

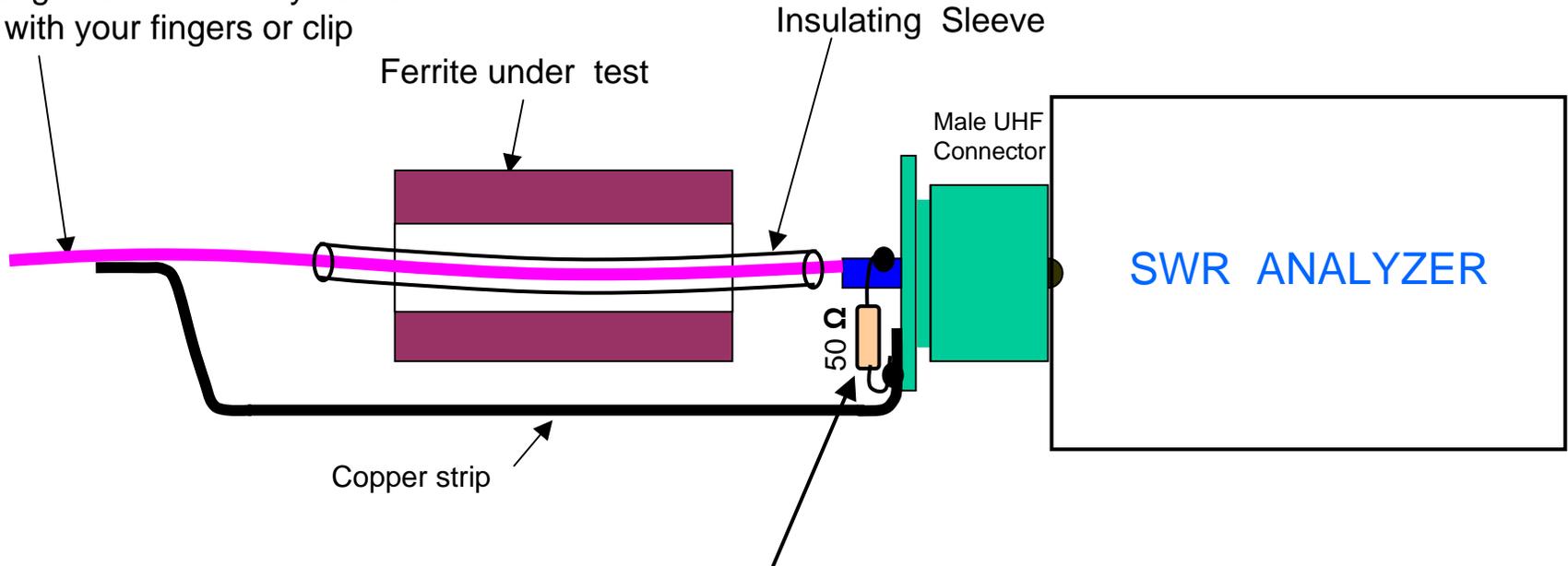
# CHECK YOUR FERRITES WITH YOUR SWR ANALYZER

## FROM SWR MEASUREMENTS

Coax cable shield.

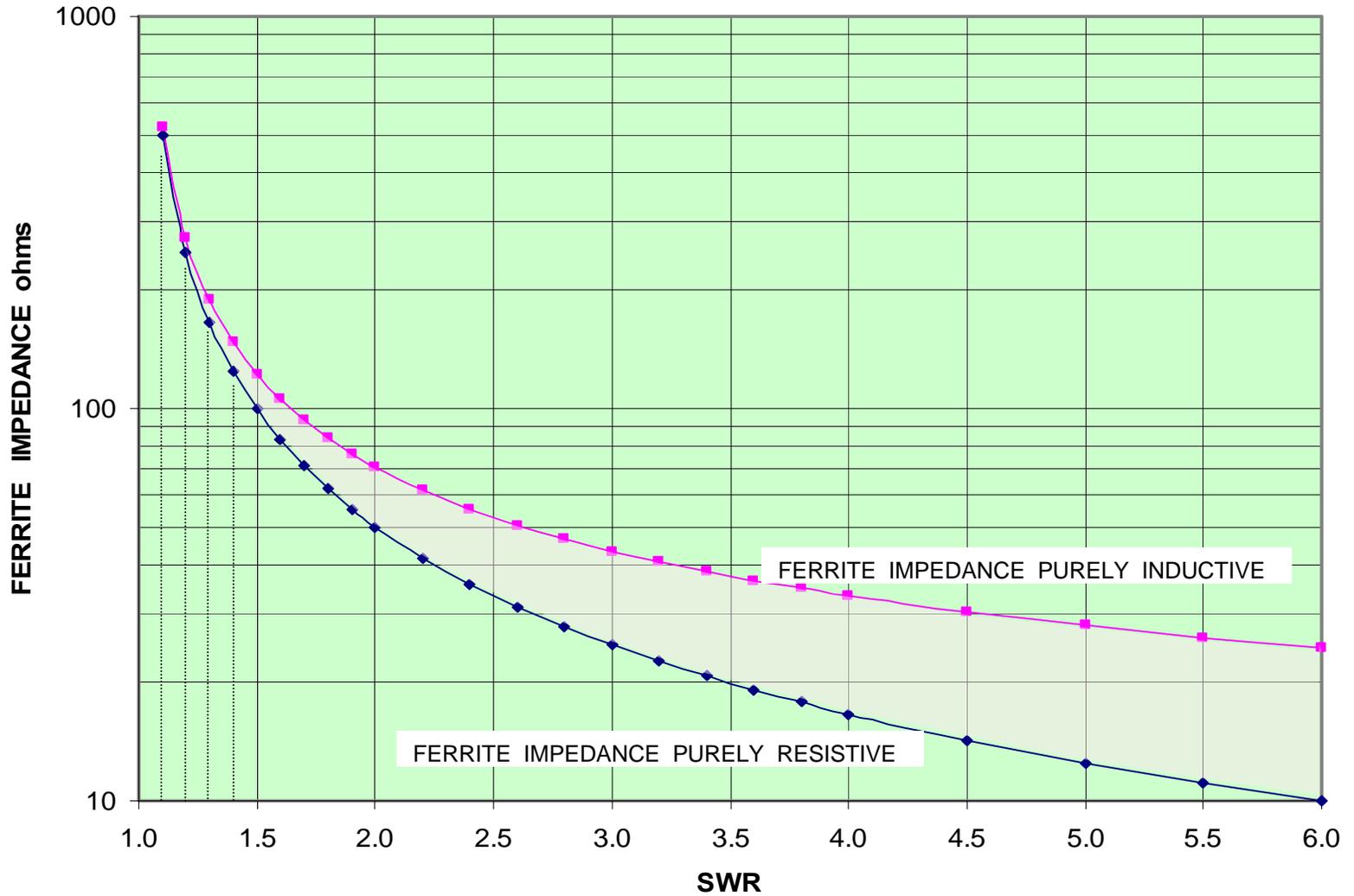
Set length to allow many turns.

Hold with your fingers or clip



The ferrite is in parallel with the 50 ohms (1%) termination

# FERRITE IMPEDANCE VS MEASURED SWR



## NOTES

The center (red) wire is a coax shield to simulate the way the ferrite is normally used over a coax shield. I used the shield from some sort of RG-8 and stretched it, after removing the insulation and center conductor. However this is not critical. Using a thinner conductor will increase the inductance slightly.

Note that the lower conductor is a 1 inch wide copper strip, that minimizes inductance.

A normal SWR meter will be OK, as long as the power is below 1 watt or so, and the 50 ohm resistor can absorb the power. SWR analyzers are low power devices and only use a few milliwatts.

There is no way to tell if the impedance is resistive or reactive, with this simple set-up.

So you may take the worst case value (lowest impedance).

For ferrites that are meant to be used at HF, the impedance tends to be partly inductive (reactive) and resistive at the lower frequencies, below say 10 MHz.

At the higher frequencies, generally above 10 MHz or so, it is mostly reactive.

For suppressing coaxial currents, in general, one doesn't care if the impedance is resistive or reactive.

However a ferrite with resistive impedance will allow ferrite heating if the outer coaxial current squared X the ferrite resistance (= power) is above a few watts. This will happen if the ferrite RF resistance is too low, since it allows higher currents. (The power is proportional to the current squared). Remember that there is no power dissipated in the reactive part of the impedance. In general, using 500 ohms of RF resistance on the outer shield will not cause overheating of the ferrites at the 100 W level, when driving a dipole. It's a good idea to check.