World Wide R&D review
Muon system

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The RPC option for the muon detector

- RPC’s do provide a viable detector for the muon system of a LC set-up.
  - Long term reliability and construction procedures (Q.C. and Q.A)
  - Performances check
  - Test beam data
  - Cosmic data
New RPC production (the CAPIRE collaboration)

Screen printed resistive coating

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A cosmic plateau

- Cosmic plateau for the 0.5x0.5 m² chamber.
- Standard mix 48/48/4
- 5,000 triggers/point.
- Streamer mode
- Spatial consistency and tracking used.
Efficiency map

- Efficiency map for 1 m$^2$ chambers.
- The valley is due to a (on purpose) disconnected strip.
- The color code assigns >85% efficiency to red.
- As a matter of fact the average efficiency is about 95%.
Spatial resolution

A good bakelite RPC

Resolution of single RPC of the order of 7.0 mm.

The actual value for the spatial resolution is set by the strip pitch.

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Spatial resolution
A *good* glass RPC

Resolution of single RPC of the same order as the bakelite one.

Here too the actual value of the spatial resolution is set by the strip pitch.

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Beam tests

- The idea of using RPC’s for calorimetric purposes or to detect MIP in jets, naturally leads to evaluate performances of these detectors in situation of high local crowding.
- The case for the linear collider is somehow different from the situation in which test have been carried out for the LHC experiments.
- Here is instantaneous rate that is relevant....
- We tried to reproduce the LC situation running at the Frascati TBF (a linac based facility) that can ship a bucket of particles (tunable in number) on an adjustable area.
Test @ BTF

4+1 RPCs

Scintillator

Calorimeter

beam

3 cm strips
8 strip=1 ADC ch

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Beam characteristics

- Here is the correlation of a beam counter vs a total absorption calorimeter.
- The separation between 0, 1 and 2 particles is evident.
- The beam spot is round: in the focused mode the sigma of each of the two dimensions is 2 mm.
- Unfocused beams have spots roughly 60-100 times bigger.
- Beam frequency ranges between 1 and 25 Hz.
Typical plateau curve

- Plateau curves for our standard mix (48/48/4) (Ar/Fr/Is).
- Four different 1m² chambers.
- The beam was hitting the lower left corner of the detectors.
- A fast area scan did not show any anomalies.
The single particle response

- Here is the charge spectrum in streamer mode for a single track crossing.
- The gas mix is 48/48/4
- The Linac frequency is 1Hz.
- H.V. is 7800 V, that is safely after the plateau knee
One and two particle response

- The two plots refer to 1 or 2 particles (selected via calorimetric response) hitting the test RPC’s.
- One readily notice:
  - The non-complete quenching
  - Some inefficiency
- Operating voltage was 7800V
- The beam was in the defocused mode @ 1 Hz.
Efficiency vs local rate

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HV =7800 \text{ V}

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Saturated avalanche regime

- Here is the saturated avalanche charge signal at 9400 and 9800 V with a mix 95% Freon 5% Isob.

- At 9400 V it seems that the charge doesn’t change very much, but efficiency is seriously degraded.
Conclusions and outlook

- Glass RPC have been produced and their performances are being evaluated both with cosmic and at beam facilities.
  - New procedures and ideas are being put forward and tested.
- First results are encouraging.
- Response in the streamer mode at high local rate seems a bit marginal at this time.