Workshop on efficient RF sources

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High Efficiency klystrons technologies. I. Syratchev, CERN



Environmental and societal impact

A. The energy efficiency of present and future accelerators, and of computing facilities, is and should remain an area requiring constant attention. Travel also represents an environmental challenge, due to the international nature of the field. *The environmental impact of particle physics activities should continue to be carefully studied and minimised. A detailed plan for the minimisation of environmental impact and for the saving and re-use of energy should be part of the approval process for any major project. Alternatives to travel should be explored and encouraged.*

C. Particle physics has contributed to advances in many fields that have brought great benefits to society. Awareness of knowledge and technology transfer and the associated societal impact is important at all phases of particle physics projects. *Particle physics research centres should promote knowledge and technology transfer and support their researchers in enabling it. The particle physics community should engage with industry to facilitate knowledge transfer and technological development.*

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The accelerators technology is very diverse and could require the RF signals in a wide range of the frequencies (few 100 MHz – 12 GHz), peak power levels (few 100 kW – 100 MW) and pulse lengths (CW -100ns). The **klystron** amplifiers technology is the one that covers almost all RF frequency/power demands of the modern accelerators.



The klystrons have been used in the particle accelerators for more than 7 decades. The experimental results from hundred's of different devices have shown that higher efficiency is associated with lower perveance. Accounting for technological and cost reasons (μ A/V^{1.5}>0.25), the 73% efficiency was predicted to be the utmost limit.









FCC ee: CW, 0.4/0.8 GHz, P_{RF} total= 105 MW



Average RF power needs of the large-scale HEP Accelerators Studies.

The klystron efficiency impact on the FCC^{ee} power consumption. Example of the efficiency upgrade from existing 65% to 80%.

	Klystron eff. 65%	Klystron eff. 80%	Difference
RF power needed for 3TeV CLIC		105 MW	
DC input power	161.5MW	131.25MW	-30.25MW
Waste heat	56.5MW	26.25MW	-30.25MW
Annual consumption (5500 h assumed)	888 GWh	721.9GWh	-166.1 GWh
Annual cost (50MCHF/MWh assumed)	44.5 MCHF	36.1 MCHF	-8.4 MCHF
Electricity installation dimensioned for	161.5MW	131.25 MW	-20.6%
CV installation dimensioned for	56.5 MW	26.25 MW	-53.54%

- Potential saving are 1.04 TWh in 10 years (84 MCHF in 10 years).
- Reduced environmental impact (cooling and ventilation)
- Reduced installation cost (stored energy in modulators).
- Reduced maintenance cost (klystron life time).

R&D on increasing the useable efficiency is worth every penny/cent invested!

3.0 TeV CLIC^{e+e-}; pulsed, 1.0 GHz, P_{RF} total = **180 MW**

High efficiency klystrons projects at CERN

- T1. Development and maintenance of the fast and accurate computer codes (KlyC and CGUN) for massive optimization of the new klystrons, accompanied by mastering the expertise in using commercial simulation suits like CST 3D PIC.
- T2. In-depth understanding of the electron beam dynamic and factors that limit klystrons performance. Studying and mitigating phenomena associated with parasitic beam instabilities.
- T3. Development of the new klystron bunching methods, new klystron topologies and associated technologies. Dissemination of the obtained advancements and progress to the community (publications, presentations etc.)
- T4. Communication of the new klystron design to industrial partners and collaboration with industry during klystron technical design phase, prototype fabrication and testing.
- T5. The new klystron acceptance tests and operation at CERN facilities.

High efficiency klystrons projects at CERN

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this workshop:



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Fast and accurate klystron simulation tools developed at CERN (T1,T2)

Large signal 1/1.5D klystron simulator [6].		CGUN (electron beam tracking)
1/1.5D Wave-beam interaction module[1]. Beam dynamic simulation (single beam and MBK).	Klystron optimizer module [1]. Allows versatile optimization of the klystrons within specified condition.	Electrostatics module. Simulates DC E-field maps and potentials in the 2D system with arbitrary shaped electrodes. Can be
Electro-Magnetic module [1]. RF eigenmode and eigenfield solver in the arbitrary axisymmetric RF cavities. 2D field maps. Enables E-field maps import from HFSS and CST.	Parameters scaling module [4]. Allows internal scaling with arbitrary changing the frequency, beam power and perveance. Bunched beam generator module[5]. Simulation of IOT and output couplers with	used in KlyC (TS MBK for example). Magnetostatics module. Simulates DC B-field maps in the 2D system with arbitrary shaped coils and iron shields (saturation etc.)
Coupled cavities module [2]. Special EM simulator of the coupled cavities with or without external loading. Coupled eigen frequencies and 2D field maps.	Design report module. Generates various tables, graphs and animations to analyze the device performance.	 Electron beam tracking module. Simulates the cathodes with space charge limit. Electrons tracking (trajectories) in the
Monotron oscillations module [3]. Simulates the threshold of monotron oscillations in the RF cavities (klystron stability issues)	Service functions. Automatic simulation of the power gain and bandwidth curves, arrival functions, reflected electrons absorber, batch mode and more	 calculated B field (beam scalloping etc). Simulates collector in DC mode and RF mode using the spent beam energy spectra simulated in KlyC. Ultimately, A-Z beam tracking in entire device.

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The factors limiting efficient RF power extraction from the bunched beam in RF cavity (T2)



- E field expansion in the drift tubes causes beam reacceleration when it leaves the output cavity.
- Ohmic loses are proportional to the operating frequency.
- Space charge depression is a partial conversion of the beam kinetic energy into the potential DC energy of beam traveling in the drift tube.
- **Bunch saturation** is optimal, when all the elections populate only the useful RF phase bucket leaving the anti-bunch empty.
- Bunch congregation is a normalized elections velocity spread along the bunch. It has an optimal value for every given bunch length.
- Bunch stratification is a radial dependence of the bunch length and congregation. The ideal bunch should not have such a dependency.
- Radial bunch expansion happens during beam deceleration in the output cavity in the presence of external solenoidal magnetic field.
- Reflected electrons could be generated if some of the above effects are not balanced.

Driven by klystron	Driven by RF design and
general parameters.	space charge effects.

The ultimate power extraction efficiency in the linear beam devices (T2)

Example of **0.8 GHz klystron**. Voltage 133 kV, Current 12.6 A (μ P=0.26 μ A/V^{3/2})



The ultimate power extraction efficiency in the linear beam devices (T2)







X-band 50MW tube

-0.1 -0.2

12060

12040

Generic/compact HE-X RF bunching circuit (0.32m). 69.3%

- Power

375 400

425 450

10

200 225

250 275 300 325 350

Beam voltage, kV



0.2

0.1

11940

11960

11980

Frequency, MHz

10

Klystron's RF circuit optimization (T3)

- COM (core oscillation method) provides strong bunch saturation, but it requires long RF circuit.
- In klystrons, bunching processes are space charge dominated, thus long circuits increase radial bunch stratification.
- Employing 2nd harmonic impedance (and even 3rd harmonic at L-band; CSM tube) allows to boost bunching process and to reduce the circuit length dramatically, providing 'optimal' balance between bunch saturation and radial stratification. That also reduces the solenoid cost and power consumption.
- Bunch **congregation** is controlled by the penultimate cavity. With given cavity geometry, it shall be located close possible to the output circuit.

50 MW HE X-band klystron. Output multi-cells coupler optimisation.

- Surface E filed limited to 100 MW at 50MW -> 'large' (15 mm) aperture.
- Low perveance (0.75µA/V^{1.5}) -> 'low' current (190A)+ large aperture -> more cells (6)
- Constant impedance structure to simplify the fabrication.

Coupler was optimized with idealized (fully saturated) pre-bunched (120⁰) congregated (0.25) beam using KlyC' s internal optimization module.

Individual cells frequencies and Q external were automatically adjusted to get highest $\frac{9}{5}$ ^{0.4} efficiency (almost 75%) with given constrains on the surface field and lowest velocity of the electrons (>0) in the spent beam.







The coupler performance benchmark KlyC vs. CST PIC 3D

 In this comparison, the idealized bunches parameters are identical for both codes.





Scaling Procedures and Post-Optimization for the Design of High-Efficiency Klystrons

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Klystrons' General Scaling Procedure (GSP) (T3)

GSP is a built-in option in the KlyC v5/6.

Example of 5 cavities 2MW, 1GHz HE (COM) klystron scaling (constant beam power)



- Any optimized klystron design can be scaled using GSP to another frequency, beam power and/or perveance.
- If the perveance is not changed, the scaled tube will preserved original RF power efficiency.

1075

Retro-fit High Efficiency (57%), 8 MW 12 GHz klystron (CERN/Canon) (T4).



- Re-used solenoid.
- Re-used cathode
- Increased power gain (10 dB)

Second Prototype is in fabrication at Canon To be tested at factory 07.2022.



Retrofit design



	E37113 at factory	E37117 design
Voltage, kV	154	154
Current, A	93	94
Frequency, GHz	11.994	11.994
Peak power, MW	6.2	8.16
Sat. gain, dB	49	58
Efficiency, %	42	57/ FCI
Life time, hours	30 000	30 000
Solenoidal magnetic field, T	0.35	0.4
RF circuit length, m	0.127	0.127



DC BEAM STABILITY ISSUES IN THE FIRST COMMERCIAL PROTOTYPE OF A HIGH EFFICIENCY 8MW X-BAND KLYSTRON.

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The first commercial prototype of the new High Efficiency (HE) 8MW klystron was built and tested at CETD in the fall of 2021. Unexpectedly, in the first tests with DC beam at different beam voltages, a number of instabilities (self-oscillations) at 21-23GHz were found. As a result, at CERN, we have launched and completed a dedicated investigation program to analyse these instabilities and developed special mitigation measures for minimization of their impact on the klystron fabrication processes. In this paper, we will report the outcome of these studies.

DC beam instabilities in X-band HE 8MW tube (T4).





All the instabilities were analyzed/understood and mitigated (yet in 3D PIC simulations) by correcting the cavities impedances and other special measures [https://cds.cern.ch/record/2812566?ln=en].



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Output coupler of the HE UHF (400 MHz) MBK.

TS technology will profit from the compact arrangement of RF cavities. TM01 reentrant cavities were selected and adopted to host 10x2.7A beams.

- 1. The original output cavity is coupled to two orthogonal waveguides. In this case we found that reflected electrons are originated not from every channel, but from the ones that have highest (azimuthally) impedance.
- 2. This effect was compensated by introducing racetrack shape of the cavity to compensate for the quadrupolar filed distortion. Then, reflected elections origin showed azimuthal dependence within the individual beamlet, that followed 6% dipolar distortion of the electric field.
- 3. This effect was compensated with **L-C tuners**, which reduced dipolar component down to about 1.5% and preserved compensation of the quadrupolar component.

With all these measures 'reflected electrons free' operation can be achieved with about 3%-5% higher RF power production efficiency.



Efficiency performance of the selected commercial klystrons and the new HE klystrons.

micro Perveance (µA/V^{1.5})

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THE DESIGN UPDATE OF X-BAND RF PULSE COMPRESSOR WITH CORRECTION CAVITIES FOR THE CLIC 380 GEV KLYSTRON BASED ACCELERATOR

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To improve the system efficiency further, it was decided to introduce the RF driving power during the rise time of the modulator HV pulse. In this case, with proper RF phase compensation, the klystron will produce effectively longer (\sim 15%) pulses, which will increase the compressed power level after the PC.

