



The LHCb Higher Level Trigger and its performance in 2012

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- LHCb: single arm spectrometer at the LHC
 - Precision beauty and charm physics
 - L= 4 * 10^{32} cm⁻²s⁻¹ (2* design), μ ~1.6 interactions per bunch crossing



- Extremely large σ_{bb} and σ_{cc} in LHC hadron collisions
 - corresponds to 30kHz bb and 600kHz cc in acceptance
- Trigger system classifies signal to large extend

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- mass m(B⁺) = 5.28 GeV
 daughter p_T O(1 GeV)
- lifetime \(\tau(B^+)) \(~ 1.6 \) ps flight distance \(~ 1 \) cm
- common signature: detached $\mu\mu$ $B \rightarrow J/\psi X$ with $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- mass m(D⁰) = 1.86 GeV
 sizeable daughter p_T
- lifetime τ(D⁰) ~ 0.4 ps
 flight distance ~ 4 mm
- can be produced in B decays





From Front End to Hard Disk



Taken from R. Schwemmer, Mon 13:30

• DAQ

- Readout rate: 1MHz
- Total Event size: 50+kB
- HLT output rate: 5000Hz
- HLT output bandwidth: 250MB/s
- Architecture
 - Dual core routers
 - Data that can't be processed by the HLT is temporarily stored on local HLT node discs for inter-fill processing

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LHCb Trigger Scheme



- L0 hardware:
 - Implemented in custom made hardware
 - Decision to front-end in $4\mu s$
- HLT software
 - 29000 logical cores
 - 5 kHz to storage
 (2kHz incl. B, 2 kHz charm, 1kHz muons)
- Details in JINST 8 (2013) P04022



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Interlude:

Measurement of trigger efficiencies

- Trigger efficiencies are measured after selection
 - → only additional inefficiency due to trigger are shown
- Measured in a data driven way ("TISTOS", generalized tag & probe: JINST 8 (2013) P04022)



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 - 2012: fill L0 tables from reconstructed track p_T from data
 - \rightarrow charge asymmetry < 2%



L0 hardware trigger: Calorimeter

- Hadron trigger
 - Threshold 3.6GeV
- Electron / photon trigger
 - Pre-shower and SPD discriminate between e[±], γ
 - Threshold 3GeV
 - ~80% efficient for radiative
 B→Xγ decays
- Rates:
 - Total muon rate ~400kHz
 - L0 hadron ~490kHz
 - L0 e[±], γ ~150kHz
 - Total L0 rate: 0.9MHz



	L0 trigger	Average ɛ ^{tos}
B⁺ → J/ψK⁺	L0-μ or μμ	89%
B⁰ → K⁺π⁻	L0-hadron	40%
D⁰ → K⁻π⁺	L0-hadron	27%
D⁰ → K⁻π⁺π⁻π⁺	L0-hadron	22%

Interlude: Deferred Trigger



See also M. Frank, Tue 15:45 R. Schwemmer, Mon 13:30

- LHC delivers ~30% of the time stable beams → 70% idle time for EFF
- Principle:
 - >1000 machines equipped with
 1-2TB local discs
 - Overcommit Farm by ~20-30%
 - Data that cannot be processed by the HLT is written to local disc
 - Process data in interfill gaps
- Effective 20% extra CPU allows to lower tacking thresholds p_T = 500 → 300MeV









HLT1: add tracking information



- Track reconstruction in vertex detector (VeLo), reconstruct PVs
- High IP or muon-matched VeLo tracks are selected

Perform forward tracking, search window size given by min $p_{\rm T}$ track $\mu \quad \mu\mu$ other min. $p_{\rm T}$ [GeV] 1.0 0.5 1.6





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- HLT1 output rates:

– Muons:	~14kHz	
 Inclusive track 	~58kHz	
 – L0 e[±], γ 	~7kHz	
– Total HLT1 rate	~80kHz	
ILT1 output rate tuned to allow		
HLT2 processing @ max rate		

	HLT1 trigger	Average ε ^{τοs}
B⁺ → J/ψK⁺	μ / μμ	90 / 69%
B⁰ → K⁺π⁻	Inclusive track	86%
B ⁰ →D ⁺ π ⁻		89%
D⁰ → K⁻π⁺		67%
D⁰ → K⁻π⁺π⁻π⁺		60%

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- At HLT2 level, the event is fully reconstructed
 - Reconstruction performance close to offline (p_T>0.3GeV)
 - Extremely powerful, flexible software environment: heavy use of MVA-based selections, staged reconstruction (PID)
 - Combination of inclusive and exclusive selections, e.g.:







- Dimuon triggers essential for LHCb physics
 - Muon ID identical to offline [LHCb-DP-2013-001]
 - "Prompt and detached" strategy
 - Prompt lines: no lifetime-biasing cuts, but prescaled (unless high p_T or high $m_{\mu\mu})$
 - Detached lines use IP cuts to improve purity
 - Total output rate ~1kHz





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HLT2: Inclusive Beauty trigger I





- Inclusive trigger on 2,3,4-body detached vertices
- Primary trigger for B decays to charged tracks
- Uses fast BDT algorithm [JINST 8 (2013) P02013]
- BDT inputs: p_T , $IP\chi^2$, flight distance χ^2 , mass and corrected mass

$$m_{
m corr} = \sqrt{m^2 + |p_{
m Tmiss}|^2} + |p_{
m Tmiss}|$$

*p*_{Tmiss}: missing momentum transverse to flight direction

Very efficient even on partially reconstructed beauty decays



HLT2: Inclusive Beauty trigger II



- Inclusive trigger on 2,3,4-body detached vertices
- Primary trigger for B decays to charged tracks
- Uses fast BDT algorithm [JINST 8 (2013) P02013]



- Output rate: 2kHz (pure beauty signal)
- Efficiencies

	Average ε ^{τος}
B⁰ → K⁺π⁻	78%
B ⁰ →D ⁺ π ⁻	76%



- Promptly produced charm
 - Exclusive selections for hadronic, leptonic and semileptonic decays for both D and $\Lambda^{\rm +}{}_{\rm c}$
 - − Inclusive trigger for decays $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$
 - Requires two decay products of D⁰ and a reconstructed slow pion



- Output rate: 2kHz (pure charm signal)
- Efficiencies

	Average ε ^{τος}
D⁰ → K⁻π⁺	90%
D*→D ⁰ π ^{+,} D ⁰ →K ⁻ π ⁺ π ⁻ π ⁺	26% (20% ^{excl} +17% ^{incl})





- Modular reconstruction components for CPU intense tasks
 - RICH PID used for proton identification,
 e.g. in φ→K⁺K⁻ Λ⁺_c→phh'
 - Downstream track reconstruction (tracks without Velo hits) used for decays of K_s
- Exclusive selections, e.g.
 - Channels with electrons or photons in the final state
 - EW physics (very high $p_T \mu^{\pm}$ or e^{\pm})
 - Low multiplicity forward physics
 - Very displaced vertices









- Decouple HLT2 from HLT1
 - Buffer events after HLT1
 - Allows detector calibration and alignment online
 - Make trigger more compatible with offline
- Allows the use of selection level cuts in the trigger
 - E.g. full RICH PID
 → allows to separate
 Cabbibo suppressed charm
 decays from favoured ones

See also S. Neubert, Poster and M. Frank, Tue 15:45





- LHCb upgrade goal: collect >5fb⁻¹ per year for 10 years with a more efficient and flexible trigger and improved detector performance
 - Current p_T based hardware trigger system will saturate
- Key point: remove 1MHz detector readout bottleneck
 - Upgrade detector and DAQ to readout at 40MHz
 - Full software trigger building on architecture for LHC run II
- ~20kHz output to storage
 Initially use LLT to reduce input rate
 - As farm and DAQ size increases, LLT progressively loosened
- Large gains for hadronic triggers (and keep excellent muonic triggers)







Summary

- LHCb trigger has been very successful in 2011 and 2012
- Covers a wide range of physics channels



- Flexible implementation in software
 - Allows to quickly adapt to running conditions
 - Deferred triggering: optimize resources for mean-, not peak usage
- Major upgrade of LHCb and its trigger planned for 2018







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