



Vacuum phototriodes for the ECAL endcap: Status

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Outline



- VPT specification
- VPT delivery schedule
- RAL and Brunel VPT test rigs
- Test procedure
 - Visual inspection
 - Measurements in test rig
- Summary of results (1.8T and 4T)
- Discussion of anomalous VPTs



VPT specification



- Faceplate of rad-hard glass
 All glass samples tested at Brunel
 < 10% loss after 20kGy, 5.10¹⁴ n/cm²
- Gain (g) & quantum efficiency (p)
 g # 7 (V_a = 1000V, V_d = 800V, V_k = 0)
 - **p** ‡ 0.15

▶ 1.4 £ pg < 3.8

Loss of response at 4T
 < 20% wrt performance at 0T





VPT deliveries



 Manufactured by RIE, St Petersburg
 VPT progress



B W Kennedy, RAL PPD



VPT statistics



- Received: 13800 (inc 500 pre-production)
- Visual inspection: 13300
- Tested at 1.8T: 13220
- Tested in Brunel 4T rig: 1536
- Delivered to CERN: 2240



Test procedure



Yield measurements
Response v angle at 1.8T
Response v field at 15





VPT yield measurements









- Majority of VPTs perform well at 1.8T
- Small fraction (few %) show "discharges"
 Indicated by increase in signal width





Example of discharge









- Repeatable
 - Appear in same range of angles for given VPT
 - Persist over weeks / months
- Most common at >10 to magnetic field
- Not seen in zero field
- Incidence reduced at lower voltage
 Tests at V_a/V_d = 800/600 show fewer spikes
- Fraction of anomalous tubes reduced after late 2004
 - Action taken by manufacturer to improve vacuum conditions



Fraction of VPTs showing discharges







Sorting VPTs by yield









2000 delivered 4 Apr 2006 by van (Tony Lodge + Joolz Williams)

Acceleration monitored throughout journey



1 Apr 06 Run to CERN





- VPT deliveries are scheduled for completion in late 2006
 - 500 pre-prod + 13300 production VPTs received at RAL
- Magnetic field tests at RAL and Brunel are keeping up with deliveries
- Small proportion (few %) anomalous at 1.8T
 - Manufacturer has investigated problem and taken action to reduce the number of anomalous VPTs.
 - Manufacturer will supply up to 600 extra VPTs to replace anomalous tubes.
- >2000 VPTs already delivered to CERN