



X-ray Beam Position Monitors

Developments at the Australian Synchrotron

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Purpose / Why

- Photon beam position monitors before the beamlines.
- Some difference between photon and electron beam trajectories.



Challenges

- Non-intercepting
- Resolution ~100 nanometre
- White beam \rightarrow High power density (thermal challenges)
- Photon spectrum and distribution can change
- Types of XBPMs:
 - Photoelectric measure drain current from metallic probes
 - Photoconductive generally intercepting, not for white beam
 - Ionisation chambers slow, low resolution



Prototype XBPM

- XBPM for a Dipole radiation source:
 - Only vertical distribution
 - Low power densities, static photon spectrum and distribution.

Goals:

- Difference in white beam response between W and Cu.
- Increased number of sensors/blades used from $2 \rightarrow 4$.
- Possibility of using pinhole masks to improve sampling of the photon distribution.
- Simplified manufacturing: no brazing (Fe/Cu)





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Prototype XBPM - Installed





Prototype XBPM – Results/Learnings

- Resolution < 200 nm.</p>
- Very sensitive to cooling water temperature.
- Unexplained:
 - Horizontal position sensitivity
 - Factor 10 difference between similar blades.
 - Bursts of outgassing
 - Calibration gain changes over time



Prototype XBPM - Removed



Discovered that the photon beam was 5 mm narrower than expected and at an odd angle due to the first mask in the main chamber. Explains:

- ✓ Explains the strange horizontal position sensitivity
- ✓ Factor 10 in signal for similar blades





Prototype XBPM – 2nd Iteration

- Photo electron re-capture:
 - Permanent voltage bias source.
 - Angle blades to flat surfaces don't face each other
- Narrower blade positioning and re-instate mask.
- Lab tests to find source of "bursts" of outgassing.

MX3 Beamline XBPM

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- Simplified design and easier wire management and access.
- Flexures and beam height mounting to deal with thermal expansion

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SURFACE COATED BLADES



Coating Blade Design

- Significant reduction in complexity
- Improved thermal distribution.
- Improved photon beam sampling
- Challenges: Suitable materials for robustness of insulation layer and tracks

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Evaporative Beam Deposition Test



- Insulation: SiO₂ 500nm
- Signal Path: Au 100nm



Sina Porsa, Becky Lin THERMOMECHANICAL BPM (TBPM)



Thermomechanical BPM (TBPM)

- Problems with photoemission
 - Signal depends on material surface properties and photon spectrum.
 - Photon spectrum and distribution changes as beamlines request different energies.
 - Free electron recapture
- Potential solution: use the power density
 - Not applicable for all beamlines



TBPM Design

- No feedthroughs
- Single water-cooled Cu block
- Temperature changes to the probes causes the flexure to move vertically.
- Differential measurement to measure shift in the beam centroid.



TBPM – FEA Studies







TBPM – FEA Studies

Y = -5 um beam shift → 1.8um difference in flexure position.
Response time ~10 s.





Questions and Feedback





Thank You



