#### Study of the ATLAS Hadronic Endcap Calorimeter Performance

## August 99 Beam Test Results

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#### Abstract

The ATLAS detector is one of two multipurpose detectors under construction for the Large Hadron Collider at CERN. The Hadronic Endcap Calorimeter (HEC) is a copper-liquid argon sampling calorimeter that covers most of the forward regions of the ATLAS calorimeter system. Each wheel is devided into 32 modules and up to one module out of eight will be tested in particle beams at CERN. The first set of "production" modules were tested in the H6 beamline at CERN during summer 1999. The modules performance is evaluated at four impact points for electron and pion beams of energy ranging from 10 to 200 GeV. Different methods for signal reconstruction are used. Preliminary results on electronic noise and performance, energy response, and energy resolution are presented.

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# LHC : Large Hadron Collider

- Under construction at CERN near Geneva, Switzerland
- Magnet system to be installed in the existing LEP tunnel
- 14 TeV Center-of-Mass proton-proton collisions
- Designed luminosity of  $10^{34} \mathrm{cm}^{-2} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$
- To be operational in 2005
- Four experiments will make use of the LHC :
  - ATLAS ALICE (heavy ions)
  - CMS LHC-B (B physics)



# ATLAS Collaboration

- >1700 physicists from 33 countries
- Canadian Collaboration consists of :
  - TRIUMF Universitý of Carleton / C.R.P.P.
    Université de Montréal University of Toronto
    University of Alberta University of Victoria
    University of British Columbia York University

• Canadian Activities are mainly focussed on calorimetry

- Hadronic Endcap Calorimeter
- Forward Calorimeter
- Readout Electronics
- Cryogenic Feedthroughs
- Studies on Radiation Hardness
- Physics Simulations

# ATLAS : A Torodial LHC ApparatuS

The ATLAS dectector is made up of several subdetectors :

- Inner tracker : measures path and  $\vec{p}$  of charged particles
- Calorimeter : measures energy of particles
- $\bullet$  Muon spectrometer : identifies and measures  $\vec{p}$  of muons



# The Hadronic Endcap Calorimeter (HEC)

#### The ATLAS HEC :

- Its Mechanical design is the responsibility of TRIUMF
- It is a Sampling Liquid Argon Calorimeter
- It uses copper plates as absorber
- It Covers  $1.5 \le |\eta| \le 3.2$  i.e.  $25.2^o \to 4.7^o$   $(\eta = -\ln \tan \frac{\theta}{2})$
- Shares 43 m<sup>3</sup> cryostat with EMEC and FCAL
- Liquid argon maintained at 92.5 K and 1.7 bars
- Modular production in Europe and Canada
- Production over by 2002
- Performance Goal:

$$\frac{50\%}{\sqrt{E_o(\text{GeV})}} \oplus 3\% \le \frac{\sigma}{E}(jets) \le \frac{100\%}{\sqrt{E_o(\text{GeV})}} \oplus 10\%$$

The Hadronic Endcap Calorimeter (HEC)

Two endcaps each made up of a front and a rear wheel

- Front wheel : 2 readout segments, 25 mm thick Cu plates,  $24 \times 8.5$  mm gaps of argon
- Rear wheel : 2 readout segments, 50 mm thick Cu plates,  $16 \times 8.5$  mm gaps of argon





#### Summer 1999 Beam Test

- Quality Control and Design's Specifications Crosscheck
- First testing of production modules
- $\bullet$  Conducted at CERN on the H6 beamline of the SPS
- 3 full modules (Front and Rear) were installed in cryostat
- $\bullet~e^+,~\pi^+$  and  $\mu^+$  beams between 10 200 GeV were used
- Experiment repeated at different impact points by :
  - Moving cryostat (changing **x** of impact)
  - Using bending magnet (changing **y** of impact)



# HEC Beam Test

## View of 3 HEC modules assembled



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#### HEC Response to $e^{\pm}$

- 9 cells clusters chosen such that full containment of shower is achieved to obtain a non-biased EM scale
- Gaussian response with negligible  $\pi$  contamination





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#### HEC Resolution to $e^+$

- Resolution of Calorimeter Parameterized as :  $\frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{\text{sampling}}{\sqrt{E_0}} \oplus \text{constant} \oplus \frac{\text{noise}}{E}$
- Noise can be measured independently such that :  $\frac{\sigma'}{E'} = \frac{\text{sampling}}{\sqrt{E_0}} \oplus \text{constant}$



$$\frac{\sigma'}{E'} = \frac{(24 \pm 1)\%}{\sqrt{E_0(\text{GeV})}} \oplus (0.26 \pm 0.13)\%$$

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#### HEC Response to $\pi^{\pm}$

- 53-54 cells clusters chosen such that full containment of shower is achieved
- Leakage estimation by Monte Carlo around 2-4% (1998)





- Response using the EM scale is roughly 21 % less of response using Hadronic scale at E > 40 GeV
- Non-linearity of response vs E due to non-compensation :  $F_{\pi^0} \cong k \ln E(\text{GeV}) \qquad k \approx 0.1 \text{ (for a few to a few 100's GeV's)}$

Note that only statistical errors are shown



Next Analysis Steps :

- Further studies of electronic noise
- Estimation of systematics
- Repeat analysis on more impact points
- $\bullet$  X and Y scans for uniformity studies
- Measurement of e/h using  $e/\pi$

# Conclusions

• Electromagnetic constant :

$$\overline{\alpha_{EM}} = (3.90 \pm 0.04) \text{GeV}/\mu\text{A}$$

• Electron Energy Resolution Parameterization :  $\frac{\sigma'}{E'} = \frac{\text{sampling}}{\sqrt{E_0}} \oplus \text{constant}$ Measured :

$$\frac{\sigma'}{E'} = \frac{(24 \pm 1)\%}{\sqrt{E_0(\text{GeV})}} \oplus (0.26 \pm 0.13)\%$$

• Pion Energy Resolution Measured :

$$\frac{\sigma'}{E'} = \frac{(82.0 \pm 0.9)\%}{\sqrt{E_0(\text{GeV})}} \oplus (6.05 \pm 0.13)\%$$

• Performance goal for jets will be easily attainable:

$$\frac{50\%}{\sqrt{E_o(\text{GeV})}} \oplus 3\% \le \frac{\sigma}{E}(\text{jets}) \le \frac{100\%}{\sqrt{E_o(\text{GeV})}} \oplus 10\%$$

## Contamination of beams

