

- ESRF RF is Derived from LEP- CERN
- Frequency 352.2 MHz
- 3 High RF power units of 1MW





Accelerating Cavity



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Initial Radio Frequency set-up for the Storage Ring



Limitation of the TURNKEY solution

The original set-up was based on a turnkey transmitter made by Industry

This solution was chosen because:

- Staff was not yet complete.
- No infrastructure at E.S.R.F.
- Know how available from Industry.

This was a good and reliable choice for a tight construction planning.

This worked fine for 7 years but we had problems of:

- Spare parts (the supplier went to bank route).
- Integration within the E.S.R.F control standards.
- Limitation for testing and in the choice of operation

3rd Radio Frequency Transmitter and RF general upgrade



Upgraded Radio Frequency set-up



Where do we stand ?

\Rightarrow 10 years operation.

⇒ > 7 years of User service (5500h/year).

⇒ The RF represents about 25% of the machine downtime.

RF contribution to the USM time loss



RF and Machine "engineer" MTBF



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FULL POWER / HALF POWER - AUXILIARIES IMPACT



 \Rightarrow Auxiliaries - Many youth troubles such as:

- Small DC power supply.
- Panel display giving interlock.
- Ion pump HV transformer.
- Master source.
- \Rightarrow Klystron 5 @ 500kW and 9 @ 1MW (Several trips due to a turbulent klystron).
- \Rightarrow Arcs are a significant part of the RF trips.
- \Rightarrow **Control Problem of VME**.
- \Rightarrow Crowbar is very quiet: 0 crowbar over 2 years.

Arc detection

 \Rightarrow 50 arc detectors are installed on Storage Ring RF transmitters Total response time (between detection \rightarrow No RF) is 5µSec.

⇒ Arc detection trip participation 2000: 51% of RF trips, 20% of Machine trips. 2001: 43% 13%

- ⇒ June 2000: Modification of electronic design of cavity window detectors. Removed flip-flop and added noise filtering @ 500nSec.
- ⇒ August 2001: Extension of modification to all detectors with noise filtering @ 100nSec.



KLYSTRONS END OF LIFE

- ⇒ Average lifetime = 16000 hours.
- \Rightarrow 6 klystrons failures over 10 years.
- ⇒ No correlation between failures and operation at full power. ONLY ONE KLYSTRON DEATH AT FULL POWER.
- \Rightarrow The klystron **H.V Gun** is the dominant problem.

A statistic done at LEP over 44 transmitters showed that 61% of the klystron failures were due to the gun.



- ⇒ The hardware implementation is a dominant factor.
 - Electro Magnetic Immunity must be seriously considered (Grounding of cubicles and racks, short wire, shielding ...).
 - Good protections: in case of problem, particularly with high power, it is very important to act very fast on the equipment (crowbar, arc detectors).
- ⇒ **Protection:** A good compromise between a fast interlock protection and a good RF equipment stability is a key issue.
- ⇒ Component over-dimensioning is beneficial to the reliability of the equipment. This was applied with success to the HVPS and the HV interface.



For the next years we hope to double the RF MTBF and reach 200 hours.

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