



EuroTeV High Bandwidth Wall Current Monitor

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Wall Current Monitors

Wall Current Monitors (WCM) are commonly used to observe the time profile and spectra of a particle beam by detecting its image current.



A first approach using a simple circuit model

The presence of the ferrite is fundamental in order to decrease the low frequency cut-off of the structure



In the circuit representation is

- R the measuring resistance
- L_BOX the inductance of the box seen at gap
- C_GAP the capacitance across gap



Note: When the distance between the WCM elements becomes comparable to the free space wavelength of the propagating fields, the circuit modeling is not reliable and a study of the 3D structure has to be performed by using e-m CAD!

The "initial" aim

The 3rd generation of CLIC Test Facility (CTF3) foresees a beam formed by bunches separated of $\Delta_b = 67 \text{ ps} \longrightarrow \text{WCM h. f. cut-off} = 20 \text{ GHz}$ for a total pulse duration of $\tau_r = 1.54 \text{ }\mu\text{s} \longrightarrow \text{WCM I. f. cut-off} = 100 \text{ kHz}$

Furthermore

Bake out temperature: Operating temperature: Vacuum:

100kHz-20GHz WB signal transmission over 10-20m.

150 C

10⁻⁹ Torr

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Since we needs \cong 20GHz of bandwidth, the working principle of our structure is shown below: the electromagnetic field dragged by the bunches passes in a small longitudinal gap made on the wall pipe and it is "shaved". A part of this portion of the electromagnetic field is captured by a coaxial antenna in the first section of a bigger coaxial line, while the rest is damped along the line.



The gap resonances

The different cross sections between internal and external pipe does not allow all the possible field configurations to propagate from the inner to the outer pipe. This will produce reflections at the level of the gap (*gap resonances*).



Tapered structure

Using a tapering to smooth the gap transition:



Feedthrough resonances

When the distance between two feedthroughs becomes equal to the free space wavelength, the first azimuthal resonance appears in the structure



With the courtesy of Tom Kroyer ("A Structure for a Wide Band Wall Current Monitor", AB-Note-2006-040 RF)

The whole structure

Therefore to have 16 feedthroughs means to push the previous resonance to \cong 33 GHz



The presence of the feedthrough's prevents the modes to freely
pass from the inner to the outer pipe. To reproduce the same
results of a structure without feedthrough's one should fulfill the
following condition $d_{feed} = \frac{2\pi}{n} r \ge \lambda_{TM01_{eutoff}}$



Final Constraints

$$Feedthrough resonance \qquad Gap resonance F_{feed} = \frac{c}{d_{feed}} \qquad d_{feed} \ge \lambda_{TM01_{cutoff}}$$
(3)

As an example: if we want to push beyond 20GHz the first F_{feed} , we need d_{feed} <15cm which does not fulfill the gap resonance condition in eq.(3) since, in this case, it is $d_{feed} < \lambda_{TM01_{cutoff}} = 43.5$ cm.

The solution

It is possible to overcome the impasse on the d_{feed} value in two ways:

1. by reducing the outer pipe aperture to a reasonable quantity, in order to permit the gap resonances excited at its edge to run back in the beam pipe;

2. by playing with the field configurations of a double coaxial waveguide, in order to avoid the gap resonance enhancement.



Comparison between a structure with a 2mm aperture reduction with and without feedthrough's; in this case the number of feedthrough's is 8 giving the first feedthrough resonance at \cong 20GHz.

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Solution 2: Working Principle

The intermediate pipe (inner pipe in the figure) reflects back at the surface A the TM modes coming from the beam pipe, and thus *shields* the feedthrough's and avoids the enhancement of the reflections



Solution 2: Simulations



Three possible structures found

Number of feedtrhoughs	16
Whole foreseen length	50-60cm
Frequency range of the 3dB signal	2Ghz-20GHz

	Low freq	High freq
Number of feedtrhoughs	4	12
Whole foreseen length	≅ 70cm	
Frequency range staying in	100kHz-20GHz	
the 3dB	(except ≅ 5.7GHz-6.2GHz)	

Number of feedtrhoughs	8
Whole foreseen length	≅ 50cm
Frequency range staying in the 3dB	6.2GHz-20GHz

The last two structures present an aperture reduction of 15% and 30%, respectively. For that reason the first one has been chosen.

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The Final Structure

In order to absorb the e-m radiation going into the inner and outer pipes, two

layers of SiC have been used





Feedthrough positioning (1)



Feedthrough positioning (2)







The simulations show a good signal staying in \pm 2dB around -24dB in a range of frequency from 2GHz to 20GHz with the possibility of lowering it down to 400MHz by means of external circuits.

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Really do we need 100kHz low freq cut-off?

The request of 100kHz low frequency cutoff comes from the very long bunch pulse of 1.54 μ s (namely \approx 700kHz) of CTF3 drive beam Linac. The effect of a higher low frequency cutoff is to give an exponential droop of the signal with a time constant $\tau_1 = 1/3 f_{low}$, where f_{low} is the low frequency cutoff. This effect could be dangerous if the droop constant time τ_1 is comparable or lower than the bunch length in time which is not the case since the r.m.s. expected bunch lengths for ILC and CLIC are of 1ps and 3.33ps, respectively.

A more serious problem is the possible influence of the low frequency cutoff for a proper signal recovering









Let's apply, to the same signal as before, a filter having

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Low freq cut-off= 5GHz

High freq cut-off= 20GHz



A correct signal recovering will happen if one is able to detect the first harmonic peak or at least two adjacent peaks in the spectrum at higher frequencies.



If a certain number of bunches are periodically lost the new spectrum will present the first harmonic at a lower frequency and a shorter frequency separation between the harmonic peaks (larger bunch separation in time). Therefore the merit figure for the signal recovering is the bandwidth which should be able to follow this frequency shift.



The minimum required bandwidth is fixed by one half of the highest frequency that we want to detect. In our case the minimum required bandwidth is of 6GHz determined by CLIC Drive Beam with its 83ps of bunch spacing (12GHz) representing the worst condition since the bunch spacing for the CLIC Main Beam is 500ps (\approx 2GHz) while for ILC beams it is 369.2ns (\approx 3MHz).







WCM Signal Recovering: CLIC Main Beam





WCM Signal Recovering: ILC Beam









Experimental setup and testbench











Measurement

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Conclusions and outlooks

- WCM keystones are found giving a more rational approach for the designing phase
- WCM specifications have been reviewed in a more critical way, showing less stringent constraints
- The e-m design is accomplished, giving pretty good results
- The metallic body is fully machined
- SiC parts took some delay due to the sophisticated machining
- The testbench has been improved
- We hope to have measurements with the beam before the shut down