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Performance of the ATLAS Tile Calorimeter

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- ATLAS is the multipurpose detector at the LHC.
- Consists of internal tracker, electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters, and external muon spectrometer.
- Allows a wide spectrum of high energy physics studies both within the Standard Model and Beyond.

- Tile Calorimeter is the hadronic sampling detector within ATLAS
- Located at the outer barrel of the ATLAS calorimetry system
- Intended for energy measurements of jets, single hadrons, tau-particles and missing transverse energy

Tile Calorimeter structure Long barrel (LB) $|\eta| < 1.0$ Extended barrel (EB) $0.8 < |\eta| < 1.7$ 0.7 3865 mm 1.3 **D** layer D0 D1 D2 D3 BC1 BC2 BC3 BC4 BC5 BC6 BC7 BC8 1.4 **BC** layer Crack / Gap E3 E3 E3 B9 A layer A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | A5 , A6 , A7 | A8 , A9 A13 A15 -A10 A14 2280 mm 500 1000 1500 mm beam axis

- Tile Calorimeter consists of one central Long Barrel cylinder and two Extended Barrels cylinders covering $|\eta| < 1.7$ and $0 < \varphi < 2\pi$
- Segmented into 64 modules in azimuth
- Has three radial layers (7.4 λ_{int}) and the longitudinal Gap/Crack layer between barrels
- The granularity is $\Delta \eta \propto \Delta \phi = 0.1 \propto 0.1$ (0.2 x 0.1 in the last radial layer)
- Consists of 5182 readout cells
- Designed energy resolution $\sigma/E = 50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 3\%$

Tile Calorimeter Read-Out



Tile Calorimeter is the sampling detector made of plastic scintillator and steel as absorber (scintillator only in crack/gap cells)



- Signal from each cell is routed by WLS to two PMTs (giving 9852 readout channels)
 - Analog signal from each PMT is amplified by two gains (1:64), shaped and digitized by 3-in-1 card every 25 ns
- The digitised samples are stored in pipeline awaiting for L1 trigger accept
 - Analog signals contribute to L1 trigger
- The slower Integrator readout is routed before amplifiers and used for Cs (or MinBias) calibration

Signal reconstruction



- The time calibration is important for OF performance
- Time measurements and calibration is performed using "splash" events (single beam events hitting closed collimator)
- Tuned later with collisions, exploiting jet events

- 7 sets of ADC counts (samples) spaced by25 ns are used for signal reconstruction(150 ns window)
- Amplitude (*A*), time (t_0) and quality factors (*QF*) are obtained with Optimal Filter (OF) algorithm
- OF uses weighted sum of samples (S_i) in order to minimise noise



the particles cross calorimeter across beam axis



- The energy calibration allows to reconstruct the energy of jets in GeV.
- Performed using various calibration systems (with precision of 1% of the cell response)
 - The injection of known charge to digitiser (CIS) allows to calibrate electronics $(C_{ADC \rightarrow pC})$
 - $C_{pC \rightarrow GeV}$ conversion factor has been defined at testbeam via the response to electron beams of known momentum (setting the absolute energy scale)
 - Injected laser light with known intensity allows to equalise PMT response (C_{Laser})
 - Cs source moved through all the cells (except crack scintillators) allows to equalise scintillator response (C_{Cs})
 - Scintillator response equalisation can be improved using Minimum Bias events

Energy calibration: Cs



 $E = A \cdot C_{Cs} \cdot C_{Laser} \cdot C_{ADC \to pC} \cdot C_{pC \to GeV}$



The deviation from expected response rises • due irradiation effects in scintillators, variations of PMT gain.



Calibration of the initial part of the signal readout path (scintillator response) with movable radioactive ¹³⁷Cs γ -sources ($E_{\gamma} = 0.662 \ MeV$)

- The signal is read out through a special "slow" integrator
- The correction applies to maintain global conversion factor and corrects for residual cell differences
- The calibration is usually performed
 ~1th per month (was not available in
 2016 due to water leak) 7

Energy calibration: Laser



Scintillator irradiation in 2016



The difference between Laser and MinBias (or Cesium) response allows to estimate the effect of the scintillators irradiation.



Highest PMT gain variations are observed during 2016 pp collisions: 5% to 10% in cells closest to beam pipe

• Laser light pulses are sent directly to PMT to measure PMT gain variation and correct for non-linearities of the readout electronics

- Laser is also used for time calibration and monitoring
- Calibration is usually done 2 times per week (or even more often in case Cs is n/a)

Energy calibration: CIS



- Calibration of the front-end electronic gains with a charge injection system (CIS) located in 3-in-1 card (allows to test each channel)
- Fires both amplification gains
- Corrects for non-linearities of electronics associated to the PMTs
- Performed 2 times per week for monitoring



CIS calibration was very stable during 2016 data taking

Detector status by the end of 2016 pp collisions

Evolution of TileCal masked cells in 2010-2016



The 2016 was the best year for the Tile Calorimeter from the beginning of LHC data taking.

• Good stability of electronics

Less than 1% cells were excluded from reconstruction at the end of 2016 pp collisions.

- One module is excluded due to the water leak in cooling system
- Another module had readout problems

Noise performance



- Electronics noise is measured and monitored in special runs without collisions
- Defined as the width of Gaussian fit to the reconstructed cell energy distributions
- Stays at the level of 15-20 MeV for most of cells

- Energy distribution in Tile Calorimeter cells gets wider and larger in presence of pile-up
- Total noise (standard deviation of the energy distribution) is increasing as the function of average number of interactions per bunch crossing (driven by pile-up contribution)
- Cells closest to beam beam pipe are affected by higher noise

Performance with jets and hadrons

- The ratio of the calorimeter energy over the track momentum (E/p) of **single hadrons** is used to evaluate TileCal uniformity and linearity during data taking
- The calorimeter calibration at the electromagnetic scale results in E/p<1, while jets are further calibrated in a more complicated way
- Good linearity and uniformity is observed. The data/MC agreement is within 3%.





- The jet energy resolution is below 10% for **jets** with $p_T > 100$ GeV.
- The constant term is at the level of 3%, compatible with the expectations

Performance with muons

- Muons from cosmic rays, beam halo and collisions (e.g. $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ events) are exploited to study the electromagnetic energy scale in-situ
- Energy deposited by muons in scintillator proportional to its path length (dE/dx) Cosmic muons



- 1% response non-uniformity with η in Long Barrel
- 2-3% response non-uniformity with η in Extended Barrel
- The response is uniform across φ within 2%
 - A good energy response uniformity is found with 8 TeV collisions data in all calorimeter layers
 - The data/MC agreement is within 3%

Summary

- Tile Calorimeter has shown a great performance in 2016 year of data taking providing 98.9% of good data for physics analyses
- Solid multistep calibration and monitoring system allows to maintain uniform and stable cell energy response with precision better than 1%
- The results show that the Tile Calorimeter performance is within the design requirements and gives essential contribution to reconstructed physics objects and physics results