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The Surface Resistive Plate Counter

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The surface Resistive Plate Counter (sRPC) is a new RPC based on surface resistive electrodes realized with Diamond-Like-Carbon sputtered on Apical® foil. Exploiting high granularity current evacuation schemes developed for resistive MPGD and using electrodes with surface resistivity from $1 \text{ G}\Omega/\square$ down to $100 \text{ M}\Omega/\square$, sRPCs standing particle fluxes up to $1 - 100 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$ should be easily developed.

At the moment prototypes with electrode resistivity $> 1 \text{ G}\Omega/\square$ have been tested, exhibiting high stability and good performance in terms of efficiency ($\sim 95\%$) and time resolution ($\sim 1 \text{ ns}$). A high-rate layout with $\rho \sim 7 \text{ G}\Omega/\square$ and 1 cm current evacuation pitch showed a rate capability with m.i.p. of $\sim 3 \text{ kHz/cm}^2$.

The scalability of the technology allows the construction of detectors for large area applications at future high luminosity colliders.

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