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- Epoxy mixed and poured slowly whilst mould vibrated on table
 - No pictures of that, sorry!
- ${\rm \circ}~\sim75~{\rm ml}$ of epoxy used per module
- Cure in low temp oven

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 - Length/width consistent, meet design
 - Minor variations in thickness of module

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• Likely due to levelling of vibrating table/bench



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 - May be ready for testing in Mainz in early December

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 - TDR being updated in parallel