

Tests of the BURLE 64-anode MCP PMT as the detector of Cherenkov photons



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- motivation Belle PID upgrade
- **•** BURLE MCP-PMT
- bench tests
- beam tests
- summary





Large solid angle detector at the KEKB e⁺ e⁻ collider



Particle identification: •TOF •dE/dx •ACC: threshold aerogel Cherenkov counter

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requirement: ~ 5σ K/ π separation @ 4 GeV/c



proximity focusing RICH with aerogel radiator



aerogel RICH in forward direction

•n ~ 1.05 • $\vartheta_{c}(\pi) = 310 \text{ mrad } @ 4 \text{ GeV/c}$ • $\vartheta_{c}(\pi) - \vartheta_{c}(K) = 23 \text{ mrad } @ 4 \text{ GeV/c}$ •pion threshold 0.44 GeV/c

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Photon detector has to operate in magnetic field of 1.5T

- One of the candidates BURLE 85011 MCP-PMT:
- •multi-anode PMT with 2 MCP steps
- •25 μ m pores
- bialkali photocathode
- •gain ~ 0.6 x 10⁶
- collection efficiency ~ 60%
- box dimensions ~ 71mm square
- •64(8x8) anode pads
- pitch ~ 6.45mm, gap ~ 0.5mm
 active area fraction ~ 52%







BENCH TEST SETUP

LIGHT SOURCE: •blue LED (470nm) focused by microscope to ~ 30 μ m •2D position of the light source is computer controlled in steps of 12.5 μ m

READOUT ELECTRONICS: •signals from anodes are amplified and discriminated by ASD8 boards •digital signals are converted to ECL levels and fed to VME counters

ASD8 BOARDS: •used in the HERA-B RICH •16 channels (2 x ASD8 chips)



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POSITION DEPENDENT SINGLE PHOTON COUNTING



count rates - all channels:charge sharing at padboundaries

single channel response:uniform over pad areaextends beyond pad area(charge sharing)





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DIFFERENT PHOTON INCIDENCE ANGLES



 single channel response for photon incidence angles of 0° and 45° (reflections)



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BELLE INTERNAL REFLECTIONS

- relative intensities of main peak, first and second reflections are 0.92, 0.07 and 0.01 respectively
- displacement of secondary image consistent with reflection from MCP surface



• impact on spatial resolution (+10% @18°) • impact on timing resolution $\Delta t \sim 40 ps$







- pion beam 0.5 GeV/c 4 GeV/c
- two MWPCs for tracking
- same front end electronics (ASD8) as bench tests
- digital signals read out by VME TDCs
- different aerogel samples used









BEAM TEST SETUP - 2

 BURLE MCP-PMT mounted together with an array of 12(6x2)
 Hamamatsu R5900-M16 PMTs at 30mm pitch (reference counter)





R5900-M16 characteristics: •bialkali photocathode •16 (4x4) pads, pitch 4.5mm •active area fraction ~ 36% •collection efficiency ~ 75%



MCP-PMT: Cherenkov ring & HV scan





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 Number of hits per cluster (run 119, 4cm focusing aerogel conf.)



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MCP-PMT: resolution





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- σ_{g} ~13 mrad (single cluster)
- number of clusters per track N ~ 4.5
- σ_{g} ~ 6 mrad (per track)
- -> \sim 4 $\sigma \pi/K$ separation at 4 GeV/c





Operation in high magnetic field:



•the present tube with 25 μ m pores only works up to 0.8T •for operation at 1.5T – pores size ~10 μ m

Number of photons per ring: too small.

Possible improvements:

- •bare tubes (52%->63%)
- increase active area fraction (bare tube 63%->85%)

increase the photo-electron collection efficiency
 (from 60% at present up to 70%)

-> Extrapolation from the present data 4.5 ->8.5 hits per ring σ_9 : 6 mrad -> 4.5 mrad (per track) -> >5 $\sigma \pi/K$ separation at 4 GeV/c

Aging of MCP-PMTs ?





SUMMARY

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- BURLE MCP multianode PMT performed very well as a single photon detector both on the bench and in the test beam.
- The Cherenkov angle resolution and yield are in good agreement with expectations.
- For the specific application (RICH counter with aerogel radiator) the yield is too low. Improvements foreseen (larger active area fraction).

R&D issues:

- . Testing of the version with 10 μm pores (for operation in B=1.5T) and with larger active area fraction.
- Photo-electron collection efficiency: 60% -> 70%?
- Readout electronics







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BENCH TEST SETUP - ELECTRONICS



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uniform single channel response (right)
fine scan over the boundary of 4 pads (bottom)







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simple simulation:

HITS & CLUSTERS

- generating Cherenkov photons
- counting number of hit pads
- counting number of clusters within the 8x8 channel areas



- 11 pads
- 7 clusters



