# Linear Collider Systems and Costs*

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## I. ABSTRACT AND INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to examine some of the systems and sub-systems involved in so-called "conventional" $e^+e^-$ linear colliders and to study how their design affects the overall cost of these machines.

There are presently a total of at least six 500 GeV c. of m. linear collider projects [1] under study in the world. Aside from TESLA (superconducting linac at 1.3 GHz) and CLIC (two-beam accelerator with main linac at 30GHz), the other four proposed $e^+e^-$ linear colliders [2] can be considered "conventional" in that their main linacs use the proven technique of driving room temperature accelerator sections with pulsed klystrons and modulators. The centrally distinguishing feature between these projects is their main linac rf frequency: 3 GHz for the DESY machine, 11.424 GHz for the SLAC and JLC machines, and 14 GHz for the VLEPP machine. The other systems, namely the electron and positron sources, pre-accelerators, compressors, damping rings and final foci, are fairly similar from project to project. Probably more than 80% of the cost of these linear colliders will be incurred in the two main linacs facing each other and it is therefore in their design and construction that major savings or extra costs may be found.

## II. WHAT MAKES UP THE COST OF A LINEAR COLLIDER ?

The total cost $(C_T)$ of a linear collider can be expressed as the sum of five parts:
$$C_T = C_{RD} + C_L + C_P + C_F + C_{OP} \quad (1)$$
where $C_{RD}$ is the R&D cost of the project, $C_L$ is the cost of all components scaling with length $(C_L = c_L L)$, $C_P$ is the cost of all components scaling with peak rf power $(C_P = c_P P_{PK})$ where $c_L$ and $c_P$ are per-unit costs, $C_F$ is the fixed cost of the injectors, positron source, damping rings, compressors and final foci, and $C_{OP}$ is the cost of operating, maintaining and powering the facility, once it is running.

Since in a linac the total energy E is proportional to $(P_{PK}L)^{1/2}$, the product $C_L C_P$ is constant for a fixed E and it can be shown that $C_T$ has a broad minimum when $C_L = C_P$, provided that the other three costs do not dominate.

For reference, the cost of the original SLAC linac with upgrades for the 100 GeV c. of m. SLC, including salaries, and escalation from 1962-1967 to 1993 (factor of 5.7) is shown in Table I [3].

Note that the costs of some of the sub-systems such as the rectangular waveguides, valves, vacuum, supports, etc., in this table have been apportioned somewhat arbitrarily to both $C_L$ and $C_P$ because they are a function of machine length as well as number of power sources. The balance between $C_L$ and $C_P$ in the original SLAC linac was close. However, the

subsequent SLC upgrade of the linac energy from about 23 to 55 GeV which used mostly power-related components (while decreasing the repetition rate from 360 to 120 Hz) slanted the cost heavily towards $C_P$. Including the $C_F$ costs in Table I but excluding the cost of the original R&D, the cost of the SLC, integrated over time, is about $600M.

TABLE I:  COST OF ORIGINAL SLAC LINAC UPGRADED TO SLC STANDARDS (INCLUDING SALARIES) 1993$ (1967$X5.7)

| $C_L$ (PROPORTIONAL TO LENGTH) | K$/M | TOTAL M$ |
|---|---|---|
| Accelerator Housing | 9 | 26.8 |
| Klystron Gallery | 6.8 | 20.5 |
| Accelerator Sections | 5.1 | 15.4 |
| Rectangular Waveguides, Valves, etc. | 2.9 | 8.6 |
| Quads, Correctors, BPMs | | 6.8 |
| Vacuum, Supports, Cooling | 5.7 | 17.1 |
| Phase & Drive | 1.9 | 5.7 |
| I & C | | 13.7 |
| | | 114.6 |

| $C_P$ (PROPORTIONAL TO POWER) | K$/Unit | TOTAL M$ |
|---|---|---|
| 245 Klystrons (24 MW, 22 kV at 360 pps) | 79 | 19.4 |
| 245 Modulators (250 joules x 360 pps) | 107 | 26.2 |
| Rectangular Waveguides, Valves, etc. | 35 | 8.6 |
| Vacuum, Supports, Cooling | 69 | 17.1 |
| Phase & Drive | 23 | 5.7 |
| Electrical System & Utilities | | 31.9 |
| I & C | | 13.7 |
| | | 122.6 |

| | M$ |
|---|---|
| $(C_L + C_P)$ unloaded | 237.2 |
| Engineering, Design and Inspection (16%) | 38.0 |
| Indirect Administrative Costs (18.5%) | 43.9 |
| Subsequent SLC Upgrades (64 MW Klystrons, Modulators, SLED, New Focusing, Beam Position Monitors, etc.) | 113.4 |
| $(C_L + C_P)$ loaded | 432.5 |
| $C_{RD}$(Original pre-construction R&D) | 103.2 |
| $(C_L + C_P + C_{RD})^*$ | 535.7 |

*$C_F$ and $C_{OP}$ are not included above. For reference, in FY 1993$ the original SLC injector cost about $3.2M, the two damping rings with vaults $22.3M, the positron source $12.8M, the arcs and final focus $40M, the collider hall $16M, extra controls $24M. EDI and Indirect costs added another $17.5M and $16M respectively for a total $C_F$ of $151.8M. The annual direct operating cost of the SLC is about $60M.

## III. 500 GeV (C. of M.) EXAMPLES

To look at future machines, let us now take two "generic" examples, one at S-Band (DESY type) and one at X-Band (SLAC/NLC type), and let us first examine the specifications and block diagrams of their main linacs. The general parameters of the two machines are summarized in Table II. Note that the S-Band example is roughly ten times as long as SLAC and twice as long as the NLC. Its luminosity, compared to the NLC, is obtained by using twice the number of bunches, three times the charge per bunch and fourteen times the IP spot size, at a repetition rate of 50 Hz instead of 180 Hz. Its damping rings will clearly need greater circumferences than the X-Band example to accommodate the longer bunch trains. On the other hand, the S-Band example needs only one compressor per beam because the bunches do not have to be compressed from the pre-accelerator linac to the main linac since it will operate at the same frequency.

Fig. 1 shows a generic block diagram of an X-Band main linac module. The only difference between this case and the S-Band case is that in the latter, the klystron may drive only two accelerator structures and does not include any pulse compression. The X-Band gradient is twice the S-Band gradient.

TABLE II: GENERAL PARAMETERS OF TWO GENERIC
CONVENTIONAL LINEAR COLLIDERS
500 GeV (CENTER-OF-MASS)

|  | S-BAND | X-BAND |
|---|---|---|
| RF frequency of main linacs(GHz) | 3 | 11.4 |
| Nominal luminosity ($10^{33}$ cm$^{-2}$s$^{-1}$) | 2.4 | 6 |
| Luminosity w/pinch ($10^{33}$cm$^{-2}$s$^{-1}$) | 6.5 | 8.2 |
| Linac repetition rate (Hz) | 50 | 180 |
| No. of particles/bunch at IP ($10^{10}$) | 2.1 | 0.65 |
| No. of bunches/pulse | 172 | 90 |
| Bunch separation (nsec) | 10.66 | 1.4 |
| | | |
| Active two-linac RF length (km) | 30 | 14 |
| Actual gradient (MV/m) | 16.6 | 35.7 |
| Beam power/beam (MW) | 7.5 | 4.2 |
| Total two-linac AC power (MW)† | 147 | 152 |
| Damping ring energy (GeV) | 3.13 | 1.8 |
| Final Focus: | | |
| $\sigma_x*/\sigma_y*$ (nm) | 400/32 | 300/3 |
| $\sigma_z*$ (μm) | 500 | 100 |

† This is the AC power consumed by the klystrons and modulators alone. The efficiency of both S- and X-Band klystrons is assumed to be 45%, that of the modulators 80% for S-Band and 72% for X-Band. Pulse compression for the X-Band case is assumed to be about 65% efficient. Power requirements for klystron focussing supplies, pumps, vacuum, quadrupoles, etc. are not included here. They probably add another 50 MW.

Cost estimates for the two cases are shown in Tables III and IV respectively. These estimates are based on a number of assumptions, many of which may be debatable, and some of which are discussed below:

a) The accelerator housing and klystron gallery are assumed to consist of two parallel tunnels. The cost per unit length for the two examples is assumed to be the same.

b) The cost per meter of the S-Band accelerator sections is assumed to be half that of the X-Band ones because the S-Band tolerances are looser and there are less couplers per unit length. In both cases, a large degree of automation in fabrication will be necessary.

c) The klystrons for the two examples are assumed to have equal costs: the S-Band klystrons are heavier and larger but the X-Band ones are more complex. Uncertainties exist in the focussing method and cost (R.T. or superconducting solenoids, or preferably periodic permanent magnets) as well as in possible economies of scale. Indeed, according to G. Caryotakis at SLAC, there is experience in the microwave tube industry that if a manufacturer must produce, say 1000 tubes, and starts with an increment of 10 units at a per-unit cost of X, the per-unit cost of the next 20 units will go down to 0.9X, and so on for every doubling. Hence, on such a learning curve, for 1000 tubes, the average per-unit cost would come down to about 0.6X. This would be a very favorable trend.

d) The modulators for the two examples are also assumed to have equal costs even though the X-Band ones require 40% higher average power. As suggested by R. Cassel at SLAC, it may be possible to reduce costs by sharing the power supply (Box 1 in Fig. 1) among several modules, by replacing conventional discrete PFN elements by water-filled triax lines in Box 2, and by immersing the thyratron and pulse transformer in Box 3 in a single oil tank.

e) High power prototypes for pulse compressors (SLED-II type) are not yet operational and their costs are still very uncertain.

f) Many of the other costs are patterned after escalated original SLAC costs.

We see that the S-Band machine, under the above assumptions, is about 1 Billion dollars more costly than the X-Band one, also assuming that the fixed costs ($C_F$) are the same for both. The dominant reason for this difference is that the S-Band linacs are twice as long as the X-Band ones. Note that this difference could be wiped out if tighter X-Band tolerances for sections, transverse alignment, klystrons, power compressors, modulators and focussing were to be much more costly than assumed, or simply, if the up-front
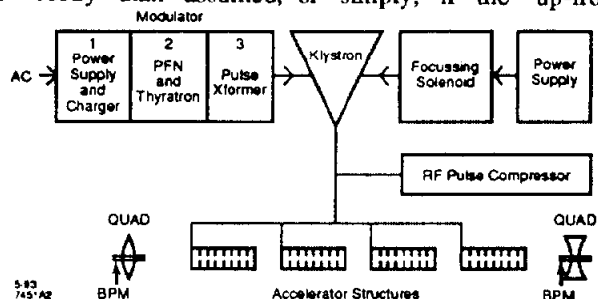


Figure 1. Generic module for main linacs.

## TABLE III: COST OF S-BAND EXAMPLE
### 1993$

**LINACS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Total length (km) | 33 |
| Total RF length(km) | 30 |
| No. of sections | 4900 |
| Section length (m) | 6 |
| No. of quadrupoles, correctors, BPMs | 2450 |
| Klystron peak power (MW) | 150 |
| No. of klystrons and modulators | 2450 |

| $C_L$ | K$ | TOTAL M$ |
|---|---|---|
| Housing (double tunnel) | 16/m | 528 |
| Accelerator Sections | 15/m | 450 |
| Rectangular Waveguides, etc. | 2.9/m | 86 |
| Quads, correctors, BPMs | 30/unit | 74 |
| Vacuum, Supports, Cooling | 8/m | 240 |
| Phase & Drive | 2/m | 66 |
| Backward Transport Lines | 2/m | 66 |
| I & C (18.5%) | | 280 |
| | | 1790 |

| $C_P$ | K$ | TOTAL M$ |
|---|---|---|
| Klystrons | 100/unit | 245 |
| Modulators | 120/unit | 294 |
| Rectangular Waveguides, etc. | 35/unit | 86 |
| Vacuum, Supports, Cooling | 60/unit | 147 |
| Phase & Drive | 30/unit | 74 |
| Utilities (200 MW) | | 180 |
| I & C (18.5%) | | 190 |
| | | 1216 |

| | |
|---|---|
| $(C_P + C_L)$ unloaded | 3006 |
| EDI (16%) | 481 |
| INDIRECTS (18.5%) | 556 |
| LINACS SUB-TOTAL | 4043 |
| $C_F$ (rough estimate, loaded) | 400 |
| $(C_L+C_P+C_F)$ loaded | 4443 |

## TABLE IV: COST OF X-BAND EXAMPLE
### 1993$

**LINACS**

| | |
|---|---|
| Total length (km) | 16 |
| Total RF length (km) | 14 |
| No. of sections | 7778 |
| Section length (m) | 1.8 |
| No. of quadrupoles, correctors, BPMs | 1600 |
| Klystron peak power (MW) | 94 |
| No. of klystrons, pulse compressors and modulators | 1945 |

| $C_L$ | K$ | TOTAL M$ |
|---|---|---|
| Housing (double tunnel) | 16/m | 256 |
| Accelerator Sections | 30/m | 420 |
| Circular Waveguides, etc. | 5/m | 70 |
| Quads, correctors, BPMs | 30/unit | 48 |
| Vacuum, Supports, Cooling | 8/m | 112 |
| Phase & Drive | 2/m | 32 |
| Backward Transport Lines | 2/m | 32 |
| I & C (18.5%) | | 179 |
| | | 1149 |

| $C_P$ | K$ | TOTAL M$ |
|---|---|---|
| Klystrons | 100/unit | 195 |
| Modulators | 120/unit | 233 |
| Circular Waveguides, etc. | 35/unit | 68 |
| Pulse Compressors | 50/unit | 97 |
| Vacuum, Supports, Cooling | 60/unit | 116 |
| Phase & Drive | 30/unit | 58 |
| Utilities (200 MW) | | 180 |
| I & C (18.5%) | | 175 |
| | | 1122 |

| | |
|---|---|
| $(C_P + C_L)$ unloaded | 2271 |
| EDI (16%) | 363 |
| INDIRECTS (18.5%) | 420 |
| LINACS SUB-TOTAL | 3054 |
| $C_F$ (rough estimate, loaded) | 400 |
| $(C_L+C_P+C_F)$ loaded | 3454 |

R&D effort at X-Band took too long. Conversely, if tunnel and other $C_L$ costs were to be greater, the balance would tilt in the opposite direction.

One of the main reasons for carrying out this admittedly sketchy study is not simply to predict costs but rather to indicate, at an early time, where serious attention must be paid to designs so that costs may be controlled and hopefully cut drastically.

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