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Arrangement

Only three 19" cabinets contain all components of the transmitter:

- One amplifier cabinet
- One filter cabinet
- One control cabinet

Amplifier

The amplifier section of the transmitter has one 50 kW power block equipped with 48 power modules. This power module is the basic unit of the RF amplifier. It supplies somewhat more than 1 kW into a special series transformer assembly (doughnut combiner) which summarises the power of all 48 power modules to the total transmitter power of 50 kW.

The module is designed as one single printed circuit board, which is plugged into the assembly. The module comprises a switched RF amplifier bridge and an associated PDM modulator. Each unit supplies a completely modulated RF signal into the combining transformer. Thus in case of a module fault the service is maintained with only slightly reduced power but without reduction of quality performance.

RF Output Filter

The 50 kW power block has an RF output filter which is contained in one 19" cabinet.

The transmitter is factory equipped for and tuned on the determined operation frequency. The coils of the output circuit can be tuned for the whole MF band, while the capacitors are determined for sub-ranges of this frequency band.

Drive and Signal Processing

The transmitter is equipped with a common drive unit (PLL synthesizer) and a common PDM processing unit for all power modules. A dual synthesizer assembly in passive standby configuration is available as an option. The RF drive can also be switched to an external frequency generator or synchronised from an external standard.

Power Supply

A common power supply, comprising a 400 V to 210 V three-phase transformer and two three-phase rectifier units, is provided for the 50 kW power block. Each rectifier unit is fed from an independent phase-shifted 210 V transformer output. This feeding provides 12-pulse ripple, only. The 400 V / 230 V feed also supplies the auxiliary equipment.

In the standard configuration, the transformer is contained in the bottom of the amplifier cabinet. As an option, we also provide a solution where the transformer is located externally from the transmitter.

Cooling

The components of the whole transmitter are basically air-cooled. A fan assembly located below the 50 kW power block moves the cooling air along the heat sinks of the power modules. This fan assembly compensates only the pressure drop inside the amplifier cabinet. The air is taken from the room and will be exhausted into the room.

Should external air ducts be required, an additional external blower system is needed to compensate the pressure drop in the external air ducts. Layout of the external air cooling system depends on the individual conditions at site.

Control Section

The control section of the transmitter comprises the 400 V / 230 V mains input, the internal distribution, the control panel with the components for local control and for metering as well as the remote control interface. Furthermore it comprises the common drive unit (PLL synthesizer) and the AF input unit with PDM processing.

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Amplifier configuration	One 50 kW power block, equipped with 48 individual power modules. Each power module comprises an RF amplifier and an envelope modulator. One further power module of the same type is employed as driver module for the 50 kW power block.
RF output power	50 kW carrier power Typical > 40 kW DRM power with external TRANSRADIO DRM Exciter
RF power reduction	Two preset power levels P1 and P2 (P1 adjustable from 50% to 100%, P2 adjustable from 25% to 50%)
Frequency range	525 kHz to 1710 kHz The TX will be equipped for and tuned on the determined operation frequency in factory (components for other frequencies on request)
Frequency stability	Deviation < ± 1 ppm under operating conditions Input for external synchronization (selectable 1 / 2 / 5 / 10 MHz)
Operation modes	AM (A3E) DCC mode DAM (X3E) or AMC / EAMC (selectable by jumper setting) DRM with external TRANSRADIO DRM Exciter
RF output connector	3-1/8" EIA
Load impedance	50 Ohm unbalanced
Load VSWR	Max. 1.3 VSWR > 1.3: Automatic RF power reduction VSWR > 1.5: Automatic RF power shutdown
Out-of-band emissions	According to ITU-R SM.328-10
Spurious & Harmonics	According to ITU-R SM.329-8 (≤ 50 mW from 9 kHz to 1 GHz)
Modulation system	Pulse Duration Modulation (PDM)
AF input	600 Ohm balanced (can be changed inside the unit to ≥ 2000 Ohm) Adjustable from - 10 dBu to + 10 dBu referred to 100% modulation
AF range	30 Hz to 10 kHz Two audio lowpass filters available (4.5 kHz / 6.75 kHz)
AF response	± 0.5 dB (30 Hz to 10 kHz) with band limiting filters switched off
AF harmonic distortion (THD)	$\leq 1\%$ at 80% modulation
Modulation capability	100% continuously, 125% peak program capability (> 125% on request)
Carrier shift (amplitude drop)	$\leq 1\%$
Signal-to-noise ratio	≥ 60 dB referred to 100% modulation

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Power supply	3N 400 V, TN-S resp. TN-C mains configuration (5-wire resp. 4-wire)
Mains frequency	50 Hz (60 Hz on request)
Permissible voltage variation	$\leq \pm 5\%$ with full performance $\leq \pm 10\%$ with minor performance degradation
Power factor	≥ 0.95
Power consumption	≤ 57.5 kW at no modulation ≤ 86.2 kW at 100% modulation
Overall efficiency	$\geq 87\%$
Metering	Pointer meters for currents and voltages of the power amplifier section Crosspointer meter for RF output power and VSWR Terminal for external second crosspointer meter available
Local control	Local / Remote, Transmitter On / Off, PDM On / Off RF power P1 / P2, Mode AM / DAM Audio lowpass filter On / Off Audio lowpass filter 4.5 kHz / 6.75 kHz LEDs for status indication Clear fault
Remote control interface	Parallel interface with floating contacts Ethernet interface with HTML web server and SNMP (Option) Serial interface RS 232 (Option)
Environmental temperature	- 10° C ... + 45° C
Relative humidity	Max. 90% (non-condensing)
Installation altitude	Max. 2000 m above sea level (higher altitudes on request)
Cooling system	Air cooling with internal fan assembly below the power block (air intake from the room, exhaust air into the room) Cooling air consumption approx. 3300 cbm / h External blower system with filtering and air ducts on request
Dimensions	WDH = 1800 mm x 1000 mm x 2000 mm

Specifications subject to change without notice.

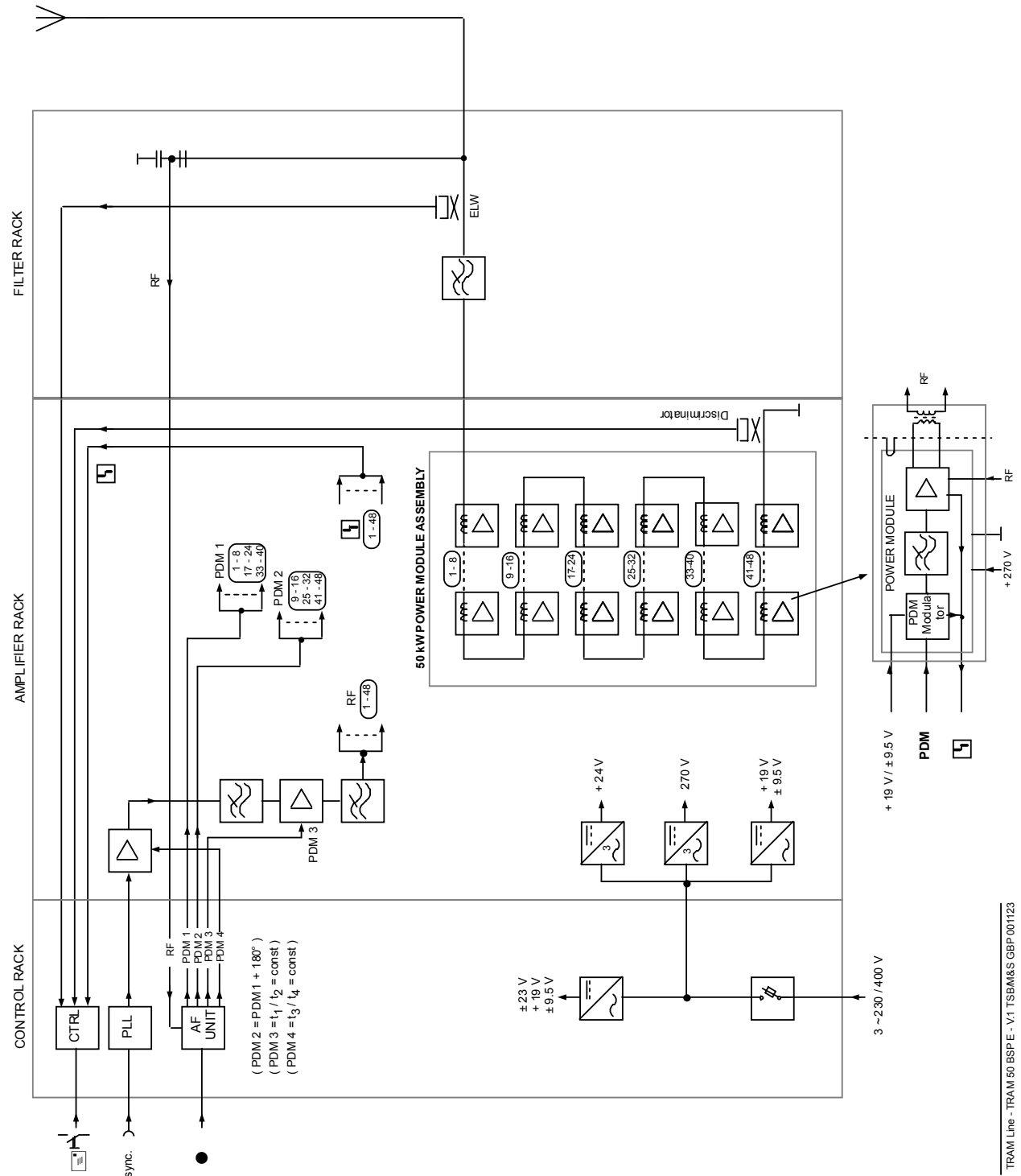
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Schematic Diagram TRAM 50



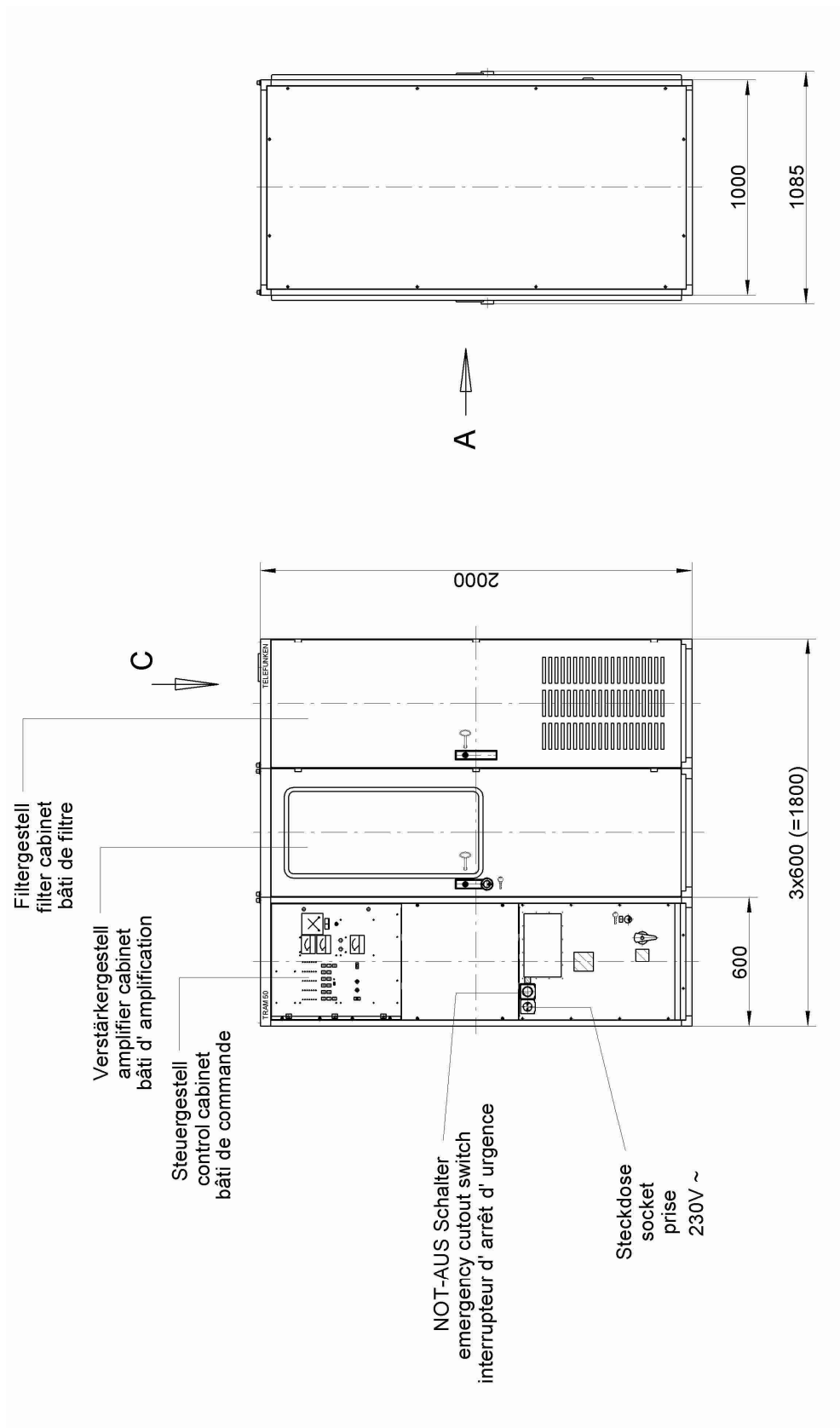
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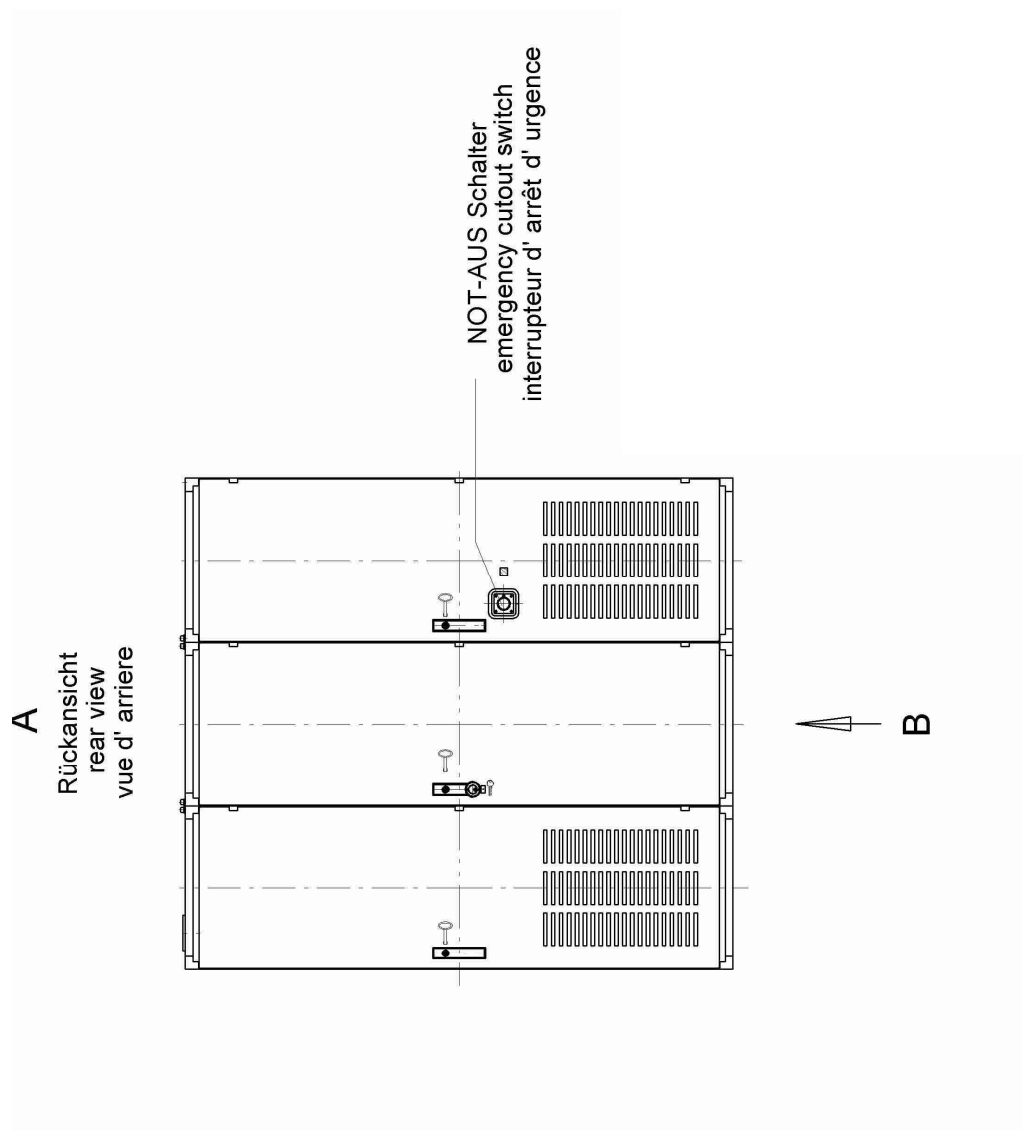
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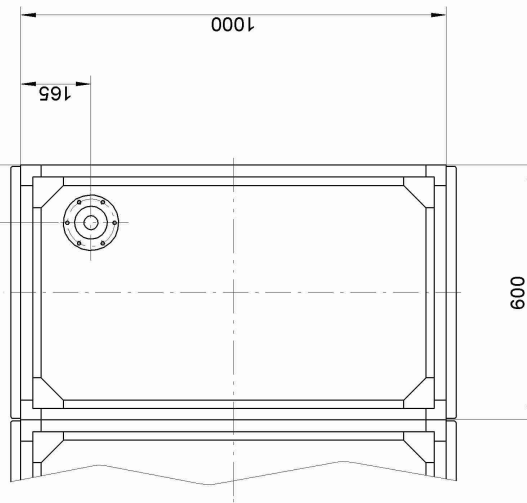
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HF - Ausgang, 3 1/8" EIA Flansch - System
RF - output, 3 1/8" EIA flange system
sortie - HF, 3 1/8" EIA bride système

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Befestigungsmaße - Gestell
fixing dimensions - frame
cote de fixation - bâti

B
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4x Ø14 pro Gestell
per frame
per bâti

