At dusk on the last workday of 2011, newly installed outdoor lighting casts a festive glow.

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OVERALL ASSESSMENT

The National Synchrotron Light Source II project continued to maintain satisfactory performance by completing over $211M of planned work during calendar year 2011. By the end of December the project was more than 69% complete, with about 35% of contingency and management reserve for the remaining Budget At Completion (BAC). The cumulative Schedule Performance Index (SPI) for the overall project is 0.96; the cumulative Cost Performance Index (CPI) is 1.00.

Construction of the ring building continues its excellent progress with beneficial occupancy for pentant 4 of the ring building occurring in December and rapid progress in construction of all five lab–office buildings (LOBs).

Excellent progress was made in the production, delivery, and installation of magnets, linac, booster, power supplies, vacuum, RF, and cryogenic systems. Installation of linac components was completed and all of the magnets for the linac-to-booster transfer line (LtBTL) have been delivered and are being installed. The first shipment of the booster components arrived at BNL and magnet production continued to make excellent progress, with over 66% of work being completed. Installation and acceptance testing of accelerator subsystems are making healthy progress in pentants 1, 2, 3, the RF building, the injector building, and the computer room. Nine magnet girders were installed in the storage ring and the installation team is gearing up to start double-shift girder integration work. Installation of mechanical and electrical utilities and support systems, including water, power supply, RF, shielding, and controls systems continued. The contract for one of the in-vacuum undulators (IVU) was awarded, and damping wiggler (DW) production is making excellent progress.

Good progress continued with many procurement packages for the six Project beamlines and preparation work for the utilities that are required before hutch and beamline components can be installed.

Activities funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) continue on schedule and on budget.

ACCELERATOR SYSTEMS

Injector. After the generation of long bunch trains was successfully demonstrated, the linac front end was uninstalled at Building 729 and moved to the NSLS-II linac tunnel. All linac components are now complete, delivered, and installed in the NSLS-II linac vault.

Production of components for the NSLS-II booster synchrotron at BINP went well. The first container with components has arrived at BNL. Many dipole magnets are complete or nearly complete. The second container with five complete girders left port in late November and should arrive in January. Other components such as vacuum chambers and small power supplies are well advanced. The first horizontally focusing combined-function dipoles are completed and will be delivered to BNL. In general, progress with the booster is quite satisfactory.

All magnets for the linac-to-booster transfer line have been received and are being installed on the girders (Fig. 1). Diagnostics and vacuum components for the LtBTL are ready for installation in the first week of January, with a survey to follow.

Figure 1. Magnets for the linac-to-booster transfer line being installed.

Orders for the ceramic beam pipes of the storage ring injection kicker magnets have been placed.

The Insulated-Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT)-based pulser for the first kicker magnet assembly was finished on Dec. 22. This device has 4-series IGBT stages and will be able to produce pulses of 3.2 to 4 KV. Testing is in progress for interstage timing jitter and long-term drift, pulse current stability, pulse shape, and the ability to produce pulses of the required voltage and currents.

Magnet production and girder integration. NSLS-II magnet production progressed well in December. All production lines are active. More than 400 magnets have been produced and shipped. Approximately 66% of all magnet work is complete, including partially finished magnets at the suppliers with coils and yokes completed. All magnets for the LtBTL inside the linac tunnel have been delivered (Fig. 2), and the first magnet was measured in Building 902.
The magnet-girder integration has proceeded well. A total of nine girders have been integrated and transported to the tunnel. Storage ring cell 25 now has all five girders installed. Double-shift girder integration work is planned, based on a detailed schedule utilizing all available experience.

**Vacuum.** Four long-cell chambers were assembled, baked, and vacuum certified in December, bringing the total available chambers to 117. One dipole and three multipole girders were successfully assembled and baked this month. Preparation for C25 cable termination and pump-down continues. Vacuum chassis for pentant 2 vacuum racks were installed. All the beam pipes and supports for the LtBTL are available for installation. Vacuum chassis for LtBTL phase I were installed and cables terminated at the chassis end.

Four production RF gate valves were received and are being evaluated. The quotes for production orders of all photon absorbers were received from suppliers and from BNL Central Shops. More than 70% of vacuum gauge controllers, 50% of TSP controllers, and 50% of RGA systems were received. Orders for the balance of vacuum cables were placed. The LtBTL vacuum programmable logic controller (PLC) was received from Budker. The prototype storage ring vacuum PLC was also received and is being tested.

**Power supplies.** The main power supply entered the final design phase at the manufacturer. Approximately 70% of the power supply controller main boards and 79% of all power supply regulators that are integrated in their chassis have been received; testing is underway. The power supply interface modules are now 75% complete. The production of AC amplifiers has begun and first articles will be received in March. The fast corrector power supply underwent successful preproduction tests and production is being initiated. The fourth delivery of production power converters was received in December. The project has received 80% of all power converters. Last deliveries will be early in January. The procurement for the AC input power modules is completed. All shelves, hardware, and power modules for each component are at hand.

**Insertion devices.** The DW production has made progress. Components of the magnet assembly parts were machined. Structural frames and mechanical drive systems made good progress at Nortemecanica, Danfysik’s subcontractor for the mechanical carriage. Danfysik has agreed to accommodate the project’s design change to facilitate transport stabilizers mounted to the air caster outriggers. Design details between the DW and DW vacuum chamber are being addressed directly by the two manufacturers, Danfysik and FMB. On the 4 m-vacuum vessel seal test, the first tests of the aluminum wire seal have been completed successfully, confirming that aluminum seals are a reasonable approach to sealing the IVU in the ring. This is important for in-situ measurement on the IVU. The final contracts for IVU20 and IVU21 have been signed after a number of small modifications. The RFP for IVU22 has been published. Issues with the price of permanent magnets for the three-pole wiggler have been resolved by using spare material from the DW production.

**Installation.** To complete the linac for commissioning in March, efforts concentrated on the injector. Process chilled water systems have been made available for pentants 1 and 2 and the injector building. The electrical and mechanical utility infrastructure and cables in the linac and the klystron gallery have been installed. The linac personnel protection system installation is complete and testing is in progress. LtBTL installation is well advanced. Support systems, beam dumps, magnets, diagnostic elements, and radiation shielding were installed in the linac tunnel. All diagnostic cables have been installed and terminated. A large number of the power supplies for the LtBTL have been installed in their racks. Controls hardware was installed in the injector equipment room (Fig. 3). All linac hardware is in place. In the RF building, the deionized water system and the electrical infrastructure are complete. The two 500 MHz klystron transmitters are completely installed and are ready for testing. In the storage ring, electrical utilities are being installed in pentant 2 and equipment enclosures have been installed in pentant 3.
EXPERIMENTAL FACILITIES

Work continues on many procurement packages for the beamline optical components. Significant numbers of bids are either out with potential suppliers, in evaluation, or in contract negotiation. Hutch work continues with the manufacture of the first hutchs, for CSX and HXN. The final design review for the second batch of hutchs is planned for January. Delivery of the first hutchs will occur in early March. The utilities required for the beamlines will be installed as soon as the hutchs are completed. Staff are working on component specifications for the utilities, and a mock-up of a 6-ft section of wall is under construction.

IXS. Specifications and statements of work (SOWs) for the KB Mirror System have been approved and the RFP is scheduled for January release. The specifications for the first optical enclosure package are being finalized. The team completed the preliminary design of the base mechanism of the IXS spectrometer and drafted a specifications document.

In crystal optics R&D, the “trapezoid flexure mechanism” designed to achieve 10 nrad angular resolution for the 4B monochromator (“mono,” Fig. 4) was tested using in-house metrology tools. Preliminary test data indicate that it meets specifications. In January, further tests will be carried out with x-rays at SPring-8.

CHX. The CHX optics bids arrived in late November and are being evaluated. The diffractometer RFP was released December 2 with a due date of February 3. The CHX team has continued work on an in-house conceptual design for a 15 m-long, small-angle x-ray scattering (SAXS) table that will enable speckle detection with next generation CMOS pixel detectors (~80 µm pixel size). The table’s unique capabilities include a wide accessible scattering wavevector range (up to ~1 Å⁻¹ at 15 m from the sample and up to ~3 Å⁻¹ at 5 m from the sample), as well as capabilities for simultaneous in-situ combined SAXS and wide angle scattering (WAXS).

CSX. Procurement packages for the toroidal mirrors, monochromators, and M3A mirror are being finalized. The next procurement packages will be for the remaining optics components and the beamline diagnostics.

HXN. The HXN team began holding biweekly conference calls with the contractor of the HXN Beamline Component Package after a kick-off meeting on December 8. The team approved the quality plan submitted by the contractor and discussed engineering details for the white beam mirror, which requires the longest fabrication time. For nanofocusing R&D, the HXN team completed construction of a prototype multilayer Laue lens (MLL) microscope, to be tested in experiments at beamline I13L of the Diamond Light Source.

XPD. The contract for the XPD double Laue monochromator (DLM) is in its pre-award negotiation phase. Bidding on the XPD beamline components, which include the high resolution monochromator but not the DLM nor the vertically focusing mirror (VFM), closed on December 6 with selection of the preferred source. The RFP for the XPD VFM will soon be released. Discussions are underway with the selected supplier regarding the baseline and options and their associated cost. The SOW and specification documents for the XPD diffractometer are being written.

SRX. Four companies submitted proposals in mid December for design, construction, and installation of the SRX optics package components; those bids are now under evaluation. Because adequate cooling of the first crystal of the double-crystal monochromator is absolutely crucial to beamline performance, FEA calculations have been undertaken to validate the data submitted by the suppliers. Endstation design is in progress. The KB mirror system RFP has been released to bidders.

Optical metrology. Fabrication of the gantry for the nanoradian surface profiler is progressing well; its delivery is expected to be on schedule at the end of January 2012. Most components for the first optical head have been ordered (penta-prism, polarizing beam splitter, and high resolution autocollimator). The mechanical design of the stitching platform using the 4-inch FIZEAU interferometer is finished, and mechanical parts are in fabrication.

Optics fabrication. Fabrication of two 4-bounce channel-cut monochromators was completed for use within the IXS group (Fig. 5). Pitch polishing will begin after procurement of a “pitch-pot” for pouring heated pitch.

MLL fabrication efforts continue to focus on sectioning, using a combination of reactive-ion etching and focused ion beam milling. An MLL grown with 10% nitrogen has been sectioned to a thickness of 43 µm and width of 3 to 5 microns; it contains 6,510 zones (Fig. 6). The sectioned MLL will be tested by the HXN group at the next available beamtime.

RIE-FIB MLL lens. Nitrogen reactive sputtering is used to reduce film stress, but resulting temperature fluctuations in the optics lab led to inconsistent growth rate of the crystals. The problem seems to have been solved by modifying the HVAC system’s RTD feedback controller and ensuring proper local insulation.
CONVENTIONAL FACILITIES

Conventional construction continued its excellent progress during December. Beneficial occupancy was taken for pentant 4 of the ring building on December 21, and the last area, pentant 5, will be ready for beneficial occupancy as scheduled. Construction of all five LOBs continues to progress rapidly, with erection of structural steel for the final LOB, 5, (Fig. 7) completed at the end of December. Contributing to the excellent progress has been unseasonably warm winter weather.

Figure 7. In LOB 5, steel erected; floor pour insulated for controlled curing.

The ring building contractor is nearing completion of all major work scope. Pentant 4 was substantially complete in mid December, and pentant 5 is nearing completion with start-up of electrical and mechanical systems in progress and finalization of architectural finishes underway. The lobby is essentially complete but is awaiting permanent power from pentant 5 so final testing of the elevator and HVAC can be done. With the likely substantial completion of pentant 5 in February 2012, all major contract work for the ring building will be completed. Remaining work will include resolution of all punchlist items, completion of system commissioning and operator training, delivery of remaining operations and as-built documents, and some final sitework that could not be completed during winter conditions. Following completion of all physical work at the site, demobilization and contract closeout will commence.

The LOBs continue to make excellent progress. Temporary enclosure of LOB 1 is complete, enabling the use of temporary heat to allow interior finish work to proceed (Fig. 8). The roof is complete, most glazing is installed, and exterior siding installation will begin in January. Mechanical, electrical, and architectural finish work is progressing well.

LOB 3 is the next most advanced, with most of the envelope complete (not including exterior siding) and interior partitions, mechanical, and electrical underway. The loading dock work is shown in Figure 9.

LOB 2 follows, with roofing underway and sheathing and glazing in progress (Fig. 10). LOB 4 steel and concrete are complete, and interior partition work will commence in January.

LOB 5 structural steel erection is complete and concrete will be completed in January. The LOB workforce is at near-peak activity. The coordination of work between the ring building and LOB contractors with ongoing accelerator installation continues to progress well, with minimal interference or disruption. Any work performed by the contractors in occupied areas is managed by a work permit system, to ensure safety of the workers and minimize potential disruption of on-going accelerator installation work.
ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, AND HEALTH

Beneficial occupancy readiness evaluations (BOREs) have been completed for pentants 1, 2, 3, and 4; RF compressor; injection buildings; and the cooling tower. The final BORE for pentant 5 (mid February) will complete the ring building turnover from construction to operations. A formal Lessons Learned report for the BORE process is being prepared.

The Booster Safety Assessment Document and Accelerator Safety Envelope underwent an internal Photon Sciences Directorate review and a Lab Safety Committee review. Approval by BHSO is expected in February, approximately one month ahead of schedule. Lessons learned during the development of linac documentation have streamlined this process. Authorization basis documentation for the storage ring is now underway. Progress continues on documentation needed for a successful commissioning Accelerator Readiness Review (ARR), including operational procedures, emergency procedures, and training and qualifications criteria. These tasks are on schedule to be completed in January. The linac ARR is now scheduled for February 27–29, 2012. A web site has been established for the ARR team to give them access to documentation necessary for the review. This web site is available through the NSLS-II project pages: http://www.bnl.gov/nsls2/project/reviews/AccelReadinessRev2011/default.asp

While much of the high-risk construction activity for the ring building is complete, increased emphasis is being given to safety as the contractor demobilizes. Historically, this phase of a construction project results in increased injuries and claims. Enhanced communications and job planning are being implemented to minimize this risk.

ESH staff has been meeting with the contractors to discuss lessons learned from the ring-building project. These lessons learned will be documented and shared with the LOB contractor and the laboratory.

PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES

The RFP for the IXS Beamline IVU was posted on FedBizOps in December, with proposals due in late January. Proposals for the CHX Beamline Optical Components Package were received in late November. Responses are in evaluation and award is expected by the end of January. The XPD Beamline Components and the SRX Beamline Optics Components proposal packages were received in December. Proposals are in evaluation and awards are expected to be made by the end of January or early February. Proposals for the Double Laue Monochromator were received the first week of November. The proposals are in evaluation and award is expected to be made in late January. The RFP due date for the CHX Beamline Diffractometer has been extended to early February. The following awards were made in December: Storage Ring In-Vacuum Undulator, HXN Beamline Components, and the SRX Beamline In-Vacuum Undulator.
The NSLS-II project is being carried out to design and build a world-class user facility for scientific research using synchrotron radiation. The project scope includes the design, construction, and installation of the accelerator hardware, civil construction, and experimental facilities required to produce a new synchrotron light source. It will be highly optimized to deliver ultra-high brightness and flux and exceptional beam stability. These capabilities will enable the study of material properties and functions down to a spatial resolution of 1 nm, energy resolution of 0.1 meV, and with the ultra-high sensitivity necessary to perform spectroscopy on a single atom.

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