





# **CWRF 2010**

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## **Short Presentation of ELTA - AREVA**

ELTA is an AREVA Subsidiary specialized in Electronics for Harsh Environments, located in Toulouse (France).

**ELTA** is a 230 employees company with 30 years Heritage in :

- Radio-Frequency for Aeronautic, Space & Scientific applications
- Instrumention and Control (I&C) for Defence and Transportation markets
- High Power Supplies for Defence and Aeronautic markets
- Water Analysers for Nuclear market

### From Design to Customer Support :

- Design tools : RF, Analog, Digital simulation, 3D CAD, PCB Design Software,
- Test Equipments up to 40 GHz
- Customer Support up to 30 years for Nuclear, Aeronautic, Defense domains







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Oxygen Analyser



Sodium Analyser



## **ELTA in Scientific Programs**

- LIL (Laser Integration Line) : CEA
  - Featuring LMJ (Laser Mega Joule)
  - Signal conditionning
  - Very fast transient acquisition
  - Instrumentation & Control



- UHF Transponders for Martian Programs : NASA
  - Mars Observer, Mars Global Surveyor
  - **Russian mission MARS 94**
  - Successful Relaying of Martian Rovers in 2004
- **Equipments for Stratospheric Ballons : CNES** 
  - **Onboard equipments**
  - L-Band or S-Band Transceivers
  - **Telemetry & Telecommand Ground Station**





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## Partnership with SOLEIL Synchrotron

2009 : Agreement between ELTA and SOLEIL for transferring the « SSA » technology of high RF Power Amplifier, developed and set in operation by SOLEIL since several years

### Feb 2010 : Development by SOLEIL of a new Amplifier Module

- Doubling of the power of the elementary module up to 700 W
- Improvement of Gain and Efficiency
- Specification and Industrialization of the Amplifier Module driven by ELTA
- June 2010 : Test of the 1st assembly of 16 Amplifier Modules (10kW)
  - Qualification & Test will be performed by ELTA and SOLEIL teams

### Nov 2010 : Test of the first 75 kW Tower











### ESRF Project : 150 kW Power Amplifier

- June 2009 : Contract with ESRF for providing seven 150 kW PA for Booster and Storage Ring
- Design of the overall 150kW Power Amplifier and of some specific equipments
- Industrialization of the Amplifier Module designed by SOLEIL
- Validation Qualification Tests of the Sub-assemblies and of the overall 150 kW Power Amplifier (with SOLEIL support for High **Power Tests**)



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## 150 kW Power Amplifier for ESRF Synchrotron

RF Architecture of the 150 kW SSA Power Amplifier







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### 150 kW Power Amplifier Advantages of the Modular SSA Architecture

- High Beam Availability (full performance with up to 6 failed Amplifier modules)
- Computed MTBF of the overall 150kW Amplifier : 20 000 Hours
- Computed Failure rate of Amplifier Module : less than 0,7% per year
- Distributed Heat Dissipation
- No need for High Voltage Power Supply
- No need for High Power Circulator at RF Output
- No need for Warm-up sequence
- Very low Phase Noise (< 0.05° RMS up to 8 kHz)</p>
- Easy Maintenance : MTTR < 15 min</p>
- Flexibility to fit to different RF Output Power
- Reduced number of Spare Parts







## 150 kW Power Amplifier for ESRF Synchrotron

### Main RF Characteristics :

- 🔶 150 kW RF Power
- Bandwidth : 352,2 +/- 0,5 MHz
- Overall Efficiency better than 55% at nominal RF power (expected >60%)
- Operation on very high mismatch at all phases conditions :
  - full reverse power at 150 kW during interlocking time (typ 20 usec)
  - full reverse power at Pnom/2 during long duration,
- CW, Ramped (booster), Pulsed modes (cavity conditionning)

### Electrical Circuits

- ♦ 280 V dc +/- 20V
- Power Consumption less than 300 kW

### Water Cooling

- Less than 440 liters / mn (target 220 liters/mn)
- Inlet water temperature between around 23°C







## 150 kW Power Amplifier for Monitoring & Protections

#### RF Monitorings, Protections, Interlocking :

- Mismatch handling (circulator)
- P\_fwd, P\_rev at 5kW stage and at 75 kW Tower output
- RF over-power detection on the LLRF input (20dBm) : fast hardware detection (< 150 nsec)</p>
- RF over-power detection on the 75 kW RF output : slow detection < 1 sec</p>
- Reverse RF protection on the 75 kW RF output in case of severe reverse power (fast detection < 10 usec)</li>
- Reverse RF protection on the 5 kW stage : slow detection < 1 sec</p>

#### Electrical Monitoring and Protections :

- Current consumption of each Amplifier Module
- ON/OF control of each Amplifier Module

#### Thermal and Hydraulic protections :

- Thermal Interlocking on each Cold Plate
- Water Flow Interlocking on each Cold Plate
- Internal Temperatures (2) inside each Amplifier Module





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## **650 W Power Amplifier Module**

Developped by SOLEIL in tight coordination with ELTA for industrialization and process topics

#### RF Characteristics :

- Power Output : 650 W at P\_1dB
- Frequency : 352,2 MHz
- 🔶 Gain : 20, 3 dB
- Efficiency : > 70 %
- Gain Dispersion : +/- 0, 2 dB max
- Phase Dispersion : +/- 5° max
- Transistor Technology : LDMOS 6th Generation
- Protected by internal circulator for severe mismatch conditions and for RF power stability versus cavity mismatch (any phases)

#### Monitoring :

- Drain Current
- Temperatures of the Power Transistor Flange and of the Circulator Load







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## **High Power Combiners**

### Combiners :

- Low Loss Combiners developped by SOLEIL
- Severe Mismatch Handling

### Combining Core :

- CAD by ELTA
- Compact arrangement





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### **Control (Mux-Box) and Pre-Driver**

### Design of a specific Control Box (ELTA) :

- Monitoring the Amplifier Modules and their associated Power Supplies
- Monitoring the Cold Plate Interlockings (Temperature and Water Flow)
- Control the ON/OFF of each Amplifier Modules (Power supply switch-off)
- Interface with Amplifier / DC-DC Modules by I2C bus
- Interface with the Supervisor : ModBus / RTU 1 Mb/sec
- Design of a specific Pre-Driver (ELTA) :
  - Amplification of the input low level signal (20 dBm) up to 2 x 15W
  - Internal Band Pass Filter for Time Delay purpose and RF Filtering
  - Internal Interlocking on RF Input level (<150 nsec) before applying the excessive input level to the Amplifier Modules
  - Internal Interlocking on Reverse Output level (< 10 usec)</p>









### **Cold Plate**

#### Thermal Simulation performed on the Cold Plate

- Mixed simulation : Thermal & Fluidic (takes into account turbulence)
- Simulation takes into account heat flux through the dissipative component flanges and through the Amplifier package
- Thermal Simulation gives :
  - A global thermal cartography of the Cold Plate
  - Flange temperatures of main dissipative components (transistor, load, circulator, DC-DC converter), in order to estimate junction temperatures





### Versatility of the Modular SSA Architecture



#### Amplifier module with integrated circulator in order :

- to insure constant RF Power level for any phase conditions
- to avoid excessive stress of the transistors and associated degradation of the MTBF
- to avoid extra RF level increase (with resulting efficiency loss)





### Conclusion

Conclusion :

- This SSA architecture permits a high level of availability of the 150 kW Power Amplifier, thanks to the large number of modules in parallel
- Protections and Monitoring implemented inside the Control Box and the Pre-Driver permit safe operation and detection of failed module.
- Transferring this technology at 500 MHz is straight forward : The 500 MHz amplifier module was recently validated at 700 W
- Other possible applications from FM to L-Band can be envisaged.









# Thank you for your attention



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