight design / materials
- radiation hard optics, metal coated fiber
- shock / vibration proof according to space specifications
- no / low-rate outgassing materials / adhesives
- space approved diode mounting technology (tbd)
- liquid free cooling system
- multiple redundancy concept for diode failure
- vacuum sealed diode stack

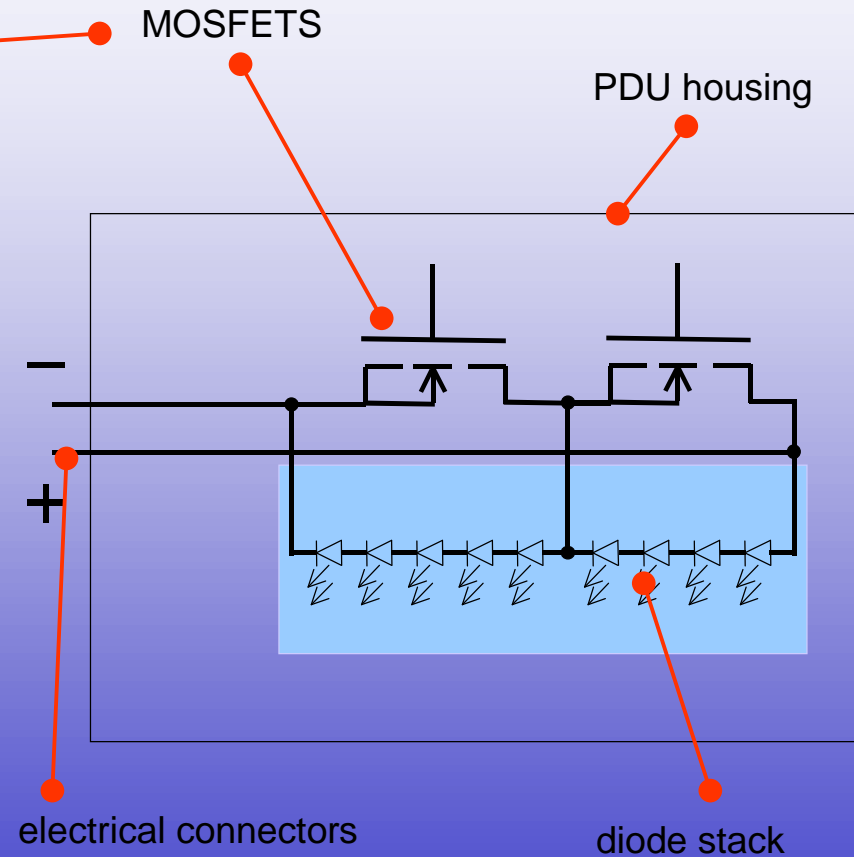
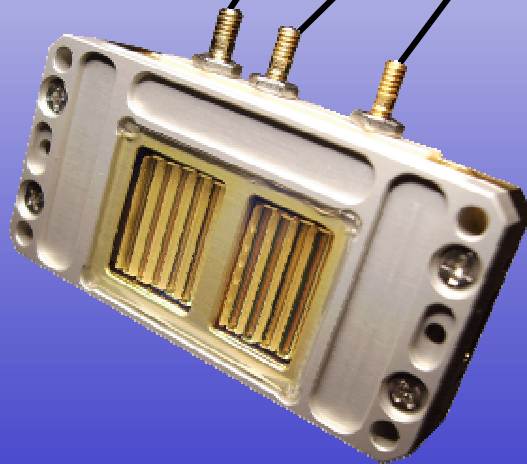
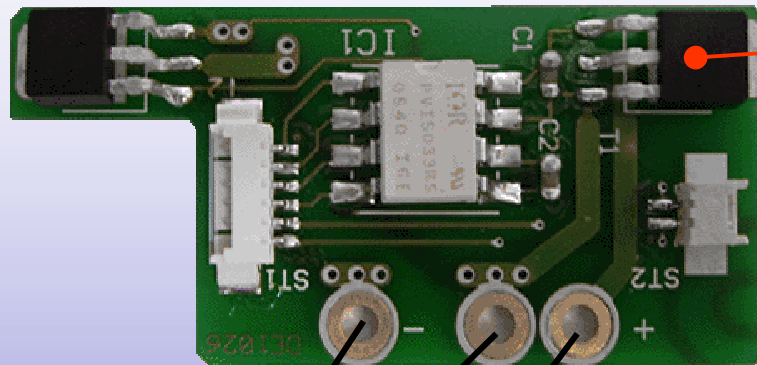


## BELA diode stack

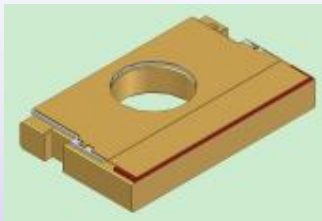




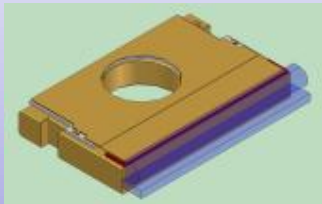
## BELA diode stack - redundancy concept



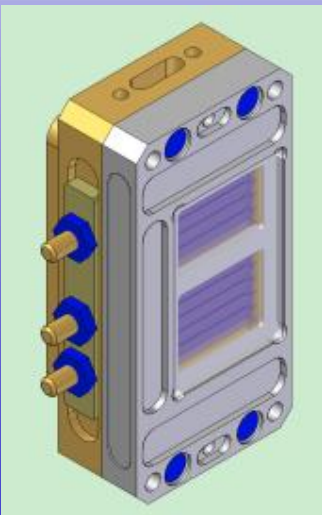
## BELA diode stack - qualification



**Diode**



**Diode  
+ FAC**



**Stack**

- 3 integration stages: diode, diode+FAC, stack
- diodes: 50 % fill-factor
- mounting technology: In-free (AuSn) with submount
- FAC mounting: UV adhesive / solder
- FAC: 600  $\mu\text{m}$
- pitch: 1.6 mm + x
- connectors: 3
- dimensions: see drawing
- vacuum sealed



**Thank you for your attention**

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