
icBLM Specifications

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1. INTRODUCTION, NUMBER OF DETECTORS

The BLM system is one of the primary diagnostic system of the ESS LINAC for beam tuning and equipment protection. The system is designed to prevent hardware destructions, to avoid cavity quenches and/or degradation, in SC section of LINAC and to provide quantitative loss values. icBLM stands for ionization chamber Beam Loss Monitor, which is used for continuous surveillance of particle losses. Ionization chambers are a compromise among high dynamic range to able to detect fast and slow losses, time resolution, RAMI (reliability, availability, maintainability, inspectability), radiation hardness and cost.

The icBLM system is one component of a diverse and redundant suite of instrumentation to diagnose and protect against beam losses. The other systems include the neutron BLM (nBLM) system and the BCM system. Additions to this suite may be considered after commissioning. These potential additions include Cherenkov detectors, phase and position monitors, and other advanced techniques and systems.

2. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

ESS requirements are divided into top-down requirements and interface requirements. Top down requirements are named by a level number, and are section - specific. The icBLM instrumentation is a level 5 component, and is formally a part of the level 4 accelerator discipline "PBI", proton beam instrumentation. Accelerator sections, e.g. SPK or MBL, are level 3.

The level 4 requirements are set by the Beam Physics section onto all proton beam instrumentation in the specific section. They are maintained in the ESS requirement database DOORS. This document contains copies of the relevant requirements.

Level 5 requirements are requirements on specific implementations of the instruments, in this case the icBLM. The level 5 requirements are defined in this document.

Interface requirements between the icBLM and other accelerator disciplines can be found in DOORS. This document contains copies of the relevant requirements with.

In case of conflict between different sources, DOORS take precedence over this document for level 4 and interface documents. This document takes precedence for all L5 requirements.

2.1 icBLM L4 requirements

The L4 requirements are extracted from ESS-0078645: "PBI L4 Requirements 2016-11-21.xlsx" and summarized in the table below for the icBLM over the entire LINAC.

DOORS-ID	Name	Description	Clarification	Traced Up To	Verify Method	Development Phase
15176, 15223, 15275, 15327, 15371, 15422, 15478	PBI energy range	Proton beam instrumentation shall function over a proton beam energy range of 3.0 MeV - 2100 MeV	Sufficient tolerances shall be added on the instrument level		Inspection	Design, operation
15177, 15224, 15276, 15328, 15372, 15424, 15479	PBI peak current range	Proton beam instrumentation shall function over a peak beam current range of 3 mA to 65 mA	Sufficient tolerance shall be added on the instrument level		Inspection	Design, operation
15178, 15225, 15277, 15329, 15373, 15425, 15480	PBI pulse length range	Proton beam shall function over a proton beam pulse length range of 5 μ s to 2.980 ms	Sufficient tolerance shall be added on the instrument level		Inspection	Design, operation
15179, 15226, 15278, 15330, 15374, 15426, 15481	PBI pulse-by-pulse measurement update rate	Unless specifically stated, all instrumentation shall be able to perform the measurements and report the relevant PV data at a repetition rate of 14 Hz	Sufficient tolerance shall be added on the instrument level		Inspection	Design, operation
15180, 15227, 15279, 15331, 15375, 15427, 15482	PBI measurement error limit definition	Unless specifically stated, instrumentation shall be designed so that less than 1 measurement in 2.4e8 is allowed to be outside the specified allowed error limits for each requirement	This is one pulse per year. The limits correspond to hard limits of a uniform distribution, or a margin of approximately 6 sigma for a two sided interval of a normal distribution		Inspection, analysis	Design, operation

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15182, 15229, 15281, 15333, 15377, 15429, 15484	PBI damaging beam detection and mitigation	Beam conditions that are potentially damaging to machine components shall be detected by the instrumentation and reported fast enough so that the conditions can be mitigated before damage occurs			Inspection	Design, operation
15183, 15230, 15282, 15334, 15378, 15430, 15485	PBI beam start up measurements	Proton beam instrumentation shall be capable of measuring all beam parameters needed that allow for a safe startup of beam power, from no beam to the full nominal beam	The different beam modes are described in ESS-0038258R2		Inspection	Design, operation
15221, 15273, 15325, 15369, 15420, 15476, 15518	beam loss measurement	The beam loss shall be measured			Inspection, analysis	Design, operation
15222, 15274, 15326, 15370, 15421, 15477, 15519	beam loss measurement sensitivity	A beam current loss of 10 mW/m shall be detected			Inspection, measurement	Design, operation

2.2 Interface Requirements

This category includes all system interfaces related to machine protection, temperature, radiation, timing.

DOORS-ID	Name	Description	Clarification	Traced Up To	Verify Method	Development Phase
	Alarms	The BLM shall provide graded alarms prior to beam inhibit.	Operators can then intervene prior to trip and thus avoid downtime. Implies measurement precision that is better than that required for MPS.		Inspection, demonstration	
	Beam inhibit	Protect from damaging beam loss. Inhibit beam production via the Beam Interlock System when damaging beam loss is detected	The interface to the BIS shall be provided by ICS and include an FPGA module with an industry standard interface to the protection function. The protection function is provided by beam diagnostics. This is a 2 ways interface: the icBLM system sends out its own status and receives information from the BIS		Inspection, demonstration	
	Post Mortem	Acquire and analyze data surrounding Machine Protection System trips. Tools shall allow detailed analysis of losses within a pulse, variations from other pulses, trends, correlation with other measurements, determination of root cause, etc. The processed waveforms just before the comparator in the protection module shall be available for inspection after a trip	This should be supported by the data on demand feature		Inspection, demonstration	

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	Timing	Signal acquisition triggering shall be provided by the ESS timing interface	Triggers are produced by the Event Receiver that is provided by ICS.		Inspection, demonstration	
	Temperature	The icBLM electronics shall be operated under the temperature conditions described by AD WP15	Temperature stabilization in the racks is specified at +/- 5 degC		Inspection, demonstration	
	Radiation: ionization chambers	The ionization chambers shall be operated under radiation conditions described in ESS-0060208	Refer to ESS-0060208 for loss map in the ESS LINAC		Inspection	

2.3 System level Requirements

DOORS-ID	Name	Description	Clarification	Traced Up To	Verify Method	Development Phase
	Reliability	The BLM system design shall respond to the reliability requirements defined by the Machine Protection group			Inspection, demonstration	
	Safety	Relevant hazards shall be identified and addressed in the system design	The icBLM system shall be compliant with ESS internal regulations and the relevant laws of Sweden		Inspection, demonstration	

3. IONIZATION CHAMBERS SPECIFICATIONS

Name	Description	Clarification	Traced Up To	Verify Method	Development Phase
Dynamic range	Chamber's current is 10^8 , in range 50 pA to 0.5 mA			Inspection, Measurement	
Energy Cut-off	Particle above this level start to deposit energy in detector	*Protons, neutrons ~ 30 MeV *Electrons, photons ~ 2 MeV		Inspection, Measurement	
Dark current	Leakage current	Less than 1 pA		Measurement	
Electron and Ion drift time	Where ions and electrons travel the largest available distance	Electrons: 1/e fit of max is ~ 50 ns, all electrons collected is ~300ns Ions: 1/e fit of max is ~ 83 microsec, all ions collected is ~300 microsec			
Conversion factor	Charge – energy deposition	5.25 E-5 C/Gy			
Mechanical parameters	Length -60 cm, active volume - 50 cm, diameter – 9 cm, volume – 1.5 l, filling – N2 at 1.1 bar, HV – 1.5 kV				
Reliability	Tolerance failure rate	10^{-7} per hour per channel			
Stabilization of HV input	The low pass filter is mounted on the chamber feed throughs	R=1 MOhm and C=0.5 microF			

The response function for the ionization chambers, as simulated at CERN, is illustrated on Figure 1:

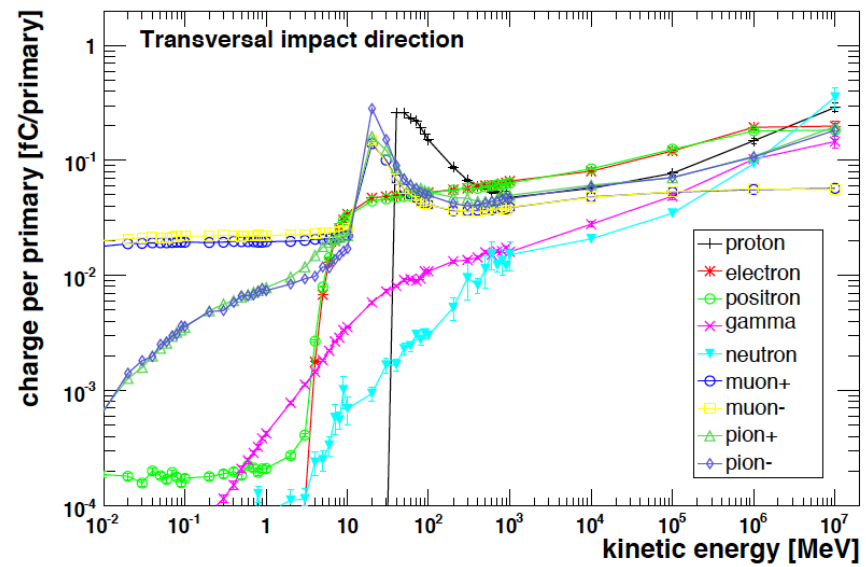


Figure 1: Ionization chamber response function

4. ICBLM ELECTRONICS SPECIFICATIONS

Name	Description	Clarification	Traced Up To	Verify Method	Development Phase
High Voltage Supply: Modulation	Self-testing the ion chamber channels by modulating HV bias voltage shall be possible Modulation requirements here	A pulse or a continuous modulation could be used. This produces a signal by coupling through the capacitance of the ion chamber. The signal is acquired in the usual manner by the acquisition electronics. Optionally, the configuration of the MPS processing chain could be modified to produce a trip		Inspection, measurement	
High Voltage Supply: output voltage rating	The High voltage power supply providing the polarizing voltage to the ion chamber electrodes shall be able to provide a positive voltage of at least 3 kV	the use of "positive polarity" will minimize saturation effects under high dose rates		Inspection, measurement	
High Voltage Supply: output power	The High voltage power supply should feature a maximum output power of at least 5 W			Inspection, measurement	
High Voltage Supply: output voltage ripple	The High voltage power supply should feature an output voltage ripple below 4 ppm pk-pk/FS			Inspection, measurement	
High Voltage Supply: noise figure	The High voltage bias supply noise figure shall be compatible with that of the signal acquisition board. This includes temperature induced noise			Inspection, measurement	

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Signal acquisition: Dynamic range	Input current dynamic range: 10 nA to 10 mA.	Two separate ranges shall therefore be used: the low end set by the condition that the operators must be able to tune on beam loss measurements down to 10 mW/m, while the high end shall allow recording of total beam loss during faults and machine studies	BLM is required to be able to measure at least 1% of 1W/m loss during normal operation and up to 1% of the total beam loss.	Inspection, measurement	
Signal acquisition: Response time	NC LINAC: Calculated melting time values of 3-4 us SC LINAC: 10 us The signal acquisition card shall therefore feature a bandwidth of at least 300 KHz and a minimum sampling rate of 1MSPS	The response time of the BLM system is a sum of: "Particle time" - PT: time between the onset of beam loss (the primary is lost) and the moment particle (primary or secondary) hits the detector. Detection time: time needed for the detector signal to develop and to collect enough hits/current Processing time: from the output of the detector to the BIS output on the FPGA		Inspection, measurement	
Signal acquisition: resolution	The signal acquisition card shall have a resolution of at least 20 bits			Inspection, measurement	
Signal acquisition: noise figure	The signal acquisition card shall have a typical noise better than 10 nA in its lowest range, including temperature induced noise			Inspection, measurement	

5. CABLES SPECIFICATIONS

Name	Description	Clarification	Traced Up To	Verify Method	Development Phase
Signal cable	The signal cables shall be triaxial cables, complying with the ESS rules for the selection of materials in cables: document ESS-0034035 on CHES.	Triaxial BNC connectors should be used with signal icBLM cables		Inspection	
HV cable	The High Voltage cables shall be coaxial cables, complying with the ESS rules for the selection of materials in cables: document ESS-0034035 on CHES.	SHV connectors should be used with HV icBLM cables		Inspection	

6. ICBLM SOFTWARE AND FIRMWARE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

Name	Description	Clarification	Traced Up To	Verify Method	Development Phase
Log dose history	Dose should be logged for reporting purposes and future analysis	Once per second statistics. For convenient retrieval, some statistics accumulated over longer time periods should also be logged		Inspection, demonstration	
Loss map comfort display	Control room display, updated once per second and graphically displaying max and min loss per pulse, one second average loss per pulse, and MPS thresholds			Inspection, demonstration	
Loss per pulse – Real time	Provide real time correlation plot of loss per pulse vs arbitrary parameter that is being tuned	Should work for all beam modes		Inspection, demonstration	
Subtract background signal	Measure and subtract background that is not due to beam loss	This is primarily due to X-ray emission from cavities with a small contribution from residual activation		Inspection, demonstration	
Intra-pulse data logging	Periodically and/or on demand, log intra-pulse waveforms that can be correlated with waveforms from other systems			Inspection, demonstration	

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Accelerator regions integrated dose	Calculate integrated dose to regions of the accelerator. Integration time in this case is on the order of hours to months	This data is useful for identifying hot spots that may lead to early equipment failure or to elevated worker dose during maintenance activities. Data should be correlated with in-tunnel surveys and corrected to provide rough predictions of dose rates after beam is turned off		Inspection, demonstration	
Protect from beam loss over thermal time constant of components	These time constants depend on the device: from milliseconds to minutes.	Integrated loss should be filtered based on a simple thermal model (similar to superconducting magnet protection) before thresholding. BIS would be used for second/minute timescales, but alarm system could be used alone for human time scales.		Inspection, demonstration	
Protect from unanticipated variations in beam properties	The systems should look for pulses with properties that vary significantly from previous (or nominal) pulses and provide a graded response	Graded response: update a "figure of merit" PV, produce an alarm, produce a trigger that can initiate data acquisition, or inhibit beam via the BIS		Inspection, demonstration	
Real time data link	The electronics shall support real time communication of loss signals to allow the protection function to utilize signals from multiple detectors	Latency shall be less than 1 microsecond plus the cable/fiber delay between nodes		Inspection, demonstration	
Time-independent protection	The system shall provide some basic protection by continuously monitoring losses without depending on timing events.			Inspection, demonstration	
Support data on demand	Continuously buffer measurements and upon receipt of timing system event, report data from before and after the event	Buffer depth will be determined based on operational needs		Inspection, demonstration	

7. ICBLM LOCATION AND RADIATION FIELDS

icBLM detectors positions are chosen in accordance with maximum beam loss locations, and to minimize crosstalk. Because the ionization chambers are nearly point detectors, their location must be chosen to allow full coverage without blind spots. For diagnostic use, the detector layout should also allow determination of the loss origin. Operational and accidental losses are based on ESS-0044760: "A guideline to operational and accidental absorbed dose rates in the ESS accelerator tunnel" by Lali Tchelidze.

Detectors will be installed outside cryostats and will have an option as mounting flexibility (mobile monitors).

Normal operational 1 W/m proton beam loss was considered. This was derived from hands-on maintenance criteria for high intensity proton machines and was adopted at ESS as a maximum allowable operational beam loss. The beam loss was simulated as a homogeneous uniform loss around and across the vacuum beam pipe, with a shallow angle.

Additionally, a full point beam loss was considered for 2 GeV on a vacuum beam pipe as an accidental beam loss.

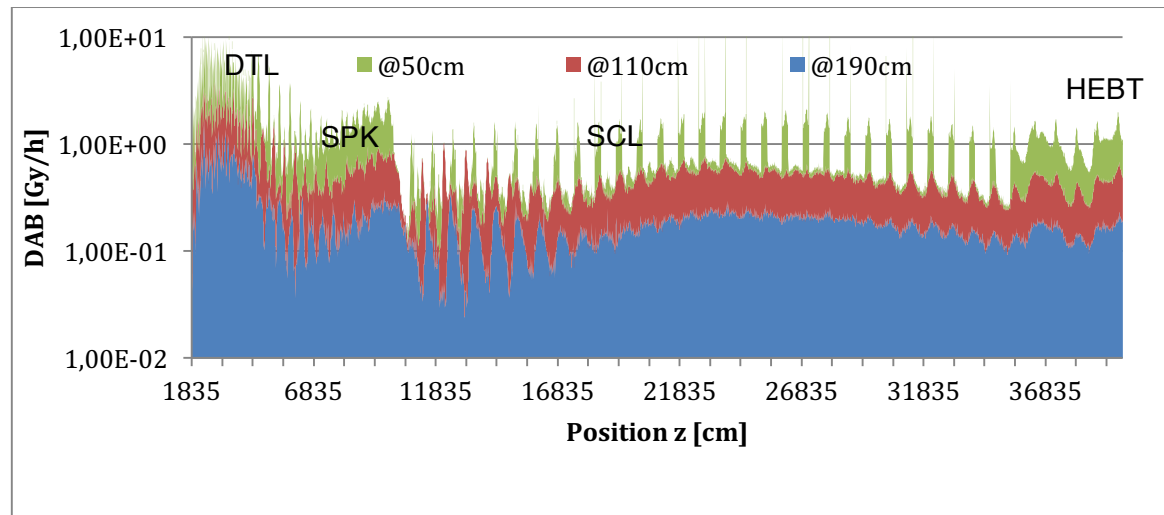


Figure 2 - Absorbed dose maps for 50, 110 and 190 cm from the beam centre [Gy/h]

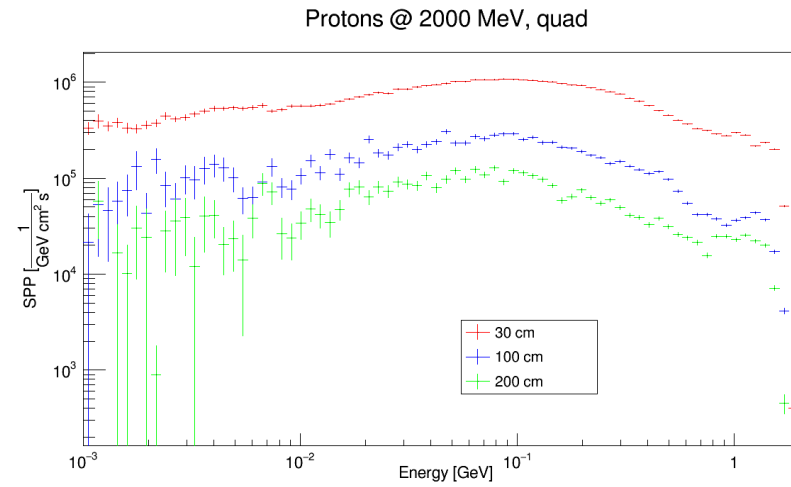


Figure 3 - Proton spectra around the quadrupole at various distances from the beam at 2000 MeV [$1/\text{GeV/cm}^2/\text{s}$]

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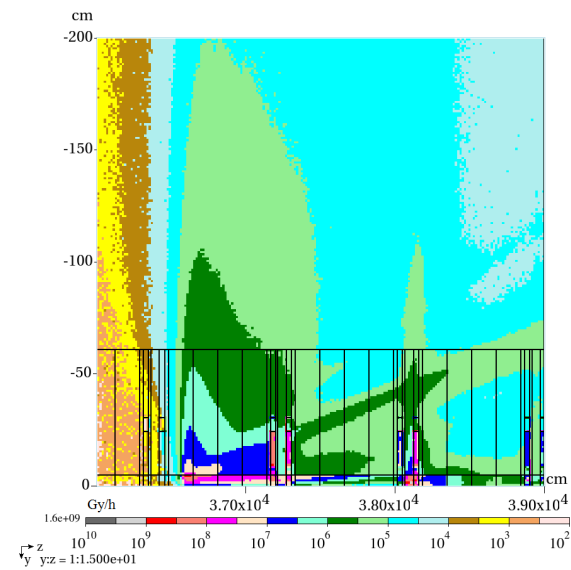


Figure 4: Absorbed dose rates for the 5 MW point beam loss [Gy/h]