

PRECISE OPTICAL SLIT FOR SOFT X-RAY BEAMLINES

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Abstract

UHV version of flexure based, precise optical slit, compatible with requirements of modern soft x-ray SR beamlines, has been designed by ADC in collaboration with CLS. The following article describes requirements, design principles and mechanical performance of a slit on a basis of an extended thermal and structural FEA analysis.

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1. Introduction

Synchrotron Radiation (SR) instrumentation poses a special challenge and pushes the envelope for mechanical design of its components. High peak power density of 100kW/mrad², high angular collimation (100 μ rad) and small source size (~50 μ m), grazing angle geometry and extended arm length (~10m) are common to third generation SR sources and create design challenges comparable only to powerful lasers [1]. UHV requirements, remote control and sometimes a radiation harsh environment certainly do not simplify such a task. This gives rise to “specific” SR designs, one of which is presented in the following article.

Soft x-ray beamlines (50-2500eV) typically have a pre-focusing optical stage, and such mirrors work well as a filter and reduce the power load to downstream components. Monochromatization is performed by grating at grazing incidence, and requires slits for spatial separation of “unwanted radiation”. Entrance/ exit directions are fixed and allow the slits to be mounted on a stable platform. Power density is still kept very high (especially at focusing points) and limits the choice of materials. Precise, backlash free mechanical design with submicron accuracy is required and often calls for a direct reading of blade position. In addition, blades need to be electrically insulated (to provide a beam monitoring) and placed in a UHV bakeable vessel with out of vacuum actuation. Fortunately, tungsten’s soft x-ray attenuation coefficient does not exceed 0.4 μ m even at high energy, which means that even a thin blade is opaque to soft x-rays and there is no radiation hazard as with hard x-ray applications. Such requirements are quite common and this makes us believe that there is need for a generic design of precise optical slits for soft x-ray beamlines. Such a design has been performed at ADC and followed by fabrication of two precise slits for the SpectroMicroscopy (SM) beamline at CLS.

2. Mechanical Design - Optical requirements

SM beam line (Fig.1) is designed as one of the chicaned branches out of ID10 straight section, but for the experiments which require a rapid change of polarization, two Elliptically Polarized Undulator (Apple II type with 75mm period and 21 poles, producing maximum magnetic field as high as 0.75T at minimum gap) beams might be redirected to the same branch [2]. This scenario poses the maximum power load and defines the criteria for power handling capabilities of the slits considered here.



Fig.1. Mechanical layout of the SM beamline [3]. EPU beam is coming from the left, front end is not shown, first component is M1 (cylindrical shape) mirror chamber; pink block represent bremsstrahlung stop and is placed inside first optical enclosure (not shown). 4J aperture and plane grating monochromator are the next optical elements. PGM can work in zero order (considered here as the ultimate power load case). Following are two refocusing mirrors (one for each branch), PEEM toroidal mirror is placed on movable platform to provide an optical pass, if STXM branch is operational. Exit slits are shown as brown boxes, STXM is a grey vessel on the far right. For the scale, distance between M1 mirror tank and PGM is ~5m.

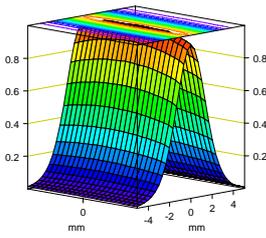


Fig.2(a). Power load absorbed by M1 mirror (the most extreme case [4]), in W/mm^2 , horizontal axis between -200 to 200mm. Total ~1450W absorbed, max density~ $1W/mm^2$

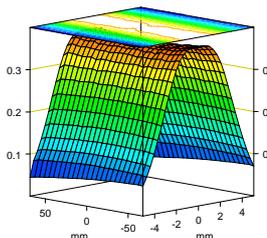


Fig.2(b). Power load absorbed by plane mirror of PGM (the most extreme case, mirror at steep angle, 5.5degree). Total ~360W, max. density~ $0.4W/mm^2$

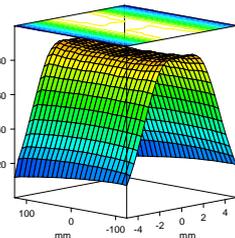


Fig.2(c). Power load absorbed by plane grating of PGM (the most extreme case, plane mirror at shallow angle grating in negative order). Power load total~150W, density~ $0.09W/mm^2$.

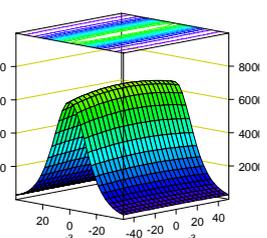


Fig.2(d). Power load absorbed at exit slit (the most extreme case, zero order, both plane mirror and grating of PGM at shallow angles). Total up to 53W, power density~ $7kW/mm^2$.

SM beamline has no entrance slit, but an exit slit on each of the SM branches: Photo Electron Emission Microscope (PEEM) and Scanning Transmission X-ray Microscope (STXM). These exit slits need to be water cooled, as the maximum power load at zero order is ~60W. The exit slits have dual purpose: first to determine the energy window that is delivered to each experiment; second, to serve as the source point for optics which perform further demagnification. Because both the elliptical refocusing mirror of PEEM branch and Zone Plate for STXM branch are stigmatic optics, the displacement along the beam between the vertical and horizontal blade pair shall not exceed the depth of focus of these two downstream optics (5mm).

The STXM phase acceptance (numerical aperture *exit slit size width) for ultimate spatial resolution should not exceed λ (photon wavelength), and so for a 200 μ m diameter Zone Plate at 3m from the exit slit and 2000eV photon beam, the exit slit opening will be as small as 6 μ m. For the PEEM branch, the e^- -source projection to the exit slit will result in a spot size ~150(h)*7(v) (to 15 depending on grating setting) microns. The nominal resolving power of 3000 this corresponds to slit sizes of 70-20(v) microns, depending on energy and grating settings. A total 0.5mm total slit opening is require. For the SM beamline, the nominal along-the-beam location of the exit slit does not depend upon the energy and grating setting, but to facilitate the beamline alignment, the exit slit will be placed on an X-Y linear slide and should have a flat bottom.

All beamline components are UHV compatible ($\sim 10^{-10}$ torr) and can withstand bake-out to 150°C for 48 hours, and retain performance characteristics upon cooling to room temperature.

3. Principles of the Mechanical Design

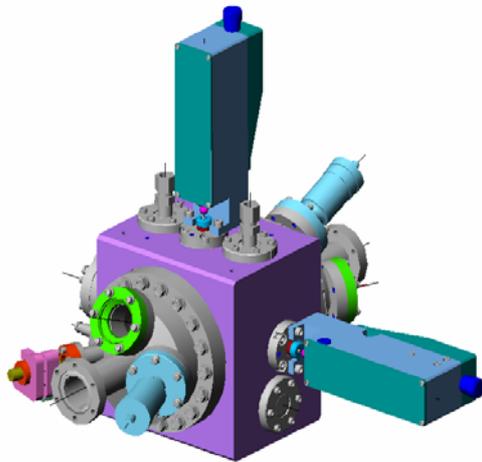


Fig.3. Mechanical Model of the Exit Slits Unit.

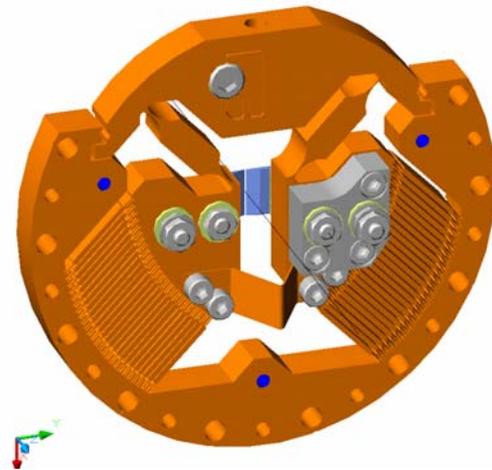


Fig.4. Mechanical Model of Slit Flexure

Because of the small range of blade movement and required accuracy of travel a monolithic flexure design is used (Fig.4). Two parallelogram linkages with an out-of-plane bridge provide a simple design for parallel movement of the slit blades. The out of plane flexure is provided to enforce blade opening symmetry. The 45 degree angle of flexures produces a one-to-one ratio between actuator movement and change in the slit opening. This relationship minimizes the bending angle required of the flexures. The end of travel stops are built into the monolith and restrict the actuation movement to ± 0.34 mm. Dowel pin holes near the overtravel stops are provided to define the initial geometry of the flexure bolt-up ring because it tends to spring open when completion of machining frees up internal material stresses. The flexure is attached to a holding fixture during adjustment and is not detached until after it has been secured in its final place in the vacuum chamber. The pins also serve to lock up the flexure and protect it from overstress during adjustment and actuator attachment. The tungsten blades are fabricated from 1mm thick rectangular plate with edges polished at 20 degrees for clearance, and the final $15\mu\text{m}$ of edge is 45 degrees. During assembly alignment, milling machine fixture clamps featuring off centric mounting bolts are used to hold the fine adjustments while the mount block is secured. The blades will have been pre aligned to better than 2mrad parallel accuracy during installation. A small offset ($50\mu\text{m}$) allows a complete close of the blades with small overlapping along beam direction. A 1mm thickness of ceramic provides electrical resistance between the blade and grounded flexure. This is still thin enough for sufficient thermal conductivity from blade to flexure.

To provide sufficient heat conductance an array of parallel flexure elements are used to connect the slit flexure to the main body (Fig.4). For a given thickness of the monolith, thermal conductivity is proportional to the thickness of the linkage throat, but so is material stress, and force required scales as the cube. Several small linkages are a viable means of providing sufficient cross sectional area for conduction. Balancing requirements for conduction, stress, actuation force, and fabrication costs, we have limited the number of heat-conducting flexure elements to 24 per blade and the thickness of $0.25\mu\text{m}$. The actuation flexure is made thicker, ($0.3\mu\text{m}$) and includes a longer throat because of higher stresses and no thermal conduction requirement.

The vertical slit (with horizontally aligned blade edges) is a 90 degree copy of the horizontal slit and placed further downstream. Both flexure monoliths are attached to a flange within the 304 stainless steel (SS) body by 10 #6 screws for efficient thermal contact with the water

cooled chamber. Water channels are drilled directly into the SS chamber with no water to air joints. An additional electrode is placed between the two slits (horizontal and vertical), so one can bias it to positive voltage (up to 1kV) to get an accurate electron yield measurement from the blades. The slit vessel has precisely located holes for 3 ball mounted hollow retroreflectors used in laser alignment to the beamline. Upstream and downstream flanges (6 3/4"OD CF) are multiflange assemblies having provision for smaller conflate (CF) flanges (Fig.3). Two are used for rotary feedthroughs. A YAG crystal can be inserted before the slit for beam visualization. A Si diode inserted downstream can provide an absolute measure for photon flux. A laser port points at the slit opening and a viewport opposite allows for independent verification of slit opening calibration by diffraction measurements. The overall dimensions of the Slit Unit are: upstream to downstream flanges (2 3/4" OD CF) is 460mm to fit the CLS beamline, but a more compact design is possible. Slit actuation is made to protrude up and to the right as seen along the beam and cooling water enters from left and exits up. The main slit cube is 194mm wide x 200mm high x 150mm parallel to the beam and has a flat bottom with tapped holes for mounting on a linear stage. The overall weight is approximately 40 kg.

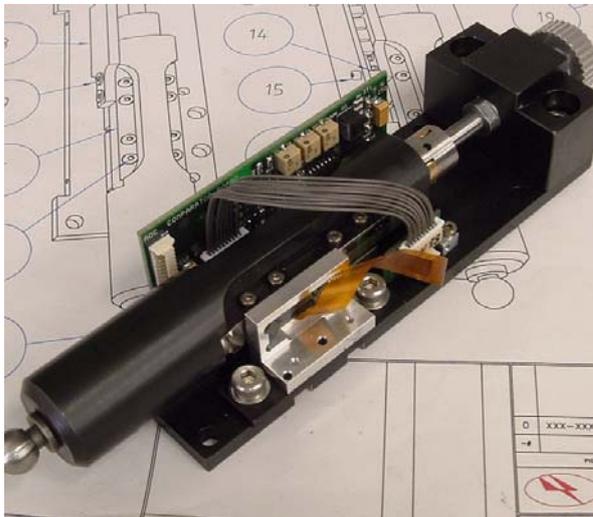


Fig.5. Production stage photo of the ADC fabricated precise actuator before installation in housing.

Available actuators for the slit unit were not found to meet all requirements for this application and so a new actuator design was produced. The primary improvements of the new actuator design called for higher thrust capacity (120N) and a much stiffer housing with mounting on a plane perpendicular to actuation. Since the actuators will be removed during bake-out, it is desired to remount them without a need to recalibrate the slit opening. To achieve this goal, the flexures are spring biased to fully open when not actuated. The bias spring also overcomes the vacuum load. This means no physical connection needs to be reattached between the actuator and the

feedthrough to the flexure after bakeout since the actuator pushes only. (The option to pull with this actuator is in the design and pulling has the same design specifications as pushing. However, the tapered locking connector to pull adds a variable if disconnected and reattached.)

This high performance, linear actuator features a precision preloaded ball screw, mounted concentric with the non-rotating output and perpendicular to the mounting surface of its rugged housing (Fig.5). This configuration makes it equally adept at push-only or push-pull type applications at significantly higher loads than competitive offerings. There are no reflected loads to the preloaded linear slide that provides guidance. Therefore, the accuracy potential of its micro-stepping motor and high precision linear encoder are met throughout its loading envelope. Optical switches indicate travel limits and zero position. A non-traversing tapered connection attaches to your shaft for pull-push mode, or a steel tooling ball is mounted for push-only mode. A manual knob allows sensitive touch-off zero confirmation in push mode applications.

Specifications

Travel Range	25 mm
Resolution	0.1 μm
Uni-directional Repeatability	0.1 μm
Hysteresis	0.1 μm
Maximum Speed	25 mm/s
Axial Load Capacity	120 N
Acceleration	50 mm/s ²

Key Features

Ball Screw Pitch	.5 mm
Limit Switches	Optical
Bearings	Preloaded Linear Rail
Motor	Size 14 Stepper Motor

4. Analysis

A number of designs were analyzed in order to optimize actuator loads, flexure stresses, and heat transfer characteristics of the monolithic flexure assembly. This design optimization of the monolithic flexure included material selection, several geometric aspects and cooling passage placement. A graphic representation of the subject design can be seen in Fig. 6. Multiple cooling water flow conditions were evaluated for their effect on the heat transfer aspects of the monolithic flexure design. Of primary concern was the thermally induced stress and deformation of the flexure and its effects on, 1) the slit blade clearance in the closed position and 2) the angular deviation of the slit blades. The following analysis shows slit performance.

4.1 Assumptions:

4.1.1 Cooling:

Cooling of the monolithic flexure is accomplished via conduction through the GlidCop flexure structure and the 304 SS vacuum chamber with subsequent convection to the water flow within the cooling passages in the vacuum chamber. Convection from the external surfaces of the vacuum chamber has been conservatively neglected. The relevant parameters associated with cooling are the thermal properties of the materials involved, the thermal contact resistance at various bolted interfaces and the convective properties afforded by the water flow. Thermal properties for each material and contact resistance values are listed in Table 1. Note that the thermal contact resistance assumed between the GlidCop flexure and the stainless vacuum chamber is a conservative estimate based on a fairly low contact pressure.

	GlidCop CuAl-25 (Flexure)	304 Stainless (Vacuum)
Modulus, E (GPa)	113	200
Poisson's Ratio	0.29	0.29
CTE (mm/m-°C)	19.6	17.3
Conductivity (W/mm-K)	0.353	0.0162
Heat Capacity (J/gm-°C)	0.380	0.500
Density (gm/mm ³)	0.0088	0.008
Thermal Contact Resistance (Cu-Stainless interface @ 1450 psi in vacuum ¹)	119 mm ² -K / W	

Table 1 – Material properties / thermal contact resistance values

Heat capacity, C_p (W-sec/gm°C)	4.18								
Dynamic viscosity, μ (gm/mm-sec)	0.001								
Kinematic viscosity, ν (mm ² /sec)	1.007								
Thermal Conductivity, K (W/mm-°C)	5.91×10^{-4}								
Density, ρ (gm/cm ³)	0.998								
Prandtl Number ($\mu \rho C_p / K$)	7.11								
Cooling Passage # (Fig. 1)	1			2			3		
Hydraulic diameter, D_H (mm)	26			10			18.26		
Total Volume flow (gal / min)	<1	2.7	6	<1	2.7	6	<1	2.7	6
Flow velocity, V (mm/sec)	59	160	356	402	1085	2411	121	325	723
Reynolds number, Re ($\rho V D_H / \mu$)	1523	4131	9192	3992	10774	23943	2194	5901	13112
Nusselt number, Nu_D (eq. [1])	4.36**	33.08	73.93	4.36**	85.7	174.8	4.36**	48.15	102.4
Convection coefficient, h (eq.[3])	0.0001	0.0007	0.0017	0.0003	0.0051	0.0103	0.00015	0.0016	0.0033

*Table 2: Characteristics of water @ 20°C / Assumed flow & convection coefficients.
(** - Nusselt # based on laminar flow and constant heat flux)*

In order to calculate the convective heat transfer coefficient(s) associated with the water flow in the cooling passages, several flow conditions were assumed ranging from laminar to potentially turbulent flow. The water properties, flow conditions and convection coefficients are listed in Table 2. Note that for Reynolds numbers above ~3000, the following convection correlation for transition and turbulent flow is used [5]:

$$Nu_D = \frac{(f/8)(Re_D - 1000)Pr}{1 + 12.7(f/8)^{1/2}(Pr^{2/3} - 1)} \quad (1)$$

where:

$$f = (0.790 \ln Re_D - 1.64)^{-2} \quad (2)$$

The convection coefficient is defined as

$$h = kNu_D / D_H \quad (3)$$

Re_D and Pr are defined in Table 2. These correlations have been shown to be valid for $0.5 < Pr < 2000$ and $3000 < Re_D < 5 \times 10^6$. Also, it is further assumed that water properties do not vary between 20°C and 25°C enough to have a significant effect on the analysis results. For flow rates of 1 gal/min or less, laminar flow is assumed in each passage based on the calculated Reynolds numbers, i.e., <2000. This assumption was also made for cooling passage # 2 since its length is too short for turbulent flow to fully develop even though its Reynolds number exceeds 2000. The asymptotic Nusselt number associated with fully developed laminar flow and constant heat flux was used to calculate the corresponding convective heat transfer coefficient. Note that the total volume flow rates listed in Table 2 are assumed to be evenly distributed between the two basic cooling paths.

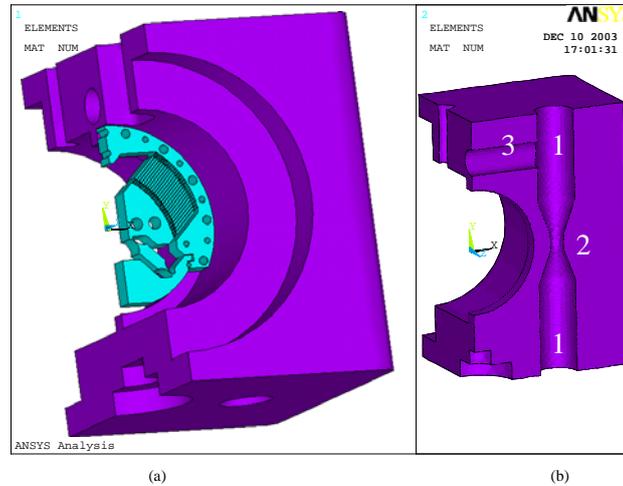


Fig. 6. CLS exit slit solid model (a) - Camber and monolithic flexure, (b) – Chamber x-section, numbered cooling passages

4.1.2 Finite Element Models:

ANSYS 8.0[®] was used for all finite element simulations. Higher order quadratic elements were employed for each phase of the analysis. For a given level of mesh discretization, quadratic elements typically yield higher accuracy of results when compared to linear elements. Additionally, curved boundaries can be modeled precisely with higher order elements and tetrahedral elements may be used where topographically required without compromising solution accuracy.

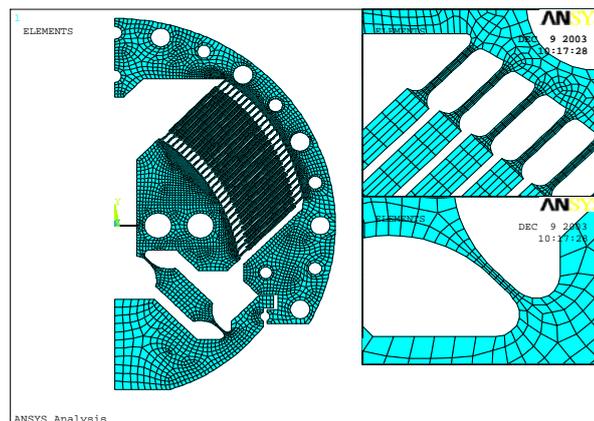


Fig.7. CLS exit slit plane strain finite element model for structural

4.1.3 Structural:

Owing to the 2-D nature of the flexure, a plane strain model was utilized for the structural analysis. The finite element model is presented in Fig.7. Approximately 10,250 elements and 33,700 nodes comprised the model. Mesh density in the thin areas of the monolithic flexure was optimized to insure convergence of stress results in these areas as they are subjected to the greatest amount of bending stress by design. As seen in the figure, $\frac{1}{2}$ symmetry was assumed for the structure. Appropriate displacement boundary conditions ($U_x=0$) were applied to the vertical symmetry edges on the left side of the model. Full displacement restraints were applied at the mounting holes on the outer periphery of the flexure (5 larger holes). Applied loads consisted of displacements, corresponding to the limits of actuator travel ($\pm 0.34\text{mm}$), and were applied to the lower left vertical edge along with the symmetry condition previously imposed. Linear elastic material properties were assumed for the

GlidCop (see Table 1). The structural simulation included the effects of geometric nonlinearity, also referred to as large displacement theory. This was done in order to evaluate the linearity, or lack thereof, of the flexure throughout the full range of actuation, and account for potential relatively large angular motions of the structural elements (individual flexures).

4.1.4 Thermal (Heat Transfer):

The 3D nature of the steady state heat transfer analysis required a corresponding three dimensional finite element model, see Fig.8. The 2D mesh of the structural model was used as the basis for this 3D thermal model. This would later facilitate the transfer of temperature distribution results for the thermo-mechanical simulation. All elements within the flexure were hexahedral as they were extruded from the original quadrilateral mesh of the structural model. The vacuum chamber was modeled using tetrahedral elements in order to reduce model generation time and adequately include the geometry of the internal cooling passages. Surface-to-surface contact elements were utilized between the flexure and the vacuum chamber so as to account for the thermal contact resistance at this bolted interface. A rather conservative estimate of the contact resistance has been employed based on limited available data and the low contact pressure assumed (see Table 1). The finite element model included 149,390 elements and 562,021 nodes. As seen in Fig.8, ½ symmetry was again employed for the thermal analysis.

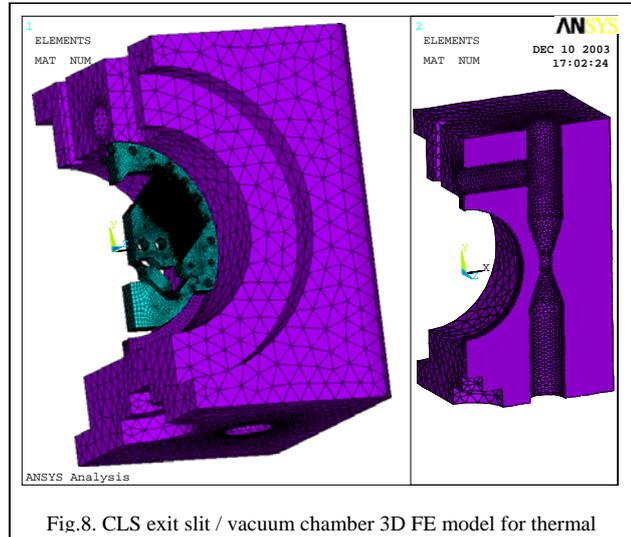


Fig.8. CLS exit slit / vacuum chamber 3D FE model for thermal

Only the upstream flexure was included in the thermal model on the assumption that the vast majority of the power from the incident radiation would be absorbed by this component. On the symmetry plane, blue area in Fig.8, the heat flux was specified as zero. The red area (129.6 mm²) in Fig.9, corresponding to the slit blade location, is where the 30 watts (per side) of input power is applied.

Three flow regimes were evaluated for their cooling effectiveness. Although not shown in the figure, convective heat transfer coefficients were specified on the inner walls of the cooling passages as listed in Table 2. The total volume flow rates listed in Table 2 are assumed to be evenly distributed between the 2 basic cooling paths, as this will be adjusted with flow control valves. Convective heat transfer coefficients were based on Reynolds numbers corresponding to laminar, transitional and turbulent flow conditions. The use of chilled water (20°C) was assumed for the simulation(s). No free convection was specified for external surfaces and radiation was neglected.

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4.1.5 Thermo-mechanical:

Because of the considerable computational resources required (memory in particular) to solve the thermo-mechanical problem using the 3D flexure model, the 2D model from the structural analysis was utilized for this simulation. The temperature distribution on the center-plane of the 3D thermal model, corresponding to minimal flow conditions, was

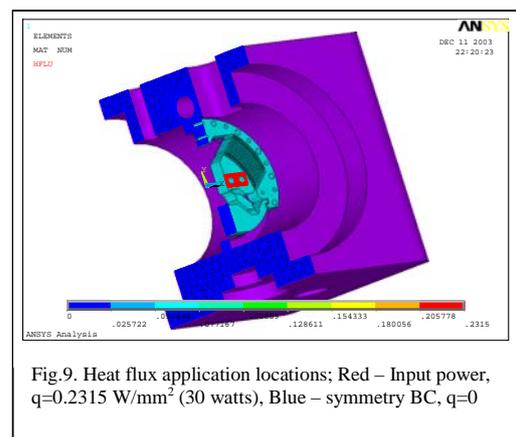


Fig.9. Heat flux application locations; Red – Input power, $q=0.2315 \text{ W/mm}^2$ (30 watts), Blue – symmetry BC, $q=0$

superimposed on the 2D structural model. This is a reasonable approximation since the temperature variation through the thickness of the flexure was not seen to be significant, less than 1-2°C. The thermo-mechanical simulation was completely linear in nature, both from a geometric and material perspective.

4.2 Results / Discussion:

4.2.1 Structural:

A plot of the typical equivalent stress (Von Mises) distribution for the monolithic flexure is presented in Fig.10 along with a graph of the maximum equivalent stress vs. actuator motion. As seen in Fig. 10a, the stress in the monolithic flexure is concentrated in the webs of each individual flexure as these are the locations of maximum bending. Note that the axial outer fiber bending stress is essentially equal to the equivalent stress depicted in Fig.10. Note also that each individual flexure, including the main (large) flexure exhibit fundamentally identical stress distributions and magnitudes indicating a fairly balanced design. The maximum stress calculated for the flexure at the full stroke of -0.34 mm (slit blades full open) is 91.3 MPa. The fatigue strength of GlidCop CuAl25 (C15720) has been reported in the literature (see ref. 2, 3) to be ~ 190 MPa @ 10^6 cycles for fully reversed bending. This translates to a factor of safety of greater than 2 with respect to the monolithic flexure stress and its fatigue performance in the current application. Anticipated usage is 1.3×10^5 cycles over 15 years.

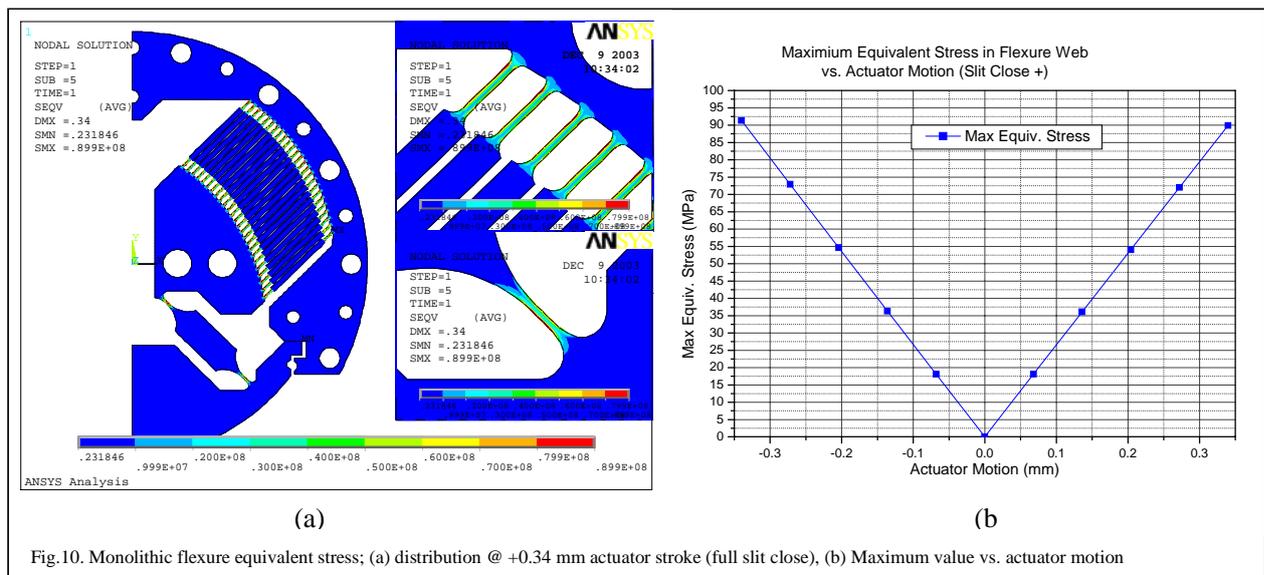


Fig.10. Monolithic flexure equivalent stress; (a) distribution @ +0.34 mm actuator stroke (full slit close), (b) Maximum value vs. actuator motion

As seen in Fig.10b through 13, the response of the monolithic flexure to actuator inputs is basically linear. Variations of less than 3% exist at the actuation extremes in the equivalent stress (Fig.10), actuator load (Fig.11), and slit blade opening (Fig.12). One potential source for this slight nonlinearity is the directional aspects of the axial loads induced in the individual flexures. While the main flexure is in a state of axial compression, superimposed over the bending stresses, each minor flexure experiences a tensile axial load superimposed over bending stresses. This

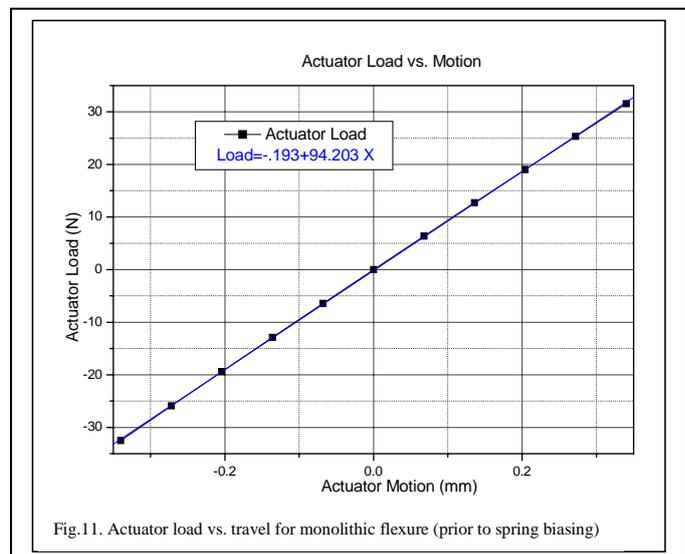
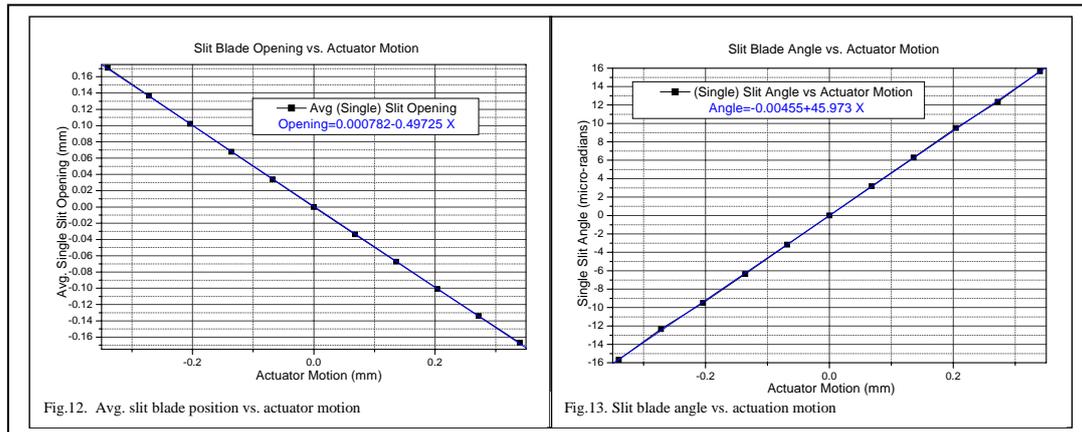


Fig.11. Actuator load vs. travel for monolithic flexure (prior to spring biasing)

situation is reversed when the actuator is driven in the opposite direction, i.e., slit blade opening.

Fig.11 shows the actuator load vs. motion response of the monolithic flexure. The maximum load is exhibited in the full open position of the slit blades and is 32.5 N. This load corresponds to 27% of the actuators maximum capability. Fig.12 is a plot of the slit blade position as a function of the actuator motion. Fig.13 depicts the slit blade angle as a function of actuator motion. Note that the ordinate is in μrad . The peak value of 16 μrad is well below the allowable limit of ± 2 mrad.



4.2.2 Thermal (Heat Transfer):

As mentioned previously, three flow rates were evaluated for their effect on the cooling of the monolithic flexure. Based on the range of estimated Reynolds numbers for each cooling passage, the flow regimes are referred to as laminar, transitional and turbulent. The results

Total Flow Rate (gal / min)	Flow Regime	Reynolds # (Re_D)	Nusselt # (Nu_D)	Convection Coefficient (h)	Temp. Variation Monolithic Flexure ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Temp. Variation Vacuum Chamber ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)
<1	Laminar	1523-3992	4.36	0.0001- 0.0003	55.90 – 86.43	27.30 – 62.78
2.7	Transition	4131-10774	33.08 - 85.7	0.0007 – 0.0051	42.75 – 72.49	20.48 – 48.69
6	Turbulent	9192-23943	73.93 – 174.8	0.0017 – 0.0103	40.75 – 70.35	20.10 – 46.49

Table 3 – Temperature distribution range in monolithic flexure and vacuum chamber for 60W total input power

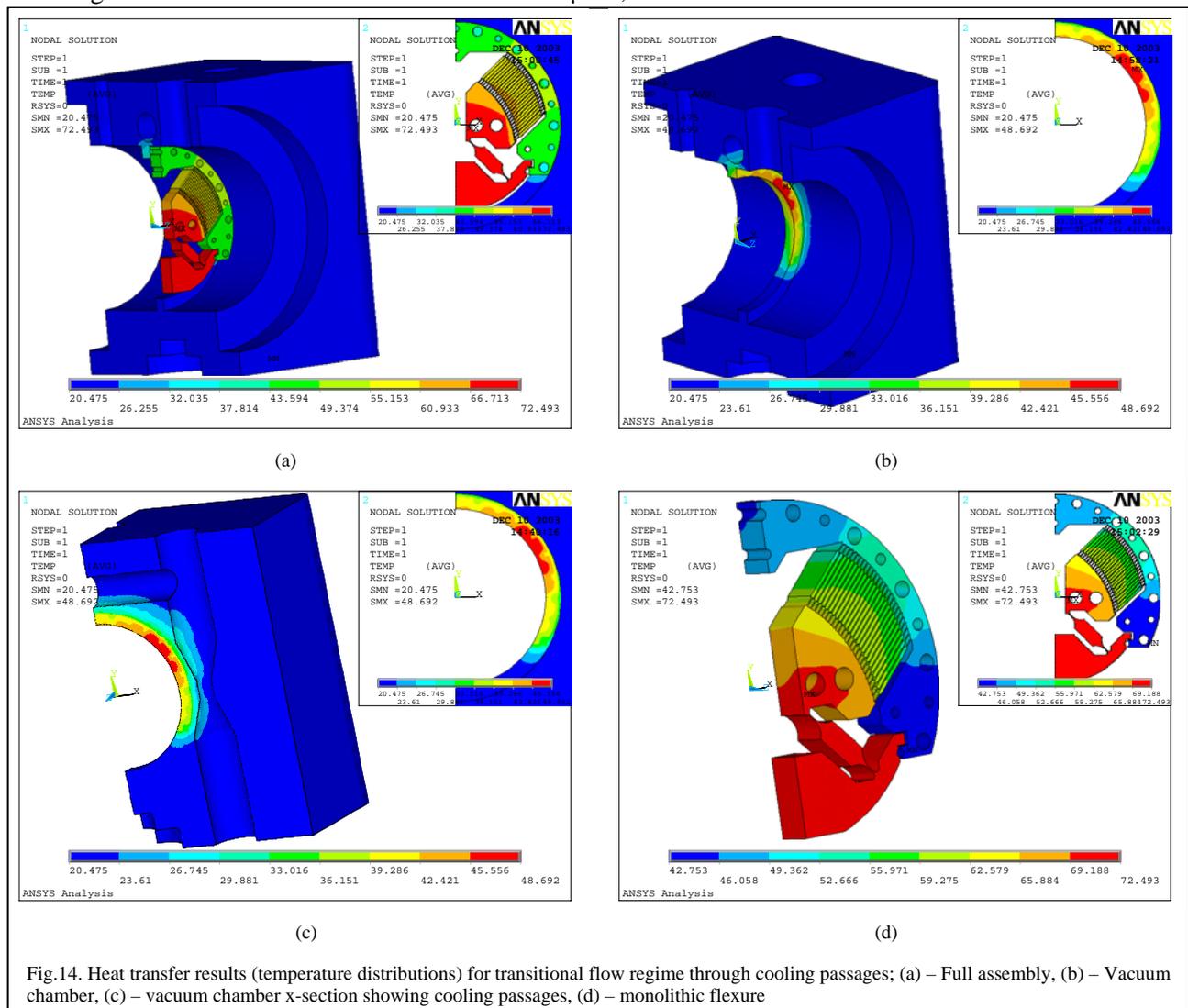
from the heat transfer analysis are summarized in Table 3 for each of these flow regimes.

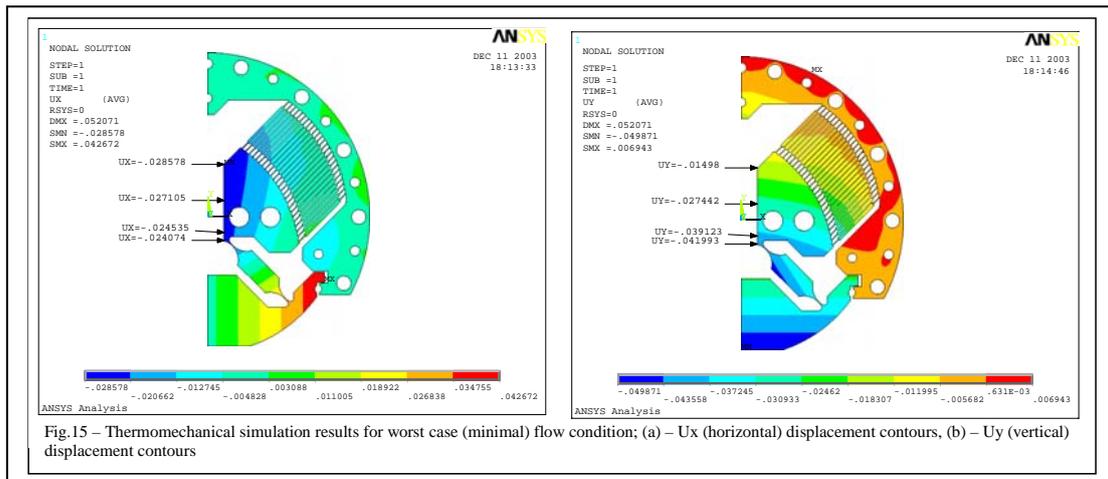
Ranges are listed for the Reynolds #, Nusselt # and convection coefficient which correspond to the variations associated with the cooling passages for each given volume flow rate. Regardless of the flow rates investigated through the cooling passages, the temperature variation throughout the monolithic flexure remains constant at about 30°C , only the range of temperature changes. Even at a minimal rate of flow, i.e., less than 1 gal/min, the maximum temperature on the flexure is calculated to be less than 87°C , 13°C below the targeted 100°C maximum. A 15% reduction in peak flexure temperature can be realized with a modest increase in water flow. As this provides for a significant increase in the margin of safety with respect to maximum temperature, the total flow rate is specified at 2.7 gal / min or greater through the vacuum chamber cooling passages. Helical inserts in the water passages will be used to induce turbulence at lower flow rates and conserve cooling water. However, the effect of these inserts is beyond the scope of this analysis. Results are graphically presented in Fig.14 for the case of a total flow rate of 2.7 gal / min which has been termed transitional flow. Wall temperatures for the cooling passages (Fig.14c) are typically well below 26°C

validating the assumption of constant properties for the water at this volume rate of flow (and greater). For the minimal flow rate evaluated, the average wall temperature of the cooling passages was seen to be as high as 35°C. Although this is not excessive, its effect on the properties of the water could potentially increase the calculated temperature distribution within the flexure by several degrees. The thermal resistance is seen to be fairly evenly split between the flexure and the bolted interface / vacuum chamber for this flow condition.

4.2.3 Thermomechanical:

The intent of the thermomechanical analysis is to determine the thermally induced deformation of the monolithic flexure at steady state operating conditions. This is an important aspect of the design with respect to slit blade clearance in the fully closed position and potential angular deviation. Results, particularly in the horizontal axis (U_x) are depicted in Fig.15 for the worst case lamella flow condition. In the area of the slit blade, the maximum horizontal displacement is -27µm. This indicates that a slit blade clearance of 54µm would be required of the design. Further, results show that under these coolant flow conditions, the angular deviation of the slit blade will be 0.19 µrad, well below the +/- 2 mrad allowed.





5. Summary:

The following precise optical slit design was analyzed in order to optimize the actuator loads, flexure stresses and heat transfer characteristics. It was shown, that monolithic flexure (made out of GlidCop) with out of vacuum water cooling piping shows adequate performance. Even for a minimal flow conditions (1.0 gal/min without spring inserts), the maximum temperature of the flexure does not exceed 90°C for 60W deposited power and following the same design principles 150W power load is visible, as a Von Mises thermal stress does not exceed even half of a fatigue strength for GlidCop. Steady state thermal loads reduce the blade clearance by 50µm (total) at the worst case scenario, but such load does not lead to blade clash, and maximum angular deviation of the slit blades at full stroke is less than 16 µrad per blade, well within the +/- 2 mrad requirement. The deviation from low power load calibration can be compensated for in the control and checked by a laser based system for in situ calibration.

Results from the structural analysis also show that the actuation load at maximum stroke and accounting for spring bias is within 60% of the rated maximum for the custom design actuator, minimizing overload concerns.

This design has been adopted for exit slit of SpectroMicroscopy beam line, due to begin operation in 2004 fall, and is available as a commercial product from ADC.

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