66th INFN ELOISATRON WORKSHOP: New gas mixtures for RPC and MRPC detectors







towards green RPCs and MRPCs ...

detector R&D projects
thought on the basis of
key aspects
(not only structural)



Detectors operating at high rate

Main constraints @LHC

- Layout already fixed (gas target)
- Electronics defined (q threshold)
- Power system (HV_{max} limited, connectors,...)
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Focus on R&D

- → integrated current, resistivity drift
- → unknown gas-induced ageing effect (chemistry)
- → characterization of new gas components
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Resistivity

Performance

Ageing

Gas

Detectors operating at high rate

Main constraints @LHC Upgrades

towards reduced gas gaps and thresholds

- Layout already fixed (thinner gas target)
- Electronics defined improved (lower q threshold)
 Power system (Hv_{max} limited, connectors, ...)
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Focus on R&D

- → heavier gaseous target
- → working current, rate capability
- → integrated current, resistivity drift
- → unknown gas-induced ageing effect (chemistry)
- → characterization of new gas components
- → closed loop/gas disposal
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Resistivity

Performance

Ageing

Gas

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Detectors operating at medium/high rate

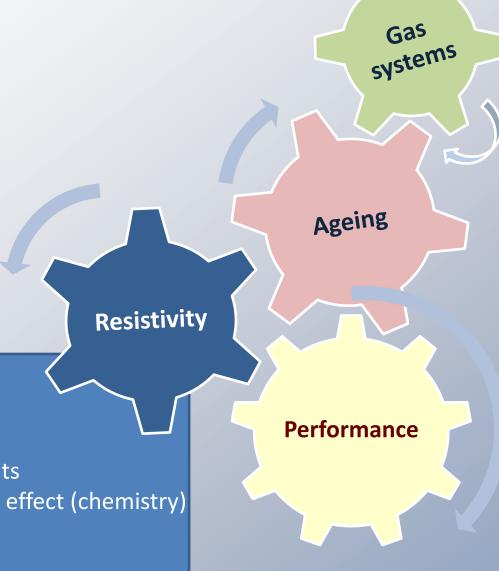
Main features @Future Colliders

- no constraints (blue sky)
- high rate (lower q /electrodes)
 - → thinner gap/electrodes
 - → improved electronics
 - → new materials
- excellent time resolution
 - → thinner gap

Focus on R&D

- → heavier gaseous target
- → working current, rate capability
- → integrated current, resistivity drift
- characterization of new gas components
- → unknown gas/material-induced ageing effect (chemistry)
- → closed loop/gas disposal

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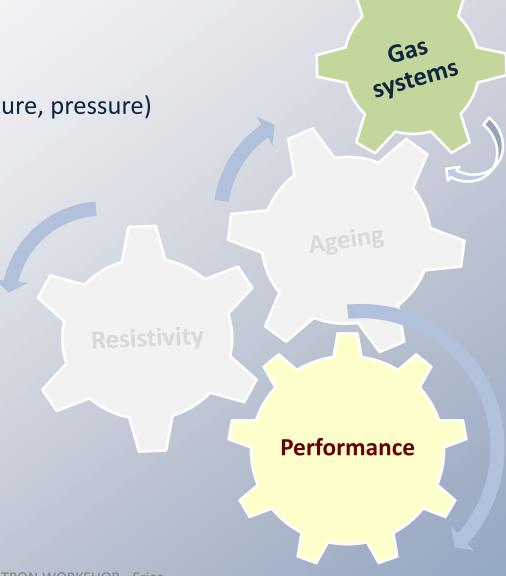
Detectors operating at low rate

Main constraints

- environmental constraints (temperature, pressure)
- safety (EEE)
- costs
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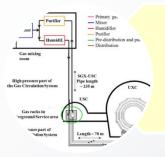
Focus on R&D

- → binary gas mixture (EEE)
- → heavy gaseous target (altitude)
- → sealed detectors
- → closed loop/gas disposal
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Where we are

Gas systems

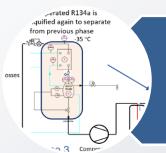


Gas Recirculation

[CERN, Rome ToV, ...]

R&D for low/medium/high rate

- complex apparatus (also "lab size")
- high reliability in terms of <u>stability</u> and <u>quality</u> of the delivered gas mixture required today: 90% in average for long term operations



Gas Recuperation

[CERN (CF₄, C₄F₁₀, R134a), ...]

R&D for low/medium/high rate

- different complex techniques (mix-dependent)
- high reliability in terms of <u>quality</u> of the recuperated gas required today: up to 80%(from exhaust, fill/empty oper.)



Gas Disposal

[external companies]

R&D for low/medium/high rate

- complex apparatus
- extremely expensive

today: not foreseen

Possible replacement of R134a/CF4 --- HF01234ze

HFO1234ze:

To be used with other gases to reduce working point Warning on F- production Warning on life time in atmosphere

Helium:

Not always possible in Complex apparatus (PMT)

See results on RPCs from CERN, ATLAS, CMS, EEE

CO2:

Adding CO₂ increase the current (x2, x3)

See results on RPCs from CERN, CMS, ATLAS, LHCb/Ship, ALICE, EEE

Aging due to chemistry and current under study



Under study by ECOGAS@GIF++ Collaboration and AidaInnova program

Possible replacement of SF6

3MTM NovecTM 5110 3MTM NovecTM 4710 (CF3C(O)CF(CF3)2) ((CF₃)₂ CFCN) GWP <1 GWP 2100

See results on RPCs from CERN

CF3I:

Good performance but toxic

See results on RPCs from CMS and CERN

C₃H₂ClF₃:
Good performance

See results on RPCs from ATLAS

Aging due to chemistry and current to be studied

Possible reduction of R134a

Lower percentage of R134a and addition of CO₂

See results on RPCs from CERN

Less exotic gases

Aging due to current to be studied

Not fully ecological R134a still present SF₆ doubled

Simulations

Measurement of relevant parameters

Detector simulation

Fit relevant parameters:

σ of electrons with gas, ionization, attachment,

- Role of SF6 to be better understood
- Simulations not able to reproduce aging and chemical processes
- Key parameters missing?

Let's start our open discussion