



Klystron Modulators for the Drive Beam Accelerator

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Klystron parameters



Everything (for the modulator) starts here...

Peak power/klystron	15 MW
Train length after injection	140 μs
Repetition rate	50 Hz
Klystrons efficiency	65% (70% target)
Phase precision	0.05° @ 1 GHz
Nb of klystrons (DB linac)	2x 819 = 1638



CW and Pulsed Modulators



Why a pulsed modulator?



LEP 4MW CW Modulator: 350 m³



LINAC4 5MW Pulsed Modulator: 7 m³





Klystron modulators



• Modulator requirements and characteristics

Peak power/modulator	23.1 MW (15MW@ 65% efficiency)
Output voltage	150 kV
Pulse to pulse reproducibility	10 ⁻⁵
Droop (including harmonics)	3° (1.25 kV or <0.85%)
Pulse characteristics	20us rise/fall; 30us set-up; 140us beam
Average power/modulator	243.6 kW @ 90% efficiency

• Flat-top is 190us (50% to 50%)





Power consumption



- A rise time and fall time of 20µs, and settling time of 30us, is assumed.
- Note that the baseline currently assumes 90% efficiency for modulator. This is realistic for energy conversion, but <u>unrealistic</u> if dynamics are considered
- Thus the power consumption is evaluated for a 15MW klystron assuming klystron efficiency of 65% (70%) and modulator efficiency of 90% (92%) <u>and dynamic effects</u>.

Modulator average input power	243.6kW (221.3kW)
Modulator quantity for DB	1638
Total consumption	399 MW (362.4MW)

- R&D required to reduce rise/fall times and settling times, to obtain >90% efficiency, and consume true constant power
- System level R&D for power management and grid effects when shutting down or failure modes of many modulators (the grid can only tolerate a gradual change at this power level).



System and bandwidth



- Quality of RF is dependant on many inputs.
- RF feed-forward control takes care of modulator harmonics, voltage droop and other systematic errors.
- RF feed-back control takes care of other errors (eg temperature drift, calibration, etc)
- At lower frequencies, precision is less important due to RF feedback
- At higher frequencies, precision is less important due to natural machine filtering.
- 10⁻⁵ pulse to pulse reproducibility precision required between 6kHz and 4MHz.





Classic approach



- <u>Pulse transformer</u>: The pulse is generated at high current lower voltage at the primary side of the pulse transformer. 150kV is reached at the secondary side.
- <u>Switch</u>: High voltage, high current solid state switch.
- <u>Storage capacitor</u>: The pulsed power is collected by an intermediate storage capacitor before being transmitted through the switch.
- <u>Voltage droop compensation</u>: Voltage compensator for the droop occurring in the storage capacitor during the pulse discharge.
- <u>Charger</u>: Classical resonant topology for charging the capacitor.





Modular approach (1)







Modular approach (2)



H bridge Resonant MF Rectifier based link (LC) transformer charger Modular approach based on medium frequency transformer and direct rectification including a Filter and charger and an output filter. storage No intermediate energy storage -> direct conversion 15MW Use of MF transformer allows space and cost Klystron reductions when compared to pulse transformer. Passive components of the filter must be rated for full voltage and allow fast voltage transients. Could also be modular structure on each rectifier.

 Very interesting solution but need for R&D, in particular concerning rise time, reproducibility and transformer design.



Space requirements



- With a first estimation, the modulators would require ~8 standard racks per klystron.
- The two linacs are placed side by side every 3.1m (2.5km for the whole linac).





Conclusions



- Cost, efficiency and reproducibility requirements are key parameters for the machine feasibility
- Design for pulse-to-pulse reproducibility of 10⁻⁵ at 150kV is a significant issue
 -> significant R&D in characterisation, measurement and feedback techniques
- Constant power consumption at modulator level, and power management strategies on a machine scale, will be required
- Modulator redundancy important to ensure sufficient availability of such a large number of systems
- Plenty of topics requiring further research!