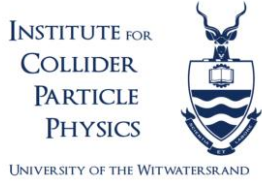


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- ❑ ATLAS hadronic calorimeter, iron as absorber and plastic scintillator as active material. Scintillation light is collected to photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) through wavelength shifting fibers and a total of **~10,000 PMTs are used. (Figure 1)**
- ❑ In order to cope with the **increased luminosity**, a completely new on-detector and off-detector electronics are being developed, aiming for **increased trigger rates** and high-performance data acquisition.
- ❑ The **TileCal Demonstrator** is designed to **evaluate** the **detector performance** with new readout electronics without compromising the present data taking.

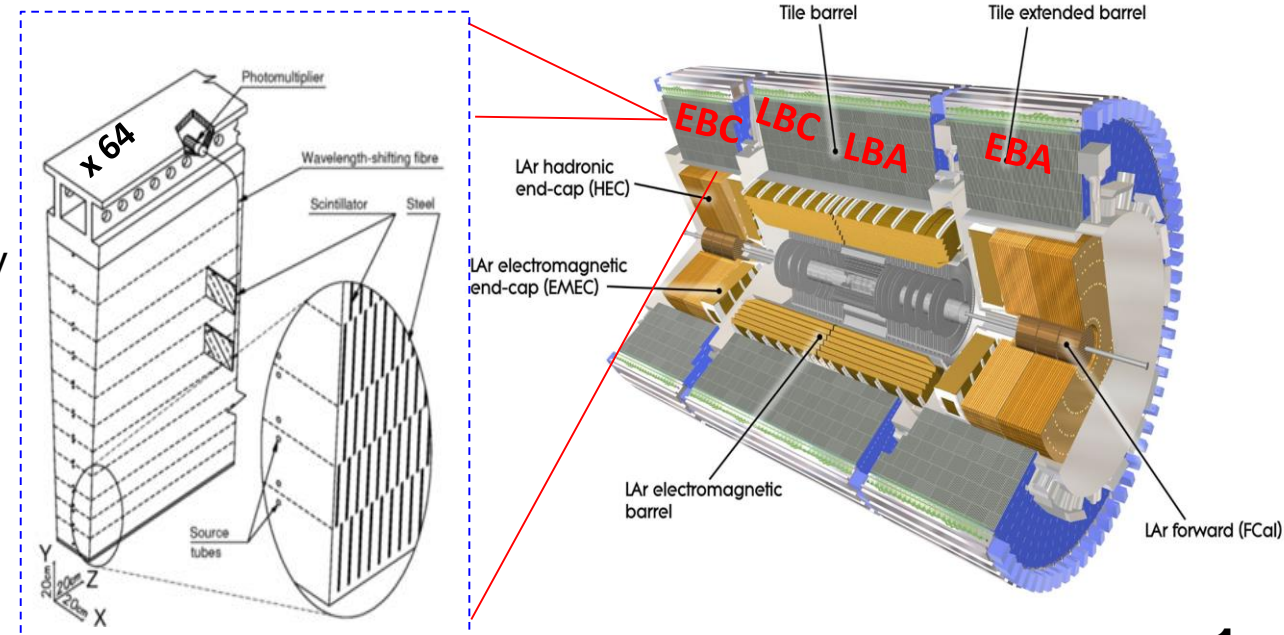


Figure 2) ATLAS Tile Calorimeter structure

Phase-II Upgrade Demonstrator and readout chain

- ❑ The Demonstrator modularizes a **legacy TileCal Drawer** in four Mini-drawers (MDs), each MD (Figure 2) serves up to 12 channels consisting of **12 Photomultiplier (PMTs)**, **12 Front-End Boards (FEBs)**, **An Adder based board**, a **Daughterboard (DB)** (**Figure 2**)
- ❑ The data is sent off-detector to be stored in pipelines, reconstructed and triggered-out by: **Tile Preprocessors (TilePPr)** that receives **legacy TTC (Timing Trigger and Control) commands and triggers**, **DCS (Detector Control Systems) commands**, and sends the triggered data to the legacy **ROD (Read Out Driver)**. (**Figure 3**)

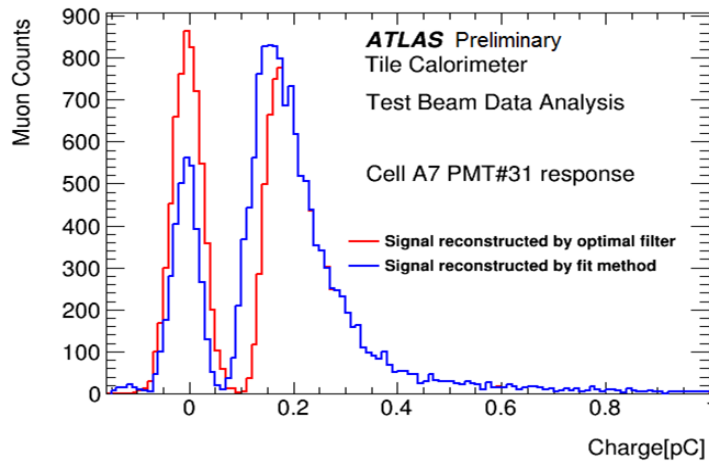


Figure 3a) Muon signal reconstructed using Fit method and Optimal Filter when 150GeV muons are hitting LBC – Demonstrator, at -90° (cell A7 PMT#31 response).

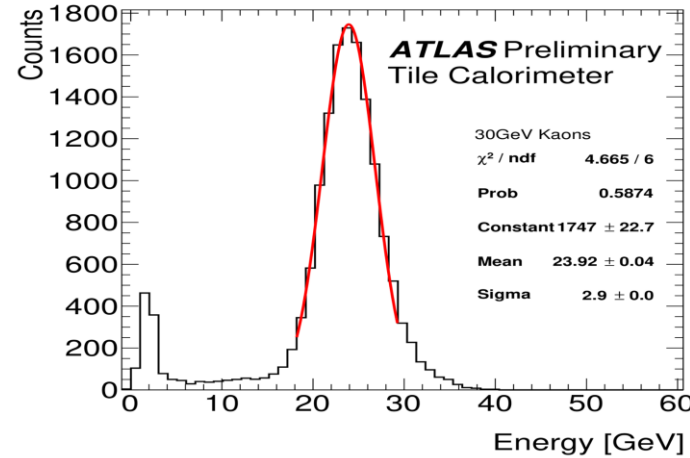


Figure 3b) Distribution of the measured energy for 30 GeV kaons. The Gaussian function fit, performed in the range $\pm 2\sigma$ centred on the peak value is shown. The low-energy tail is due to longitudinal energy leakage. The low energy peak is due to muons.

Main goals of Demonstrator analysis:

long pedestal, stability over time, high pile-up resilience, low noise

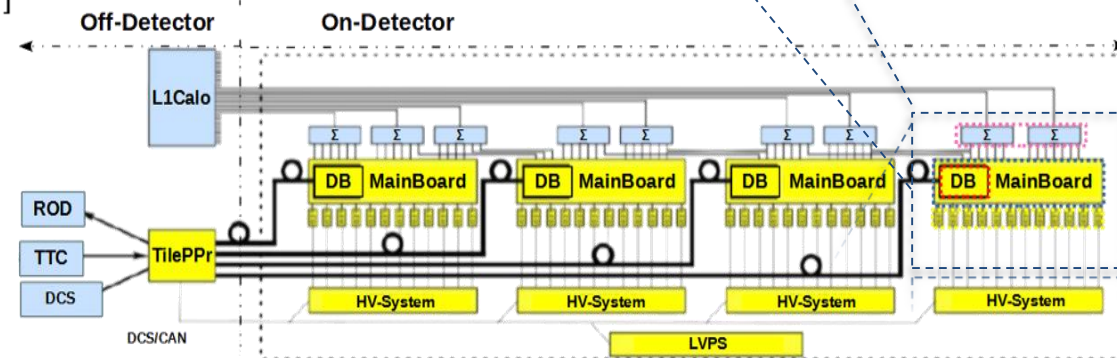
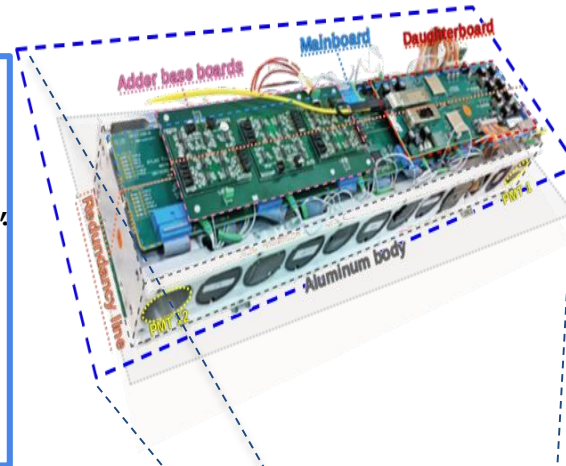


Figure 2) Tile Demonstrator

- ❑ The Demonstrator was inserted inside the ATLAS detector in June 2019. Laser calibration pulse in empty bunches and cosmic events were successfully recorded.

Demonstrator status and test results

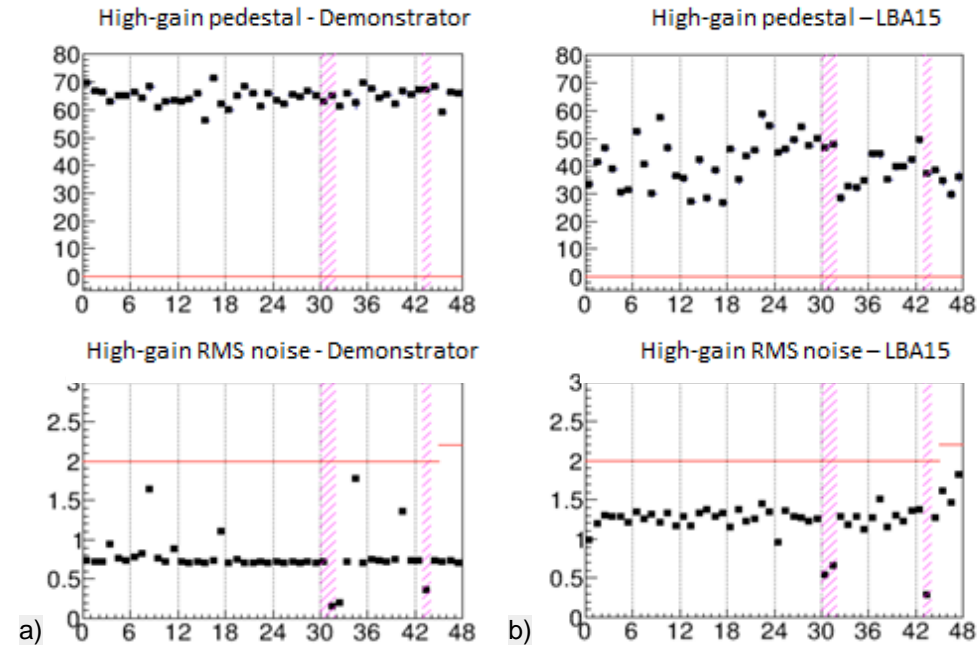


Figure 4) pedestal averages and noise for the Demonstrator channels together with the ones for the legacy super-drawer LBA 15 channels

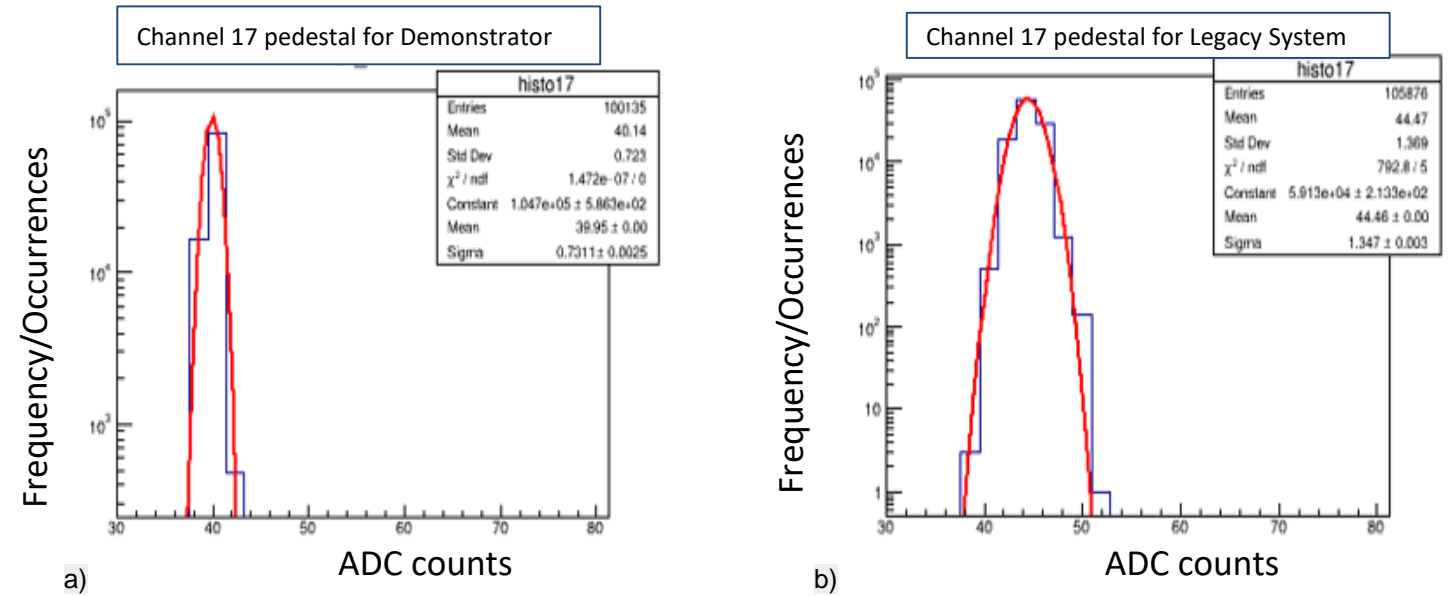


Figure 5 Channel 17 pedestal distributions for a) the Demonstrator and b) the Legacy system LBA 15; the Gaussian function fit performed on the pedestal measurements is shown using the red line

- ❑ The pedestal value is estimated in special calibration runs and it is subtracted from the received digital samples. Digitized ADC samples for each channel i can be expressed as $y_i = ped_i + Ag(t_i + T) + n_i$, where ped is the signal pedestal, A is the true amplitude, $g(t)$ is the normalized reference pulse shape at time t , T corresponds to the phase between the expected and measured times, and n_i is the background noise.
- ❑ Pedestal tests showed slightly lower noise in the demonstrator for April run 2021 (Figure 4, 5).
- ❑ The Demonstrator readout was fully integrated in the TDAQ software with very stable links (Figure 5).

Demonstrator status, test results and conclusion

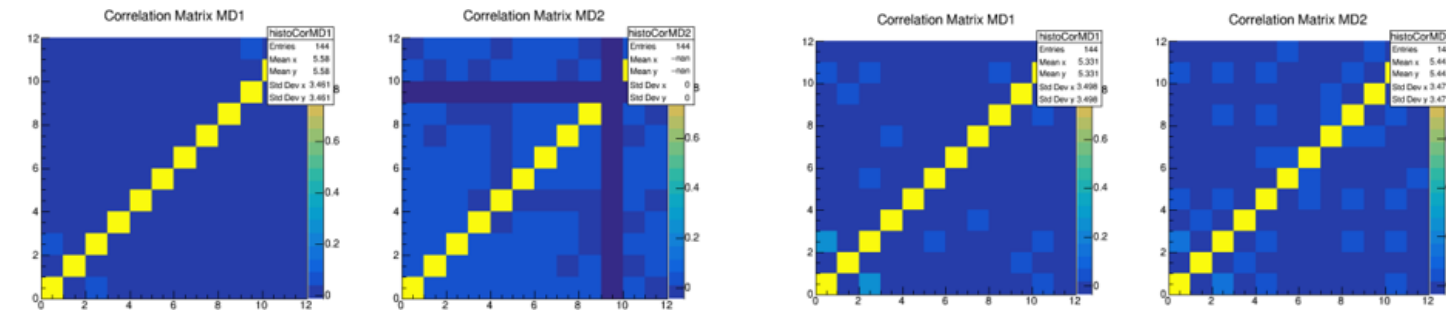


Figure 6) Correlation analysis for the Demonstrator pedestal distributions

- Correlations for pedestal measurements in-between all 12 channels within mini-drawers MD1, MD2, MD3 a Reduced correlation coefficients show that no linear association exists between pedestal measurements and MD4 were performed (Figure 6) for mini-drawer channels sharing the same electronics.

Conclusion/Summary

- Replacement of MBs and fixing noisy channels was completed for the Tile demonstrator module and is now fully integrated with the TileCal TDAQ system.
- The Demonstrator data acquisition runs which included a new optimized TilePPr firmware have taken place without data losses. The pedestal analysis showed better performances compared with the legacy system.

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The High Luminosity Large Hadron Collider (HL-LHC) will deliver five times the LHC nominal instantaneous luminosity, after a series of upgrades that will take place during the shutdown of 2024-2026. The ATLAS Hadronic Calorimeter (TileCal) (Figure 1) will require the complete replacement of the readout electronics in order to accommodate its acquisition system to the increased radiation levels, trigger rates, and high pile-up conditions during the HL-LHC era. The upgraded readout electronics will digitize the PMT signals from every TileCal cell for every bunch crossing and will transmit them directly to the off-detector electronics. In the counting rooms, the off-detector electronics will store the calorimeter signals in pipelined buffers while transmitting reconstructed trigger objects to the first level of trigger at 40 MHz. The Demonstrator module has been assembled and is being operated and read out using a prototype of Tile PreProcessor (TilePPr) which also permits integrating the Demonstrator module into the present ATLAS TDAQ system. This contribution presents the status and performance of the Demonstrator module in the ATLAS experiment.

ATLAS Tile Calorimeter

Figure 1 – ATLAS Tile Calorimeter structure

- Two barrel and two extended barrel modules, each consists of 64 detector wedges.
- Sampling hadronic calorimeter, iron as absorber and plastic scintillator as active material.
- Scintillation light is collected to photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) through wavelength shifting fibers and a total of ~10,000 PMTs are used.

Phase-II Upgrade Demonstrator and readout chain

Figure 2 – Demonstrator module readout chain

- Demonstrator module used to evaluate the new readout electronics while preserving compatibility with the current system.
- The Demonstrator system [1] will continuously sample data of digitized gains of up to 48 TileCal PMTs at 40 MHz (Figure 2)

Demonstrator status and test results

For accurate cell energy reconstruction, the Demonstrator was used together with the entire TileCal for taking calibration and data quality runs. The main objectives for Demonstrator data analysis are: (i) pedestal stability over long periods, (ii) stability of the noise, (iii) stability of the timing in Laser runs and (iv) PMT Response variation.

Thus, Figure 3 a) shows the muon signal reconstructed when 150 GeV muons are hitting the Demonstrator at -90°, whereas Figure 3 b) shows the distribution of the measured energy for 30 GeV kaons (the low energy peak is due to muons).

Figure 3 – Demonstrator performance exemplification during test-beam campaigns: a) reconstructed muon signals and b) measured energy for 30 GeV kaons

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Figure 4 – Correlation analysis for the Demonstrator pedestal distributions

Conclusion

Replacement of MBs and fixing noisy channels was completed for the Tile demonstrator module and is now fully integrated with the TileCal TDAQ system. The Demonstrator timing was adjusted by CTS and laser, and the integrator pedestals tests with L1Calo showed no noisy towers. The Demonstrator data acquisition runs which included a new optimized TilePPr firmware have taken place without data losses. The pedestal analysis showed better performances compared with the legacy system.

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