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Summary

The ATLAS collaboration has recently approved an R&D into the development of diamond pixel modules as an option for the ATLAS pixel detector upgrade for the SLHC. This R&D is possible as a result of significant progress in three areas: the recent reproducible production of high quality diamond material in wafers, the successful completion and test of the first diamond ATLAS pixel module, and the operation of a diamond sensor material that had been exposed to a fluence of 1.8x1016 protons/cm2. This talk will summarize the progress in each of these areas and describe our plans to build and characterize a number of diamond ATLAS pixel modules, test their radiation hardness, explore the cooling advantages made available by the high thermal conductivity of diamond and demonstrate industrial viability of bump-bonding of diamond pixel modules .

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