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Fields and Characteristic Impedances of Dipole and Quadrupole Cylindrical Stripline Kickers

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Abstract

We present semi-analytical methods for calculating the electromagnetic field in dipole and quadrupole stripline kickers with curved plates of infinitesimal thickness. Two different methods are used to solve Laplace's equation by reducing it either to a single or to two coupled matrix equations; they are shown to yield equivalent results. Approximate analytic solutions for the lowest order fields (dipole or quadrupole) are presented and their useful range of validity are shown. The kickers plates define a set of coupled transmission lines and the characteristic impedances of modes relevant to each configuration are calculated. The solutions are compared with those obtained from a finite element solver and found to be in good agreement. Mode matching to an external impedance determines the kicker geometry and this is discussed for both kicker types. We show that a heuristic scaling law can be used to determine the dependence of the characteristic impedance on plate thickness. The solutions found by semi-analytical methods can be used as a starting point for a more detailed kicker design.

1 Introduction

Transverse dipole kickers change the transverse momentum of a beam in an accelerator and have multiple applications, e.g. in systems for injection and extraction, feedback, tune measurement etc [1, 2]. Transverse quadrupole kickers are used in exciting coherent

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quadrupole oscillations in space charge dominated beams. Stripline kickers (dipole and quadrupole) are often preferred because of their relative simplicity and fast response time. An application of interest where both types of kickers are needed is the generation of beam echoes [3, 4, 5, 6, 7]. Detailed designs are usually done with electromagnetic codes which solve for the fields using a variety of numerical schemes, see e.g. [8, 9]. In this paper, we focus instead on analytical methods to solve Laplace's equation. After incorporating the boundary conditions, the solution is expressed as a series whose coefficients are obtained from matrix equation(s) of infinite dimension. The latter are then truncated and solved numerically. This approach leads to general insights about how the fields and characteristic impedances depend on kicker geometry.

This study was motivated by the need of these kickers for generating beam echoes in the IOTA ring at Fermilab [10]. The small size of this ring (40 m circumference) calls for compact kickers. Therefore, a design objective is to maximize the electric field (dipole) or field gradient (quadrupole) subject to the constraint of proper matching to external loads. A few simplifying assumptions are made in the analysis, an important one being that the electrode plates are of infinitesimal thickness. We also assume circular symmetry so the electrodes are arc shaped. The two analytical methods presented here were originally applied to the design of striplines for microwave devices [11]; one of them was later used in the analysis of a pickup with a single stripline [12]. In Section 2 we introduce both methods and use them to analyze a dipole kicker; the quadrupole kicker is discussed in Section 3. We compare our semi-analytical results with those from a finite element based code (FEMM) in Section 4. In Section 5 we consider the influence of plate thickness and derive a heuristic scaling law. Our conclusions are presented in Section 6. Appendix A contains approximate formulas to estimate the potentials in both kickers, Appendix B contains expressions for the mode capacitances which are related to the mode characteristic impedances while Appendix C shows how to match all modes with a properly chosen termination network.

2 Dipole Kicker with circular symmetry

In this section and the following two others, we make the following assumptions: a) the electrode plates are arc shaped and infinitesimally thin, b) the electrode plates and beam pipe are perfect conductors and c) all plates have exactly the same shape and coverage angle, and they are placed at exactly symmetric locations inside the beam pipe. We first consider the two plate dipole kicker configuration. There are two modes to consider: the operational mode or odd mode where the plates are at equal and opposite voltages resulting – to lowest order– in a dipole field and the even mode where both plates are at the same voltage. The even mode is relevant because it is excited by the circulating beam which, assuming it is centered, induces identical charges (a fraction of the beam charge) and voltages on all plates. A more complete discussion of the odd and even modes can be found for example in [13]. If the beam current is high enough for beam instabilities to become a concern, the characteristic impedance of the even mode should be optimized to prevent the field in the resonator formed by the plates from acting back on the circulating beam [9]. As is discussed later in Section 2.4, in general matching the geometric means of both modal

impedances to that of the external lines may be the best compromise.

2.1 Potential for the Odd Mode

We consider two arc shaped electrodes held at a constant voltage $\pm V_p$, a schematic is shown in Fig. 1. The rods supporting the plates are omitted in this sketch. For typical external voltages, the relative contribution of the beam induced voltage to the total voltage is negligible so the potential can be assumed to obey Laplace's equation. In two dimensional polar coordinates, (r, θ) we have

$$\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2\Phi}{\partial\theta^2} = 0$$
(2.1)

For a well-posed problem, the specified boundary conditions ensure a unique solution. Assuming a separation of variables, the potential can be written as $\Phi(r, \theta) = \Theta(\theta)R(r)$,



Figure 1: Dipole kicker with arc shaped plates.

where Θ , *R* are as yet arbitrary functions of their arguments. Using the fact that the potential is periodic in θ over 2π , it can be shown that the general solution, a superposition of the separable solutions, is of the form

$$\Phi(r,\theta) = c_0 + a_0 \ln r + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [a_m r^m + b_m r^{-m}] [c_m \cos m\theta + d_m \sin m\theta]$$
(2.2)

In the analytic expressions to follow, the upper limit is infinity while in the numerical evaluations, the upper limit is a suitably large integer. The plates are located at a radius b, and the beam pipe at a radius a. Each plate subtends an angle of magnitude $2\theta_0$. We assume

the left and right plates are respectively at voltages V_p and $-V_p$ so that a positively charged particle is kicked in the positive x direction i.e. to the right. Thus $\Phi(r = b, \theta) = -V_p$ on plate P_1 which extends over the angles $-\theta_0 \le \theta \le \theta_0$, and $\Phi(r = b, \theta) = V_p$ over plate $P_2 : \pi - \theta_0 \le \pi + \theta_0$. The potential must be continuous across the entire boundary r = b. In the region exterior to the plates, the potential vanishes on the beampipe $\Phi(a, \theta) = 0$. Across the interface between the interior and exterior regions (r = b), the radial component of the electric field is continuous on the intervals where no electrode is present:

$$\frac{\partial \Phi_{in}(r=b, \theta \in (G_1, G_2))}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{ex}(r=b, \theta \in (G_1, G_2))}{\partial r}$$
(2.3)

where the gaps G_1, G_2 have the domains: $G_1 : \theta_0 \le \theta \le \pi - \theta_0$ and $G_2 : \pi + \theta_0 \le \theta \le 2\pi - \theta_0$ respectively. Due to the presence of charge on the electrode surfaces, it is necessary to consider the interior and exterior regions separately.

The potential within the interior of the plates must be well behaved as $r \rightarrow 0$. This eliminates the coefficients a_0, b_m .

$$\Phi_{in}(r \le b, \theta) = c_0 + \sum_{m=1} r^m (c_m \cos m\theta + d_m \sin m\theta)$$
(2.4)

where (a_m, b_m) have been absorbed into the redefined coefficients c_m, d_m . The potential is symmetric about the x axis or $\Phi(b, 2\pi - \theta) = \Phi(b, \theta)$, so $d_m = 0$. Furthermore, the anti-symmetry of the potential with respect to the vertical y axis implies $\Phi(b, \pi - \theta) =$ $-\Phi(b, \theta)$. Imposing this requirement in Eq.(2.4), one concludes that $c_0 = 0$ and m = odd.

For the potential exterior to the plates we start from the general form

$$\Phi_{ex}(b \le r \le a, \theta) = c_0 + A_0 \ln r + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [A_m r^m + B_m r^{-m}] [C_m \cos m\theta + D_m \sin m\theta]$$
(2.5)

where the coefficients A_m, B_m, C_m, D_m are different from the coefficients a_m, b_m, c_m, d_m of the interior solution. They are determined from the boundary conditions on the exterior potential. Requiring that this potential vanish at r = a implies $c_0 = -A_0 \ln a$, and $B_m = -A_m a^{2m}$. Matching the interior and exterior solutions at r = b yields $A_0 = 0 = D_m$, the index m = 1, 3, 5..., and the coefficients A_m can be absorbed into C_m which can be expressed in terms of the interior coefficients c_m as $C_m[1 - (a/b)^{2m}] = c_m$ where *m* is odd. Expressed in terms of the interior coefficients, the solutions for the interior and exterior potentials are

$$\Phi_{in}(r,\theta) = V_p \sum_{m=1,3,\dots} X_m (\frac{r}{b})^m \cos m\theta, \qquad 0 \le r \le b \qquad (2.6)$$

$$\Phi_{ex}(r,\theta) = V_p \sum_{m=1,3,\dots} \frac{X_m}{[1 - (a/b)^{2m}]} [(\frac{r}{b})^m - (\frac{a^2}{br})^m] \cos m\theta, \qquad b \le r \le a$$
(2.7)

where we have introduced new scaled dimensionless coefficients $X_m = b^m c_m/V_p$. Imposing the boundary condition on the right plate at r = b and matching the normal derivative across the gaps at r = b yields respectively

$$\sum_{m=1,3,\dots} X_m \cos m\theta = -1, \quad \theta \in (P_1, P_2)$$
(2.8)

$$\sum_{m=1,3,\dots} mg_m(a,b) X_m \cos m\theta = 0, \quad \theta \in (G_1,G_2)$$
(2.9)

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where the dimensionless geometric coefficient g_m is defined as

$$g_m(a,b) = \frac{1}{[1 - (b/a)^{2m}]} \ge 1, \quad b < a$$
(2.10)

We note that g_m decreases with increasing index and approaches 1 as $m \to \infty$.

Integrating Eq. (2.8) over the angular extent of the plate at r = b and Eq.(2.9) over half of the top gap G_1 : $\theta_0 \le \theta \le \pi/2$ (the integral over the complete gap vanishes because of anti-symmetry) yields the two equations

$$\sum_{m=1,3,...} X_m \frac{\sin m\theta_0}{m\theta_0} = -1$$
 (2.11)

$$\sum_{m=1,3,\dots} g_m(a,b) X_m[(-1)^{(m-1)/2} - \sin m\theta_0] = 0$$
(2.12)

These are integral conditions which must be satisfied for a given set of geometric parameters. The coefficients X_m must however be found from the local conditions in Eq. (2.8) and Eq. (2.9) which are valid at every point within their respective domains. Below we discuss two methods for determining them.

2.1.1 Least Squares Method

We follow the method used in [11] which parallels a development by Sommerfeld in [14] to treat the problem of light waves reflecting off a curved mirror. Essentially, the method consists of determining the expansion coefficients so as to minimize the quadratic residual error on the boundary conditions. Taking the sum of the squared difference of Eqs. (2.8) and (2.9) and integrating over the appropriate azimuthal ranges yields an error function as

$$Err(\mathbf{X}) = \int_{-\theta_0}^{\theta_0} [1 + \sum_{m=1,3,\dots} X_m \cos m\theta]^2 d\theta + \int_{\theta_0}^{\pi-\theta_0} [\sum_{m=1,3,\dots} mg_m(a,b) X_m \cos m\theta]^2 d\theta$$
(2.13)

The minimum residual is obtained by setting the partial derivatives to zero $\frac{\partial Err(\mathbf{X})}{\partial X_j} = 0$ which yields matrix equations for the coefficients. Define the vector **b** with components b_n and matrix **A** with elements A_{mn} as follows

$$b_n = \int_{-\theta_0}^{\theta_0} \cos n\theta d\theta = \frac{2}{n} \sin n\theta_0 \tag{2.14}$$

$$A_{mn} = \int_{-\theta_0}^{\theta_0} \cos m\theta \cos n\theta \ d\theta = \left[\frac{\sin(n-m)\theta_0}{n-m} + \frac{\sin(n+m)\theta_0}{n+m}\right], \quad m \neq n$$
(2.15)

$$A_{nn} = \int_{-\theta_0}^{\theta_0} \cos^2 n\theta \ d\theta = \left[\theta_0 + \frac{1}{2n} \sin 2n\theta_0\right]$$
(2.16)

The diagonal elements follow from the off-diagonal elements on using $\lim_{m\to n} \sin(n-m)\theta_0/(n-m) = \theta_0$. This matrix **A** is symmetric, $A_{mn} = A_{nm}$. These elements will arise in all the situations to be discussed in this paper for both the dipole and quadrupole kickers.

Collecting terms leads to the matrix equation $\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{X} = -\mathbf{b}$ or in component form

$$\sum_{m=\text{odd}} B_{mn} X_m = -b_n, \qquad n = \text{odd} \qquad (2.17)$$

$$B_{nn} = A_{nn} + n^2 g_n(a,b)^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - A_{nn}\right), \quad n = \text{ odd}$$
(2.18)

$$B_{mn} = [1 - mng_m(a,b)g_n(a,b)]A_{mn}, \quad m = \text{ odd } \neq n$$
(2.19)

The matrix **B** is a non-singular, square, symmetric matrix of dimension $N \times N$ to solve for the *N* coefficients $X_1, X_3, \ldots, X_{2N-1}$. This matrix equation (2.17) must be truncated and solved numerically.

2.1.2 Projection Method

This follows the second method investigated in [11] which is referred to as the "simple integration" method. We choose to call it the projection method since it is based on projecting the coefficients X_n on to a basis set of harmonic functions. Multiplying Eq.(2.8) by $\cos n\theta$ and integrating over the plate on the right $P_1 : -\theta_0 \le \theta \le \theta_0$ leads to the set of equations

$$\sum_{m=\text{odd}} A_{mn} X_m + b_n = 0, \quad n = \text{ odd}$$
(2.20)

These coefficients form a potential that only satisfies the boundary conditions on the plates but not in the gaps. The matrix \mathbf{A} is also singular which is a consequence of the fact that it does not specify a unique potential.

Multiplying Eq.(2.9) by $\cos n\theta$ and integrating over the gap from θ_0 to $\pi - \theta_0$ yields the set of equations

$$ng_n(a,b)[\frac{\pi}{2} - A_{nn}]X_n - \sum_{m=1,3,\dots,\neq n} mg_m A_{mn}X_m = 0, \quad n = \text{odd}$$
(2.21)

We can combine Eqs. (2.20) and (2.21) into a system of N equations for N unknowns as

$$-b_n = \sum_{m = \text{odd}} C_{mn} X_m, \qquad n = \text{odd} \qquad (2.22)$$

$$C_{nn} = [1 - ng_n(a, b)]A_{nn} + n\frac{\pi}{2}g_n(a, b), \qquad n = \text{odd} \qquad (2.23)$$

$$C_{mn} = [1 - mg_m(a, b)]A_{mn}, \qquad m = \text{ odd } \neq n \qquad (2.24)$$

The equations have been combined so that the matrix C is in general non-singular and can be used to numerically find the desired coefficients X_m . In order to find an approximate expression for the lowest order coefficient, we can keep only the first term and find

$$X_1 \approx -\frac{b_1}{C_{11}} = \frac{4(1 - (b/a)^2)\sin\theta_0}{\pi - (2 - (b/a)^2)(2\theta_0 + \sin 2\theta_0)}$$
(2.25)

This provides a quick, rough estimate of the dipole field. Appendix A shows the coefficients X_1, X_3 when calculated to the next order and discusses the errors with these approximations.

2.2 Potential for the Even Mode

Here we consider the potential when both plates are at the same voltage. This mode is excited when the beam induces image currents and a voltage difference with respect to the beampipe. This is the so-called even mode or common mode and its characteristic impedance is involved in matching to the external impedances, as is discussed later in Section 2.4.

We assume that both plates are at a voltage V_b . Now the potential is symmetric about the y axis (as opposed to the anti-symmetry in the odd mode) and has identical symmetry about the x axis, i.e. $\Phi(b, \pi - \theta) = \Phi(b, \theta)$, $\Phi(b, 2\pi - \theta) = \Phi(b, \theta)$. We start with the form for the interior potential in Eq.(2.4). Symmetry about the x axis requires that $d_m = 0$, while symmetry about the y axis requires m is even. For the exterior solution we start with the general form in Eq.(2.5). Requiring that the external potential vanishes at r = a and matching the exterior and interior potentials at $r = b \forall \theta$ yields its form. We introduce the scaled dimensionless coefficients $X_0 = c_0/V_b$, $X_m = b^m c_m/V_b$. The two even mode potentials can be written as

$$\Phi_{in}(r,\theta) = V_b [X_0 + \sum_{m=\text{even}} X_m (\frac{r}{b})^m \cos m\theta, \qquad 0 \le r \le b$$

$$\Phi_{ex}(r,\theta) = V_b \left[X_0 \frac{\ln(r/a)}{\ln(b/a)} + \sum_{m=\text{even}} \frac{X_m}{[1 - (\frac{a}{b})^{2m}]} [(\frac{r}{b})^m - (\frac{a^2}{br})^m] \cos m\theta \right], \quad b \le r \le a$$
(2.26)
(2.27)

Matching the two potentials on the plates and their radial derivatives in the gaps leads to the boundary conditions

$$1 = X_0 + \sum_{m = \text{even}} X_m \cos m\theta, \qquad \qquad \theta \in (P_1, P_2) \qquad (2.28)$$

$$X_0 = 2\ln(b/a) \sum_{m=\text{even}} X_m m g_m \cos m\theta, \qquad \theta \in (G_1, G_2)$$
(2.29)

The integral conditions obtained by integrating Eq.(2.28) over a plate and Eq.(2.29) over either gap are

$$1 = X_0 + \sum_{m = \text{even}} X_m \frac{\sin m\theta_0}{m\theta_0}$$
(2.30)

$$(\pi/2 - \theta_0)X_0 = -2\ln(b/a)\sum_{m=\text{even}} g_m X_m \sin m\theta_0, \qquad (2.31)$$

For the sake of brevity, we consider only the projection method to determine the potential in this mode. Proceeding as before, i.e. multiplying Eq. (2.28) and Eq. (2.29) by $\cos n\theta$ and integrating over the appropriate range of θ , we obtain

$$b_n = X_0 b_n + \sum_{m=\text{even},\neq n} X_m A_{m,n} + X_n A_{n,n} \qquad n = \text{even}$$
$$-X_0 b_n = 2\ln(b/a) \left[-\sum_{m=\text{even},\neq n} X_m m g_m A_{m,n} + X_n n g_n(\pi/2 - A_{n,n}) \right] \qquad n = \text{even}$$

These equations can be combined to yield the matrix system

$$b_n = \sum_{m = \text{even}} D_{mn} X_m, \qquad n = \text{even} \qquad (2.32)$$

$$D_{nn} = [(1 + 2\ln(b/a)ng_n)A_{n,n} - n\pi g_n \ln(b/a)], \qquad n = \text{even} \qquad (2.33)$$

$$D_{mn} = (1 + 2\ln(b/a)mg_{m,n})A_{m,n} \qquad m = \text{even} \neq n \qquad (2.34)$$

Once the X_n , n > 0 are found, X_0 can be found from either of the integral conditions in Eq. (2.30) or Eq. (2.31).

To lowest order, keeping only the first term in the matrix equation, we have the coefficients

$$X_{2} \approx \frac{b_{2}}{D_{22}} = -\frac{2(1 - (b/a)^{4})\sin 4\theta_{0}}{-4(1 - (b/a)^{4})\theta_{0} + 8(\pi - 2\theta_{0})\ln(b/a) - (1 - (b/a)^{4} + 4\ln(b/a))\sin 4\theta_{0}}$$

$$X_{0} \approx 1 - X_{2}\frac{\sin 2\theta_{0}}{2\theta_{0}}$$
(2.36)

2.3 Electric and Magnetic fields in the odd mode

From the interior potential, it follows that the electric fields in the interior along the Cartesian axes acting on a particle with polar coordinates $(r < b, \theta)$ are

$$E_{x} = -\frac{V_{p}}{b} \sum_{m = \text{odd}} mX_{m}(\frac{r}{b})^{m-1} \cos(m-1)\theta = -\frac{V_{p}}{b} \left[X_{1} + 3X_{3}(\frac{r}{b})^{2} \cos 2\theta + \dots \right]$$
(2.37)
$$E_{y} = \frac{V_{p}}{b} \sum_{m = \text{odd}} mX_{m}(\frac{r}{b})^{m-1} \sin(m-1)\theta = \frac{V_{p}}{b} \left[3X_{3}(\frac{r}{b})^{2} \sin 2\theta + 5X_{5}(\frac{r}{b})^{3} \sin 4\theta + \dots \right]$$
(2.38)

We expect (and verify in Section 4) that the coefficient magnitudes $|X_m|$ decrease with increasing order. Along the *x* axis, the horizontal field E_x has its maximum value while E_y vanishes along both the horizontal and vertical axes. The first term in E_y has a maximum at $\theta = \pi/4$, the second term along $\pi/8$ etc. Thus for small enough beam size ($\sigma_{\perp} \ll b, \sigma_{\perp}$ is the transverse rms size) the field in this kicker approaches that of a pure dipole, while for larger beam sizes the beam experiences nonlinear kicks in both directions.

In the analysis to follow here and later, we will assume that the relevant modes are matched so that there are no reflections from either end i.e. we have only a pure TEM wave propagating from the power source. For such a wave propagating along $+\hat{z}$, the electric \vec{E} and magnetic \vec{B} fields obey

$$\hat{z} \times \vec{E} = c\vec{B}, \quad \Rightarrow cB_x = -E_y, \quad cB_y = E_x, \quad E_z = 0 = B_z$$

$$(2.39)$$

A particle with charge q propagating along $-\hat{z}$ or in a direction opposite to that of the EM wave, will experience a force with horizontal component

$$F_x = q[E_x + (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})_x] = q(1+\beta)E_x(t)$$
(2.40)

and a similar expression for F_y . The change in momentum Δp_x due to this force from a kicker of length L_k is found from $\Delta p_x = \frac{L_k}{\beta c} F_x$ while the angular kick $\Delta x'$ is given by $\Delta p_x = m_0 \gamma \beta c \Delta x'$, where m_0 is the rest mass. Hence the total horizontal angular kick is

$$\Delta x' = \frac{q(1+\beta)}{\beta^2 \gamma m_0 c^2} E_x L_k \tag{2.41}$$

which is the sum of kicks from the electric and magnetic fields. If the particle propagates in the same direction as the wave, the two forces oppose each other leading to a near cancellation for relativistic particles. At low energies, for example the 2 MeV proton beam in IOTA has $\beta = 0.07$, the magnetic kick is a small fraction of the kick from the electric field, so the relative direction of propagation of the wave and particles does not matter much. We can estimate the dipole kick by using the approximate analytic solution $X_1^{(2)}$ for X_1 using a 2x2 matrix and shown in equation A.2 in Appendix A. Using the geometry of the existing injection kickers in IOTA [17], we have $\theta_0 = 32.5^\circ$ and b/a = 0.8, we obtain $X_1 = -0.65$ from A.2. The right plot in Fig. 17 shows that at this (half) coverage angle, this value underestimates the correct value by about 20%. Including this correction, a more precise value is $X_1 = -0.78$. Assuming a plate voltage of 1 kV, a plate radius of 20 mm, a compact kicker length of 20 cm, the kick on the IOTA beam is $\Delta x' = 1.64$ mrad. In terms of the average beam size at a location with $\beta_x = \beta_{av} = 1.2$ m and average beam size $\sigma_{av} = 2.2$ mm, this amounts to a kick $\beta_x \Delta x' \simeq 0.94 \sigma_{av}$. If instead we apply the above estimate to the existing injection stripline kicker where $V_p = 25$ kV, $L_k = 0.635$ m, b = 0.02m, we have a beam kick $\beta_x \Delta x' \simeq 72\sigma_{av}$. This is considerably larger than required ($\sim 5 - 10\sigma_x$) in order to explore the nonlinear aspects of the dipole kick on echoes [7].

2.4 Characteristic Impedance

An arrangement of *n* deflecting plates enclosed by a conducting beam pipe forms a set of *n* coupled transmission lines. For a TEM wave, in the frequency domain the voltage and current amplitudes V_i and I_i associated with each one of the plates are locally related to each other through the two relations

$$k\mathbf{V} = \omega \mathbf{L}'_M \mathbf{I}, \quad k\mathbf{I} = \omega \mathbf{C}'_M \mathbf{V}$$
 (2.42)

where V and I are vectors of dimension *n* while *k*, ω are the spatial and angular frequencies and \mathbf{L}'_M , \mathbf{C}'_M are the distributed Maxwell inductance and capacitance matrices. The equations express the fact that current in any one of the conductors induces a proportional voltage in all the others and vice-versa. Although the elements ℓ'_{ij} and c'_{ij} of \mathbf{L}'_M , \mathbf{C}'_M respectively have units of [H/m] and [F/m], they do not represent conventional circuit elements. In what follows, we shall reserve the notation $L'_i, L'_{ij}, C'_i, C'_{ij}$ for such elements.

Combining both equations yields the dispersion relation

$$c^2 \mathbf{L}'_M \mathbf{C}'_M = \mathbf{I}_{unit} \tag{2.43}$$

where we used the fact that the wave velocity $c = \omega/k$ and I_{unit} is the unit diagonal matrix. Note that by reciprocity, the matrices L'_M , C'_M as well as their product are symmetric for any arrangement of the plates (symmetric or not). Using equation (2.43) to substitute for $\omega/k = c$ in the first part of Eq. (2.42) relating V to I yields

$$\mathbf{V} = \left[(\mathbf{C}'_M)^{-1} \mathbf{L}'_M \right]^{1/2} \mathbf{I} = \frac{1}{c} (\mathbf{C}'_M)^{-1} \mathbf{I} = \mathbf{Z}_c \mathbf{I}$$
(2.44)

where \mathbf{Z}_c is known as the characteristic impedance matrix.

For an *n*-fold symmetric plate arrangement, the number of independent elements of \mathbf{C}'_{M} (or \mathbf{L}'_{M}) is reduced and all the $c'_{ii} = c'_{11}$ while the off diagonal c'_{ij} depend only on the angular distance between the electrodes *i* and *j*. For a dipole kicker, n = 2, one can verify that the eigenvectors of \mathbf{C}'_{M} are $\mathbf{u}_{o} = (1, -1)$ and $\mathbf{u}_{e} = (1, 1)$. These eigenvectors, which are shared by the capacitance and characteristic impedance matrices, define the so-called coupled modes. An arbitrary excitation can be expressed as a linear combination of these modes. Using the dispersion relation, the eigenvalues of the characteristic impedance matrix $Z_{c,odd}$ and $Z_{c,even}$ may be expressed in terms of those of the \mathbf{L}'_{M} and \mathbf{C}'_{M} matrices to define the effective capacitance and inductance of the even and odd modes $C'_{e}, L'_{e}, C'_{o}, L'_{o}$.

$$Z_{c,odd} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{c'_{11} - c'_{12}} = \frac{1}{cC'_o} = \sqrt{L'_o/C'_o}$$
(2.45)

$$Z_{c,even} = = \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{c'_{11} + c'_{12}} = \frac{1}{cC'_e} = \sqrt{L'_e/C'_e}$$
(2.46)

where the c_{ij} (called "coefficients of induction" in [15], Chapter 1) are elements of the Maxwell capacitance matrix while the C'_k are the modal capacitances. In general, $c'_{ij} \leq 0$, $i \neq j$; hence, $Z_{c,even} \geq Z_{c,odd}$. A derivation of these results is presented in Appendix B where it is also shown how the c'_{ij} are related to the mutual capacitances C'_{ij} .

When each stripline is terminated by an impedance to ground equal to the characteristic impedance of a given mode, there is no reflection of that mode. Assuming that all terminations have impedance Z_L , both modes are perfectly matched when $Z_{c,even} = Z_{c,odd} = Z_L$. However, this condition is restrictive since it implies $C'_{12}/C'_{11} \rightarrow 0$ which happens with increasing angular plate separation or alternatively by increasing b/a. Appendix C shows that in general a load termination network can be devised to match all modes with any number of plates. For a dipole configuration, this requires an additional resistor between the two electrodes, a scheme that was also proposed in [9].

Another often used alternative follows from these weaker requirements: (1) No injected power is reflected back to the generat or (2) power deposited in the even (or common) mode is coupled out of the striplines. With the line extremities terminated by a load Z_L both these conditions are satisfied when"

$$Z_{c,odd}Z_{c,even} = Z_L^2 \tag{2.47}$$

is fulfilled. In fact, when 2.47 holds, the plate arrangement is a directional coupler. However, for high beam current applications as mentioned previously, it may sometimes be preferable and simpler to match the even mode to Z_L and to tolerate some odd mode mismatch.

We now calculate the frequency independent (low frequency) part of the characteristic impedance. By definition, a mode characteristic impedance is the ratio of its voltage V_p

and current I_p mode amplitudes : $Z_c = V_p/I_p$. The current I_p can be expressed in terms of the surface current density, i.e. the current per unit length normal to the direction of current flow. Let $\vec{K_p}$ be the current density on a plate

$$I_p = \int_{L_p} |\vec{K_p}| dl \tag{2.48}$$

where dl is an element of length and L_p defines the contour of the plate. At the interface between two media (vacuum in our case), the discontinuity between the tangential components of the magnetic field on either side of the interface is given by [15]

$$\vec{K} = \hat{n} \times [\vec{H}_1 - \vec{H}_2] = \hat{n} \times [\frac{1}{\mu_1} \vec{B}_1 - \frac{1}{\mu_2} \vec{B}_2]$$
(2.49)

where \hat{n} is the unit normal from media 1 (region interior to the plates) towards media 2 (region exterior to the plates). In the second equality we have assumed the media are linear so that $\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$, μ is the magnetic permeability. The normal component of the \vec{B} field is continuous across the plate. For a TEM wave propagating in the stripline, the \vec{E} and \vec{B} fields are orthogonal everywhere to the direction of propagation. We have $c\vec{B} = \hat{z} \times \vec{E}$, use the relation $\hat{n} \times \hat{z} \times \vec{E} = (\hat{n} \cdot \vec{E})\hat{z}$ and let $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_0$ (vacuum permeability) to write the surface current density on the plate in terms of the discontinuity in the normal (or radial) components of the electric field across the plate.

$$K_p = \frac{1}{Z_0} [E_{in,r}(r=b) - E_{ex,r}(r=b)]$$
(2.50)

where $Z_0 = \mu_0 c$ is the impedance of free space.

Next we calculate the characteristic impedance of the odd and even modes. The transverse and longitudinal beam coupling impedances are proportional to the characteristic impedances of the odd and even modes respectively [2, 16].

2.4.1 Odd Mode Characteristic Impedance

Using the potential forms in Eqs.(2.6) and (2.7), we have for the surface current density

$$K_{p} = \frac{V_{p}}{bZ_{0}} |\sum_{m = \text{odd}} mX_{m} \left[1 - \frac{1 + (a/b)^{2m}}{1 - (a/b)^{2m}} \right] \cos m\theta | = \frac{2V_{p}}{bZ_{0}} |\sum_{m = \text{odd}} mX_{m}g_{m}(a,b)\cos m\theta |$$
(2.51)

The current on either plate is

$$I_p = b \left| \int_{-\theta_0}^{\theta_0} K_p(\theta) \, d\theta \right| = 4 \frac{V_p}{Z_0} \left| \sum_{m = \text{odd}} X_m g_m(a, b) \sin m\theta_0 \right|$$
(2.52)

Hence the characteristic impedance is

$$Z_{c,odd} = \frac{Z_0}{4|\sum_{m=\text{odd}} X_m g_m(a,b) \sin m\theta_0|} = \frac{Z_0}{4|\sum_{m=\text{odd}} (-1)^{(m-1)/2} X_m g_m(a,b)|} \quad (2.53)$$

where we used the integral condition in Eq.(2.12) in the second equality above. Eq. (2.53) shows for example that $Z_{c,odd}$ is determined entirely by the half coverage angle θ_0 and the ratio b/a [see Eq.(2.10)] and not by the specific values of a, b. As the ratio b/a increases, $Z_{c,odd}$ decreases and $Z_{c,odd} \rightarrow 0$ when $b/a \rightarrow 1$.

2.4.2 Even Mode Characteristic Impedance

The surface current density defined in terms of the discontinuity in the radial electric field across a plate is

$$K_p = \frac{V_b}{bZ_0} \left[\left| \frac{X_0}{\ln(b/a)} - 2\sum_{m=\text{even}} m X_m g_m(a,b) \cos m\theta \right| \right]$$

The current on a plate is

$$I_p = 2\frac{V_b}{Z_0} \left| \frac{X_0 \theta_0}{\ln(b/a)} - 2\sum_{m = \text{even}} X_m g_m(a, b) \sin m \theta_0 \right| = \pi \frac{V_b}{Z_0} \frac{|X_0|}{\ln(a/b)}$$
(2.54)

where in the last step we used the integral condition in Eq.(2.31). Hence the characteristic impedance of the even mode is

$$Z_{c,even} = \frac{Z_0}{\pi} \frac{\ln(a/b)}{|X_0|}$$
(2.55)

This expression resembles the characteristic impedance of a coaxial line with a single cable, $Z_c = Z_0 \ln(a/b)/(2\pi)$ and differs by a factor of two from a similar expression for the characteristic impedance of a single stripwire kicker [12].

3 Quadrupole Kicker with circular symmetry

For a four-fold symmetric quadrupole kicker, the capacitance matrix has three independent elements and the four characteristic impedances are

$$Z_{c1} = Z_{c2} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{c_{11}' - c_{13}'} = \frac{1}{cC_1'} = \sqrt{L_1'/C_1'}$$
(3.1)

$$Z_{c3} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{c'_{11} + c'_{13} - 2c'_{12}} = \frac{1}{cC'_3} = \sqrt{L'_3/C'_3}$$
(3.2)

$$Z_{c4} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{c'_{11} + c'_{13} + 2c'_{12}} = \frac{1}{cC'_4} = \sqrt{L'_4/C'_4}$$
(3.3)

As in the dipole case, the c'_{ij} are elements of the Maxwell capacitance matrix. A derivation can also be found in Appendix B. Modes 1 and 2 are known as dipole modes, mode 3 will be referred as the quadrupole mode (the mode which applies a quadrupolar kick) and mode 4 as the sum mode (a beam induced mode where all plates are at the same potential). From the



Figure 2: Quadrupole kicker plates along the arc of a circle.

above definitions of the modes and the property of the Maxwell capacitances $c'_{ij} \leq 0$, $i \neq j$, it follows that in general $Z_{c,sum} \equiv Z_{c4} \geq Z_{c,quad} \equiv Z_{c3}$. In analogy with the dipole kicker case, one may either choose a suitable load network to match all modes (Appendix C) or alternatively, a directional coupler configuration with individual lines terminated with loads Z_L . In the latter case, power sent on any one of the lines will not be reflected provided that the conditions "

$$Z_{c,quad}Z_{c,sum} = Z_{c,dipole}^2 = Z_L^2$$
(3.4)

are fulfilled. In this section we again solve for the potential and determine the quadrupole and sum modes characteristic impedances following the method of the previous section.

3.1 Potential solution for the quadrupole mode

The plates are numbered in anti-clockwise order starting from the right, a sketch is shown in Fig. 2. In this configuration, the potentials on the plates alternate in sign on adjacent plates with $\Phi(r = b, \theta) = -V_p$ on plate P_1 on the right which extends over the angles $-\theta_0 \le \theta \le \theta_0$, $\Phi(r = b, \theta) = V_p$ over plate $P_2 : \pi/2 - \theta_0 \le \pi/2 + \theta_0$ etc. The gaps G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4 extend over the angles not covered by the plates, e.g. $G_1 : \theta_0 \le \theta \le \pi/2 - \theta_0, G_2 : \pi/2 + \theta_0 \le \theta \le \pi - \theta_0$ etc. The general expressions for the potentials $\Phi_{in}(r, \theta)$ interior and $\Phi_{ex}(r, \theta)$ external to the plates are respectively,

$$\Phi_{in}(0 \le r \le b, \theta) = c_0 + \sum_{m=1} r^m (c_m \cos m\theta + d_m \sin m\theta)$$
(3.5)

$$\Phi_{ex}(b \le r \le a, \theta) = B_0 + A_0 \ln r + \sum_{m=1} [A_m r^m + B_m r^{-m}] [C_m \cos m\theta + D_m \sin m\theta] \quad (3.6)$$

Symmetry about the x-axis, $\Phi_{in}(b, 2\pi - \theta) = \Phi_{in}(b, \theta)$ implies that $d_m = 0$. Symmetry about the y-axis, $\Phi_{in}(b, \pi - \theta) = \Phi_{in}(b, \theta)$ implies that m = even. Since the plates are symmetric, the potential is anti-symmetric about the lines midway between adjacent plates (at opposite voltages) along $\theta = \pi/4, 3\pi/4$. These anti-symmetries can be written as $\Phi_{in}(b, \pi/2 - \theta) = -\Phi_{in}(b, \theta)$, $\Phi_{in}(b, 3\pi/2 - \theta) = -\Phi_{in}(b, \theta)$. These imply $c_0 = 0$ and $\cos m\pi/2 = -1$, $\Rightarrow m = 2, 6, 10, \dots = 2(2n-1)$. Applying the above symmetries and all the matching conditions, the potentials are

$$\Phi_{in}(r,\theta) = V_p \sum_{m=2,6,10,...} X_m (\frac{r}{b})^m \cos m\theta, \qquad 0 \le r \le b \qquad (3.7)$$

$$\Phi_{ex}(r,\theta) = V_p \sum_{m=2,6,10,\dots} \frac{X_m}{[1-(a/b)^{2m}]} [(\frac{r}{b})^m - (\frac{a^2}{br})^m] \cos m\theta, \qquad b \le r \le a \qquad (3.8)$$

The boundary conditions satisfied by these coefficients have the same form as those for the dipole odd mode in Eqs. (2.8) and (2.9) except that m = 2, 6, ... Integrating these equations over any plate and any gap leads to the two integral conditions

$$\sum_{m=2,6,10,\dots} X_m \frac{\sin m\theta_0}{m\theta_0} = -1$$
(3.9)

$$\sum_{m=2,6,\dots} g_m(a,b) X_m[(-1)^{(m-2)/4} - \sin m\theta_0] = 0$$
(3.10)

In Eq. (3.10) the first term in square brackets results in alternating signs for successive values of m, hence this condition has also the same form as Eq.(2.12) except for the different values of m.

We now write down the matrix equations for the two methods discussed previously. The error function to minimize in the least squares method has the same form as in Eq.(2.13), except that the second integral (over the gap) runs from θ_0 to $\pi/2 - \theta_0$ and the index *m* runs over the values 2, 6, 10, Minimizing the error function yields the matrix equation $\mathbf{\bar{B}} \cdot \mathbf{X} = -\mathbf{b}$ where the off diagonal elements of the matrix $\mathbf{\bar{B}}$ are the same as for the matrix **B** for the odd mode in the dipole case, while the diagonal elements are

$$\bar{B}_{nn} = A_{n,n} + n^2 g_n(a,b)^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - A_{n,n}\right), \quad n = 2, 6, 10, \dots$$
(3.11)

The $\pi/2$ term in B_{nn} (see Eq.(2.18)) is replaced by $\pi/4$ in \overline{B}_{nn} and the indices have different values.

To apply the projection method, multiplying the first boundary condition by $\cos n\theta$ and integrating over a plate leads to exactly the same as Eq.(2.20) for the odd mode in the dipole kicker, except for the values of the index *m*. Multiplying the second boundary condition by $\cos n\theta$ and integrating over a gap, we have

$$ng_n X_n[\frac{\pi}{4} - A_{n,n}] - \sum_{m=2,6,\dots} mg_m(a,b) X_m A_{m,n} = 0$$
(3.12)

Hence the matrix equation is $\mathbf{\bar{C}} \cdot \mathbf{X} = -\mathbf{b}$ where $\mathbf{\bar{C}}$ is similarly related to the matrix \mathbf{C} for the dipole odd mode defined in Eq. (2.23) and (2.24) as the matrices $\mathbf{\bar{B}}$ and \mathbf{B} above.

3.2 Potential for the sum mode

In this mode, all plates are at the same voltage. Now, we have symmetry about the axes at $\pm 45^{\circ}$ in addition to the symmetries about the (x, y) axes. As with the quadrupole mode, the symmetries about the x, y axes lead to $d_m = 0$, m = even. The symmetries about the other axes along the $\pm 45^{\circ}$ angles imply m = 4, 8, ... Hence, the potential in the interior and exterior can be written as

$$\Phi_{in}(r,\theta) = V_b [X_0 + \sum_{m=4,8,\dots} X_m (\frac{r}{b})^m \cos m\theta], \qquad 0 \le r \le b$$
(3.13)
$$\Phi_{ex}(r,\theta) = V_b \left[X_0 \frac{\ln(r/a)}{\ln(b/a)} + \sum_{m=4,8,\dots} \frac{X_m}{[1-(\frac{a}{b})^{2m}]} [(\frac{r}{b})^m - (\frac{a^2}{br})^m] \cos m\theta \right], \quad b \le r \le a$$
(3.14)

These are of the same form as for the even mode in the dipole kicker, except for for the indices. Hence the boundary conditions are the same as in Eqs. (2.28) and (2.29) and the integral conditions are the same as in Eqs. (2.30) and (2.31) except for the replacement $\pi/2$ by $\pi/4$ in the latter equation and the index $m = 4, 8, \ldots$. Using the projection method, the matrix equation is $\mathbf{\bar{D}} \cdot \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{b}$ where $\mathbf{\bar{D}}$ is similarly related to the \mathbf{D} matrix defined in Eqs.(2.33) and (2.34) as $\mathbf{\bar{B}}$ is related to \mathbf{B} . When the coefficients $X_m, m \ge 4$ are found from this matrix equation, X_0 can be found subsequently by using either of the integral conditions.

3.3 Electric and Magnetic fields, Characteristic Impedance

We consider first the fields in the quadrupole mode. The electric fields in Cartesian coordinates are

$$E_{x} = -\frac{V_{p}}{b} \sum_{m=2,6,\dots} mX_{m} (\frac{r}{b})^{m-1} \cos(m-1)\theta = -\frac{V_{p}}{b} [2X_{2}\frac{x}{b} + 6X_{6}(\frac{r}{b})^{5} \cos 5\theta + \dots] \quad (3.15)$$

$$E_{y} = \frac{V_{p}}{b} \sum_{m=2,6,\dots} mX_{m} (\frac{r}{b})^{m-1} \sin(m-1)\theta = \frac{V_{p}}{b} [2X_{2}\frac{y}{b} + 2X_{6}(\frac{r}{b})^{5} \sin 5\theta + \dots] \quad (3.16)$$

Keeping only the first term gives us the quadrupole fields

$$E_{x,quad} = -2\frac{V_p X_2}{b^2} x, \quad E_{y,quad} = 2\frac{V_p X_2}{b^2} y$$
 (3.17)

Using the expressions for the forces derived above in Eq.(2.40), we have for the quadrupole kicks from a kicker of length L_k

$$\Delta x' = -2\frac{q(1+\beta)}{\beta^2 m_0 c^2 \gamma} \frac{V_p X_2 L_k}{b^2} x, \quad \Delta y' = 2\frac{q(1+\beta)}{\beta^2 m_0 c^2 \gamma} \frac{V_p X_2 L_k}{b^2} y$$
(3.18)

Hence the integrated quadrupole gradient or inverse focal length defined from $\Delta x' = -K_q x$ is

$$K_{q} \equiv \frac{1}{f_{q}} = -\frac{q(1+\beta)}{\beta^{2}\gamma m_{0}c^{2}} \frac{2V_{p}X_{2}L_{k}}{b^{2}} = \frac{q(1+\beta)}{\beta^{2}\gamma m_{0}c^{2}} \frac{\partial E_{x}}{\partial x}|_{x=0} L_{k}$$
(3.19)

We now estimate the quadrupole kick for the 2 MeV IOTA proton beam referred to in Section 2. We assume a plate voltage $V_p = 1$ kV, the kicker length to be $L_k = 0.2$ m, b/a = 0.8 and $\theta_0 = 30^\circ$. We use Eq.(A.6) in Appendix A and the correction of 17% at these values of b/a, θ_0 from Fig. 18 to estimate $X_2 = -1.23$. This yields $K_q = 0.26$ m⁻¹, or the dimensionless quadrupole strength $q = \beta_x K_q = 0.32$. According to the theory of nonlinear echoes [7], this value of the quadrupole kicker strength q will suffice for nonlinear effects of the quadrupoles on the echoes to be observable.

The characteristic impedance can be calculated similarly as for the dipole kicker. We have for the quadrupole mode,

$$Z_{c,quad} = \frac{Z_0}{4|\sum_{m=2,6,\dots} X_m g_m(a,b) \sin m\theta_0|} = \frac{Z_0}{4|\sum_{m=2,6,\dots} (-1)^{(m-2)/4} X_m g_m(a,b)|}$$
(3.20)

For the sum mode, the characteristic impedance is

$$Z_{c,sum} = 2\frac{Z_0}{\pi} \frac{\ln(a/b)}{|X_0|}$$
(3.21)

As discussed earlier, the geometric mean of the quadrupole mode impedance and the sum mode impedance is matched to that of the external load Z_L , or

$$Z_{c,geom} \equiv \frac{Z_0}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\ln(a/b) \frac{1}{|X_0|} \frac{1}{\sum_{m=2,6,\dots} (-1)^{(m-2)/4} X_m g_m(a,b)|} \right]^{1/2} = Z_L$$
(3.22)

This seems to be the adopted matching scheme in some quadrupole kicker designs [18, 19].

4 Numerical solutions and comparisons with FEMM

In this section we compare the fields found using the two methods described in Sections 2.1.1, 2.1.2 with those obtained from the 2D electrostatic (and magnetostatic) code FEMM [20] which uses the finite element method. The domain of interest is subdivided into triangular regions; the program uses quadratic Lagrangian interpolation over these regions and solves for the potential at the nodal locations.

The Fourier series converges poorly near the tips of the plates due to discontinuities in the derivative of the potential (Gibbs phenomena). A Gaussian filter is applied to improve convergence by smoothing them out. After filtering, the series $\sum_m X_m \cos m\theta$ becomes $\sum_m \exp[-m^2/(2\sigma^2)]X_m \cos m\theta$ where σ is the smoothing parameter (we used $\sigma = 100/(2\pi)$). For both methods, we found that after 100 terms in the matrix equations the solutions change by less than 1% with the addition of more terms. The convergence rate with both methods is about the same, the rate with the projection method is marginally faster. We used 200 terms in the results discussed here to ensure that the convergence errors are at less than the 1% level.



Figure 3: Top Left: The scaled potential Φ/V_p using the least square method as a function of the angle θ for different values of the radial distance *r* for plates with b = 20 mm, a = 25 mm, $\theta_0 = \pi/3$. Top Right: The absolute relative difference between the solutions found using the least squares method and the program FEMM. The difference is well below 5% everywhere except at the tips of the plates. Bottom Left and Right: Same as in the top row, except that the projection method is used. The two series expansions give nearly the same result.

4.1 Potential and fields in a dipole kicker

In this section we first compare the potential obtained with two series expansions to the FEMM results. Next we discuss some insights they provide on the influence of the geometrical parameters. Figure 3 compares the potential solutions obtained using the two series expansions with the FEMM results. The potential (scaled by V_p) is shown as a function of θ for three values of $r \le b$ with the kicker's geometric parameters fixed at a = 25 mm, b = 20 mm and $\theta_0 = \pi/3$. Both series solutions yield nearly identical results. At the plate radius r = b, both methods lead to the scaled potential equal to -1 and +1 on the right and the left plates respectively. The plots on the right in Fig.3 show the absolute difference with FEMM results: $\le 5\%$ everywhere except near the tips of the plates where it is ~20%. This is likely due to a combination of two factors: (1) the filtering applied to the analytic solutions increases the difference by ~ 5% at the tips and (2) the FEMM polynomial basis functions can not model the singular variation of the potential in the vicinity of a sharp edge without resorting to an extremely dense mesh. In the central region of the beampipe within the area occupied by the beam, the differences are negligible. We verified that the

above difference bounds are valid for values of θ_0 in the range $0.2\pi \le \theta_0 \le 0.45\pi$; this should cover most cases of practical interest.

It is instructive to consider the behavior of the coefficients X_m in the Fourier expansion of the potential. Fig. 4 shows the dependence of the two lowest order coefficients (in the odd mode) on the geometric parameters θ_0 and b/a. We observe that X_1 is always negative and its magnitude increases monotonically with θ_0 . When $X_1 = -1$, all the other coefficients sum to zero and the potential is nearly linear in the x coordinate, resulting in a uniform horizontal electric field. This is true for different values of b/a. These values will need to be checked against the requirement of matching the characteristic impedance, to be discussed later. The top right plot in Fig. 4 shows that X_1 is mostly constant for $b/a \le 0.6$ and then decreases in magnitude for b/a > 0.6 where the change decreases as θ_0 increases. For example, the decrease in X_1 is < 5% for b/a > 0.6. To a good approximation X_1 is independent of b/a for $\pi/3 \le \theta_0 < \pi/2$. The bottom plot shows that X_3 is an oscillatory function of θ_0 , crossing zero in the range $0.25\pi \le \theta_0 < 0.3\pi$ for the different b/a. The dependence on b/a is similar to that of X_1 . The behavior of higher order coefficients $X_m, m > 3$ is similar to that of X_3 , with their absolute values decreasing with order m. These lead to the expected conclusion that the potential interior to the plates is mostly independent of the beampipe radius for $b/a \le 0.6$, the presence of the beampipe perturbs this potential significantly only for small coverage angles and as the distance between the plates and the beampipe wall decreases. The left plot in Fig. 5 shows the horizontal electric field $E_x(0,0)$ at the origin as a function of θ_0 for different values of b/a. The important observation here is that while $E_x(0,0)$ initially increases with θ_0 , it eventually saturates around $\theta_0 \simeq 0.4\pi$, so further increase in the coverage angle does not increase the electric field by much. The right plot in Fig. 5 shows the horizontal electric field $E_x(x,0)$ along the horizontal axis out to the plates at $x = \pm 20$ mm with a = 25 mm. Of the three profiles for different θ_0 , the flattest profile is obtained for $\theta_0 = 0.25\pi$, which is expected from the above discussion on the variation of X_1 on θ_0 .

For the even mode where the lowest order coefficients are $X_0, X_2, ...$, we observe qualitatively the same behavior, shown in Fig. 6, as for $X_1, X_3, ...$ in the odd mode. The difference is that X_0 is always positive, increases monotonically with θ_0 and reaches a maximum value of +1 as $\theta_0 \rightarrow \pi/2$. The higher order coefficients are again oscillatory functions of θ_0 . In comparison to the odd mode case, the coefficients depend more strongly on b/a.

We saw previously that the characteristic impedance in either mode is determined entirely by $(b/a, \theta_0)$. Assuming that $Z_{c,even}$ is matched, we can determine the choice of parameters that result in the desired electric field. Fig. 7 shows the horizontal electric field at the origin as a function of b/a and θ_0 under the constraint that $Z_{c,even} = 50\Omega$. The values of $(b/a, \theta_0)$ that yield a desired field E_x are obtained by taking the intersections of the horizontal line at this E_x with the two curves and reading the corresponding values. As an example, the dashed lines show that for a desired $E_x = 60V_p/m$ of the field in the odd mode requires $b/a \simeq 0.73$, $\theta_0 \simeq 0.28\pi$ in a beampipe of radius 25 mm. For any other beampipe radius, say a_2 , the field needs to be scaled by the ratio $25/a_2$ [mm].



Figure 4: Odd mode: Variation of the two lowest order coefficients with half coverage angle θ_0 for different values of *b* (left) and with b/a (right) for different values of θ_0 . Top row: X_1 , Bottom row: X_3 .



Figure 5: Left: Horizontal electric field $E_x(0,0)$ at the center of the beam pipe as a function of θ_0 for different values of b/a. Right: Horizontal electric field $E_x(x,0)$ along the x axis between the plates at $x = \pm 20$ mm with a = 25 mm for different values of θ_0 .



Figure 6: Even mode: Variation of the two lowest order coefficients with half coverage angle θ_0 for different values of *b* (left) and with b/a (right) for different values of θ_0 . Top row: X_0 , Bottom row: X_2 .



Figure 7: The odd mode electrical field E_x at the center as a function of $(b/a, \theta_0)$. The axes are labeled as follows; bottom: b/a, top: θ_0 , vertical: E_x in units of V_p/m where V_p is the voltage on the plates. The beam pipe radius a = 25 mm. The even mode characteristic impedance $Z_c = 50\Omega$ is constant along each curve.

4.2 Potential and fields in a quadrupole kicker

We now compare the quadrupole kicker solutions obtained using the series expansions with FEMM. Once again the least squares method and the projection method give very close results; therefore, only the projection method's results will be discussed. Fig. 8 shows as an example, the potential in the quadrupole mode calculated using the projection method and its difference with the FEMM result. The differences reach 15 - 20% at the tips of the plates, depending on the half coverage angle θ_0 , but are less than 5% everywhere else. The dependence of the coefficients X_2, X_6, X_{10}, \dots on $\theta_0, b/a$ in this quadrupole mode case. Similarly the coefficients X_0, X_4, X_8, \dots in the sum mode have a similar dependence on the same parameters as do X_0, X_2, X_4, \dots in the dipole even mode case. Fig. 9 shows the gradient of the horizontal electric field scaled by the potential in the quadrupole mode. The left plot shows the gradient at the origin while the right plot shows the gradient along the horizontal axis. The gradient increases with θ_0 but the range over which the gradient stays constant around the origin decreases with increasing θ_0 .

Fig. 10 shows the horizontal gradient of the horizontal electric field at the origin in the quadrupole mode as functions of the parameters $(b/a, \theta_0)$ with the constraint that the geometric mean of the characteristic impedances $Z_{c,geom} = 50\Omega$. The dotted lines show that an electric field gradient of $6500 V_p/m^2$ requires b/a = 0.78, and $\theta_0 \simeq 0.2\pi$ in a beampipe of radius 25 mm. For any other beampipe radius, say a_2 , the field gradient needs to be scaled by the ratio $(25/a_2[\text{mm}])^2$.



Figure 8: Left: Potential (using the projection method) in the quadrupole mode as a function of θ for 3 values of *r*, the largest r = b with $\theta_0 = \pi/6$ and a = 25 mm, b = 20 mm. Note that for the quadrupole, $0 < \theta_0 < \pi/4$, Right: Difference between the projection method and FEMM values for the potential. The difference reaches 15% at the tips of the plates but is less than 5% everywhere else.



Figure 9: Scaled horizontal gradient of the electric field $\partial E_x/\partial x$ at the origin as a function of θ_0 (left) and along the x-axis between the plates at $x = \pm 25$ mm (right). Here b/a = 0.8



Figure 10: The horizontal gradient of the electrical field $\partial E_x/\partial x$ in the quadrupole mode at the center as a function of $(b/a, \theta_0)$. The horizontal axes are labeled as in Fig.7, the vertical axes shows the gradient in units of V_p/m^2 where V_p is the voltage on the plates. The beam pipe radius a = 25 mm. The geometric mean of the characteristic impedance $Z_{c,geom} = 50\Omega$ is constant along each curve.

4.3 Characteristic impedance

The characteristic impedance of a mode can be found from FEMM using the relationship between Z_c and the capacitance per unit length C', namely

$$Z_c = \frac{1}{cC'} \tag{4.1}$$

which was written down in Section 2.4. This assumes, as mentioned earlier in Section 2.4, that the characteristic impedance is independent of frequency and is valid at low frequencies. FEMM is used to calculate the characteristic impedance of a single mode at a time for which this relation is easily derived. in a TEM mode, the electric (E_E) and magnetic (E_B) field energies per unit length are equal. This follows by integrating the volume energy densities ($\mathcal{E}_E, \mathcal{E}_B$) over the entire cross-sectional area:

$$E_E = \int dA \, \mathscr{E}_E = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 \int dA \, E^2, \quad E_B = \int dA \, \mathscr{E}_B = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int dA \, B^2 = \frac{1}{2\mu_0 c^2} \int dA \, E^2 = E_E$$
(4.2)

and where we used c|B| = |E| in a TEM mode. Using $E_E = (1/2)C'V^2$, $E_B = (1/2)L'I^2$ (L' is the mode inductance per unit length) and $E_E = E_B$, we have $Z_c = V/I = \sqrt{L'/C'}$. Using the relation for the phase velocity $c = 1/\sqrt{L'C'}$, Eq.(4.1) follows. FEMM calculates the stored energy E_E ; the capacitance and the characteristic impedance are found using the above relations. Fig. 11 shows the characteristic impedance in the odd and even modes of a dipole kicker as a function of the half coverage angle θ_0 for different values of b/a. For



Figure 11: Dipole kicker: Dependence of Z_c in the even mode on θ_0 calculated using FEMM, the analytic expression in Eq.(2.55) and also the approximate form in Eq.(4.3) for different values of b/a



Figure 12: The angle θ_0 vs b/a at constant characteristic impedance Z_c in the two modes of the dipole kicker. The black curve has $Z_c = 50\Omega$ in the odd mode while the green curve has $Z_c = 50\Omega$ in the even mode.

each value of b/a, two (odd mode) or three (even) curves are shown. One curve represents the theoretical result in Eq.(2.55), another the result from FEMM and the third curve in the even mode is the result from the approximation

$$Z_c^{approx} = \frac{Z_0}{2\theta_0} \ln(a/b) \tag{4.3}$$

We observe that the theoretical and FEMM results are in close agreement for both modes except at very small $\theta_0 \rightarrow 0$, a region not of practical interest. We also observe that the approximate expression for the even mode agrees with the exact results in a small range close to $\theta_0 = \pi/2$, this range increases with increasing b/a. Fig. 12 shows the allowed values of θ_0 as a function of b/a under the constraints of keeping the characteristic impedance in the odd or the even mode constant at 50 Ω . This plot also shows that for b/a < 0.8, the allowed values of θ_0 are larger in the even mode at a fixed b/a. This in turn implies that at fixed $(b/a, \theta_0)$ the characteristic impedance is always greater in the even mode while for 0.8 < b/a < 1, the two mode impedances are nearly the same. Choosing b/a in this range and the corresponding θ_0 will allow us to very nearly match both modes to the external impedance. This requires that $\theta_0 < 0.15\pi$ which as can be seen in Fig. 7, lowers the electric field for a given plate voltage. Hence, the same electric field in a dipole kicker with both modes nearly matched requires a higher voltage compared to that in a kicker with only one of the modes matched to the external lines.

Next we discuss the calculation of the quadrupole kicker's characteristic impedances of the two relevant modes. Fig. 13 shows $Z_{c,quad}$ (left plot) and $Z_{c,sum}$ (right plot) using both the projection method and FEMM. As with the dipole kicker, the agreement between the two results is very good except for small values of $\theta_0 < 0.05\pi$. As expected, they always obey $Z_{c,quad} \leq Z_{c,sum}$ with equality at $\theta_0 \rightarrow 0$. As functions of b/a, we find that $Z_{c,quad}$ varies slowly with b/a while $Z_{c,sum}$ decreases more rapidly as b/a increases and $Z_{c,quad} = Z_{c,sum} \rightarrow 0$ as $b/a \rightarrow 1$. Fig. 14 shows the allowed values of θ_0 as a function of b/a when the characteristic impedance of either the quadrupole or sum mode or their geometric mean is kept constant. If the geometric mean is matched to the external load, the black curve in the middle shows the minimum value of $(b/a)_{min} \sim 0.73$. This is slightly larger than the minimum b/a for dipoles. We also observe that for $b/a \gtrsim 0.85$, all three impedances nearly merge so in this range, both modes will be nearly matched assuming the plates have zero thickness.

We note here that python codes which solve for the potentials and characteristic impedances for the dipole and quadrupole modes with applied external potentials are available here [21].

5 Characteristic impedance with finite plate thickness

In the analytical treatment we made the assumption that the plates have zero thickness but for a practical device this assumption has to be dropped. In this section we discuss how to extend the above results to plates with finite thickness. Since most of the charge



Figure 13: Quadrupole mode (left) and sum mode (right) characteristic impedance as a function of θ_0 calculated with the projection method and FEMM for different values of b/a.



Figure 14: θ_0 as a function of b/a when the characteristic impedances in the quadrupole mode (red), sum mode (green) and their geometric mean (black) are each set to constant value of 50 Ω .

on the plates will move to the edges, we do not expect the thickness to strongly affect the capacitance and therefore the characteristic impedance. However fringe field effects around the plates do have some impact on the field configuration close to the plates. In addition, the curvature of the tips determines the maximum field near the plates. These effects are stronger as the plates get closer to the beampipe (i.e. larger b/a) and also when the number of plates increase causing the fringe fields to overlap. Here we will ignore the effects due to the frequency dependence of the plates' inductance (primarily due to the skin effect) so that the characteristic impedance is independent of frequency. This approximation is mostly valid at low frequencies (up to a few kHz) while at high frequencies (above several hundred kHz) this impedance can be reduced by about 10-15% [22]. These effects are typically smaller than the geometric effects discussed below, especially for plate thicknesses above ~ 3 mm.

We consider first the dipole kicker's even mode characteristic impedance. We can argue that the finite thickness reduces the effective radius of the beampipe from a to a value $a-t/k_f$ where t is the thickness and k_f is a fit factor to be determined. By this argument, the characteristic impedance for the even mode with finite thickness can be obtained from that with zero thickness given by Eq.(2.55) using

$$Z_{c,sc}^{even}(t) = Z_{c,even}(t=0) \frac{\ln[(a-t/k_f)/b]}{\ln(a/b)}$$
(5.1)

For each value of b/a, there is a single value of θ_0 for which the characteristic impedance matches the external load impedance Z_L , e.g. see Fig.12 for the zero thickness results. Therefore we find the fit parameter k_f for each b/a by minimizing the difference between $Z_{c,sc}^{even}(t)$ and Z_L at the value of θ_0 for which $Z_{c,FEMM}^{even}(t) = Z_L$. The fit parameter was determined for several values of $b/a \ge 0.7$, since the minimum value of b/a = 0.67 from Fig. 12. This was done for thicknesses in the range $1 \le t \le 6$ mm. Fig. 15 shows the scaled even mode impedance compared with the FEMM values for thickness t = 3,6 mm and b/a = 0.7,0.8 using two values of the fit parameter: 1) $k_f = k_{min}$, the exact fit parameter from the minimization and 2) $k_f = 5.5$. We set $Z_L = 50\Omega$. While the exact fit parameter varies over the range $4.4 < k_{min} < 6.7$, we find that using the approximate value k = 5.5results in a reasonably good fit (difference $|Z_{c,FEMM} - Z_{c,sc}(t, k_f = 5.5)| < 1.3\Omega)$ over the range of values $0.7 \le b/a \le 0.9$ and $1 \le t \le 6$ mm. As seen in Fig. 15, the FEMM curve and the scaled curves are close for $\theta_0 > 0.1\pi$ rad, but start to diverge for smaller coverage angles.

We apply the same scaling law with thickness as in Eq.(5.1) for the geometric mean $Z_{c,geom}$ of the two modes of interest in the quadrupoles. Strictly speaking, this scaling should be directly applicable only to the sum mode impedance. Here however, we test the scaling on the impedance $Z_{c,geom}$ that is matched to the external impedance. We found in Section 4 that the allowed range of b/a for zero thickness plates in the quadrupoles at constant $Z_{c,geom} = 50\Omega$ is $0.8 \le b/a < 1$, this range is narrower than in the dipole case. Here we find that over the range $1 \le t \le 6$ mm with b/a = 0.8, the best fit parameter $k_{f,min}$ varies from 3.6 to 3.8 while with b/a = 0.9, $k_{f,min}$ has a different range 4.9 to 5.3. Fig. 16 shows the scaled geometric mean characteristic impedance compared with the FEMM values for b/a = 0.8, 0.9 and t = 3, 6 mm. We observe that for b/a = 0.8, the scaling law applies



Figure 15: Dipoles: Scaled impedance with thickness for two value of the fit parameter k_f in Eq.5.1 compared with the value using FEMM as a function of θ_0 . Top row with t = 3 mm; left plot b/a = 0.7, right plot b/a = 0.8. Bottom row with t = 6 mm: left plot, b/a = 0.7, right plot b/a = 0.8.



Figure 16: Quadrupoles: Scaled impedance as a function of θ_0 with for different thickness plates. Top row with t = 3 mm; left plot b/a = 0.8, right plot b/a = 0.9. Bottom row with t = 6 mm: left plot, b/a = 0.8, right plot b/a = 0.9.

reasonably well for $\theta_0 \ge 0.1\pi$ rad. However for b/a = 0.9, the scaling starts to break down especially for the thicker plate. The fact that there is no single value of the fit parameter k_f that can be used for different b/a makes this scaling law for the quadrupoles less useful than for the dipoles. Nevertheless for practical purposes, the scaling could be used to determine the θ_0 value for which $Z_{geom} = 50\Omega$ even at the extreme values b/a = 0.9, t = 6mm. This has been confirmed with direct calculations using FEMM. We have verified that similar scaling behavior is observed with the sum mode impedance Z_{sum} except that the fit parameter k_f are different.

6 Conclusions

In this paper we discussed two semi-analytical methods that solve for the potentials, fields and characteristic impedances Z_c of the relevant modes in dipole and quadrupole stripline kickers. We assumed that the plates have infinitesimal thickness and the plates and beampipe have circular symmetry. The relevant parameters are $(b/a, \theta_0)$ where a, b are the beampipe and plate radius respectively and $2\theta_0$ is the angle spanned by each plate. Reflection symmetries or anti-symmetries as appropriate for the mode, are used and all solutions are expressed in terms of a series of Fourier harmonics, the harmonics depend on the mode and the type of kicker. Two methods are used to find the series coefficients: a least squares

method that minimizes the global error on the boundaries and a projection method where the potential is projected onto a set of basis functions. In both cases, one obtains infinite dimensional linear systems (different for each method) which are then truncated and solved numerically. In both cases the series was found to converge to $\sim 1\%$ using the first 100 terms. Approximate analytic expressions were derived for the two lowest order coefficients (in Appendix A) for both kickers. Using the second order solutions, we find that the error with the numerical solution is of the order of or less than 10% over the range $0.2\pi \le \theta_0 < 0.5\pi$ (dipole) and $0.12\pi \le \theta_0 < 0.25\pi$ (quadrupole). So these expressions could be used for approximate estimates of the required parameters. Comparisons of the numerical solutions with a finite element code (FEMM) showed good agreement for both types of kickers. The deviation between the results from the series expansions and FEMM is < 5% everywhere except at the tips of the plates where it can be of the order of 15-20%, depending on the parameters and is generally higher in the quadrupole. This is likely due to a combination of the filtering used to damp the Gibbs phenomena in the analytic solutions and inadequate mesh density in FEMM near the tips of the plates. Characteristic impedances for the two modes of interest in each kicker (the odd and even modes in the dipole and the quadrupole and sum modes in the quadrupole) were calculated and found also to be in good agreement with those obtained with FEMM. Matching either the odd or even modes in the dipole to an external impedance (50 Ω) constrains the allowed values of $(b/a, \theta_0)$. Fig. 12 shows that this matching requires b/a > 0.67 and the allowed values of θ_0 in this range. A similar plot for quadrupoles is seen in Fig. 14 which shows θ_0 as a function of b/a when either the quadrupole mode, sum mode or the geometric mean of the two modes is matched. In this case, matching the geometric mean requires b/a > 0.73. This lower bound for the quadrupole is more sensitive to the plate thickness (decreases with increasing thickness) than it is for the dipole kicker. Figures 7 and 10 show the field and field gradient in a dipole and quadrupole kicker respectively as functions of b/a and θ_0 under matched conditions. These can be used to determine the field and gradient for any set of parameters by scaling the beampipe radius appropriately. To account for the dependence on plate thickness, we tested a heuristic scaling law to obtain the Z_c at a finite thickness from the value at zero thickness. In the case of the dipole kicker, this scaling law with a single value of a fit parameter results in a useful approximation (to within 1 Ω) to the even mode Z_c over a range of thicknesses and b/a values. For the quadrupole, the scaling law does not work with a single value of the fit parameter, but nonetheless can be used to find the correct value of θ_0 , given b/a, thickness and the external impedance.

In Appendix B we derived the relations between the mode characteristic impedance, the elements of the Maxwell capacitance matrix and the mutual capacitances for the dipole and quadrupole modes. In Appendix C, we showed how to choose the impedance values of a load termination network to match all modes for any configuration of electrodes.

As mentioned in the introduction, this study was motivated by the need of these kickers for beam echo generation. In this context, kickers are powered for the duration of a single turn; so field (or gradient) uniformity is not a primary concern. For other applications where this is an issue, uniformity can be improved by shaping the electrodes [8, 23]. Simulations with FEMM [24] show that for the same applied voltage, straight parallel plates (with comparable dimensions) yield comparable field strengths but with better field (or gradient) uniformity. The solutions presented here can be used to guide the initial design of either dipole or quadrupole stripline kickers before resorting to complex software packages for a detailed design to address other important issues such as minimizing the beam impedances.

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Appendices

A Appendix: Approximate analytic expressions for the two lowest order coefficients

We saw in Section 4 that about 100 terms were needed in the matrix equations to have successive solutions to converge to within 1%. In many cases approximate solutions can be useful to obtain rough estimates. In this appendix we will write analytic expressions for the lowest order coefficients, X_1 for the dipole and X_2 for the quadrupole, using only one or two terms in the matrix equations. We will also show the errors with using these expressions compared to the exact values. For both kicker types, we chose to use the matrix equations from the projection method here. To simplify the notation, we introduce the variable $r_b = b/a \le 1$.

Consider first the odd mode in the dipole kicker with a potential applied to the plates. The matrix equation is given by Eq. (2.22) where the matrix elements are in Eqs. (2.23)-(2.24). Keeping only the 1st term, we have the approximate solution for X_1 as

$$X_1^{(1)} = \frac{4(1 - r_b^2)\sin\theta_0}{\pi - (2 - r_b^2)(2\theta_0 + \sin 2\theta_0)}$$
(A.1)

Here and in the following the superscript on the X_n denotes the matrix dimension, We note that in the limit $\theta_0 \rightarrow \pi/2$ (full coverage), $X_1^{(1)} = -4/\pi$ which is the first coefficient in the Fourier series expansion of a square wave - the voltage profile at the plates. Next we solve

the 2x2 matrix and obtain for the dipole and sextupole coefficients $X_1^{(2)}, X_3^{(2)}$

$$\begin{split} X_{1}^{(2)} &= -\sin\theta_{0} \\ \overline{6(1 - r_{b}^{6})\Delta_{dip}^{(2)}} \left\{ 18\pi + (2 + r_{b}^{6})(-12\theta_{0} + 3(\sin[2\theta_{0}] + \sin[4\theta_{0}]) - \sin[6\theta_{0}]) \right\} (A.2) \\ X_{3}^{(2)} &= \frac{-\sin\theta_{0}}{6(1 - r_{b}^{2})\Delta_{dip}^{(2)}} \left\{ 2(\pi - 2r_{b}^{2}\theta_{0})(1 + 2\cos[2\theta_{0}]) + r_{b}^{2}(4\sin[2\theta_{0}] + \sin[4\theta_{0}]) \right\} (A.3) \\ \Delta_{dip}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{48(1 - r_{b}^{2})^{2}(1 + r_{b}^{2} + r_{b}^{4})} \left\{ 36\pi(-\pi + r_{b}^{2}(2\theta_{0} + \sin[2\theta_{0}])) + (2 + r_{b}^{6})\left(\frac{15}{2}r_{b}^{2} + 24\pi\theta_{0} - 48r_{b}^{2}\theta_{0}^{2} + 6r_{b}^{2}(\cos[2\theta_{0}] - \cos[6\theta_{0}]) + (8r_{b}^{2}\cos[4\theta_{0}] + \frac{1}{2}r_{b}^{2}\cos[8\theta_{0}] - 24r_{b}^{2}\theta_{0}\sin[2\theta_{0}] + (4\pi - 8r_{b}^{2}\theta_{0})\sin[6\theta_{0}] \right) \right\} (A.4) \end{split}$$

The left plot in Fig. 17 shows the values of X_1 calculated to 1st and 2nd order as well as the exact numerical value as a function of θ_0 with b/a = 0.8. The right plot in this figure shows the relative error between the analytical approximations and the exact value. It is a general feature that the lower order approximations underestimate the true value in magnitude. At very small angles, the low order harmonics are not good approximations which is to be expected. In the limit that $\theta_0 \rightarrow 0$, we have delta function sources which require an infinite number of harmonics. The low order approximations improve at larger angles and we find that with the first order solution $X_1^{(1)}$, the error is $\sim 20\%$ at $\theta_0 = 0.3\pi$ and falls to $\sim 10\%$ at $\theta_0 = 0.35\pi$. The error drops more rapidly with the solution $X_1^{(2)}$ and the error is $\leq 10\%$ in the range $\pi/4 \leq \theta_0 < \pi/2$. This indicates that the second order expression $X_1^{(2)}$ can provide a useful estimate of the dipole field. We note that the error with the 4x4 matrix extends the range over which the error is < 10% to $0.22\pi \leq \theta_0 < \pi/2$ which should cover most cases of practical interest.

We continue with the quadrupole mode in the quadrupole kicker. Here the relevant matrix is \overline{C} defined after Eq.(3.12) in Section 3. Keeping only the 1st term, we obtain

$$X_2^{(1)} = \frac{4(1 - r_b^4)\sin[2\theta_0]}{2\pi - (1 + r_b^4)(4\theta_0 + \sin[4\theta_0])}$$
(A.5)



Figure 17: Left: The analytical approximations to first and second order $X_1^{(1)}, X_1^{(2)}$ and the exact numerical value X_1^{num} as functions of θ_0 for the dipole odd mode. Right: The relative error in $X_1^{(1)}, X_1^{(2)}$ compared to the exact value as functions of of θ_0 . The dashed green and black lines are shown at the 10% and 20% error levels respectively. In both plots b/a = 0.8.

With two terms, the solutions for the quadrupole and twelve pole coefficients are

$$X_{2}^{(2)} = \frac{-\sin[2\theta_{0}]}{24(1-r_{b}^{12})\Delta_{quad}^{(2)}} \left\{ 36\pi + (5+r_{b}^{12})\left(-24\theta_{0} + 3\sin[4\theta_{0}] + 3\sin[8\theta_{0}] - \sin[12\theta_{0}]\right) \right\}$$
(A.6)

$$X_{6}^{(2)} = \frac{-\sin[2\theta_{0}]}{24(1-r_{b}^{4})\Delta_{quad}^{(2)}} \left\{ \left(4\pi(1+2\cos[4\theta_{0}]) + (1+r_{b}^{4})\left(-8\theta_{0}-16\theta_{0}\cos[4\theta_{0}]+4\sin[4\theta_{0}]+\sin[8\theta_{0}]\right)\right\} \right\}$$
(A.7)

$$\Delta_{quad}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{192(1-r_b^4)^2(1+r_b^4+r_b^8)} \left\{ 144\pi^2 - 96\pi\theta_0(8+3r_b^4+r_b^{12}) - 72\pi(1+r_b^4)\sin[4\theta_0] - 8\pi(5+r_b^{12})\sin[12\theta_0] + (5+5r_b^4+r_b^{12}+r_b^{16})\left(-15/2+192\theta_0^2+48\theta_0\sin[4\theta_0]+16\theta_0\sin[12\theta_0]\right) - 6\cos[4\theta_0] + 8\cos[8\theta_0] + 6\cos[12\theta_0] - \frac{1}{2}\cos[16\theta_0] \right) \right\}$$
(A.8)

The left plot in Fig. 18 shows the values of X_2 calculated to 1st, and 2nd order as well as the exact numerical value as a function of θ_0 with b/a = 0.8. The right plot shows the relative error between the analytical approximations and the exact value. The general features are the same as for the dipole case. For example, the error with the 2nd order estimate is $\leq 10\%$ for $0.16\pi \leq \theta_0 < 0.25\pi$, We also find that for $\theta_0 \geq 0.18\pi$, the 1st order estimate is slightly better. The error with the 4th order estimate $X_2^{(4)}$ is < 10% for $\pi/8 \leq \theta_0 < \pi/4$.

B Appendix: Modal capacitances

In this appendix, we derive the relations for the modal capacitances which are used in the expressions for the characteristic impedances of the dipole and quadrupole kickers.



Figure 18: Left: Analytical approximations to (1st, 2nd) order $X_2^{(1)}, X_2^{(2)}$ (blue, red) of the quadrupole coefficient and the exact numerical value X_2^{num} (black) as functions of θ_0 . Right: The relative error in $X_2^{(1)}, X_2^{(2)}$ (blue, red) compared to the exact value as functions of of θ_0 . The dashed green and black lines are shown at the 10% and 20% error levels respectively. In both plots b/a = 0.8.

For notational convenience we drop the prime on the capacitances in this appendix, but it should be implicitly understood that all capacitances and inductances here are expressed per unit length.

We consider an arrangement of *n* electrodes inside a closed conducting shield held at fixed potential V = 0. The charges Q_i and the potentials V_i (expressed in reference to the outer shield potential). are linearly related to each other

$$V_i = \sum p_{ij} Q_j \tag{B.1}$$

The p_{ij} are known in the literature as the Maxwell coefficients of potential. This relation can be inverted to yield

$$Q_i = \sum c_{ij} V_j \tag{B.2}$$

The coefficients c_{ij} are known as the Maxwell coefficients of capacitance and the matrix C_M is known as the Maxwell capacitance matrix [25]. By reciprocity, C_M must be symmetric and therefore has *n* real eigenvalues and *n* linearly independent eigenvectors. Since the electrostatic energy is a positive definite quadratic form of the V_i , none of the eigenvalues is 0 and a transformation to a frame defined by eigenvectors is always possible. Let **U** be an orthonormal matrix whose columns form a complete set of eigenvectors of C_M . One has

$$\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{C}_M \mathbf{U}] \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{V}$$

where we used the fact that $UU^T = I$. It is easily verified that $U^T C_M U$ is a diagonal matrix; its elements, the modal capacitances (the eigenvalues) are the roots λ of the characteristic polynomial det $[C_M - \lambda I] = 0$. For an azimuthally symmetric arrangement of *n* identical conductors inside a circular conducting shield, C_M has a special structure. In what follows, we will mostly restrict ourselves to the cases n = 2 (dipole) and n = 4 (quadrupole). By symmetry, the charge induced on conductor *i* by a voltage applied on conductor *j* depends only on the (minimum) azimuthal distance between electrodes *i* and *j*. Therefore, one has

$$c_{ij} = c_{1,|i-j|} \begin{cases} |i-j| \mod n/2 & n \text{ even} \\ |i-j| \mod (n-1)/2 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$
(B.3)

i.e. C_M either has n/2 + 1 independent elements for *n* even or (n-1)/2 for *n* odd. Furthermore, C_M is a circulant matrix: its columns (rows) are successive cyclic permutations of the first one. For such matrices, general closed form expressions can be obtained for both eigenvectors and eigenvalues; see e.g. [26].

For the case n = 2 there are n/2 + 1 = 2 independent elements labeled (c_{11}, c_{12}) and for n = 4, there are 3 independent elements labeled (c_{11}, c_{12}, c_{13}) . The Maxwell capacitance matrix in these two cases are

$$\mathbf{C}_{M} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} c_{12} \\ c_{12} c_{11} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{M}} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} c_{12} c_{13} c_{12} \\ c_{12} c_{11} c_{12} c_{13} \\ c_{13} c_{12} c_{11} c_{12} \\ c_{12} c_{13} c_{12} c_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$
(B.4)

Note that the diagonal elements are always positive $(c_{ii} > 0)$ while the off-diagonal elements are always negative i.e. $c_{ij} < 0$, $i \neq j$ since setting any electrode *i* to a voltage $V_i = 1$ and the others to $V_j = 0$, $i \neq j$ induces a positive charge on electrode *i* and negative charges on all the others. For n = 2, the eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, -1), \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1)$$
 (B.5)

One may verify by taking the product of the 2×2 matrix in Eq. (B.4) with each of these vectors that the corresponding eigenvalues or modal capacitances are

$$c_1 = c_{11} + c_{12}, \quad c_2 = c_{11} - c_{12}$$
 (B.6)

For n = 4, the eigenvectors are

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1,0,-1,0), \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0,1,0-1)$$
 (B.7)

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{1}{2}(1, -1, 1-1), \quad \mathbf{u}_4 = \frac{1}{2}(1, 1, 1, 1)$$
 (B.8)

and using the 4×4 matrix in Eq. (B.4), one easily verifies that the corresponding eigenvalues are

$$c_1 = c_{11} - c_{13}, \quad c_2 = c_{11} - c_{13}$$
 (B.9)

$$c_3 = c_{11} - 2c_{12} + c_{13}, \quad c_4 = c_{11} + 2c_{12} + c_{13}$$
 (B.10)

Using the relation for the characteristic impedance in a mode k in terms of the modal capacitance c_k , i.e. $Z_{c,k} = 1/(cc_k)$, Eqs. (2.45)- (2.46) for the dipole and Eqs. (3.1) - (3.3) for the quadrupole follow.

Mutual Capacitance

Even though the elements of the Maxwell capacitance matrix have the units of capacitance, they differ from the capacitances commonly used in circuit models, which are properly referred to as mutual capacitances. While the Maxwell capacitance coefficients yield the charge induced on individual conductors, the mutual capacitances describe the buildup of equal and opposite charge between pairs of conductors. The Maxwell capacitance matrix elements and the mutual capacitances can be connected to each other by observing that the charge on a conductor *i* may be expressed in two equivalent forms as

$$Q_i = \sum c_{ij}V_j$$
, or $Q_i = C_{ii}V_i + \sum_{i \neq j}C_{ij}(V_i - V_j) = (\sum_j C_{ij})V_i - \sum_{i \neq j}C_{ij}V_j$ (B.11)

where $C_{ij} > 0$ is a conventional mutual (circuit) capacitance. By identification,

$$C_{ii} = \sum_{j} c_{ij}, \quad C_{ij} = -c_{ij}, \ i \neq j$$
 (B.12)

$$c_{ii} = \sum_{j}^{5} C_{ij}, \quad c_{ij} = -C_{ij}, \ i \neq j$$
 (B.13)

where the second line follows from symmetry. Expressed in terms of mutual capacitances, the modal capacitances for n = 2 are

$$c_1 \equiv C_1 = C_{11}, \quad c_2 \equiv C_2 = C_{11} + 2C_{12}$$
 (B.14)

Similarly, for n = 4

$$c_1 \equiv C_1 = C_{11} + 2C_{12} + 2C_{13} \tag{B.15}$$

$$c_2 \equiv C_2 = C_{11} + 2C_{12} + 2C_{13} \tag{B.16}$$

$$c_3 \equiv C_3 = C_{11} + 4C_{12} \tag{B.17}$$

$$c_4 \equiv C_4 = C_{11} \tag{B.18}$$

C Appendix: Characteristic Impedance Matching

The modal characteristic impedances of an *n*-electrode arrangement are in general not equal. Nevertheless, it is possible to devise a load termination network that results in a match for all modes. Expressed in matrix form, the relation between the electrode termination voltages and currents is

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{V} \tag{C.1}$$

where **Y** is the nodal admittance matrix (sometimes referred to as the Laplacian matrix). It is natural to demand that the matching network have the same symmetry as the as the electrodes arrangement. In that case, just as the capacitance matrix is circulant and symmetric, so must be **Y**. Using y_{ij} to denote an entry of **Y**, for n = 2 there are two independent elements (y_{11} and y_{12}); for n = 4 there are three (y_{11} , y_{12} and y_{13}).

In direct analogy with Appendix B, the y_{ij} can be expressed in terms of conventional circuit admittances Y_{ij} which are defined for voltage differences $(V_i - V_j)$.

$$Y_{ii} = \sum_{j} y_{ij}, \quad Y_{ij} = -y_{ij}, \ i \neq j \tag{C.2}$$

or, in a completely symmetric manner

$$y_{ii} = \sum_{j} Y_{ij}, \quad y_{ij} = -Y_{ij}, \ i \neq j$$
 (C.3)

In the above equations, Y_{ii} i = 1, ..., n represents the admittance of a load connected from electrode *i* to the ground (shield), and Y_{ij} $i \neq j$ a load connected from electrode *i* to electrode *j*. If the loads are purely resistive $Y_{ij} = 1/R_{ij}$, where R_{ij} is the corresponding resistance. A mode is matched when its characteristic impedance is equal to the inverse circuit admittance of the loading network driven by that mode. By inspection we observe that **Y** has the same eigenvectors as **C**. After diagonalization one can express the matching conditions for n = 2

$$Z_{c,even} \equiv Z_{c,1} = 1/Y_{11} = R_{11} \tag{C.4}$$

$$Z_{c,odd} \equiv Z_{c,2} = 1/(Y_{11} + 2Y_{12}) = \left\lfloor \frac{R_{11}R_{12}}{R_{12} + 2R_{11}} \right\rfloor$$
(C.5)

Similarly, for n = 4, the matching conditions are

$$Z_{c,dip} \equiv Z_{c,1} = Z_{c,2} = 1/(Y_{11} + 2Y_{12} + 2Y_{13}) = \left[\frac{R_{11}R_{12}R_{13}}{R_{12}R_{13} + 2R_{11}R_{13} + 2R_{11}R_{12}}\right] (C.6)$$

$$Z_{c,quad} \equiv Z_{c,3} = 1/(Y_{11} + 4Y_{12}) = \left\lfloor \frac{R_{11}R_{12}}{R_{11} + 2R_{12}} \right\rfloor$$
(C.7)

$$Z_{c,sum} \equiv Z_{c,4} = 1/Y_{11} = R_{11} \tag{C.8}$$

The conventional termination scheme consists in terminating each line by an impedance Z_L between electrode and ground. With either $Z_{c,even}$ or $Z_{c,sum}$ set equal to $Z_L = R_{11}$ the even or sum mode is matched; the remaining equation(s) can be solved for the loads needed to match other modes. The result for n = 2 is identical to that presented in section VI E of reference [9]. The generalization to arbitrary *n* is straightforward.

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