Proposal for Modification of PD Cable Supports

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Outline

- Modification to PDS cable containment bracket
- Addressing cable slack concerns with new cable tie clip standoffs



Teflon Cable Grommet

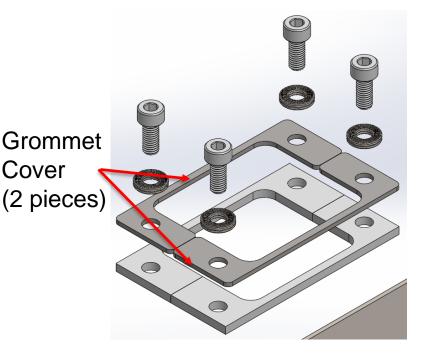
- A Teflon grommet is used to prevent PD cables rubbing against the APA frame edge where the cables pass through the APA foot tube.
- Experience at Daresbury and Chicago show that the grommet is deformed during installation.



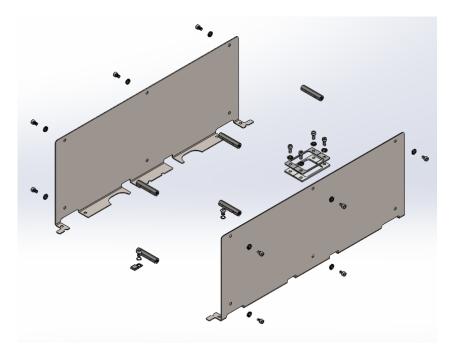
Cables entering APA foot tube Showing grommet deformation



Proposed Stainless Steel Grommet Cover (i)

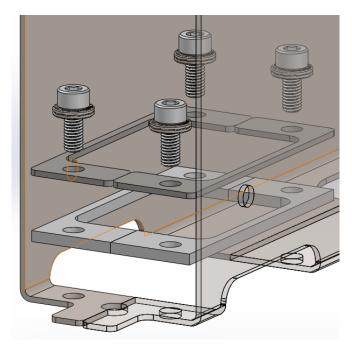


New grommet cover detail

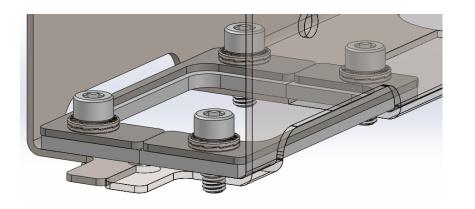


Grommet cover inside cable containment bracket

Proposed Stainless Steel Grommet Cover (ii)



Closeup of grommet cover assembly



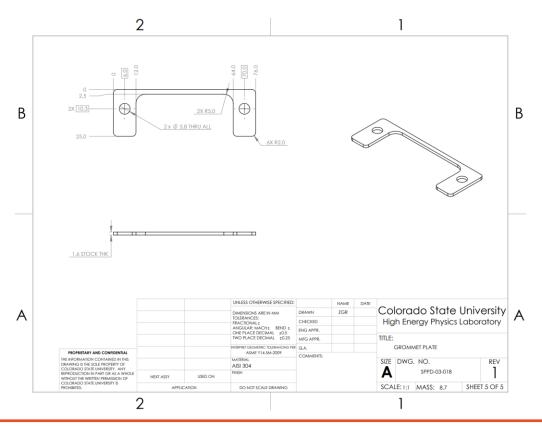
Note existing screws extend 4.8mm (nominal) into 3mm thick foot tube wall

Grommet Cover Installed in APA (Chicago)

- Sample pieces fabricated and tested in Chicago APA 1.
- Did not have a negative impact on cable motion.
- Simplified installation of cable containment bracket.
- Very low cost (~\$50/APA, \$3,750 total).



Stainless Steel Grommet Cover Drawing





Cable slack concerns with new cable tie clip standoffs



- New 15mm cable tie clip support posts result in less slack for thermal contraction for pass-through cables.
- Confirmed at CSU still >2% slack, meeting requirements. No design change required.