



RPC (Resistive Plate Chamber)

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Construction and Operation



- 1. Gas constituents are: R134a(95.2%), Isobutane(4.5%) & $SF_{6}(0.3\%)$.
- 2. High voltage applied across gas gap at graphite coating.
- 3. Incoming charge particle ionises the gas and results in free electron. Electron drift towards anode. On its path it further ionises & disturbs the electric field & results in local discharge of the glass electrodes. This induces signal at external pick up strips.
- 4. Measures location and time of ionization.
- 5. Discharge time is few nano-seconds & recovery time is few seconds.

FABRICATION

A complete RPC detector is made of mainly these three subcomponents, a glass gap, pickup panel and electronic chain containing amplifier and discriminator in front end and digital backend, which collect analog signal from front-end and send digitized signal to data acquisition system.



The following steps are followed to fabricate the RPC gas Gap :

- Cutting and Cleaning of glass
- Conductive coating
- Gluing the glass with the spacers
- Gas leak test and estimate the leak rate

PICKUP STRIPS & CHARACTERISTIC IMPEDANCE

- 1. PICK UP PANEL: 8 parallel Cu strips ; width 2.8 cm ; Gap 0.2 cm
- 2. CHARACTERISTIC IMPEDANCE :

Resistance added to eliminate the reflected signal (~35 ohm)





EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT OF RPC



ELECTRONIC CHAIN DIAGRAM



RPC Surface Resistance Measurement (Mohms)

		Top glass		
н	1.8	0.948	1.1	
	1.2	0.912	1.1	
н	0.964	0.85	0.97	
	0.95	0.83	0.915	
н	0.955	1.08	1.06	
	0.988	1	1.05	
	Во	Bottom glass		
н	0.68	0.77	0.736	
	0.53	0.794	0.77	
н	0.66	0.606	0.762	
	0.772	0.957	0.68	
н	0.67	0.653	0.875	
	0.61	0.682	0.8	

I-V CHARACTERISTICS



NOISE RATE PLOT



EFFICIENCY PLOT



Efficiency % vs. Set Voltage (V)

Set Voltage (V)

ADVANTAGES

1) RPC's can be made to have a large area but at a minimal material cost.

2) These are easy to assemble and they possess simple read-out electronics.

3) They exhibit better time resolutions like scintillators and long term stability.

4) Moderate position resolution and give good detection efficiency.

THANK YOU