Triggering at LHC











Collisions





Proton - Proton Protons/bunch Beam energy Luminosity

2804 bunch/beam 10¹¹ 7 TeV (7x10¹² eV) 10³⁴cm⁻²s⁻¹

Crossing rate

40 MHz

Collision rate ≈ 107-109

New physics rate ≈ .00001 Hz

Event selection: 1 in 10,000,000,000,000



PP Interactions



of interactions/crossing:

- Interactions/s:
 - Lum = 10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹= 10^7 mb⁻¹Hz \hat{g}_{w^2}
 - σ(pp) = 70 mb
 - Interaction Rate, R = 7x10⁸ Hz
- Events/beam crossing:
 - ∆t = 25 ns = 2.5x10⁻⁸ s
 - Interactions/crossing=17.5
- Not all p bunches are full
 - 2835 out of 3564 only
 - Interactions/"active" crossing = 17.5 x 3564/2835 = 23









- In time pile up
- Out of time pile up
- Finite speed of particles





In-time" pile-up: particles from the same crossing but from a different pp interaction

- Long detector response/pulse shapes:
 - "Out-of-time" pile-up: left-over signals from interactions in previous crossings
 - Need "bunch-crossing identification"







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Cost of Storage



CMS outputs ~10 Pb/s of Data Can't store all of this on disk.



Concept of Trigger



- Mostly interested in high Pt events
- Most events are uninteresting (low Pt)
- Therefore we discard them
- Helps alleviate storage issues by removing data
- Helps alleviate previously discussed issues through parallelization and buffering





- N (channels) ~ O(10⁷); ≈20 interactions every 25 ns
 - need huge number of connections
 - need information super-highway
- Calorimeter information should correspond to tracker info
 - need to synchronize detector elements to (better than) 25 ns
- In some cases: detector signal/time of flight > 25 ns
 - integrate more than one bunch crossing's worth of information
 - need to identify bunch crossing...
- Can store data at ≈ 10² Hz
 - need to reject most interactions
- It's On-Line (cannot go back and recover events)
 - need to monitor selection



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Overview of Data Flow



- Assume 32 bits per number stored.
- 40 MHz collision rate.

So ~8*10⁷ *4 bytes * 40 MHz = ~10 Pb/s Lose about 3 orders of magnitude to 0 suppression. Remove another 3 by triggering.

Output to of events tape is ~300Hz * 1Mb



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L1 Hardware Triggers



Physics facts:

- pp collisions produce mainly hadrons with P_T~1 GeV
- Interesting physics (old and new) has particles (leptons and hadrons) with large transverse momenta:
 - W→ev: M(W)=80 GeV/c²; P_T(e) ~ 30-40 GeV
 - H(120 GeV)→γγ: P_T(γ) ~ 50-60 GeV
- Basic requirements:
 - Impose high thresholds on particles
 - Implies distinguishing particle types; possible for electrons, muons and "jets"; beyond that, need complex algorithms
 - Typical thresholds:
 - Single muon with P_T>20 GeV (rate ~ 10 kHz)
 → Dimuons with P_T>6 (rate ~ 1 kHz)
 - Single e/γ with P_T>30 GeV (rate ~ 10-20 kHz)
 → Dielectrons with P_T>20 GeV (rate ~ 5 kHz)
 - Single jet with P_T>300 GeV (rate ~ 0.2-0.4 kHz)

Trigger	Level-1 Threshold	Level-1 Rate	Cumulative Level-1 Rate
ingger	(GeV)	(kHz)	(kHz)
Inclusive $e \gamma$	22	3.9 ± 0.3	3.9 ± 0.3
Double $e \gamma$	11	1.0 ± 0.1	4.6 ± 0.3
Inclusive μ	14	2.5 ± 0.2	7.1 ± 0.3
Double μ	3	4.0 ± 0.3	11.0 ± 0.4
Inclusive τ	100	2.2 ± 0.2	12.9 ± 0.5
Double τ	60	3.0 ± 0.2	14.9 ± 0.5
1-,2-,3-,4-jets	150,100,70,50	2.2 ± 0.2	15.8 ± 0.5
H_{T}	275	2.0 ± 0.2	16.2 ± 0.5
$E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$	60	0.4 ± 0.1	16.3 ± 0.5
$H_{\rm T} + E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$	200, 40	1.1 ± 0.1	16.6 ± 0.5
$jet + E_T^{miss}$	100, 40	1.1 ± 0.1	16.7 ± 0.5
$\tau + E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}$	60, 40	2.7 ± 0.2	18.8 ± 0.5
$\mu + E_{T}^{miss}$	5, 30	0.3 ± 0.1	19.0 ± 0.6
$e \gamma + E_{T}^{miss}$	15, 30	0.5 ± 0.1	19.1 ± 0.6
μ + jet	7,100	0.2 ± 0.1	19.1 ± 0.6
$e\gamma$ + jet	15, 100	0.6 ± 0.1	19.2 ± 0.6
$\mu + \tau$	7,40	1.2 ± 0.1	19.8 ± 0.6
$e \gamma + \tau$	15, 60	2.6 ± 0.2	20.5 ± 0.6
$e \gamma + \mu$	15, 7	0.2 ± 0.1	20.5 ± 0.6
Prescaled			22.3 ± 0.6
Total Level-1 Rate			22.3 ± 0.6

Table E.11: The Level-1 Trigger Menu at $\mathcal{L} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ İndividual and cumulative rates are given for the different trigger paths and selected kinematic thresholds.



Combining Triggers/Readout



- Each Element (Silicon, Ecal, ect) must read out full event data.
- Data continues to flow down a series of parallel pipes.
- Trigger for each element stored as logic bit and enters global logic circuits.
- If event selected, then data from event is sent on to HLT.











- A very large OR-AND network that allows for the specification of complex conditions:
 - 1 electron with P_T>20 GeV OR 2 electrons with P_T>14 GeV OR 1 electron with P_T>16 and one jet with P_T>40 GeV...
 - The top-level logic requirements (e.g. 2 electrons) constitute the "trigger-table" of the experiment
 - Allocating this rate is a complex process that involves the optimization of physics efficiencies vs backgrounds, rates and machine conditions

→ More on this in the HLT part



DAQ/Buffers













L2 Trigger



- Level-1 trigger: reduce 40 MHz to 10⁵ Hz
 - This step is always there
 - Upstream: still need to get to 10² Hz; in 1 or 2 extra steps





High Level Trigger (CMS)/ L3 Trigger (ATLESS has more?)



- Two solutions:
 - Decrease rate by using a Level-2 farm (ATLAS)
 - → Thus, two farms: a Level-2 and Level-3 farm
 - Build a system that can do 800 Gb/s (CMS)
 - → Thus, a single farm

Remember, the detector designs for Atlas were finalized over 10 years ago. Although relying on predictions of Moore's Law and other advances in technology, ATLAS took a conservative approach and did not want to rely on being able to handle the bandwidth at the cpu farm level.

CMS started a little later and took a less conservative approach...









- Reduce number of building blocks
- Rely on commercial components (especially processing and communications)

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Table E.8: Comparison of HLT bandwidth given to various trigger paths calculated in this study with the DAQ TDR. See text for details on different kinematic cuts and changes in the HLT algorithms.

Trigger	DAQ TDR Rate (Hz)	New Rate (Hz)
Inclusive e	33.0	23.5 ± 6.7
e-e	1.0	1.0 ± 0.1
Relaxed e-e	1.0	1.3 ± 0.1
Inclusive γ	4.0	3.1 ± 0.2
$\gamma - \gamma$	5.0	1.6 ± 0.7
Relaxed $\gamma - \gamma$	5.0	1.2 ± 0.6
Inclusive μ	25.0	25.8 ± 0.8
μ - μ	4.0	4.8 ± 0.4
$\tau + E_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{miss}}$	1.0	0.5 ± 0.1
$\tau + e$	2.0	< 1.0
Double Pixel τ	1.0	4.1 ± 1.1
Double Tracker τ	1.0	6.0 ± 1.1
Single jet	1.0	4.8 ± 0.0
Triple jet	1.0	1.1 ± 0.0
Quadruple jet	7.0	8.9 ± 0.2
jet + E_{T}^{miss}	5.0	3.2 ± 0.1
b-jet (leading jet)	5.0	10.3 ± 0.3
b-jet (2 nd leading jet)	5.0	8.7 ± 0.3



ATLAS



 Additional processing in LV-2: reduce network bandwidth requirements





Output



The output rate is ~300 Hz Output event size is ~1 Mb

The size of each event is made as compact as possible while preserving information.

Output rate will can be increased in software as cost of storage goes down.



Citations



Primary

- Paris Spicas Presentation
- Frank Wuerthwein Presentation

Secondary (good reading but not directly used in this presentation)

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- "Triggering at CMS." Smith, Wesley
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