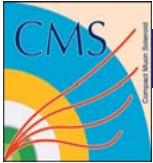


# High Level Trigger

**Simone Gennai on Behalf of  
the CMS and ATLAS  
collaboration**



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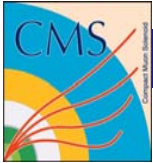
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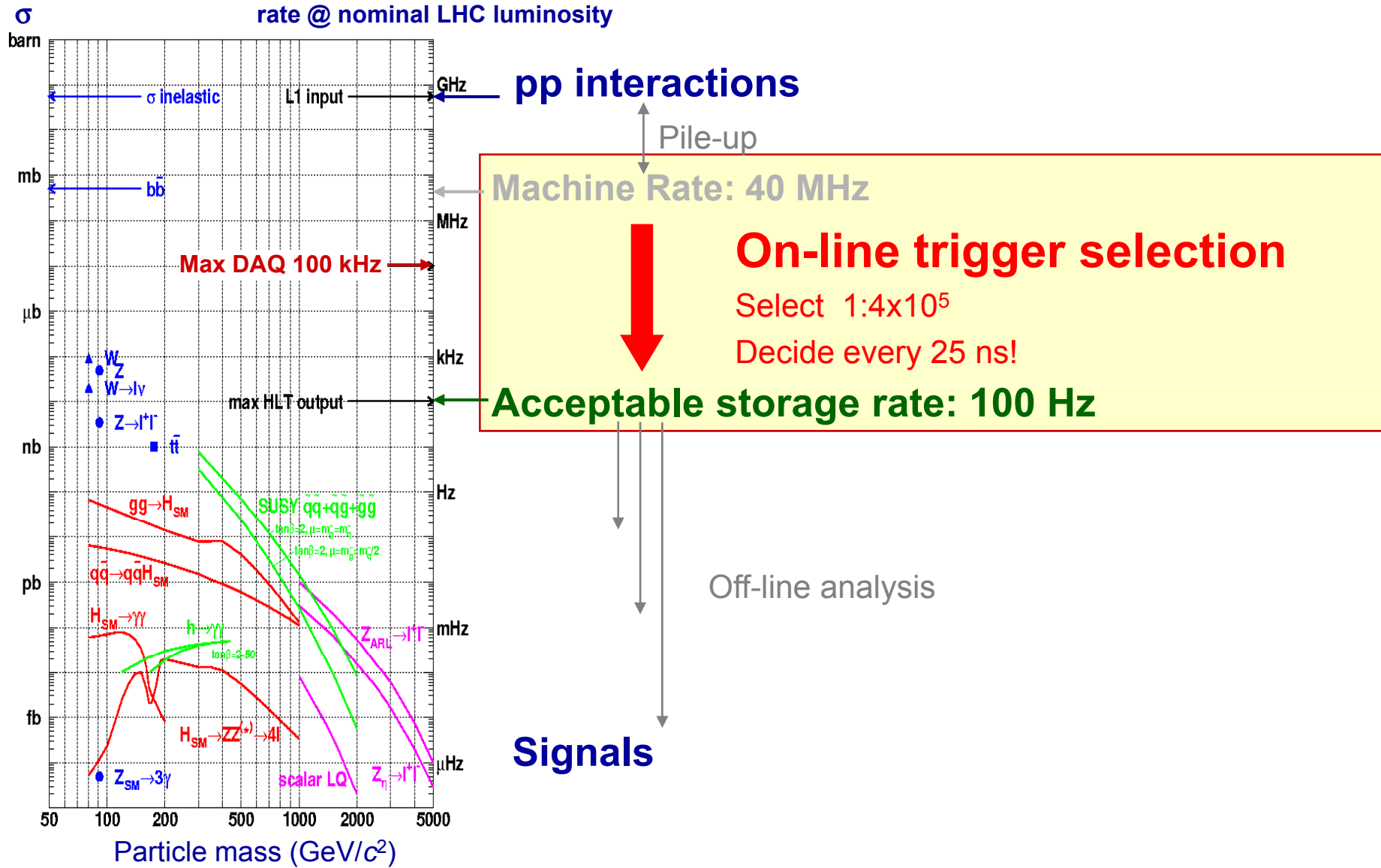
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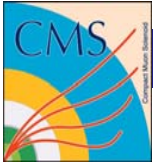
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# LHC Event Rates





# CMS Trigger Architecture

Start from 40 MHz → Decision every 25 ns

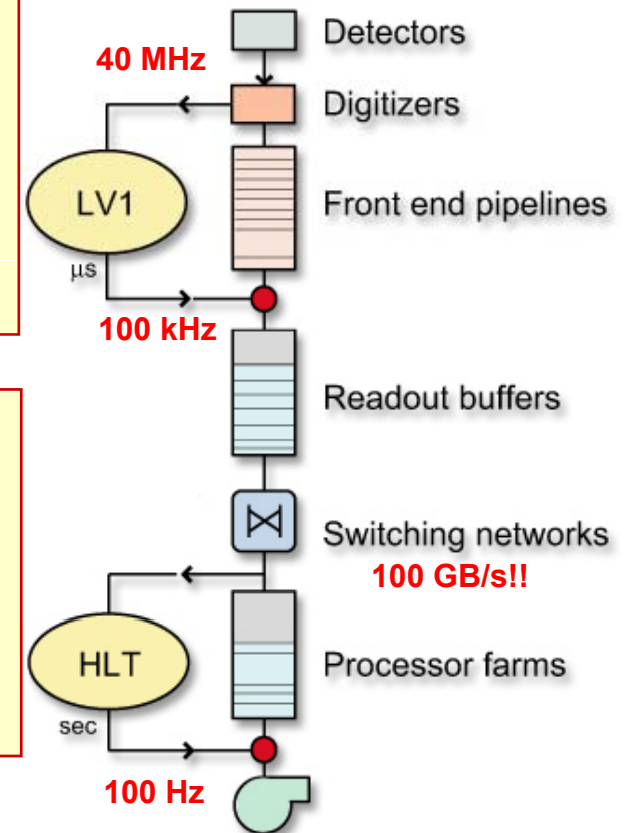
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Selection in multiple levels, each taking a decision using only part of the available data

The first level (L1) is only feasible with dedicated, synchronous (clock driven) hardware

**CMS choice: All further selection in a single physical step (HLT)**

Build full events and analyze them “as in offline”  
Invest in networking (rather than in dedicated L2 hardware)





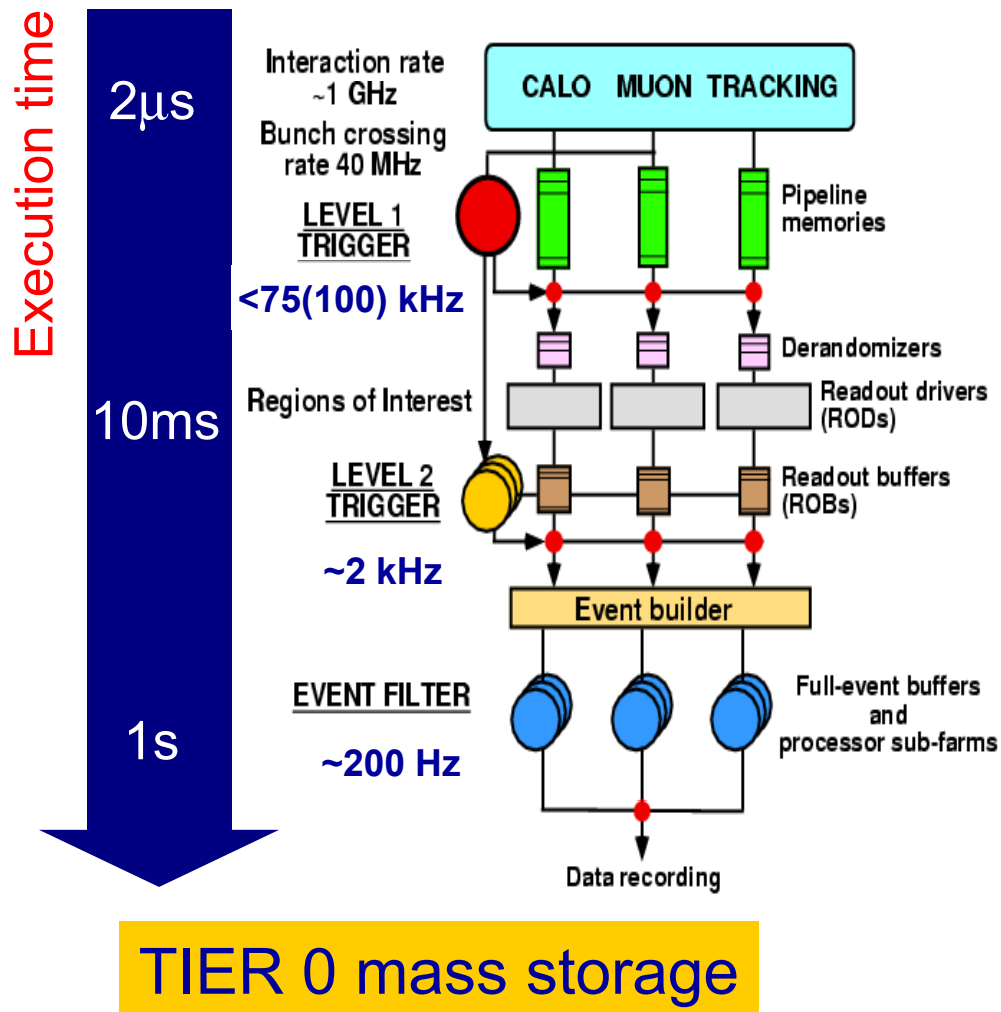
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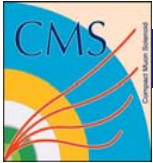
**Level 1 (hardware):**  
 Defines Regions of Interest (RoI).  
 Uses Calo cells and Muon chambers  
 with reduced granularity.  
 $e/\gamma$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\tau$ , jet candidates.

## High Level Trigger

**Level 2 (software):**  
 Seeded by LVL1 RoI.  
 Full granularity of the detector  
 Performs calo-track matching

**Event Filter (software):**  
 Offline-like algorithms.  
 Refines LVL2 decision  
 Full event building





# CMS HLT

- Run on **farm of commercial CPUs**: a single processor analyzes one event at a time and comes up with a decision
- Has access to **full granularity information**
- Freedom to implement sophisticated reconstruction algorithms, complex selection requirements, exclusive triggers...

## Constraints:

### CPU time (Cost of filter farm)

Reject events ASAP: set up internal “logical” selection steps

L2: **muon+ calorimeter only**

L3: **use full information including tracking**

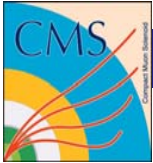
### Must be able to measure efficiency from data

Use inclusive selection whenever possible

Single/double object above  $p_T/ET$ , etc.

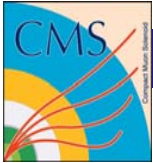
Define HLT selection paths from the L1

### Keep output rate limited (obvious...)



# Setting trigger tables

- HLT trigger paths start from corresponding L1 paths
- Thresholds are set distributing bandwidth to the various paths in order to maximize efficiencies
  - There can be significant overlaps
  - Iterative process
- Thresholds (and streams) will change with luminosity
  - And according to the physics of interest at the time of operation
  - Reference:  $2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (and Pilot Run)
  - Evolution of selection with luminosity is a delicate issue, up to now studied in detail only for jet (with prescales)
  - It will be part of the CMS HLT Exercise



# Example of L1 Trigger Table

For  $L = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

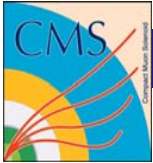
Selections	Rates (KHz)
<b>MU20</b>	0.8
<b>2MU6</b>	0.2
<b>EM25I</b>	12.0
<b>2EM15I</b>	4.0
<b>J200</b>	0.2
<b>3J90</b>	0.2
<b>4J65</b>	0.2
<b>J60+xE60</b>	0.4
<b>TAU25+xE30</b>	2.0
<b>MU10+EM15I</b>	0.1
<b>OTHERS</b> (pre-Scales, calibration)	5.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	~25

Trigger	Level-1 Threshold (GeV)	Level-1 Rate (kHz)	Cumulative Level-1 Rate (kHz)
Inclusive $e\gamma$	22	$4.2 \pm 0.1$	$4.2 \pm 0.1$
Double $e\gamma$	11	$1.1 \pm 0.1$	$5.1 \pm 0.1$
Inclusive $\mu$	14	$2.7 \pm 0.1$	$7.8 \pm 0.2$
Double $\mu$	3	$3.8 \pm 0.1$	$11.4 \pm 0.2$
Inclusive $\tau$	100	$1.9 \pm 0.1$	$13.0 \pm 0.2$
Double $\tau$	66	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$14.1 \pm 0.2$
1-,2-,3-,4-jets	150,100,70,50	$1.8 \pm 0.1$	$14.8 \pm 0.3$
$H_T$	300	$1.2 \pm 0.1$	$15.0 \pm 0.3$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	60	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$15.1 \pm 0.3$
$H_T + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	200, 40	$0.7 \pm 0.1$	$15.3 \pm 0.3$
jet + $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	100, 40	$0.8 \pm 0.1$	$15.4 \pm 0.3$
$\tau + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	60, 40	$2.7 \pm 0.1$	$17.4 \pm 0.3$
$\mu + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	5, 30	$0.3 \pm 0.1$	$17.6 \pm 0.3$
$e\gamma + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	15, 30	$0.7 \pm 0.1$	$17.7 \pm 0.3$
$\mu + \text{jet}$	7, 100	$0.1 \pm 0.1$	$17.8 \pm 0.3$
$e\gamma + \text{jet}$	15, 100	$0.6 \pm 0.1$	$17.8 \pm 0.3$
$\mu + \tau$	7, 40	$1.2 \pm 0.1$	$18.4 \pm 0.3$
$e\gamma + \tau$	14, 52	$5.4 \pm 0.2$	$20.7 \pm 0.3$
$e\gamma + \mu$	15, 7	$0.2 \pm 0.1$	$20.7 \pm 0.3$
Prescaled			$22.6 \pm 0.3$
<i>Total Level-1 Rate</i>			$22.6 \pm 0.3$

Assume 50 KHz DAQ available

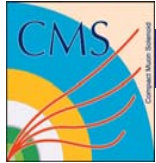
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# Example of HLT Reconstruction

- $\gamma$ 
  - L2: cluster ECAL deposits into “superclusters” and apply  $E_T$  threshold
  - L3: isolation in HCAL and tracker
- e
  - L2 common with  $\gamma$
  - L2.5: match the supercluster with a track in the pixel detector
  - L3: isolation in HCAL and tracker, cut on E/p
- **Jets**
  - Iterative cone algorithm in calorimeters + energy corrections (non-linearity)
- **MET**
  - Vector sum of transverse energy deposit in calorimeters, incl. muons
- **Muons**
  - L2 muon reconstruction with improved pT resolution
  - L2.5 calorimeter isolation
  - L3 full information from SiStrip Tracker for further improvement on the pT resolution
- **B-tagging**
  - L2.5: impact parameter with pixel track stubs
  - L3: with regional track reconstruction
- **Tau**
  - See next slides in the talk



# HLT Trigger Table

$L = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  (CMS Physics TDR v.2)

Trigger	HLT Threshold (GeV)	HLT Rate (Hz)
Inclusive $e$	26	$23.5 \pm 6.7$
$e-e$	12, 12	$1.0 \pm 0.1$
Relaxed $e-e$	19, 19	$1.3 \pm 0.1$
Inclusive $\gamma$	80	$3.1 \pm 0.2$
$\gamma-\gamma$	30, 20	$1.6 \pm 0.7$
Relaxed $\gamma-\gamma$	30, 20	$1.2 \pm 0.6$
Inclusive $\mu$	19	$25.8 \pm 0.8$
Relaxed $\mu$	37	$11.9 \pm 0.5$
$\mu-\mu$	7, 7	$4.8 \pm 0.4$
Relaxed $\mu-\mu$	10, 10	$8.6 \pm 0.6$
$\tau + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	65 ( $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ )	$0.5 \pm 0.1$
Pixel $\tau-\tau$	—	$4.1 \pm 1.1$
Tracker $\tau-\tau$	—	$6.0 \pm 1.1$
$\tau + e$	52, 16	$< 1.0$
$\tau + \mu$	40, 15	$< 1.0$
$b$ -jet (leading jet)	350, 150, 55 (see text)	$10.3 \pm 0.3$
$b$ -jet (2 <sup>nd</sup> leading jet)	350, 150, 55 (see text)	$8.7 \pm 0.3$
Single-jet	400	$4.8 \pm 0.0$
Double-jet	350	$3.9 \pm 0.0$
Triple-jet	195	$1.1 \pm 0.0$
Quadruple-jet	80	$8.9 \pm 0.2$
$E_T^{\text{miss}}$	91	$2.5 \pm 0.2$

jet + $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	180, 80	$3.2 \pm 0.1$
acoplanar 2 jets	200, 200	$0.2 \pm 0.0$
acoplanar jet + $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	100, 80	$0.1 \pm 0.0$
2 jets + $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	155, 80	$1.6 \pm 0.0$
3 jets + $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	85, 80	$0.9 \pm 0.1$
4 jets + $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	35, 80	$1.7 \pm 0.2$
Diffractive	40, 40	$< 1.0$
$H_T + E_T^{\text{miss}}$	350, 80	$5.6 \pm 0.2$
$H_T + e$	350, 20	$0.4 \pm 0.1$
Inclusive $\gamma$	23	$0.3 \pm 0.0$
$\gamma-\gamma$	12, 12	$2.5 \pm 1.4$
Relaxed $\gamma-\gamma$	19, 19	$0.1 \pm 0.0$
Single-jet	250	$5.2 \pm 0.0$
Single-jet	120	$1.6 \pm 0.0$
Single-jet	60	$0.4 \pm 0.0$
		$119.3 \pm 7.2$

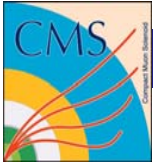
**120 Hz**



# HLT Trigger Table

Selection	Physics coverage	$2 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	Rates (Hz)
Electron	Higgs, new gauge bosons, extra dim., SUSY, W/Z, top	e25i, 2e15i	~40
Photon	Higgs, SUSY, extra dim.	g60i, 2g20i	~40
Muon	Higgs, new gauge bosons, extra dim., SUSY, W/Z, top, B-Physics	m20i, 2m10 2m6 with $m_B/m_{J/y}$	~50
Jets	SUSY, compositness, resonances	j400, 3j165, 4j110	~25
Jet & $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	SUSY, leptoquarks	j70 + xE70	~20
tau & $E_T^{\text{miss}}$	Extended Higgs models (e.g. MSSM), SUSY	t35 + xE45	~5
Others	pre-scales, calibration, ...		~20
Total			~200

The rates for the HLT taken considering the EventFilter performances equal to those one of the OFFLINE.



# TAU SOURCES AND INTEREST FOR PHYSICS

Standard Model:

**inclusive  $W \rightarrow \tau\tau$  ( $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ) production  
QCD.**

SM and MSSM Higgs:

**100-150 GeV SM Higgs:  $qqH(\tau\tau)$**

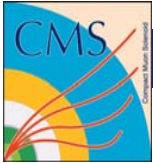
**$A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$**

**$H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$  ( $m_{H^+} < m_{\text{top}}$  and  $m_{H^+} > m_{\text{top}}$ )**

SUSY

Extra Dimensions

Etc. Etc.



# A practical example: Tau trigger

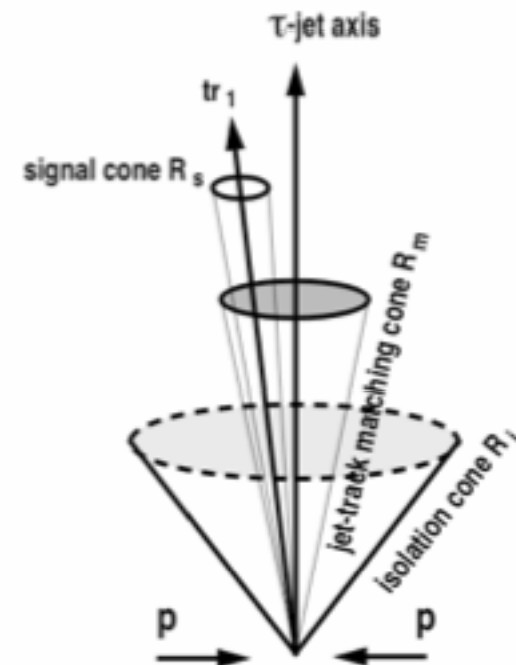
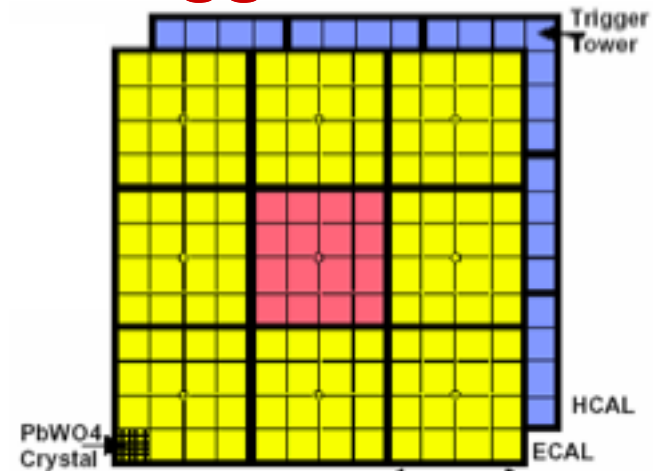
## Calorimeter

Energy deposited in few cells:  
narrow jets deposit and more  
collimated than QCD jets of  
the same energy

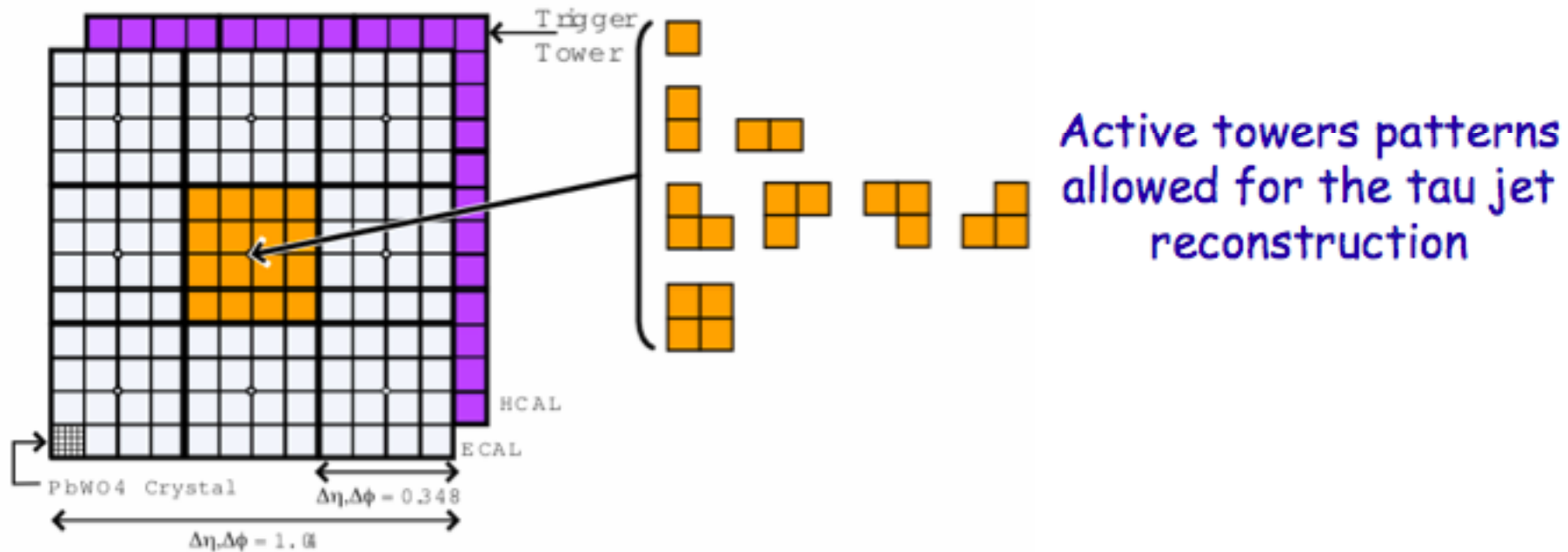
## Tracker

Isolation criteria implemented  
with reconstructed tracks

Trigger rate is saturated by  
QCD 2jet events

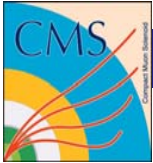


# L1 Tau trigger



The Tau jet reconstruction is similar to a generic jet reconstruction with the additional use of a tau jet veto: the tau is accepted only if the active towers pattern is made of neighbour towers as shown above, as Tau jets are much more collimated than QCD jets at the same  $E_T$ .

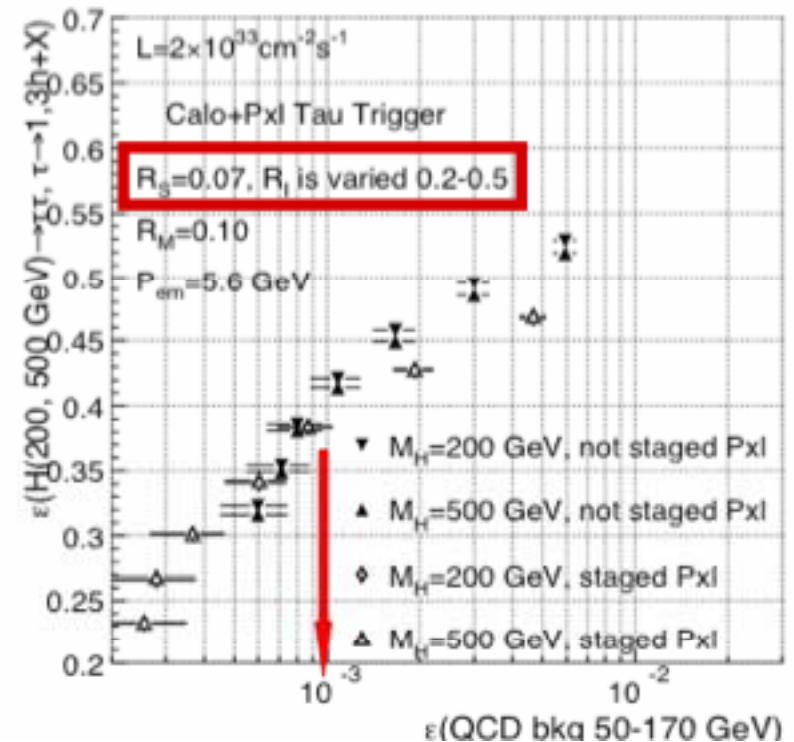
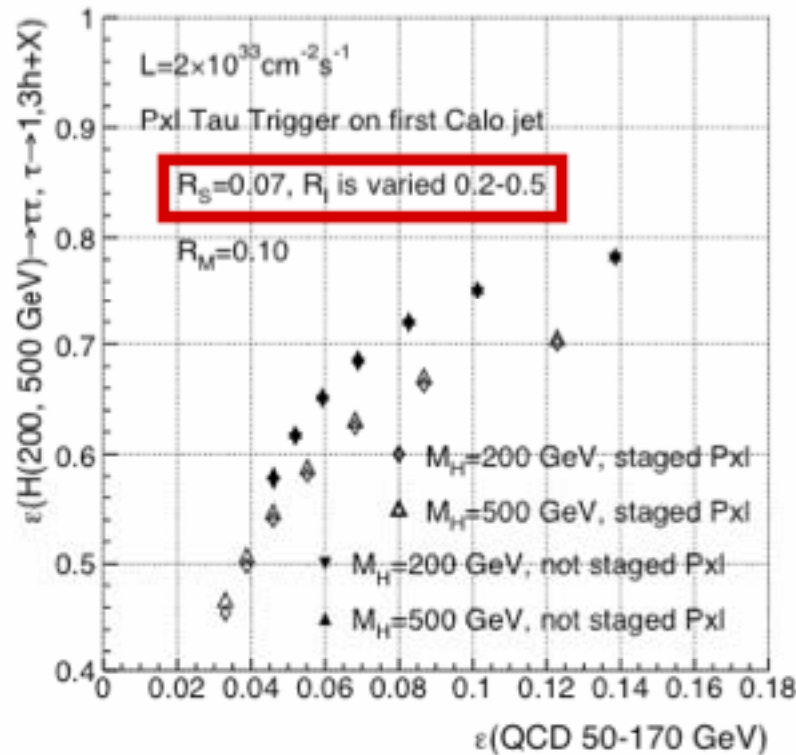
The performances have been computed on MSSM Higgs bosons, with a preselection at generator level.

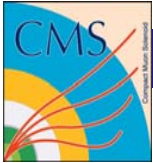


# Tau HLT

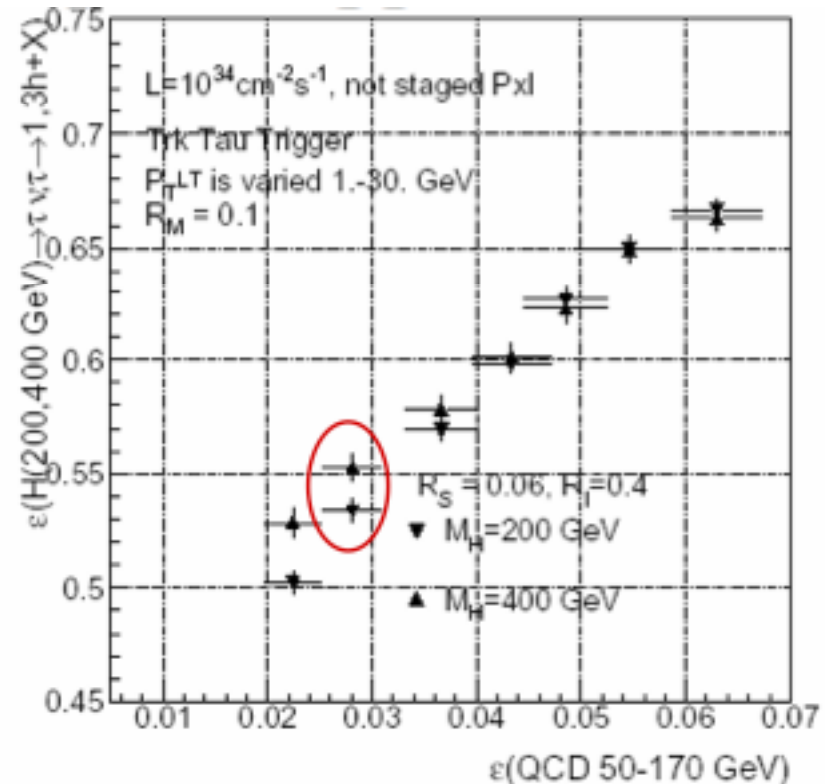
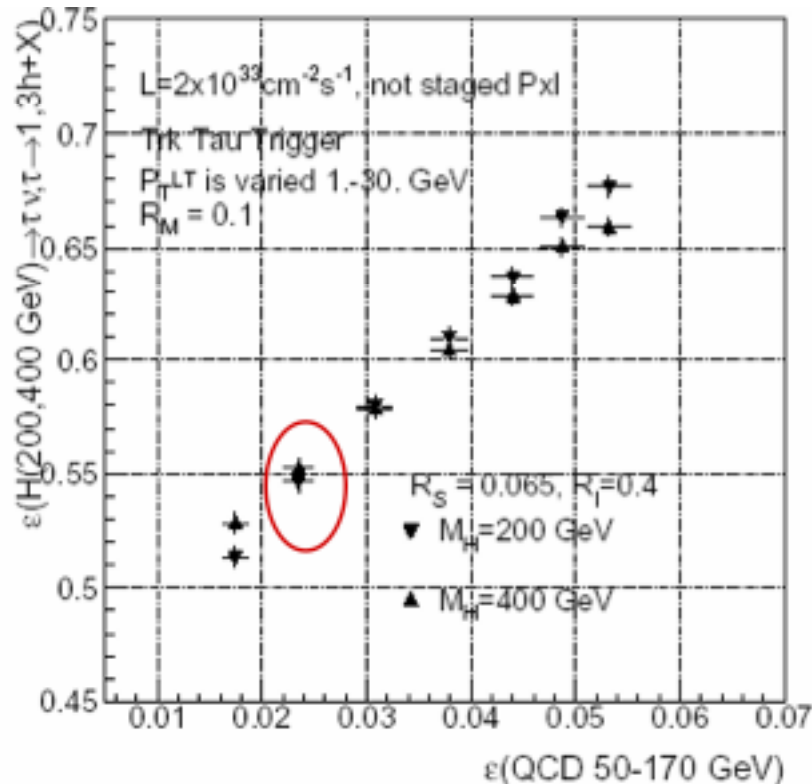
Tracks can be reconstructed with only the **pixel layers** or with also **some microstrips layers**. In the case of pixel only reconstruction, also the Level2 Calo isolation must be applied to get the final rate  $< 3$  Hz.

(In the plot the Isolation Cone is varied from 0.2 to 0.5)





# HLT for $H^+ \rightarrow \tau\nu$ (CMS)



$P_T$  of the leading track is varied from 1 to 30 GeV/c.  
Background rejection by a factor  $\sim 30$  can be achieved with  
signal efficiency of  $\sim 55\%$  at both luminosities  
(Off-line selection use a cut on  $P_T$  of leading track of about 80 GeV)

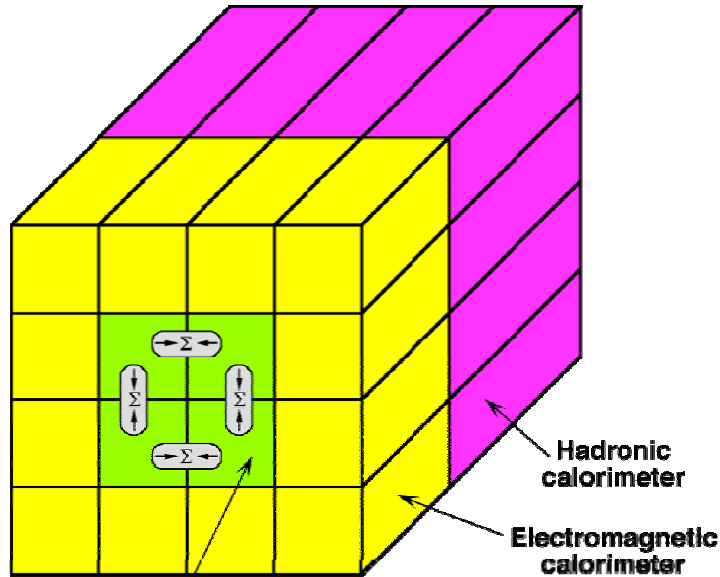




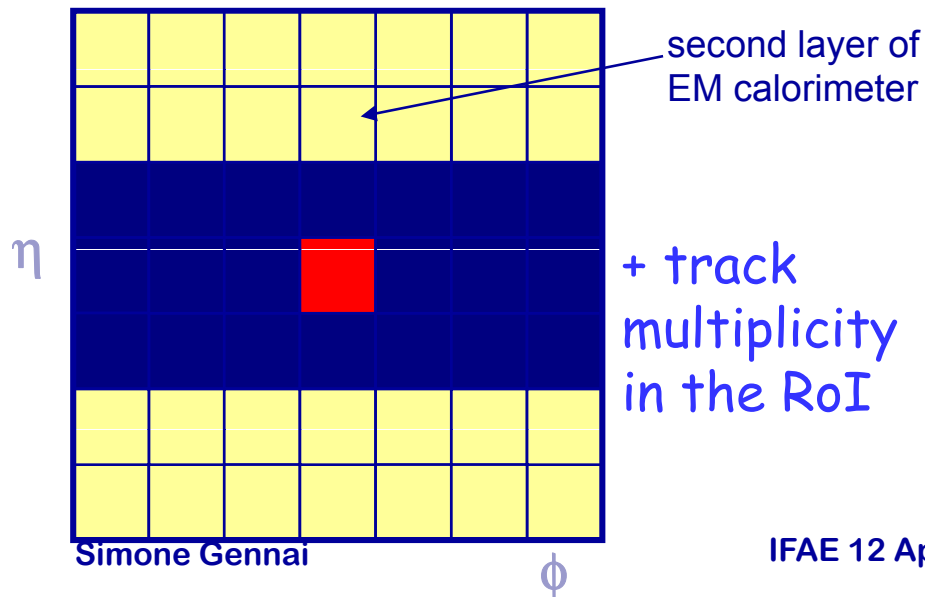
# L1 Tau Trigger

as in the TDR

For  $|\eta| < 2.5$



**LVL1 trigger:**  
look at 4X4 matrix of calorimetric towers ( $\Delta\eta\Delta\phi = 0.1 \times 0.1$  each trigger tower).  
 $E_T$  threshold for the central core (EM+Had) and isolation thresholds between core and 12 external towers for e.m. and had. calorimeters.



**LVL2 trigger:**  
look at the shower shape in the 2nd layer of e.m. calorimeter and at the track multiplicity inside the RoI defined at LVL1.  
Cut on the ratio between  $E_T$  contained in a 3x7 cell cluster and  $E_T$  in a 7x7 cell cluster and on track multiplicity



# Tau Trigger

as in the TDR

LVL3 (Event Filter) :

look at the complete event.

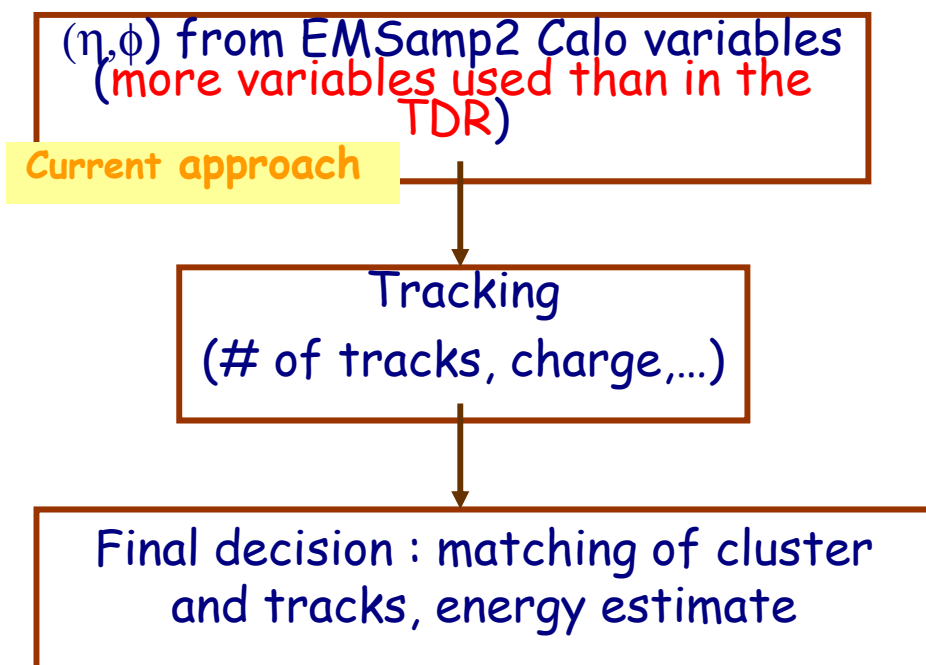
- number of reconstructed tracks, within  $DR = 0.3$  of the candidate calorimeter cluster, between 1 and 3;
- cut on isolation fraction, defined as the difference between the  $E_T$  contained in a cone size of  $DR=0.2$  and  $0.1$  normalized to the total jet  $E_T$ ;
- cut on EM jet radius, an energy weighted radius calculated only in the e.m. calorimeter;
- cut on EM energy fraction, defined as the fraction of the total jet energy in the e.m. calorimeter;
- threshold on the  $p_T$  of the highest  $p_T$  track.



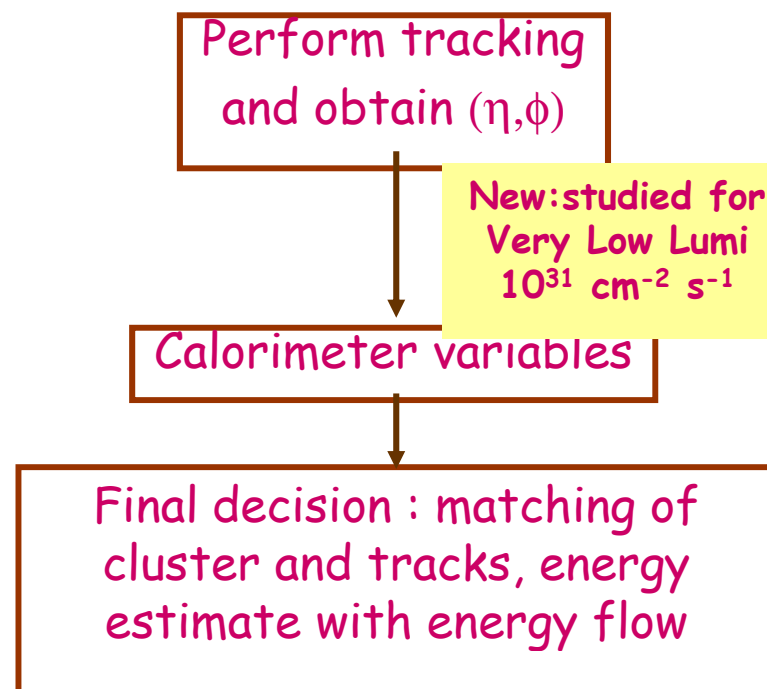
## TAU TRIGGER EVOLUTION: ATLAS case

For the LVL1 different RoI sizes are under study  
(timing, resolution and efficiency,...)

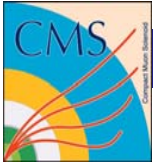
### LVL2 : Calorimeter based approach



### LVL2 : Tracking based approach



Under developing an EF tracking based algorithm.



# The CMS HLT Exercise

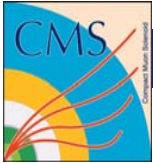
The work of the OnSel group till the summer of 2007 ("HLT exercise") consists of:

- Implementing the L1 emulator and the HLT algorithms in CMSSW, and integrating them into consistent trigger paths
- **Implementing pilot-run (with an emphasis on early physics, commissioning and monitoring triggers) menus**
- Measuring the CPU-performance of the HLT

**Example:**

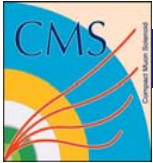
**Trigger optimization and prospects for  $W \rightarrow \tau n$  with  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$   
taking at very low luminosity  $10^{31}\text{-}10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )**

(few weeks of data

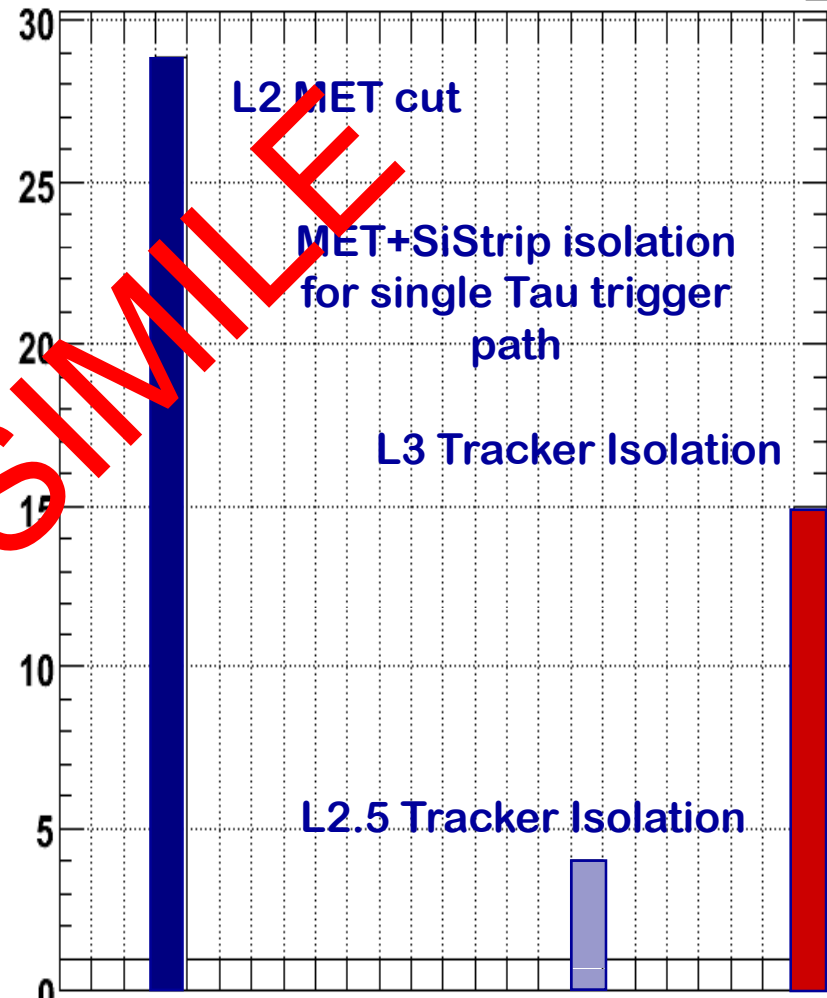
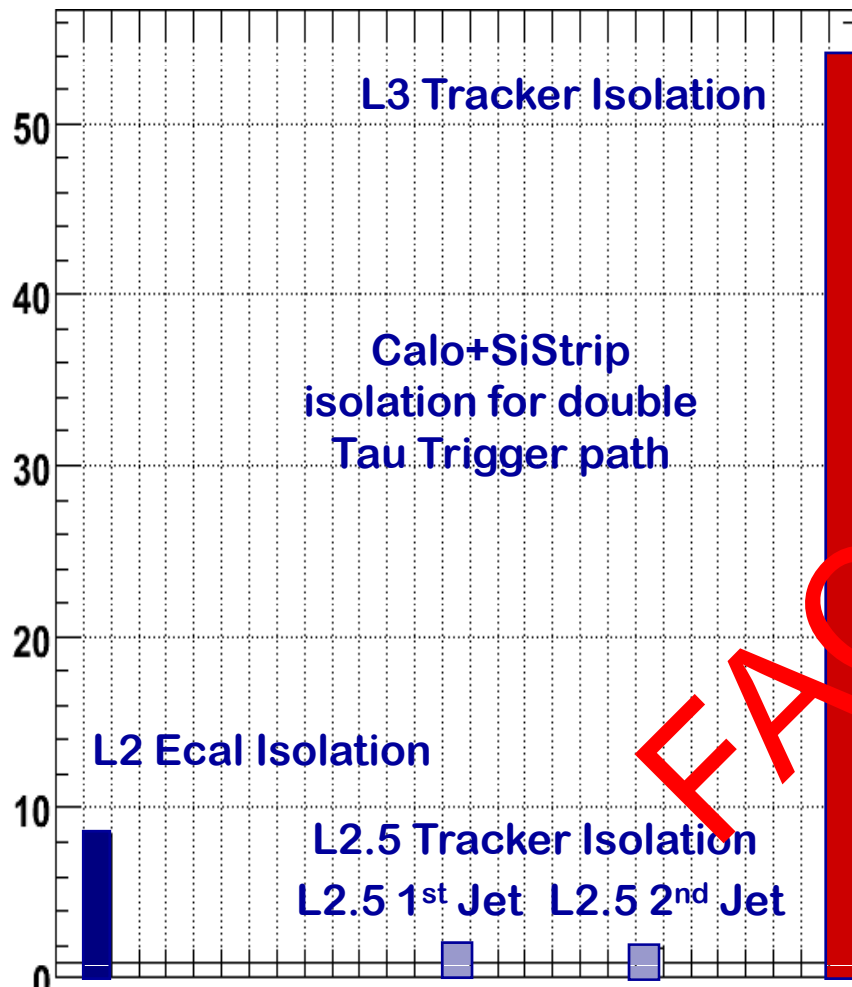


# Timing issue

- Up to the Physics TDR, the trigger performances were evaluated only in terms of Signal efficiency and background rejection
- As the Pilot run is approaching we have to optimize the timing performance.
  - 40 msec/Event is the “budget” we can spent at HLT
    - Reduce as soon as possible the bkg
    - Apply faster code than the one used in offline
    - Regional reconstruction and data unpacking becomes an Issue
- Some trigger paths have been partially re-designed in order to speed up the reconstruction and selection



# Example of HLT filters



FAC-SIMILE



## Trigger menu optimization, an example: $W \rightarrow \tau \nu$

- Extract signal for most abundant source of t-leptons as early as possible. This requires a performant t and  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  trigger from the very start!

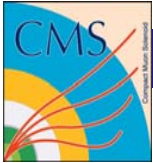
For  $L = 2 \times 10^{33}$ , baseline plan is to trigger on  $\tau 25i + XE30$  at LVL1 (for a rate of about 2 kHz) and to raise the thresholds to  $\tau 35i + xE45$  at the HLT (for an output rate of about 5 Hz).

- Measurement of  $W \rightarrow \tau \nu / W \rightarrow e \nu$  to confirm good understanding of trigger/reco/identification efficiencies
- E/p measurement in single-prong  $\tau$  decay for calorimeter calibration.

Assumed that trigger chain is fully operational and that the detector operates more or less as expected (especially in terms of  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  performance).

Efficiencies of  $\sim 80\%$  for the t trigger and of  $\sim 50\%$  for the id/reco of  $\tau$  hadronic decays were assumed.

Expected rates for $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$W \rightarrow \tau \nu,$ $\tau \rightarrow \text{hadron}$	$W \rightarrow e \nu$	$Z \rightarrow \tau \tau,$ $1\tau \rightarrow \text{hadron}$
$\sigma \cdot B$ (pb)	11200	17300	1500
$\tau 30i + xE35$	$\sim 15000$	$\sim 250000$	$\sim 1300$
$\tau 20i + xE25$	$\sim 60000$	$\sim 560000$	$\sim 3500$

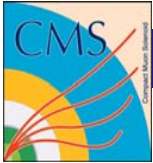


# Conclusions

- Trigger at LHC is an integral part of the event selection
- CMS and ATLAS achieves a rejection factor of  $\sim 1000$  at HLT from the L1 output
- HLT algorithms have the full event data available and no limitation on complexity, except for CPU time
- Inclusive triggers based on the presence on one or more objects above  $p_T/E_T$  thresholds are normally sufficient to get good efficiency on most signal
- More sophisticated selections are possible if necessary

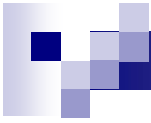
**The Trigger is not a static issue is always “pending”.  
It will be changed accordingly to the Luminosity and physics indication**





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- **ATL-COM-DAQ-2003-030**



# BACKUP SLIDES

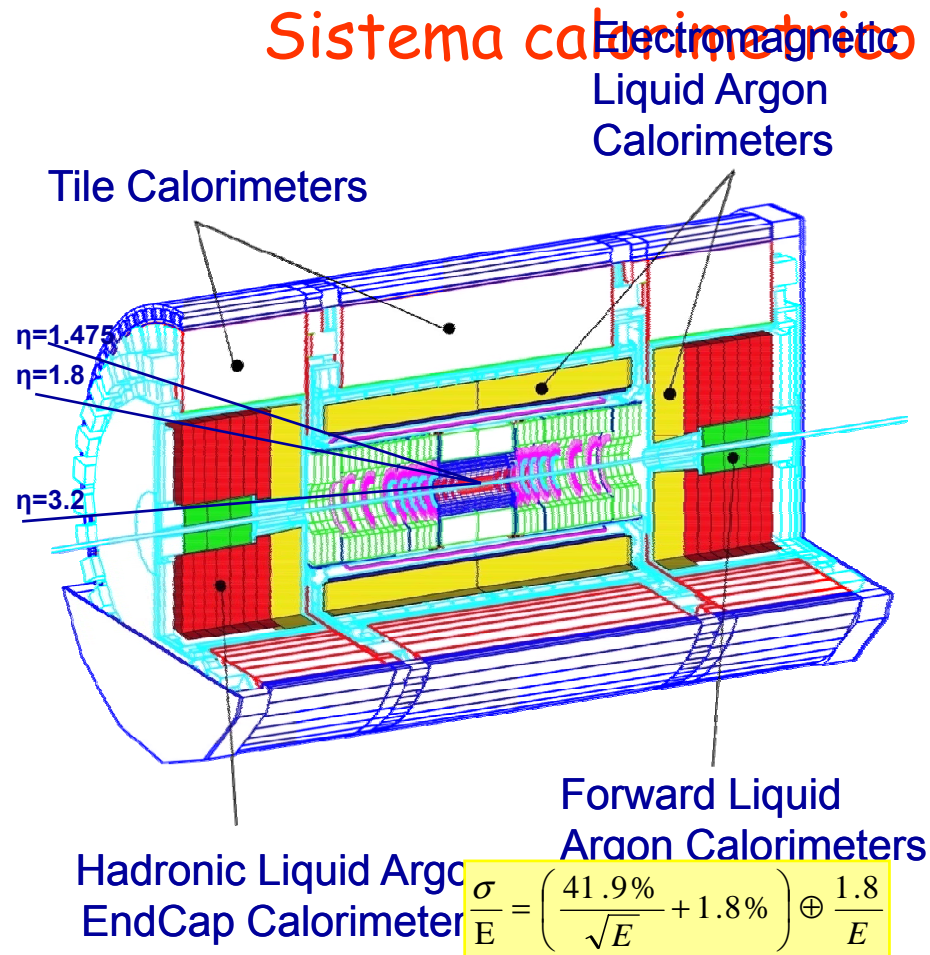
# EFFECT OF TRIGGER SELECTIONS

$E_T$  core   EM iso   HAD iso

Cumulative Cuts Applied	$Z^0 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ With Pileup (%)	Jet Efficiency With Pileup (%)
L1:20/10/10	25.8±0.3	14.1±0.2
L2:0.9/4	53.5±0.9	15.3±0.6
L3: Number of tracks (1-3)	90.2±1.8	84.3±4.2
L3: Isolation fraction (<0.3)	81.7±1.7	64.8±3.5
L3: EM radius (<0.15)	76.9±1.6	55.0±3.1
L3: EM fraction (>0.6)	65.9±1.4	45.1±2.7
L3: $P_T$ track 1 (>10)	46.5±1.1	17.3±1.5
L1:30/10/10	9.6±0.2	4.3±0.1
L2:0.9/4	55.7±1.5	15.8±1.0
L3: Number of tracks (1-3)	91.8±2.9	81.8±7.4
L3: Isolation fraction (<0.3)	86.0±2.8	65.7±6.3
L3: EM radius (<0.15)	82.4±2.7	59.5±5.9
L3: EM fraction (>0.6)	70.9±2.4	46.0±4.9
L3: $P_T$ track 1 (>10)	52.0±2.0	19.7±2.9



## Sistema calorimetrico di EM LAr $|\eta| < 3$ :



Pb/LAr 24-26  $X_0$

**3 sezioni longitudinali** 1.2  $\lambda$

$\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.025 \times 0.025 - 1\%$  equal.

**Central Hadronic**  $|\eta| < 1.7$  :

Fe(82%)/scintillatore(18%)

**3 sezioni longitudinali** 7.2  $\lambda$

$\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi = 0.1 \times 0.1$

**End Cap Hadronic**  $1.7 < \eta < 3.2$  :

Cu/LAr – **4 sezioni longitudinali**

$\Delta\eta \times \Delta\phi < 0.2 \times 0.2$

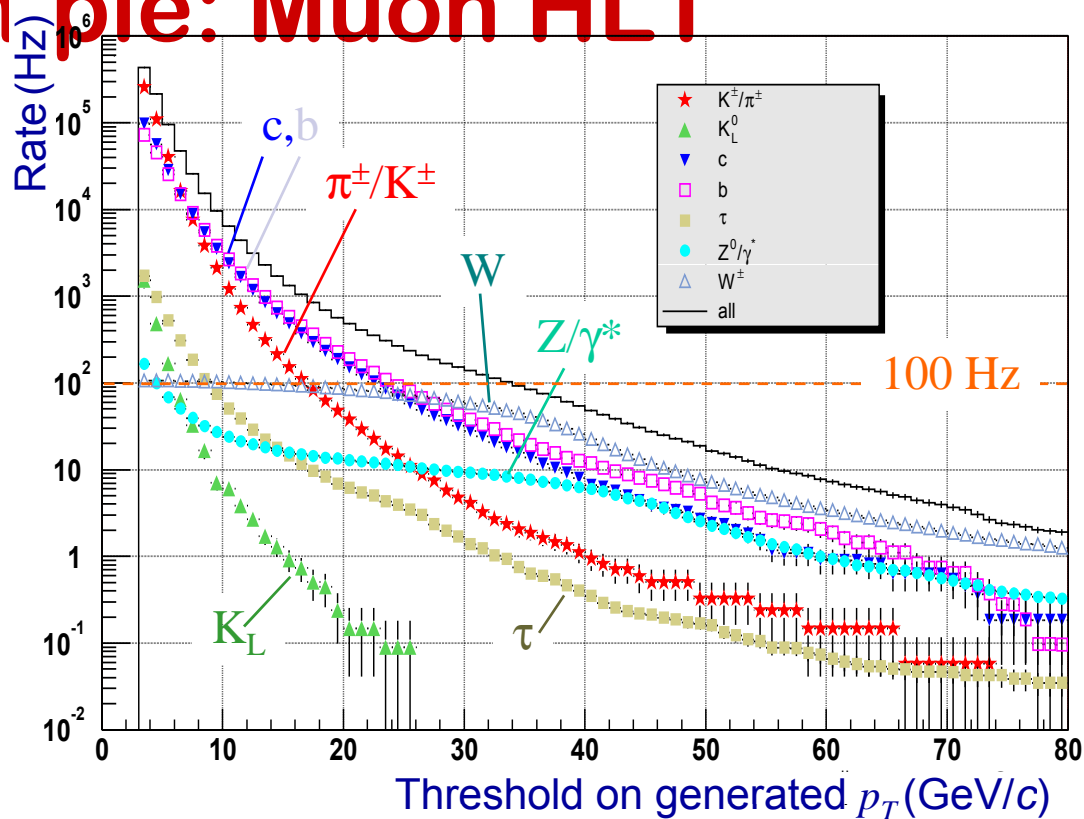
**Forward calorimeter**  $3 < \eta < 4.9$  :

EM Cu/LAr – HAD W/LAr

**3 sezioni longitudinali**

# Example: Muon HLT

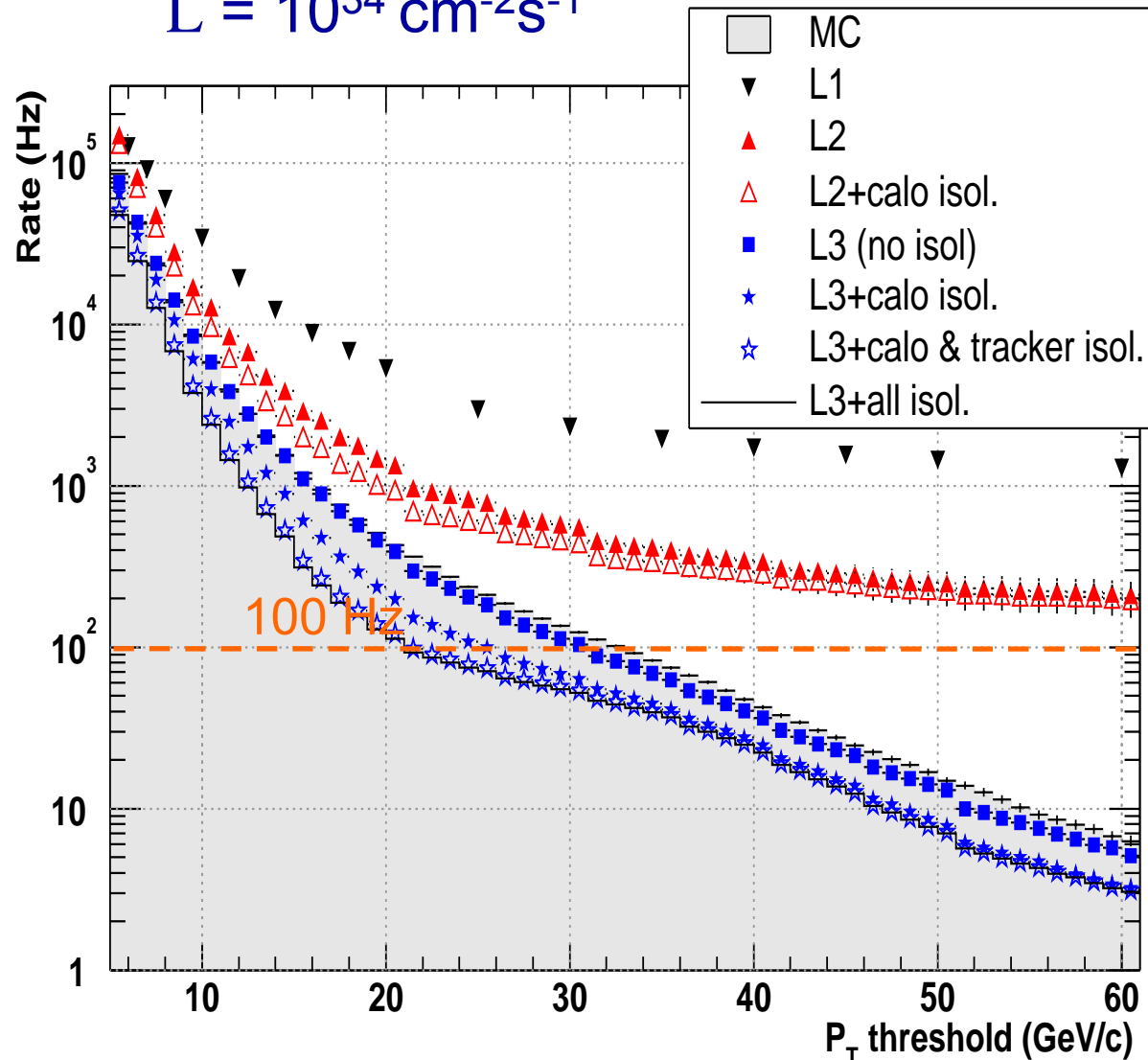
Integral rate ( $\mathcal{L} = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )



- Key is to achieve the best  $p_T$  resolution (and suppress non-prompt muons and b,c decays)

# Single Muon Rates

$$L = 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$



L2, L3 reduce the rate by improving the  $p_T$  resolution

L2 is justified as it reduces the rate to allow more time for processing data from the tracker

# Some HLT Efficiencies

At low luminosity, relative to events in detector acceptance:

$W \rightarrow e\nu$	68%
$W \rightarrow \mu\nu$	69%
$Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$	92%
$Z \rightarrow ee$	90%
$tt \rightarrow \mu+X$	72%
$H(115 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	77%
$H(150) \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\mu$	98%
$H(120) \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4e$	90%
$A/H(500 \text{ GeV}) \rightarrow 2\tau$	45%
$H^+(200-400) \rightarrow \tau^+\nu$	50%



## Summary:

- LVL1 and LVL2 selection (calo+tracks) emulated for  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$  analysis
- With rather soft selection  $E_{T\text{miss}} > 20 \text{ GeV} + E_{M\text{TauRoI}} > 20 \text{ GeV}$  estimated for  $10^{31}$ :
  - 60 Hz after LVL1
  - 5 Hz after LVL2
- For off-line analysis start with  $S/B \sim 0.002 \sim 10^5$  signal events accepted for 100pb-1  
Increasing  $E_T^{\text{MISS}}$  threshold helps in the background rejection:  
at 60 GeV threshold, suppression  $10^2$ - $10^3$  at 10% efficiency.
- Offline tau selection has to do the final work to extract the signal.

Low luminosity provides unique opportunity to study low energy  $\tau$  hadronic signatures in ATLAS (in view of SUSY) : important possibility to verify the understanding of **tauID and  $E_T^{\text{MISS}}$  reco** before attacking "New Physics".