Tile-in-ONE

An integrated framework for the data quality assessment and database management for the ATLAS Tile Calorimeter

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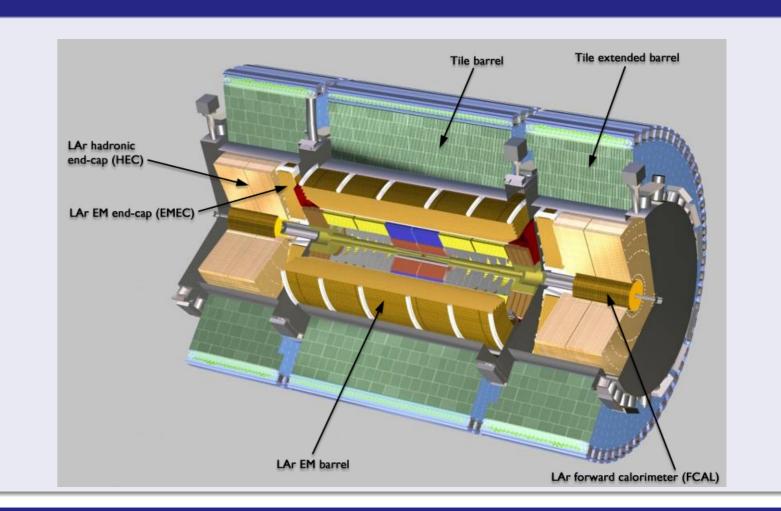




Introduction

The Tile calorimeter is one of the sub-detectors of ATLAS. In order to ensure its proper operation and assess the quality of data, many tasks have to be performed by means of different tools which were developed independently. Thus, these systems are commonly implemented without a global perspective of the detector and lack basic software features. Besides, in some cases they overlap in the objectives and resources with another one.

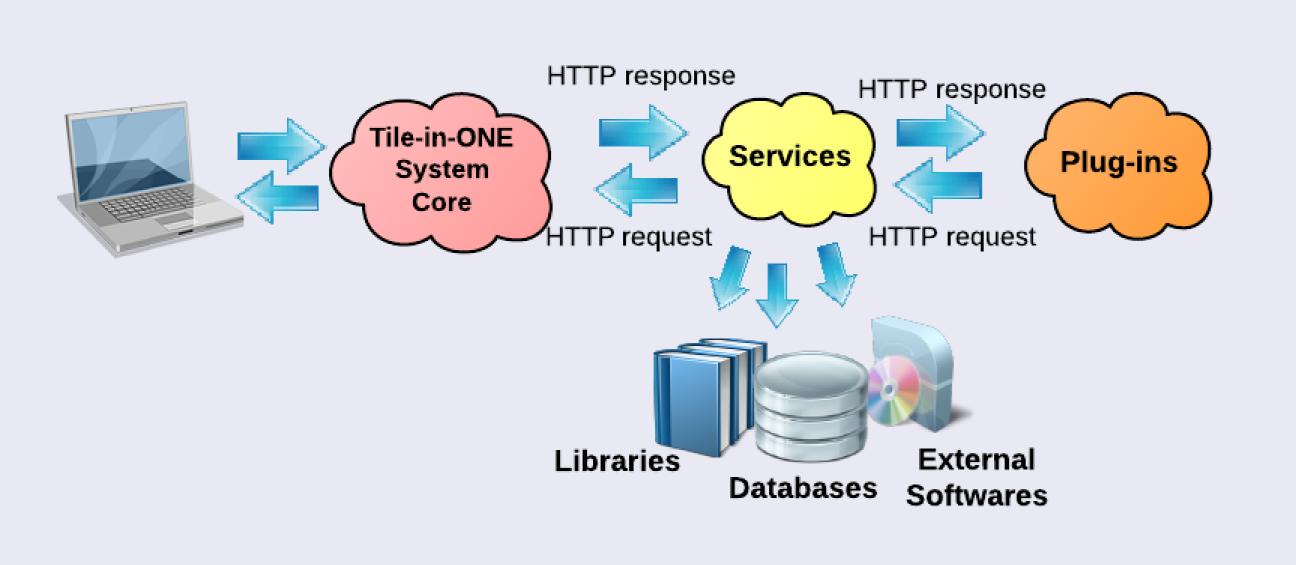
Tile-in-ONE is an infrastructure designed to integrate these tools, making them able to access common services and be displayed in a single interface. Moreover, collaborators should be allowed to develop their own tools exploiting any existing feature.



The system architecture

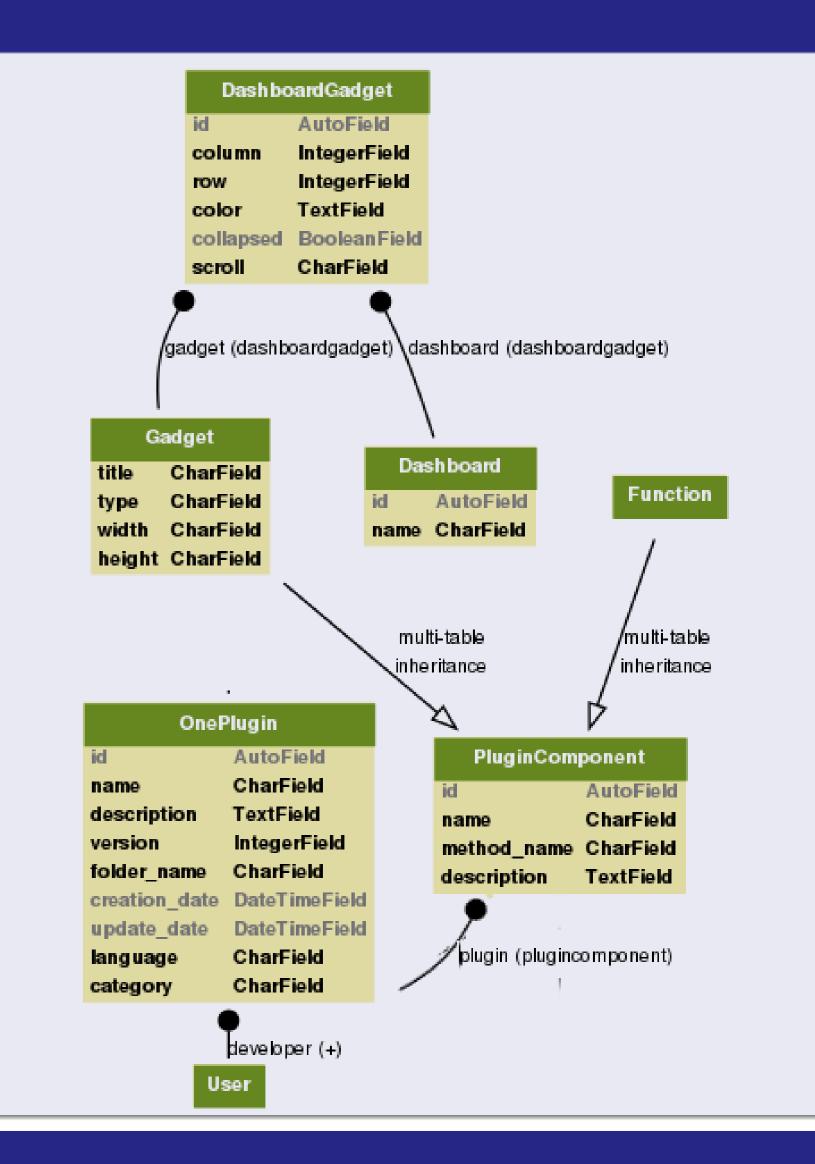
The system is composed of three basic elements:

- The system core: represents the basic framework that loads the configuration, manages user settings and loads plug-ins at runtime.
- The services: provided to centralize the access to the resources. A specific service allows the system core to access any plug-in as well as a plug-in to access any other.
- The plug-ins: it is a set of components designed to provide some functionality for the final user.

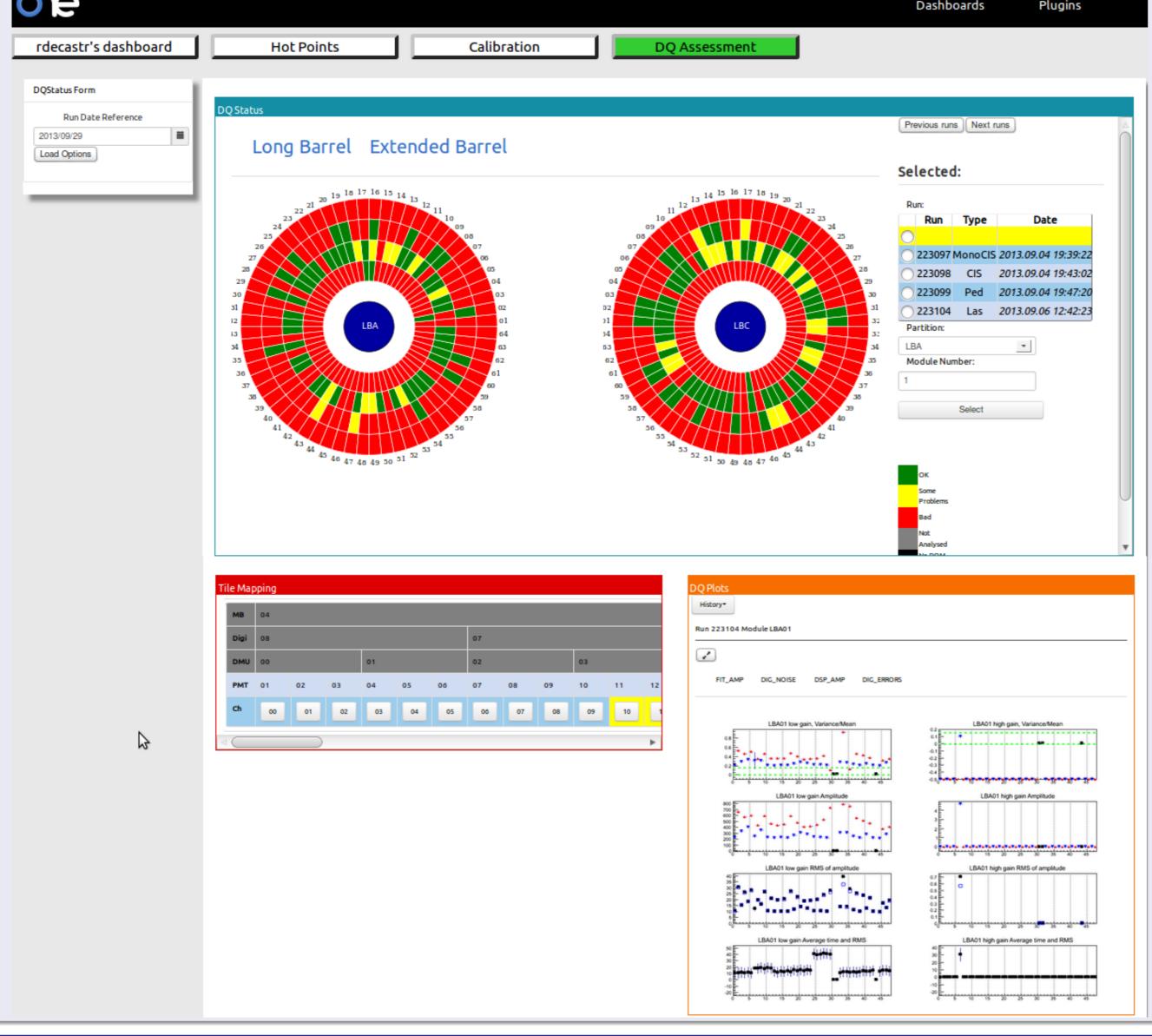


The access from the system core to the plug-ins and from the plug-ins to the resources are made by sending an HTTP request for a given service.

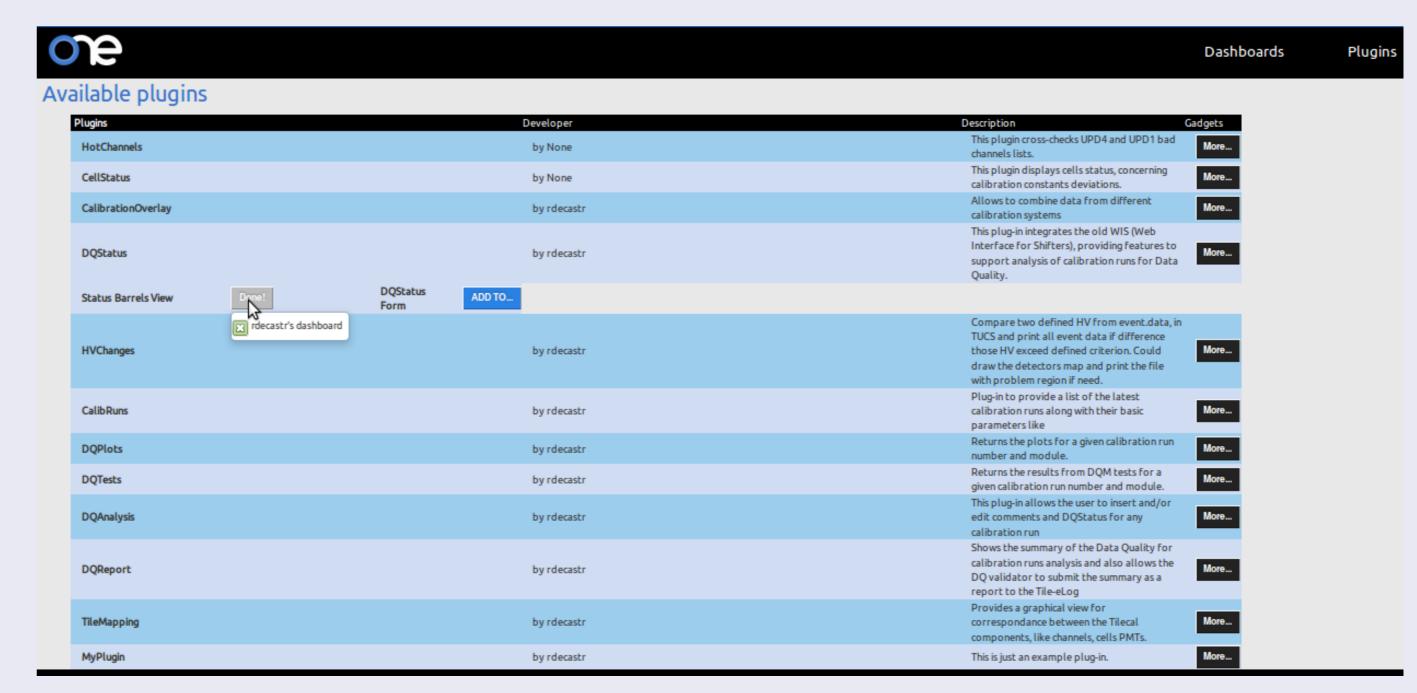
A component which returns some content to be displayed in the interface is defined as a "Gadget". The developer can also define a component as a "Function", to make it able to be called by other plug-ins through a mediator service.



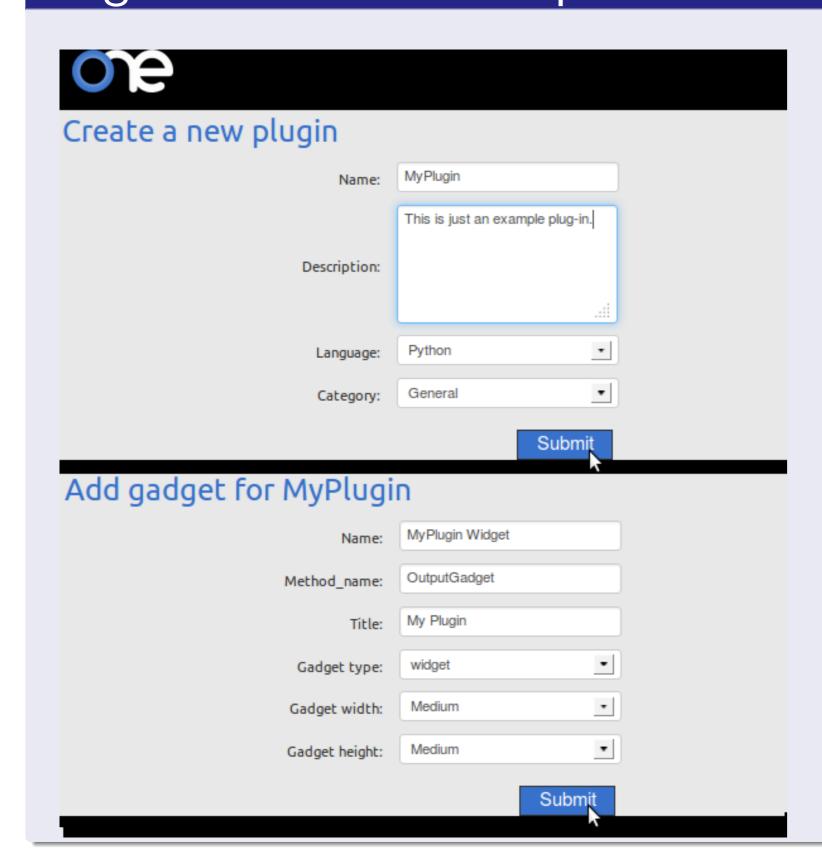
The web interface - Dashboards and Gadgets



The first time a user logs into the system, a dedicated dashboard is created. It is possible to add any of the available plug-ins into the user's dashboard. Some plugins are available for dedicated expert role. Other dashboards exist in the system which are designed for a specific purpose. For example, the "DQ Assessment" provides a pre-defined layout of the required plug-ins to assess the quality of the data. In this dashboard, the user is presented with a set of calibration runs displayed as concetrinc rings, each wedge representing a module. With a simple view the user can compare the status of the module across the different runs. This view will also display results from physics runs if any.



Plug-ins API and development



In order to create a plug-in, the developer should:

- specify the plug-in name, description and the programming language to be used
- define one or more gadgets to be displayed and/or functions to be reused
- in case of python language, write the plug-in code as a class with the same name as the plug-in and methods which return the content to be displayed in the specifyed gadgets or functions. If needed to use some service, a function named "callService" should be called, specifying the name of the service, the method and parameters to be sent.

