





The CMS High-Level Trigger for LHC Run-3

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CMS Run 3 Trigger Strategy



Standard Physics

- □ Offline reconstruction in 48 hours
- Average 2 kHz

Data Parking

- Offline reconstruction dependent on computing resources availability
- Average 3 kHz

Data Scouting

- □ No offline reconstruction no RAW!
 - Analysis with HLT information
 - 7 kB/event vs 1 MB/event
- Average 20 kHz

HLT Farm 2022

200 nodes – AMD EPYC 7763 "Milan"

- G4 cores/processor, 2 processors/node
- 256 GB RAM/node
- **Two NVIDIA T4 GPUs**, each with:
 - 40 multiprocessors
 - 2560 CUDA "threads"
- Measured 3224 HS/node

- HLT performance known to be ~linear with HS number.

Heterogeneous Computing at the HLT



Array of Structures

X ₀	Y ₀	Z ₀	Х ₁	Y ₁	Z ₁	X ₂	Y ₂	Z ₂	Х ₃	Y ₃	Z ₃
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Structure of Arrays

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Tracking at HLT

Single Combinatorial Kalman Filter iteration

- Seeds: Patatrack pixel tracks
 - \geq 3 pixel hits
 - p_T > 0.3 GeV
 - Consistent with leading pixel vertex





Muons at HLT

ML-based Improvements

- DNN: higher efficiency
 - Improved track seeding in

outside-in reconstruction.

- BDT: reduced timing
 - Improved seed choice in

inside-out reconstruction.



Electrons at HLT



Focus ID on high-purity Isolation

- Tracker-ECAL matching
- Tracker, ECAL, HCAL
- ECAL deposit shape
- **Energy regression**
- Reject HCAL deposits
- BDT-based



B-tagging and Taus at HLT



Increased PU in Run 3 \rightarrow more advanced mitigations

B-tagging: ParticleNet tagger instead of DeepCSV and DeepJet

Tau ID: DeepTau instead of Hadron-Plus-Strip + MVA isolation.

Jets and Energy Sums at HLT

Mitigations soon to be added to the HLT:

- □ Charged Hadron Subtraction (CHS), OR
- PileUp Per-Particle Identification (PUPPI)



Long-Lived Particles (LLPs) at the HLT

- LLPs signatures may escape conventional triggers
- New Run 3 strategies
 - Displaced jet triggers
 - Modified tracking for light LLPs
 - HCAL depth segmentation
 - Delayed jet triggers
 - ECAL and HCAL timing
 - CSC high multiplicity triggers
 - Displaced muons at L1



The HLT Run 3 Menu



Standard Physics

(Rates scaled to 2E34 cm⁻² s⁻¹)

HLT algorithm	Rate
Isolated muon with $p_{\rm T} > 24 {\rm GeV}$	250 Hz
Isolated electron with $E_{\rm T} > 32 {\rm GeV}$	182 Hz
Particle flow (PF) based $p_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 110 {\rm GeV}$	81 Hz
4 PF jets with $p_{\rm T} > 70/50/40/35$ GeV with 2 b tag	57 Hz
Two isolated tau leptons with $p_{\rm T} > 35 {\rm GeV}$	54 Hz
Muon with $p_{\rm T} > 50 {\rm GeV}$	51 Hz
Two electrons with $E_{\rm T} > 25 {\rm GeV}$	21 Hz
AK4 PF jet with $p_{\rm T} > 500 {\rm GeV}$	16 Hz
Two same-sign muons with $p_{\rm T} > 18/9 {\rm GeV}$	10 Hz

~ 600 paths

Additional HLT Data Streams: Scouting

Only reconstructed HLT data saved

- no RAW data!
- □ Active in CMS since Run 1

Run 3 scouting

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- Electrons
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RMS ($\frac{p_T^{scout}-p_T^{off}}{p_T^{off}}$

0.025

0.02

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Additional HLT Data Streams: Parking



Trade prompt data reconstruction for increased rate and acceptance.

Run 3 example: Higgs parking

- Target HH and HHH signatures
 - Multi b-jets
- 2022 configuration: 60 Hz @ 2E34
 - 4 jets p_T > 70, 50, 40, 35 GeV
 - PNet@AK4 (mean 2 highest b-tag score) > 0.65
- 2023 configuration: 180 Hz @ 2E34
 - H_T > 280 GeV
 - 4 jets with p_T > 30 GeV
 - PNet@AK4 (mean 2 highest b-tag score) > 0.55

Conclusions

Run 3 LHC conditions much harsher than before.

- □ Higher pileup, sustained for longer time.
- □ Challenges in trigger and data acquisition.

Mitigation strategies at the CMS High-Level Trigger.

- GPU-equipped nodes + SoA data + task offloading.
- Advanced algorithms: Patatrack, PUPPI, ParticleNet, DeepTau.

Physics program extension.

- □ Long-lived particles.
- Alternative data streams: scouting, parking.
- Others to come...

CMS is ready and running for Run 3!