Enhancing the Rate Monitoring Tools of the CMS High Level Trigger

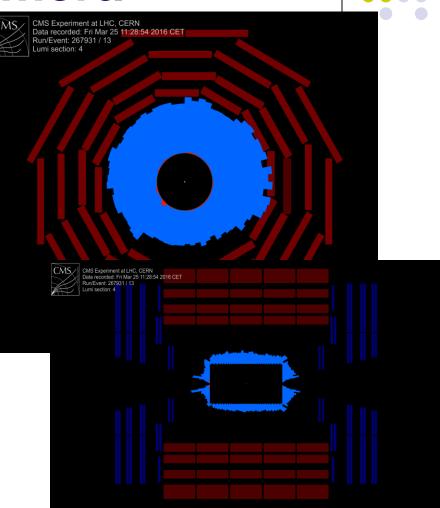
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CMS: A Digital Camera

- CMS is like a large digital camera that takes a "snapshot" of the particle collisions.
- However, these collisions happen very rapidly (about 1 billion proton-proton interactions per second) so we need a trigger to decide which "images" to keep.



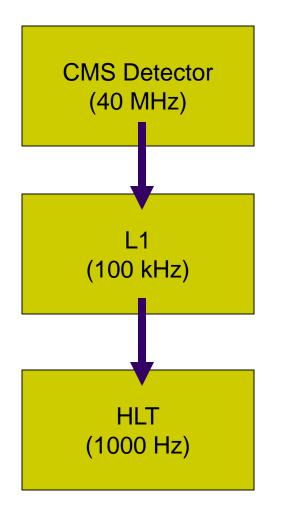
What Is Triggering?



- Deciding which "images" to keep!
- Trigger rate = how often a particular trigger fires, or decides an event should be kept.
- Trigger rate should increase linearly as the pile up increases.



CMS Triggering



- Two Part Trigger:
 - Level 1 Trigger
 - High Level Trigger
- Events must pass the L1 in order to make it to the HLT.
- Once at HLT, event goes through multiple algorithms and very basic reconstruction to determine whether the event should be kept.
- Very important because any analysis done offline depends on HLT efficiency!

Trigger Rate Monitoring Tools

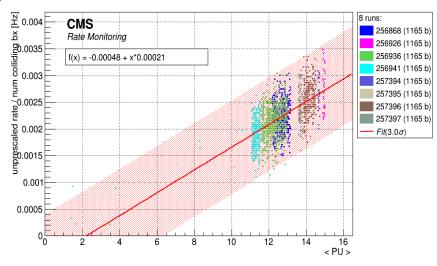


- Rate monitoring tools are critical for CMS data taking.
- My project: To streamline run certification and enhance the tools used to monitor the trigger rate of the CMS trigger system.
- RateMon = Directory containing Rate Monitoring Tools

Primary Mode (Online) RateMon

Purpose: To Plot the trigger rate as a function of pile up for multiple runs and create a fit to use in Certification mode.

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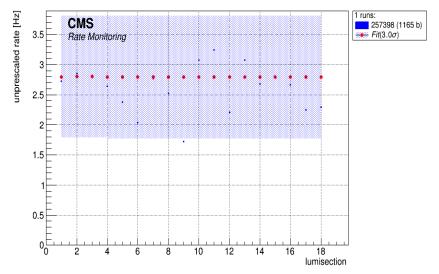


Purpose: To plot the trigger rate as a function of lumisection of a single run with a fit from primary mode. Also, produces a plot that shows the number of good and bad trigger paths in the run.

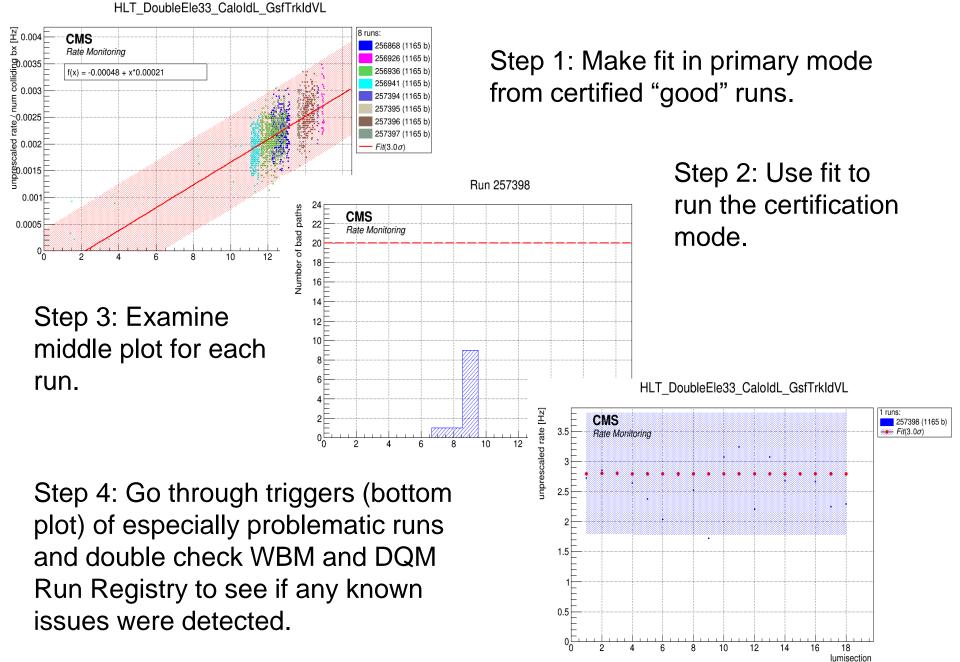
Certification Mode

(Offline)

HLT_DoubleEle33_CaloIdL_GsfTrkIdVL



Process of Run Certification



Enhancements to Primary Mode

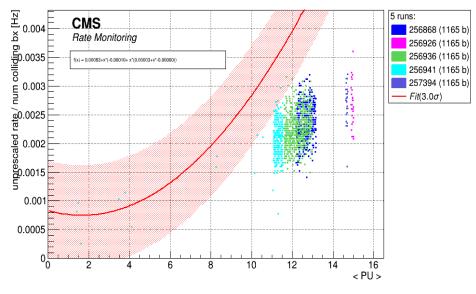


- Conducted a study to find out which non-linear function fits the trigger rates best.
- Best fit is realistic and selected by having the lowest mean squared error (MSE).
- RateMon selects a linear fit unless a non-linear fit is specifically requested or the linear fit has the lowest MSE.
- Understanding non-linear triggers important because we need to be aware of triggers that increase non-linearly, as it is a sign that there is extra stuff happening in the detector and is saving too much.

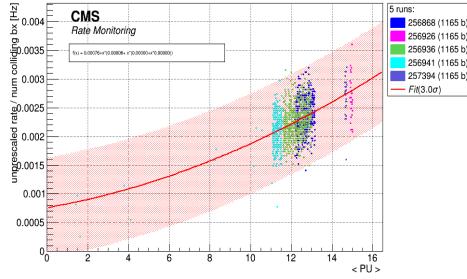
Results from Non-Linear Fitting Study

- Approximately 400 HLT triggers and 100 L1 triggers
- Losers: Exponential Fit and Cubic Fit
- Winners: Quadratic and Linear

BEFORE (Charlie)



HLT AK8PFJet360 TrimMass30



AFTER (Marybeth)



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Enhancements to Certification Mode

- Certification mode extensively debugged.
- Text file produced by certification mode is easier to read now and includes more useful information



Conclusion/Further Work



- Rate monitoring tools improved for 2016 data taking!!! [©]
- Certification process streamlined and simplified thereby making it more reliable, ensuring that problems with data are detected.
- Further work: Continue to vastly simplify output for the user by putting all of the certification mode plots in one file.

