

Technical Realization of W-Band Muffin-Tin WBAND-003 with Wire EDM (Electro Discharge Machining)

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Abstract

This Paper presents the technical realization of the first TU-Berlin W-Band accelerating structure WBAND-003. This structure should be realized with Wire EDM. All steps to build such a structure are listed. Special problems, like cutting an iris with a defined angle and improved contact of different sheets due to diffusion bonding were taking into account. This is not more than a technical report which may be helpful for those which are not familiar with EDM procedures.

I. Introduction

The structure we are talking about is presented in [1], [2], [3], [4] and [5]. Subject of this paper should be only the technological, mechanical way from three pieces of oxygen free chopper to a planar accelerating structure.

The technology for fabrication is called EDM (Electro Discharge Machining). EDM is an erosion process. In this method a tool uses sparks to erode small pieces of metal off a work piece. We have to differentiate between Wire EDM or Wire-Cutting EDM and Die Sink EDM. The first is a wire erosion, the second a spark erosion process. Fig. 1 shows the Wire EDM. In case of wire erosion the sparks are formed along a moving wire electrode, which cuts shapes in metal determined by a specific program, much like a band saw. The EDM process is generally thought as a process with long machining times and high electrode cost. In the Wire EDM process, a simple and inexpensive electrode is always available and tool wear is not considered. In spark erosion a shaped tool erodes a mirror shaped cavity. Die sinking, however, can require complex shaped electrodes and requires adjusting the process parameters to minimize electrode wear. This generally means long burn times at reduced power.

However, both methods are really great. With Wire EDM we can get an accuracy of up to 0.003 mm, with Spark Erosion up to 0.001 mm.

Wire EDM is at this time the preferred method, because we can live with an accuracy of 0.003 mm and it is payable. For more information about EDM or fabrication of planar structures with EDM use a

web browser and look with ALTAVISTA for items of „EDM, DIE SINK, WIRE,“. You will be busy for the next days ...!

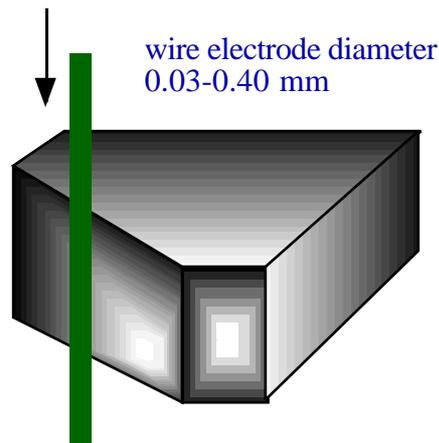


FIGURE 1. Wire Electro Discharge Machining.

II. Procedure of fabrication

The following section should show, how and in which order to do a fabrication with Wire EDM.

a) Step 1. Preparation of copper blocks

The first step to do is to blank up, square up, and get the surface plan parallel, and grind up all. The pieces will be reduced to a defined outer dimension. This dimension is oversized because of stabilization reasons, this means they have sacrificial area, which will be cut away after final mounting. After this the pieces will be sent out of the machine shop [6] for lapping. Lapping has four main purposes: - to obtain greater accuracy in dimensions, - to reduce imperfections of shape, - to obtain a smoother precisely polished surface, - to improve the exact fit between surfaces. See Fig. 2. After lapping, the surfaces are in principle prepared for diffusion bonding, which will be used in the next generation of structures.

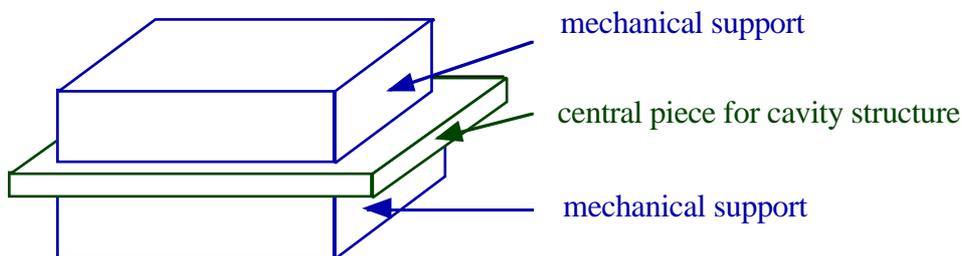


FIGURE 2. Start, 3 pieces of oxygen free copper.

b) Step 2. Drilling start holes for all features

After we have got three prepared copper blocks, they will be mounted together and all start holes for all features, this means for further finally bolting, like screw-holes and holes for alignment pins, will be drilled through all pieces, the end plates and the center cavity plates, in one time. This is necessary to get a reference point for the central piece. After the start holes are drilled, defined hole diameters for screws and alignment pins will be cut with Wire EDM, see Fig. 3.

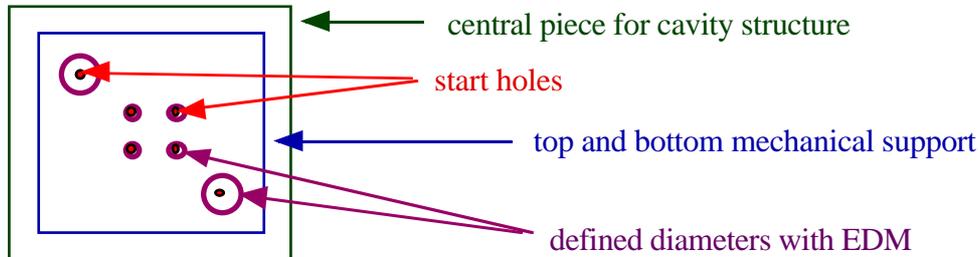


FIGURE 3. Step 2. Start holes and holes for screws and alignment pins.

c) Step 3. Center cavity plate, cavities and wave guide

The next step concerns only the central cavity plate. Seven start holes, for each cavity one, and two for the input and output wave guide, will be drilled to prepare the Wire EDM cut. Followed by cutting the cavities and wave guide. See Fig. 4.

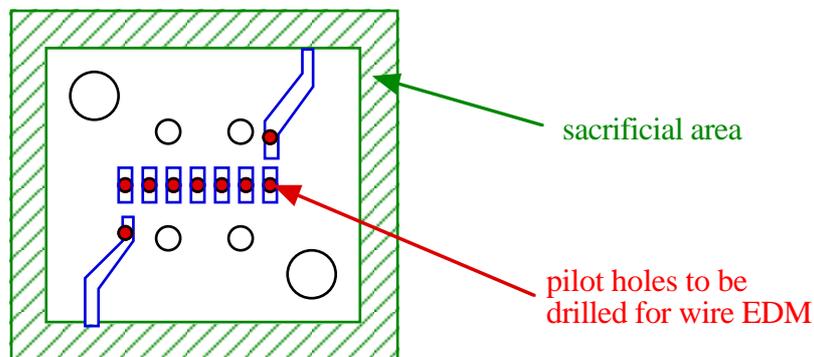


FIGURE 4. Step 3. Cutting the cavities and wave guides.

d) Step 4. Center cavity plate, aperture and pumping slot

The wire cut of the aperture and pumping slot is one of the most difficult parts. Besides the central piece there are two start holes in both planes to drill, for the beam pipe and the pumping slot. After this is done, these two pipes will be wire cut clear through the structure. See Fig. 5.

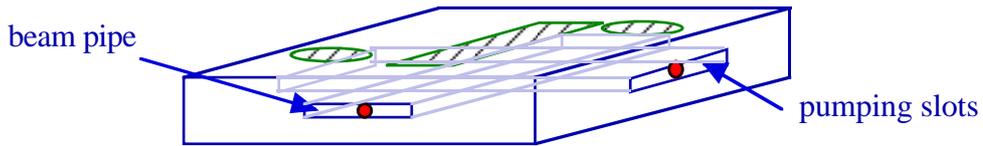


FIGURE 5. Step 4. Wire cut the aperture and pumping slot.

e) Step 5. Cutting a lower coupling iris

This is the most complicated step by fabricating this structure. For reasons which are explained in [4] it is necessary to wire cut an iris roof over the two coupling irises. To fabricate this, the wire has to tilt. This operation is very sensitive, because we need a high accuracy for this iris roof. Figs. 6-7 explain how to do this.

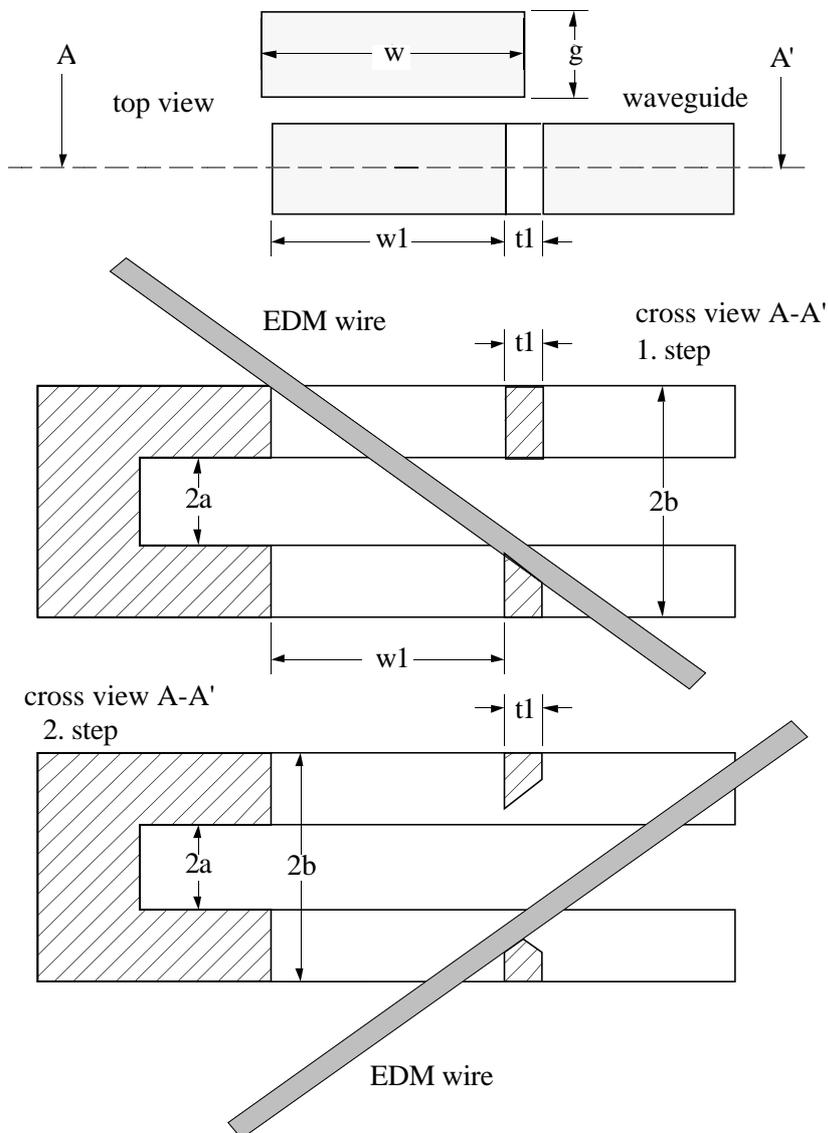


FIGURE 6. Step 5. Wire cut a lower coupling iris.

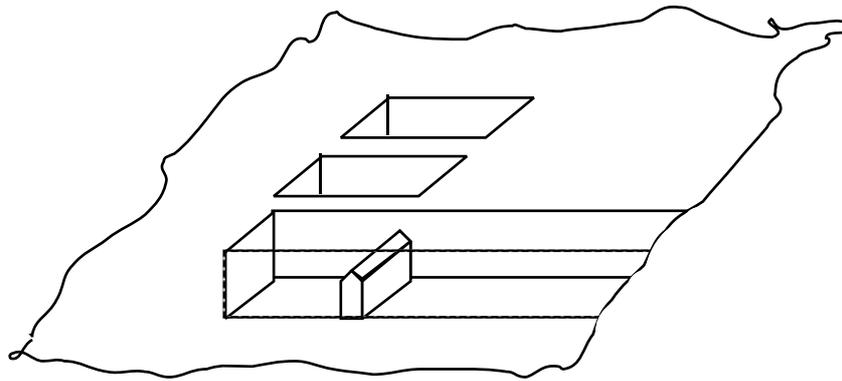


FIGURE 7. Step 5. One half of a finished structure.

f) Step 6. Cleaning the structure.

All features are done now. The next step is an ultrasonic clean (water, high vibration) to clean the surface and remove particles.

g) Step 7. Assemble three pieces.

Now the fabricated parts will be mounted together. Dowel pins will be inserted and screws clamp all together. After all is fixed, the outside shape will be wire cut, this means to remove the sacrificial area to expose the wave guide opening. Then some work is to do to prepare the wave guide connections. Holes for dowel pins and screws for wave guide flange are to drill. Taps will be inserted.

**SEE APPENDIX THE FOUR FINAL TECHNICAL DRAWINGS
FOR DETAIL QUESTIONS !**

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