



Materials for BLMs

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Introduction



The LHC accelerator beams store an unprecedented amount of energy. If even a small fraction of this beam deviates from the correct orbit, it may induce a quench in the superconductive magnets and/or cause physical damage to system components. The beam loss monitoring system is key to protecting the machine against dangerous beam losses.



More than 5000 BLM detectors have been produced in a collaboration between CERN and IHEP, Protvino.

In the 16 years of collaboration, CERN and IHEP developed several types of BLM detectors and IHEP manufactured them [using industry-produced components](#).



Beam Loss Monitors

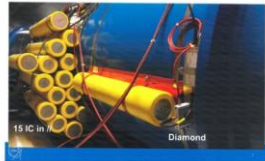
- 5080 Ionization chambers
- 378 Secondary emission monitors
- 300 Little ionization chambers
- 50 Flat ionization chambers
- 6 prototypes of proportional chamber



LHC



BLM 16L2



PS



LIPAC (for Ifmif-Eveda)



ESS



PSB.



After LS3, all CERN accelerators and transfer lines will be equipped with BLM detectors produced by the CERN-IHEP, Protvino collaboration. Literally, every 10 meters in the whole accelerator complex, from LINAC4 to LHC, there will be a bright yellow tube.

GSI



- +BNL
- +CEBAF
- + IHEP, Protvino
- + INR, Moscow
- +

Requests for future BLM production::

- ~1000 for SPS
- ~200 FRIB
- ~300 IMP
- GSI
- ESS
- Other institutes interests



Crucial points



- Design
- The collaboration between CERN and IHEP, Protvino
- The requirements, prototypes, continuous materials checks, production schedule, tests before, during, after production, installation, the control of detector performance
- Complexity: No compromise on details, high focus on QA



Detector head assembly required multiple labs:

- DG Technology (Italy)
- AeroVac(UK)
- Alca (Italy)
- IHEP, Protvino (Russia)
- CERN prototypes

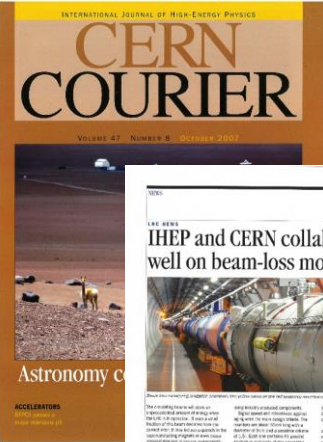


The quality issues, productions schedule...

Meeting at CERN in September 2005 :

- R.Garoby, R.Jones, J-J.Gras, B.Dehning
- A.Sytn, V.Grishin,
- Ph. Bryant (LHC)

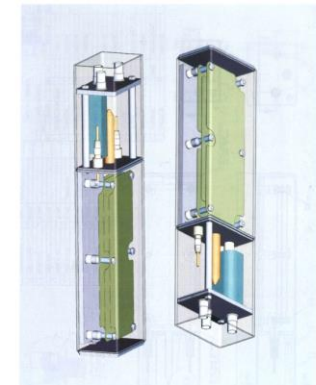
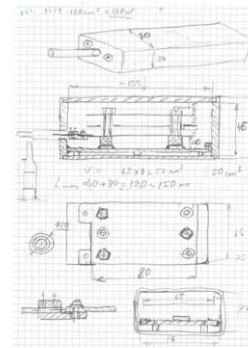
decided to establish the CERN-BL/IHEP-Protvino collaboration for whole chain , including the materials, prototypes, production, tests, installation.



To support the investigations of the LHC limitation and anticipate other possible similar future problems, we have produced **the proportional chamber**. The PC has the same outside geometry as IC but the sensitivity is 10- 100 times higher in comparison to the existing LHC IC.



- LIC type has been designed for lower sensitivity with respect to standard IC
- FIC type has been designed for space restrictions (PS Booster installation between beam pipes)



Wednesday **5th December 2007**, 16:30

Meyrin Restaurant II



Dear colleagues,
the production of the beam loss monitors for the LHC in IHEP, Protvino
 came last month to an end. **Over 1.5 million pieces were shipped to IHEP to produce 4250 gas filled ionisation chambers and 350 UHV treated secondary emission monitors.**
 In the meantime all monitors arrived at CERN and most of them were source tested or beam tested.
 About two third of the monitors are now installed by a team from IHEP

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Proceedings of EPAC08, Genoa, Italy

DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND TESTING OF 4500 BEAM LOSS MONITORS

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 V. Grishin, A. Koshelev, A. Larionov, V. Seleznev, M. Sleptsov, A. Sytin, IHEP, Protvino, Russia

Abstract

Beam-loss monitoring (BLM) [1] is a key element in the LHC machine protection. 4250 nitrogen filled ionization chambers (IC) and 350 secondary emission monitors (SEM) have been manufactured and tested at the Institute for High Energy Physics (IHEP) in Protvino, Russia, following their development at CERN. Signal speed and robustness against aging were the main design criteria. Each monitor is permanently sealed inside a stainless-steel cylinder. The quality of the welding was a critical aspect during production. The SEMs are requested to hold a vacuum of 10^{-7} bar. Impurity levels from thermal and radiation-induced desorption should remain in the range of parts per

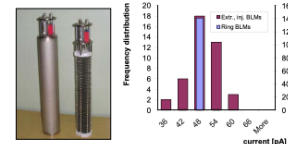


Figure 1: Left: LHC BLM ionization chamber. Right: Gain variations on installed SPS monitors after 30 years of operation.



The requirements



The total ionizing dose on the detectors over 20 years of LHC operation was estimated at 2×10^8 Gy in the collimation regions and 2×10^4 Gy at other locations. The radiation hardness depends mainly on the ceramics, connectors and feedthroughs.

To reduce radiation aging effects, production of the chamber components included a strict production and ultrahigh vacuum cleaning procedures. As a result, impurity levels from thermal and radiation-induced desorption should remain in the range of parts per million.

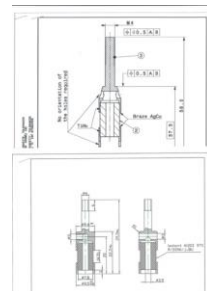
In addition, the required resistivity of the ceramics must be ensured also in air. The detectors have to operate (long enough) even in case of a leak which leads to air (and water) contamination in the inside of the chamber. Time and humidity dependence of the resistivity of the ceramics would lead to a reduced signal which would not be possible to be diagnosed without close inspection the LHC tunnel. This could pose a serious reliability problem for BLM systems.

Technical Specification for the Manufacturing of the Beam Loss Monitors (BLM) for the LHC Ring

Abstract

This Technical Specification concerns the supply of beam loss detectors for the LHC arcs, the dispersion suppressors, the long straight sections, the collimation sections and the dump lines. The detectors are based on the measurement of the energy loss of charged particles in matter (ionisation chamber: IC) and on the release of electrons when a charged particle traverses e.g. a foil (secondary emission monitor: SEM). A total number of 4110 detectors are needed, plus an option on 240 or 480 additional chambers.

Deliveries are foreseen to take place over a period starting in October 2005 and extending up to August 2006.



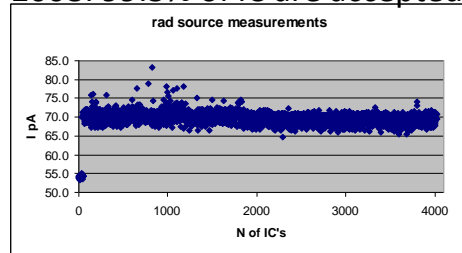
- Ceramic: High Purity Alumina 97%
- Metallic parts: DP1
- No any treatment after brazing
- The ceramics isn't glazed
- The ceramics are not be touched or treated or cleaned in any way after baking
- The control of the dimensions



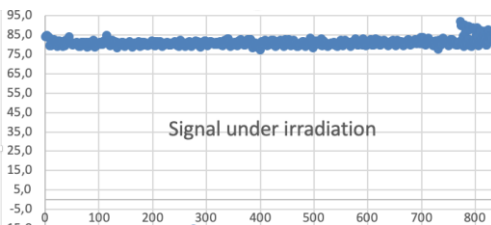
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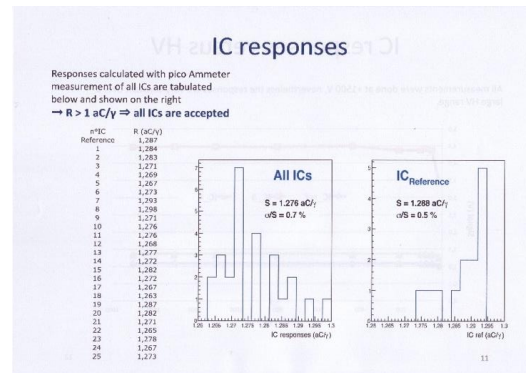
2008: 99.5% of IC are accepted



2017: 97 % of IC are accepted



One of the reasons for high (out of specs) signal is the migration of water and other nasty things from the ceramics.

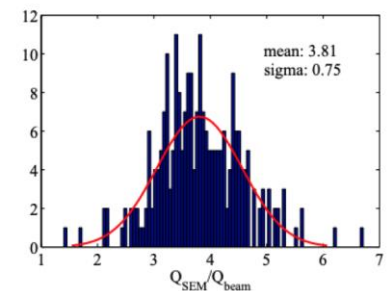
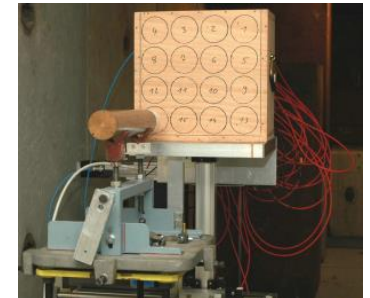


Ionization Chamber test validation for LIPAc with ^{60}Co γ of 1.25 MeV

Test done at Saclay (CoCase ^{60}Co source) on June 10th to 14th, 2013

P. Abbati, J.-F. Denis, J. Monmard
CoCase: N. Chagnou, F. Daly

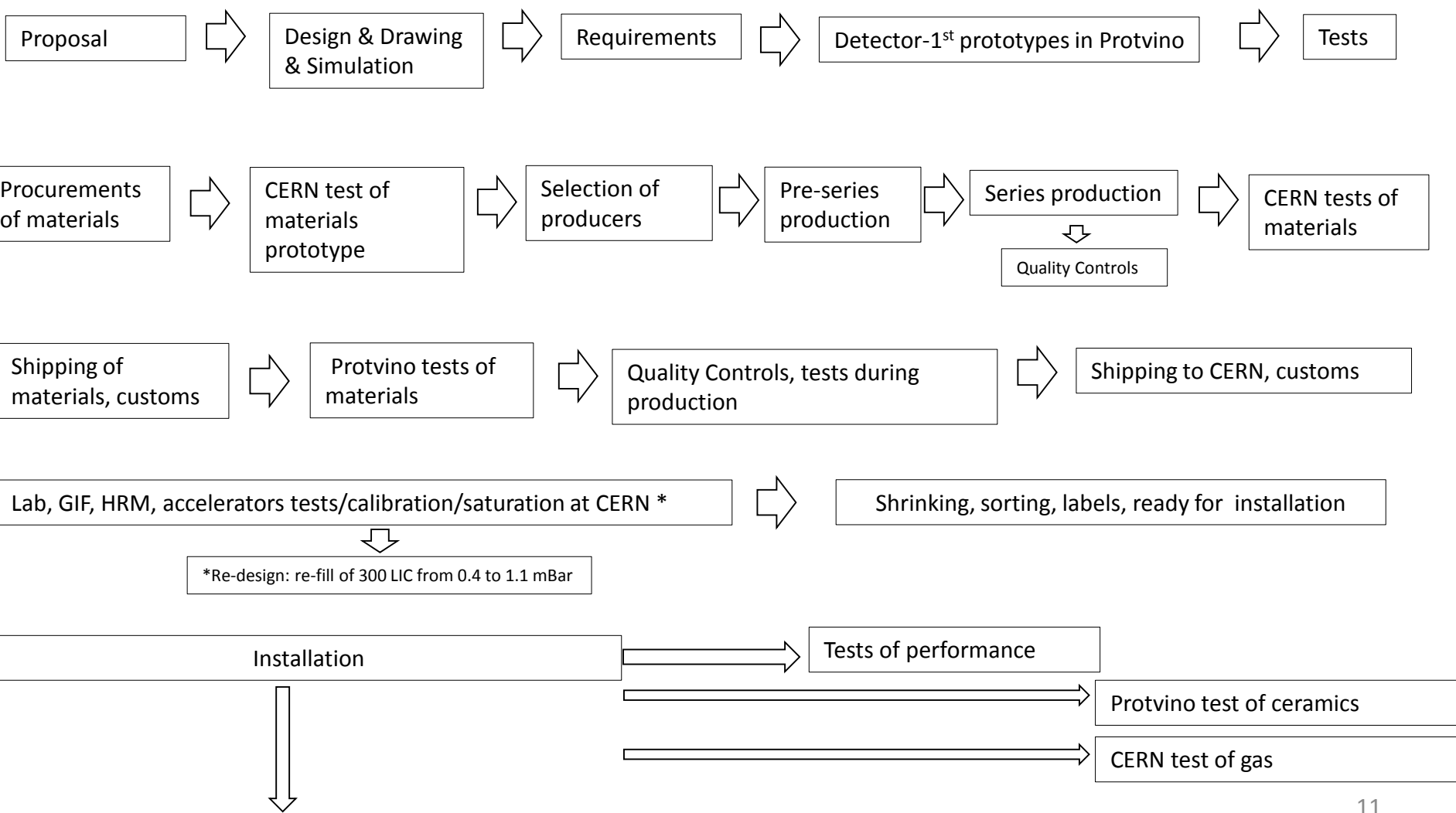
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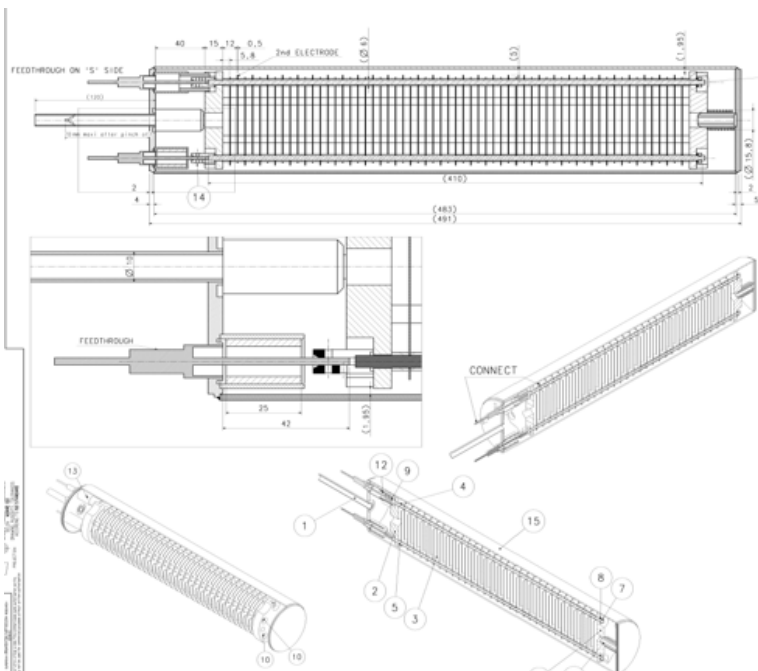


Calibration of 250 SEM detectors in a mixed radiation field corrected for systematic position errors.



The flow diagram





- Material: tubes 1.4435 ss 88.9 x 2.0 x 6 mt
- Tube inox 316L 483x88.9x2.0 LHCBLM_0040, IC
- Tube inox 316L 105x88.9x2 LHCBLM_0038
- Ceramics LHCBLM_0005 v.AC, IC
- Material AW6082
- Al electrodes production LHCBLM_0004 0.5X82, IC
- electrode spacer LHCBLM_0007 type A
- electrode spacer LHCBLM_0007 type C
- bottom cover disk LHCBLM_0006
- bottom cover spacer LHCBLM_0006
- tighteners M4 LHCBLM_0016
- type A Var 1 (incl. welded washer)
- type B Var 1 (incl. LHCBLM_0013)
- small items
- compressing spring 1.4310 ferroflex
- alumina tube D15/10, L=25mm
- electrical connections LHCBLM_0036
- external plate LHCBLM_0037, manufacture
- st steel sheet LHCBLM_0037, manufacture
- tube AlMgSi hard 4*7 L=60
- n.steel.thr.rods A4 316 M4 L=85
- BNC HT RRI Polystyrene SHV 5KV
- BNC 50ohm, connecteur coaxial, femelle,RRI Polystyrene
- soldering lug, M4
- soldering lug, BNC
- wires (L=100, 1.5mm²)
- inned copper wires, without insulation, D=0.91mm
- Resistor 10Mohm ,1W
- Capacitor (0.47uF, 2000V)
- shrinking tube



Careful selection of manufacturing companies necessary to reduce later issues.



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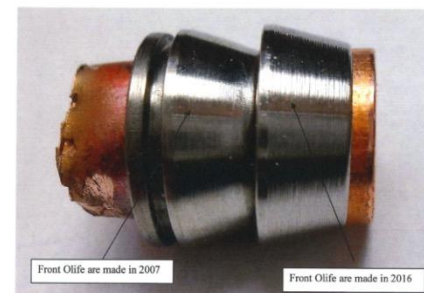
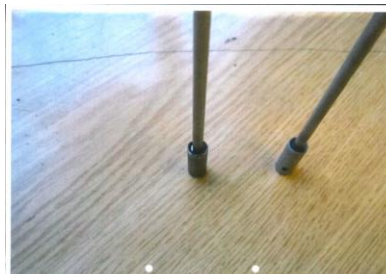
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 Désignation: MULTIPLE ELECTRODE BLM ELECTRODE SPACERS
 REQUÉRANTS: FOFYANO G.
 N° EDM: 152970
 Contrôle: CONTROLISUR, DUBEL M.
 Date: 15/01/2015
 Fabricateur: RUPREC

COTER DU PLAN	Résultats de mesure					Inc. plan
	pièce 1	pièce 2	pièce 3	pièce 4	pièce 5	
Ø41 (+0.30)	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.20	-0.30
Ø6 (+0.05)	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.98
Δ (E14) A	0.019	0.016	0.020	0.023	0.022	
Δ (E14) B	0.018	0.022	0.019	0.022	0.024	
Δ (E14) C	0.142	0.151	0.143	0.138	0.142	
Ra 1.6	0.37	0.38	0.36	0.32	0.38	

pièce 6: Ø41 (+0.30) 4.20, Ø6 (+0.05) 5.98, Δ (E14) A 0.012, Δ (E14) B 0.026, Δ (E14) C 0.172, Ra 1.6 0.52
 pièce 7: Ø41 (+0.30) 4.20, Ø6 (+0.05) 5.98, Δ (E14) A 0.012, Δ (E14) B 0.026, Δ (E14) C 0.172, Ra 1.6 0.53
 pièce 8: Ø41 (+0.30) 4.20, Ø6 (+0.05) 5.98, Δ (E14) A 0.012, Δ (E14) B 0.026, Δ (E14) C 0.172, Ra 1.6 0.53
 pièce 9: Ø41 (+0.30) 4.20, Ø6 (+0.05) 5.98, Δ (E14) A 0.012, Δ (E14) B 0.026, Δ (E14) C 0.172, Ra 1.6 0.53
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 pièce 11: Ø41 (+0.30) 4.20, Ø6 (+0.05) 5.98, Δ (E14) A 0.009, Δ (E14) B 0.026, Δ (E14) C 0.177, Ra 1.6 0.78
 pièce 12: Ø41 (+0.30) 4.20, Ø6 (+0.05) 5.98, Δ (E14) A 0.009, Δ (E14) B 0.026, Δ (E14) C 0.177, Ra 1.6 0.30
 pièce 13: Ø41 (+0.30) 4.20, Ø6 (+0.05) 5.98, Δ (E14) A 0.040, Δ (E14) B 0.022, Δ (E14) C 0.178, Ra 1.6 0.37
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DATE: 25/01/2015
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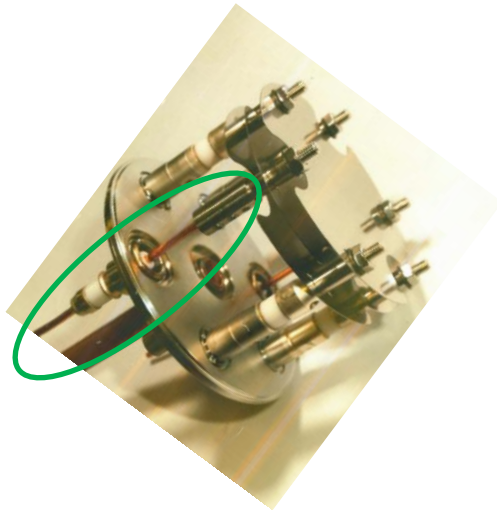
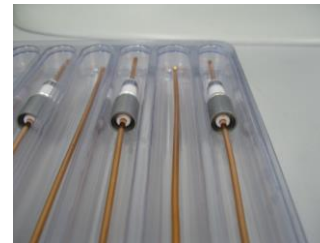


Comparison of roughness

UHV current feed through

- glazing of the ceramics on both sides, including the vacuum side
- outside: stainless steel
- current lead: copper
- leak rate: $<10^{-10}$ mbar l/s
- UHV application.
- not outgas.
- withstand baking at 300 C.

Feedthroughs testing is done at CERN after reception and in IHEP just before chambers assembly. The acceptance criteria for leakage current is set below 1 pA in air at 2000 V.



Only 15 out of 1700 feedthroughs were not accepted.



Electrodes



- no burr
- the flatness
- no edge curvature
- no surface scratches
- no oil
- large number



2 types of FIC electrode plates from st steel 316L and Al by 2 different technologies: water and laser.

In both cases we have the burrs, but in case of laser cutting the burrs are more smaller than water cutting plate.

The flatness in both case is good.



The defects of the metal drops adhering to the surface, trace from the laser on the edge of some plates, a small notch.

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DR-62857/AB/LHC
DO-21532/AB/LHC
Original: English

The General Technical Specification, EDMS 581810, in its actual version, constitutes an integral part of this document.

Technical Specification
Aluminum Electrode

Technical drawing CDD No.: LHCBLM_0004

Number of pieces: 208020
Baseline: 48960
Option: 48960

Material: AW-6062 (ANTICORODAL 110) (DIN Al Mg Si1)
State: T6 (hardened, unanneal)
Corresponding to 44.02.30.005.0 (CERN catalogue)

0.5mm thick Al electrodes. All measures and tolerances are indicated on the design drawing. Special care has to be taken for the flatness and to the quality of all corners – any burrs have to be removed.

The electrodes will be used in an UHV application. Special care has to be taken to avoid any contamination of the surface which could impair the application for UHV (see the General Technical Specification section 2, and especially 2.1.1). The final cleaning for UHV is not part of the deliverable.

The raw material will be supplied by the contractor.

The Dutreive SAS, a company from Haut Savoie, which has produced for us ~ 300 000 Al elect by stamp, has closed. We have found a similar company (ADM Industrie) following the advice of Mr Dutreive (owner of old company).

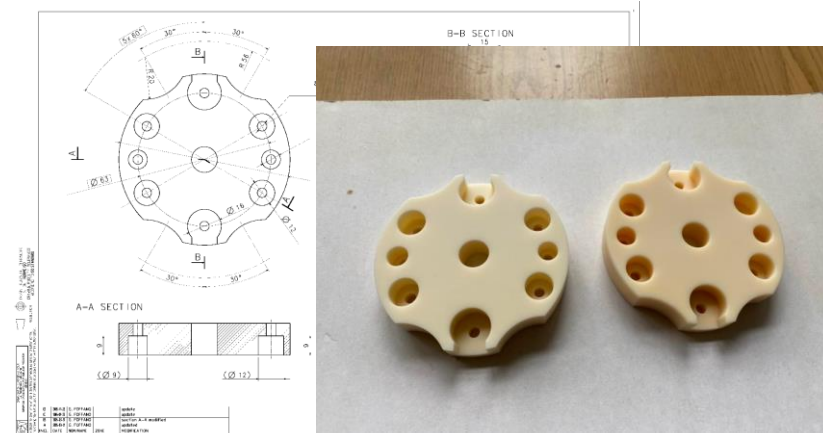
The dynamic range of an ionization chamber is defined by its lowest and highest current signals. It is limited by leakage current through the **ceramics insulator**, which should be less than 1 pA for lowest signals.

The electric resistivity at 3000 V in air has to stay below 1 pA.

Surface currents caused by air humidity above this value are not acceptable.

In 4250 IC, ceramics insulators are from SCT, France. No degradation has been observed over years of operation at LHC.

In last 830 IC, ceramics insulators are from Friatec, Germany.



Various investigations on the ceramic insulators include vacuum, chemical, electrical, cleaning, and heating tests. Some of these tests (e.g. heating and cleaning) leads to improved quality of the ceramics from Friatec.

4 pcs. of insulators (= Al 99.5 amples; "red" ceramics) were delivered in November 2014

Test of 4 ceramic prototypes from Friatec (09/01/2015)

The metrology: the dimensions are OK.



Numéro	HV test = 3000 V								
	Leakage current (pA)								
	to + 1 min	to + 2 min	to + 3 min	to + 4 min	to + 5 min	to + 10 min	to + 15 min	to + 30 min	to + 60 min
Prototype 1	5.4	4.5	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.7
Prototype 2	10.8	8.1	7.3	6.5	5.8	4.6	3.6	2.8	1.7
Prototype 3	9.1	8.1	7.6	6.8	5.9	4.7	4.4	4.2	3.6
Prototype 4	70.2	50.1	44.6	42.1	38.3	20.8	17.5	13.8	7.6
Circuit sans céramique (offset)	24.6	14.2	10.7	8.4	6.8	3.5	2.5	1.3	1.1

Number #1 is ceramic disk , which I have touched by hand when I've checked the dimensions, it was taken out from original Friatec box long time before the test (but stay in plastic bag).
Numbers #2-4 was taken out from Friatec box just before tests.



1st batch of "red" (or ivory) ceramics was delivered around October 2015.

N° Box/N° Pièce	HV test = 2000 V					
	2 point measurements Δ = 63 mm			2 point measurements Δ = 32 mm		
	to + 1 min	to + 3 min	to + 5 min	to + 1 min	to + 3 min	to + 5 min
1/1	353	295	288	393	409	430
1/2	210	204	201	295	284	281
1/3	116	123	129	255	266	274
1/4	1.8	1.7	2.2	6.7	6.3	7.8
2/1	445	396	379	374	352	345
2/2	167	173	169	174	165	150.6
2/3	1147	1065	1094	731	716	684
2/4	724	708	694	854	895	892
Mesure avec 3 points en étoile - reprise 2 céramiques						
N° Box/N° Pièce	to + 1 min	to + 3 min	to + 5 min	to + 10 min	to + 15 min	to + 20 min
1/3	288	216	182	191	195	207
1/4	132	88	85	91	112	126

30% of those ceramics cannot be accepted



We received in one week ~500 pcs, tested and asked a halt in the production.

Test le 26 octobre 2015

HV = 2000 V	to + 15 sec	to + 30 sec	to + 1 min	to + 3 min	to + 5 min	to + 10 min	to + 15 min	to + 20 min
Boîte 5 - 1ère livraison	417	332	302	261	257			
Boîte 5 - 1ère livraison	1824	1630	1582	1471		Après cleaning + etching +cleaning		
Without cleaning to compare								
OLD (SCT16) céramique	4	-1	0.9	0.1				
Prototype n°4	142	91	65	47	32			23

The heating improved the resistivity, but not enough.
 The etching is dramatically bad for properties.
 The cleaning and etching did not improve the properties.

The surface differences of SCT and Friatec ceramics are visible with electronic scope (atomic level).

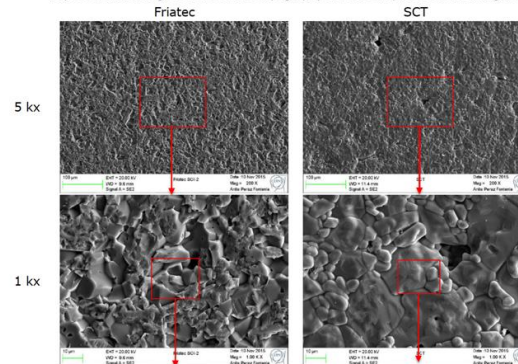
Metallurgy

Surface morphology study of two ceramic plates by Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

Summary:

The aim of this investigation is to compare the surface morphology of two plates from different providers: New ceramics from Friatec that presented an unacceptable low electrical resistivity, and ceramics from SCT that presented the low current expected during the resistivity tests. Higher conductivity of the Friatec samples could be due to a higher adsorption of water at the surface.

Representative Images of the surface topography of both samples is shown in Figure 2.



Test of the resistivity in vacuum oven with heating to 150-200 C.

Xray of 8 ceramics insulators before clean+etching : Ni and Cu on surface for 1 ceramic disk

Friatec:

The problem isn't caused by **the material resistivity of our ceramics, but by the surface resistivity.**

Two assumptions why this problem happens:

1. It may be that the morphology of our ceramic surface (it is grinded) in combination with carbon impurities or water causes problems, so an oxidizing heat treatment may help.
2. Oxygen defects in the surface layer may play a role, so an aging process under UV light may help.



The results of our investigation, the production of "white" ceramics



Other issue

1) A quantity of 496 pieces of insulators (= series; "white" ceramics) was delivered by us between January and February 2016.

2) The ceramics type 2015 ("red") baked in CERN is acceptable.



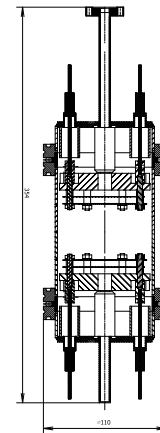
After annealing the ceramics are acceptable but very important is the ageing effects.

On the vacuum stand, we heat the ceramics during 22h with pumping out and there is no water vapor (we control the spectra) until nitrogen filled (the partial pressure was not recorded by the analyzer below 10^{-11} mbar).

After filling, the level of water vapor in the stand is 10^{-8} mbar (this is water vapor from pure nitrogen), the value is almost two orders of magnitude less than the specification requires (10^{-6} mbar).

in the event of accidental leaks (damage to the current lead or corrosion of the pick off of a copper tube, etc.), the leakage current can increase .

Proposal test of the ceramics on stand



	Leakage current							
	SCT 1	SCT 2	Firatec 1	Firatec 2	Firatec 3	Firatec 4	Firatec 5	Firatec 6
13.03.2020	<1 pA	<1 pA	7 pA	7 pA	40 pA	9 pA	1311 pA	10 pA
25.01.2021	<1 pA	<1 pA	<1 pA	<1 pA	2 pA	2.5 pA	1234 pA	5 pA



Conclusion



For a successful production the following were necessary:

- production of prototypes
- thorough company selection, including on-site visits
- when large number of items: pre-series
- control each production/material process steps
- continuous material delivery checks
- the collaboration CERN-IHEP,Protvino with feedback
- test of materials, detector's performance after installation
- support of the vacuum production stand in operational conditions
- build a team and maintain experienced experts



Thank you for your attention



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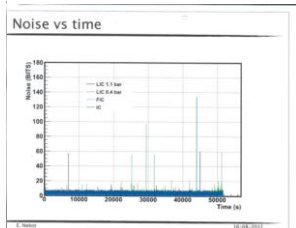
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Back up slides



IC/LIC/FIC lab measurements
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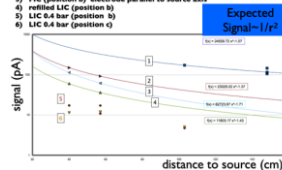
GIF experiment

- View of detector location in lateral collimator.
- Signals integrated over 1 s (50 seconds/measurement)



GIF experiment

- LHC-IC (position a)
- FIC (position b) electrode perpendicular to source axis
- FIC (position b) electrode parallel to source axis
- radial LIC (position b)
- LIC 0.4 bar (position b)
- LIC 0.4 bar (position c)

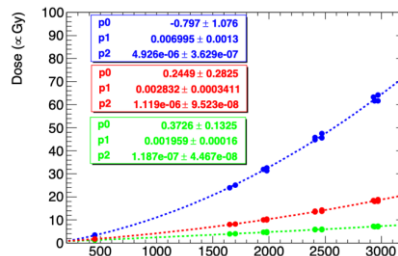


FIC/LIC PSB DUMP
First Results
E. Nebot & S. Grishin

HiRadMat Experiment

- Main parts of the experiment in photos

LHC-IC
LIC 1.1 bar
LIC 0.4 bar
FIC



HiRadMat Technical Board recommendations for 2021 experiment HRMT55 – BLM:
The HiRadMat TB approves the BLM3 experiment for beam time.

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