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The ATLAS RPC system for the LHC Run-3

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Resistive Plate Chambers provide the barrel region of the ATLAS detector with an independent muon trigger and a two-coordinate measurement. The chambers, more than 3700 gas volumes in total covering a surface area of about 4000m², are arranged in three concentric double layers and operated in a strong magnetic toroidal field.

The system was originally designed to operate for 10 years with a luminosity up to the LHC nominal value of 10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹. After a successful data taking period in Run-2, when the luminosity reached more than twice the nominal value, the detector has undergone an intense maintenance aimed at ensuring efficient data taking during the just started Run-3.

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The interventions can be summarised as follows:

- new gas distribution racks have been added in order to increase the vertical segmentation and in view of the installation of the new chambers for the phase-2 upgrade
- no-return valves have been installed on the chamber outputs to avoid reverse flows with large leaks
- a massive repair campaign have been done for fixing the continuously developing leaks
- a new repair technique aimed to fix and prevent new leaks has been tested
- the segmentation of the HV channels has been doubled in a third of the spectrometer.

The different aspects of the activity carried out in LS2 are described, from motivation to implementation. The expected system performance is also presented.

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