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Studies on environment-friendly gas mixtures for the Resistive Plate Chambers of the ALICE Muon Identifier

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Due to their simplicity and comparatively low cost Resistive Plate Chambers are gaseous detectors widely used in high-energy and cosmic rays physics when large detection areas are needed. However, the best gaseous mixtures are currently based on tetrafluoroethane, which has the undesirable characteristic of a large Global Warming Potential (GWP) of about 1400 and, because of this, it is currently being phased out from industrial use. As a possible replacement, tetrafluoropropene (which has a GWP close to 1) has been taken into account. Since tetrafluoropropene is more electronegative than tetrafluoroethane, it has to be diluted with gases with a lower attachment coefficient in order to maintain the operating voltage close to 10 kV. One of the main candidates for this role is carbon dioxide. In order to ascertain the feasibility and the performance of tetrafluoropropene-CO₂ based mixtures, an R&D program is being carried out within the ALICE collaboration, which employs an array of 72 Bakelite RPCs (Muon Identifier, MID) in order to identify muons. Different proportions of tetrafluoropropene and CO₂, with the addition of small quantities of isobutane and sulphur hexafluoride, have been tested with 50x50 cm² RPC prototypes with 2 mm wide gas gap and 2 mm thick Bakelite electrodes. In this contribution, results from tests with cosmic rays will be presented, together with data concerning the current drawn by a RPC exposed to the gamma-ray flux of the Gamma Irradiation Facility (GIF) at CERN.

Is this abstract from experiment?

Yes

Name of experiment and experimental site

ALICE - CERN and ECORPC-GIF at CERN

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