TTF3 Power Coupler Update on Operating and Fabricating Issues

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- Fabrication Issues
- 2. Operation in FLASH

Experience with the Fabrication of 139 TTF3 couplers, 1st

- Critical fabrication steps:
- Copper plating
 - blisters
 - adhesion
- TIG welds
 - surface irregularities
- e-beam
 - metal vapor
 - metal scratches from protective shields
- Soldering
 - insufficient fill
 - material on flange surface



Experience with the Fabrication of 139 TTF3 couplers, 2nd

Handling problems

dents at Conflat knife edges

dents at RF contacts

scratches on RF surface

chip at ceramic edge









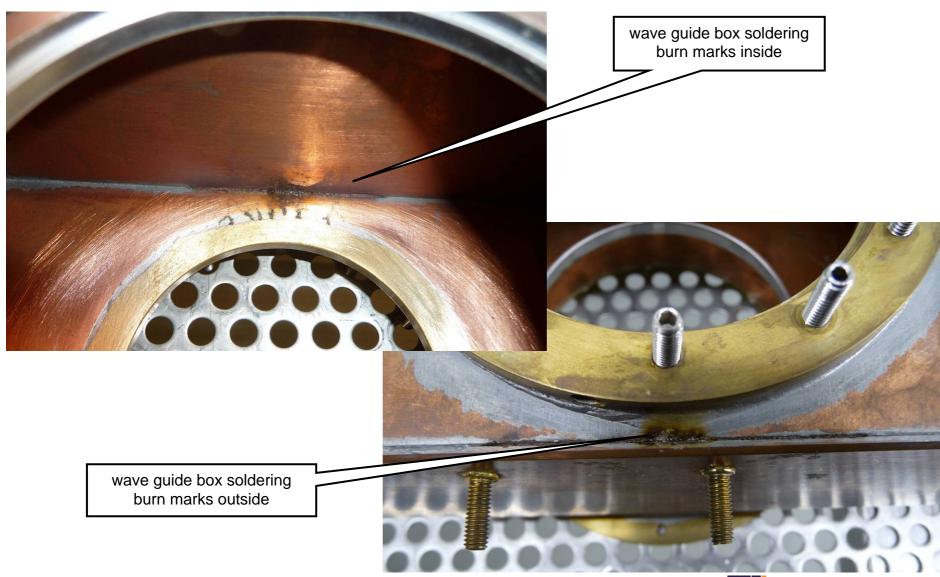
It is important that the companies understand the main functions and develop an adequate handling.

TTF3 Power Coupler FLASH Operation

Coupler type	FNAL	TTF 2	TTF 3
cold window	conical	cylindrical	cylindrical
warm window	flat wave guide	flat wave guide	cylindrical
bias	no	yes	yes
fabricated totally	16	20	139
tested	16	20	90
used in TTF modules	12	19	27
assembled in modules	ACC 1, 2	ACC 2, 3, 4	ACC 1, 3, 5, 6
time of operation	1997 - 2005 ~ 105,000 coupler*hr (not updated)	1998 - 2005 ~ 115,000 coupler*hr (not updated)	2002 - 2009 ~ 700,000 coupler*hr

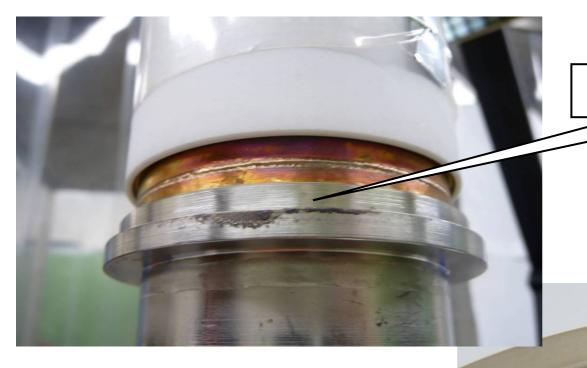
FLASH operation (250-350kW) was never limited by the TTF3 power couplers, but...

TTF3 Power Coupler after 5 years of Operation in FLASH, 1st





TTF3 Power Coupler after 5 years of Operation in FLASH, 2nd



warm part outer conductor burn marks (contact to WG)

capacitor inner contact burn marks (contact to coax)

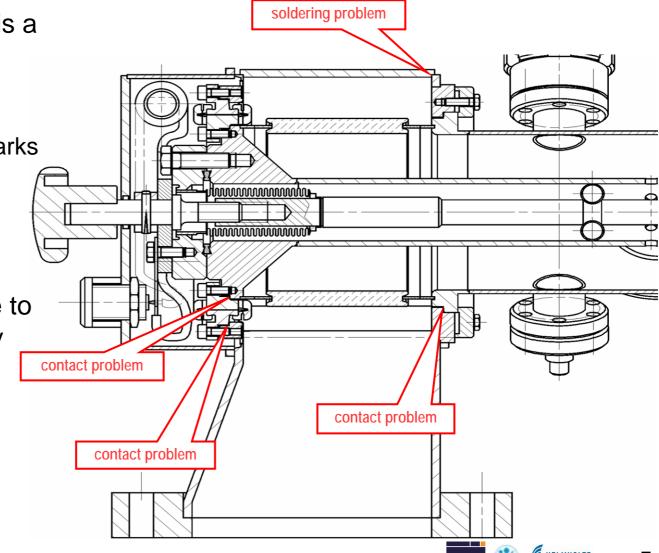
TTF3 Power Coupler after 5 years of Operation, 3rd

TTF3 wave guide box is a soldered design:

→micro cracks in the soldering caused sparks

2. TTF3 contacts are machined very precisely and have to be assembled very carefully:

→ misalignment caused sparks



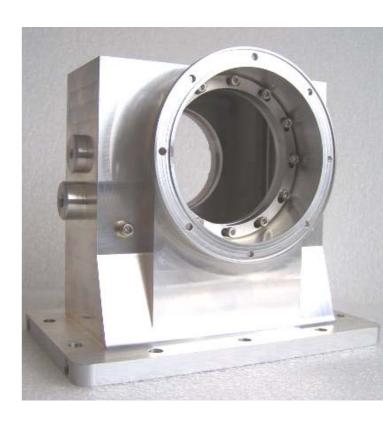
Solutions, soldered wave guide

Soldering of the box is done by hand - the process is not easy to control.

- machining from bulk Aluminium But:
 - flexibility for fabrication tolerances not easy to apply, redesign necessary (the original design has a membrane for length compensation)



- copper too soft
- use copper plated stainless steel and keep the membrane part from copper (two test wave guides are under fabrication)





Solutions, RF contact, 1st

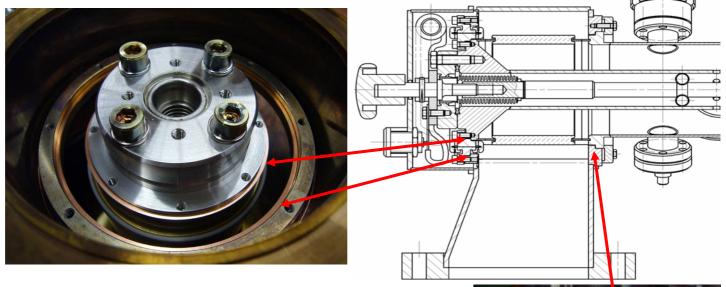
Careful assembly
 we have many couplers tested and operated without any problems
 But:

In a mass production we need a 'fail safe' solution

Change the design for RF spring or solid flange
 But:
 Not enough time for development and tests before XFEL production

- 3. Add contact seal between the flanges
- 4. Replace the capacitor (Chris Adolfsen, SLAC)

Solutions, RF seal between flanges



two seal solutions:

- thin spring like Cu Be seal, tested – OK
- soft copper seal, test just started



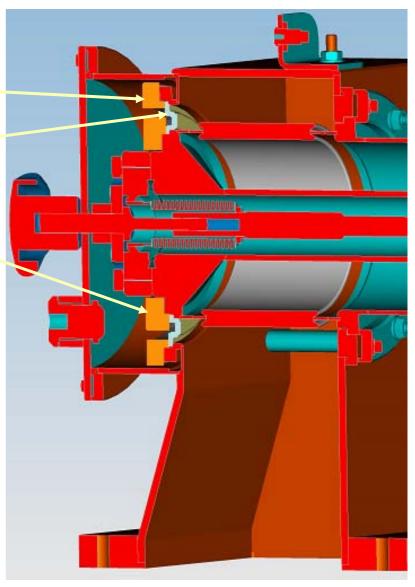


Replacement of the capacitor, SLAC solution (Chris Adolfsen), 1st



Bias was never necessary during FLASH operation

- replacing the capacity by a copper membrane
- membrane is clamped between flanges for good RF contact





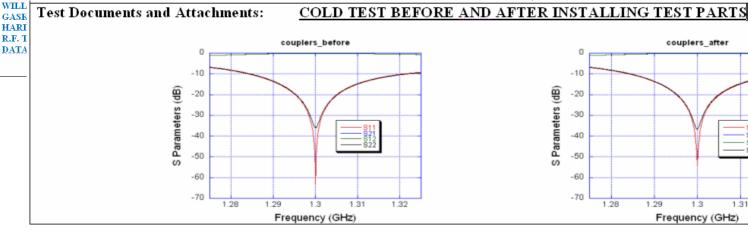
Replacement of the capacitor, SLAC RF test (Chris Adolfsen)

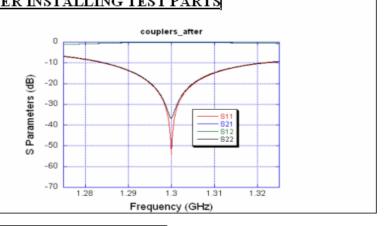


NON STANDARD TEST REPORT

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Part name/ Number COAX GASKET GASKET RETAINER GASKET RETAINER	Serial Number(s) 001	Qty 1 EA
P/N: SK-GB-100211 SK-GB-100212 SK-GB-100213		

TASK: This test was performed on build #4.





TEST SUMMARY:

POST TEST INSPECTION SHOW NO SIGNS OF ARCING

