Evaluation of the Performance of SiPM-on-Tiles at the End of Life of the CMS HGCAL Upgrade

Phase-II Upgrade of the CMS Endcap Calorimeters

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High Granularity for the High Luminosity LHC

Phase II Upgrade of the CMS Endcap Calorimeter (HGCAL)

- HL-LHC aims to achieve an integrated luminosity of 3000 fb⁻¹ by its end of life
 - **Ten times higher** than the LHC
 - Poses significant challenges for radiation tolerance and event pileup on detectors
- CMS endcap calorimeter to be replaced with a **5D (imaging)** calorimeter using particle flow
- The active area of CMS endcap calorimeter (HGCAL) will consist of:
 - silicon detector section
 - scintillator section: where radiation levels permit (neutron fluence < 5x10¹³ n/cm²)



Scintillator Component of the Hadronic Endcap Calorimeter

SiPM-on-Tile Based Read-out

Wingboard (10°),

with Motherboard

 SiPM-on-tiles consist of individually wrapped plastic scintillator tiles placed on silicon photomultipliers (SiPM)



• The signals from SiPM-on-tiles are read out by the HGCROC front end electronic ASIC



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CMS HGCAL Tile Module

For the Scintillator Section of the CMS HGCAL

• The **basic detector unit** in the SiPM-on-tile section is the **tile module**.

• Consists of a PCB, HGCROC, SiPMs, scintilators and other on-board electronic systems including the low intensity LED system.

• Most tile modules will hold one HGCROC

• HGCROC can read out up to 72 channels simultaneously.



Current Tile Module Plans For the HGCAL Scintillator Section

Tile Module Layout in r-z Direction



- 8 tileboard types cover both endcaps
 - Includes 35 tileboard variants
- More than 240,000 SiPM-on-tile channels

Scintillator tiles:

- 21 different tile sizes
- 23 mm to 55 mm side length
- Covering an area of 340 m²
- SiPMs: Hamamatsu HDR-2, 15 µm pitch sized SiPMs with custom radiation hard packaging with good thermal conductivity
 - 2x2 mm² active area SiPMs
 - 3x3 mm² active area SiPMs

Signal-to-Noise Requirement for Scintillator Section of HGCAL

At End-of-Life : integrated luminosity of 3000 fb⁻¹

- Minimum ionizing particles (MIP) will be used as a standard candle for energy calibration for each SiPM-on-tile until end of life
- SiPM-on-tiles are not as radiation hard as silicon sensors: more degradation than silicon sensors:
 - Will be used in areas where a signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) > 3 for MIPs can be maintained

 $SNR = \frac{MIP Signal}{Noise of Signal}$

- Mathematical model used to predict the SNR at end of life:
 - SiPM-on-tile performance before irradiation
 - Increase in SiPM noise with irradiation
 - Degradation of scintillator performance with dose rate

Quantifying SiPM-on-Tile Performance at Start Of Life At Beam Tests

- Unirradiated SiPMs and scintillators on HGCAL tileboard prototypes measure the performance expected at the starting conditions of the detector
- SiPM-on-tile performance measured at DESY II test beam facility
 - 3 GeV electrons (has similar response to MIPs)
 - 30,000-100,000 events at a SiPM over-voltage of 2V (SiPM operation voltage at HGCAL)

$$Overvoltage = \begin{pmatrix} Bias \\ voltage \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} Breakdown \\ voltage \end{pmatrix}$$

11 test beams to date since 2020



Quantifying SiPM-on-Tile Performance at Start Of Life

At Beam Tests

• MIP extraction from beam data:



• SiPM gain extraction using low intensity LED:



 Ratio between MIP maxima and SiPM gain gives a purely optical performance measurement defined as light yield which is our MIP signal Light Yield[p.e.]= $\frac{MIP maxima[ADC]}{SiPM gain[ADC]}$

Light Yields of SiPM-on-Tiles

Using MIP and SiPM Gain measurements

 Light yields measured for different scintillator sizes and SiPM sizes can be fitted using relation :

 $Light Yield = \frac{A(4 mm^2)}{\sqrt{tile area}} \times \frac{SiPM active area}{4 mm^2}$

- Detector can be optimised to maintain SNR>3 in highest irradiated area by:
 - Using smaller scintillator tiles
 - Using larger SiPMs
 - Using better performing scintillator materials



SiPM Noise Measurements with Irradiated SiPMs

Results

- Leakage current passing through the SiPMs increases with fluence
- SiPM noise increases with leakage current:

Pedestal noise = $(A \times \sqrt{SiPM current + B})$

- Methodology:
 - Measure noise and current at different temperature while maintaining a 2V over-voltage
- any fluence and luminosity of all SiPMs of all sizes



integ.lumi Pedestal Noise of any SiPM fluence \times Pedestal Noise at $5 \times 10^{13} n/cm^2$ $5 \times 10^{13} n/cm^{2}$ $2mm^2$



Degradation of Scintillator Tile with Radiation

Permanent and Temporary Damage



- Two types of damage to scintillator:
 - Permanent light loss in scintillator
 - Temporary (annealing) light loss

- For light yield extrapolation model per year of operation
 - 9 months of operation causing both temporary and permanent damage
 - 3 months of total annealing of temporary damage during shutdown

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Signal to Noise Ratios at End of Life (at 3000 fb⁻¹)

Of the scintillator section of the HGCAL

 Since light yield and noise is known for a given fluence and dose rate, the SNR at any given time can be calculated using:

 $SNR = \frac{Light Yield}{Pedestal Noise}$

• Each layer consists of 8 SiPM-on-tile channels

- Most SiPM-on-tile channels maintains SNR>3 at end of life (3000 fb⁻¹)
 - · Front layer are the only exception



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 - Increase granularity in first 4 layers: Have 3x3 channels in an area that previously had 2x2 channels
 - Will require the change in hardware design of tileboard types J and K
- Irradiation and component results are not final and work in progress
- Decisions on potential reconfigurations are still to be made



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Summary

Extrapolation of Signal-to-Noise Ratios for End of Life Conditions

- HGCAL uses SiPM-on-Tile technology in demanding radiation conditions for the first time
 - Scintillation light decreases with irradiation
 - SiPM noise increases with irradiation
- However, MIP sensitivity is required for the calibration up to end of life
- Studies of initial performance with realistic prototypes, and with irradiated SiPMs provide firm basis for optimised configuration of detector and safe operation throughout HL-LHC
- Commissioning period will be challenging with rapidly varying conditions

Thank you for your attention!



Overview

Evaluation of the Performance of SiPM-on-Tiles at the End Of Life of the CMS HGCAL Upgrade

- Introduction to the CMS HGCAL Upgrade
 - Scintillator Section of the HGCAL Upgrade
- Signal-to-Noise Requirement for the Scintillator Section
- Model, Data Acquisition and Results used for SNR Extrapolations
- Updated Signal-to-Noise Ratios at end of life
- Summary

SiPM-on-Tile technology

SiPM Paramater Definitions

• Pitch size :

The distance between two adjacent cell (SPAD) centers in the SiPM



• SiPM active area :

The SiPM area capable of detecting photons

• Overvoltage (OV):

Difference between **bias voltage** and **breakdown voltage** above which Geiger discharge becomes possible

Overvoltage = (*Bias voltage*) - (*breakdown voltage*)

• SiPM gain :

The charge amplification factor of the SiPM cells

 $SiPM Gain = \frac{(Charge Collected per SPAD)}{(Charge of an electron)}$

• Photon detection efficiency (PDE) :

Efficiency at which SiPMs can detect photons

• Both SiPM gain and PDE depend on the overvoltage

Data Analysis with Trigger Time Readout

Pulse Shape of 3GeV Electron Events

- DESY II beam is asynchronous to the HGCROC clock.
 - Introduces a 25 ns uncertainty to the pulse amplitude position
- The TB-tester DAQ used, saves the time stamp of trigger with ~0.8 ns resolution



MIP Extraction using Pulse Shape and Trigger Information

Using Trigger Time and Signal Amplitude

• Using a simple time selection for in-time MIP signals, it was possible to extract the MIP spectra



(Pedestal subtracted MIP max.) = (MIP max. of signal) – (Pedestal mean)

Overview of SiPM Gain Analysis

Using Single Photon Spectra (SPS) from On-Board LED System

• The LED system on-board the tileboard pulses the low intensity LEDs.



- The photons produced by the LEDs are detected by the SiPMs
 - Pulses from SiPM are sampled at the pulse amplitude
 - Resulting histogram shows the pedestal peak and peaks corresponding to the number of SiPM cells discharged due to photon detection
 - Often referred to as a Single Photon Spectrum (SPS)



- A multi-gaussian function is used to find the mean distance between peaks in the resulting histogram
 - This measures the gain of the SiPM in ADC units

Quantifying SiPM-on-Tile Performance at Start Of Life

At Beam Tests

- MIP extraction from beam data:
 - SiPM pulse sampled at amplitude using trigger timestamps from the DAQ system
 - Resulting histogram follows a Landau-Gaussian function from which the MIP maxima is extracted
 - Pedestal is subtracted from MIP maxima

- SiPM gain extraction from LED data:
 - The photons produced by the LEDs are detected by the SiPMs, whose pulse amplitudes are sampled.
 - Resulting histogram is a single photon spectrum (SPS) where the difference between consecutive peaks is defined as SiPM gain
- Ratio between MIP maxima and SiPM gain gives a purely optical performance measurement defined as light yield

 $Light Yield[p.e.] = \frac{MIP maxima[ADC]}{SiPM gain[ADC]}$

• Light yield scales with the scintillator tile are and SiPM's active area as:

$$Light Yield = \frac{A(4 mm^2)}{\sqrt{tile area}} \times \frac{SiPM active area}{4 mm^2}$$

Light Yields of SiPM-on-Tiles

Variation with SiPM size



- Light yield also varies as a function of SiPM active area
- Therefore one can calculate all light yields with respect to the 2x2 mm² SiPMs:

$$Light Yield = \frac{A(4 \, mm^2)}{\sqrt{tile \, area}} \times \frac{SiPM \, active \, area}{4 \, mm^2}$$

- 3x3 mm² SiPMs will have 2.25 times more light yield than 2x2 mm² SiPMs
- More light from smaller scintillators.
- Both these help increase the signal in more irradiated regions

Light Yield Variation with Scintillator Tile

For Different Types of Scintillators

• Light yields shown uses two methods of production:

• Cast Tiles:

- Produced using polyvinyl toluene (PVT)
- Bought as sheets which needs to be machines into tiles
- Expensive but better performance
- Injection-moulded Tiles:
 - Produced using polystyrene
 - Produced by injecting heated molten material to moulds which is then cooled down to solidify
 - Cheaper but lower light yields
- Best performing tiles of both types will be used in final detector such that SNR>3 is maintained



SiPM Noise Measurements with Irradiated SiPMs

Methodology

- Fluence increases the leakage current passing through of SiPMs
- SiPM noise is an ADC measurement of the fluctuation of leakage current:

 $Pedestal noise = (A \times \sqrt{SiPM current} + B)$

• A and B values measured using tile modules with HGCAL readout can be used to calculate SiPM noise in terms of current



Relationship between Noise and Current passing through SiPM

Theoretical Background

- When using different temperatures (or light intensities) to vary SiPM noise for a fixed overvoltage, the current also increases as a function of SiPM noise
 - For a SiPM with negligible excess noise factor caused by after-pulsing and crosstalk



where I = current through SiPM N = no. of fired pixel in time Δt G = SiPM gain e = electron charge Δt = time period

• $Q = \int I \cdot dt = N \cdot G \cdot e$

- where Q = charge collected by SiPM
- Since the noise scales as a function of \sqrt{N} :

noise RMS =
$$\sqrt{N} \cdot G \cdot e = \sqrt{I} \cdot \sqrt{G \cdot e \cdot \Delta t}$$

• That is, for a given overvoltage:

noise RMS $\propto \sqrt{SiPM}$ current

High Granularity Solution

For Tileboard Type J and K (with 20% less signal to include a safety margin)

- J, K tileboards has the worst SNR in the detector
- Plots below accounts for a possible longer run period and for an additional 20% less light loss
 - Higher granularity will solve this problem



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