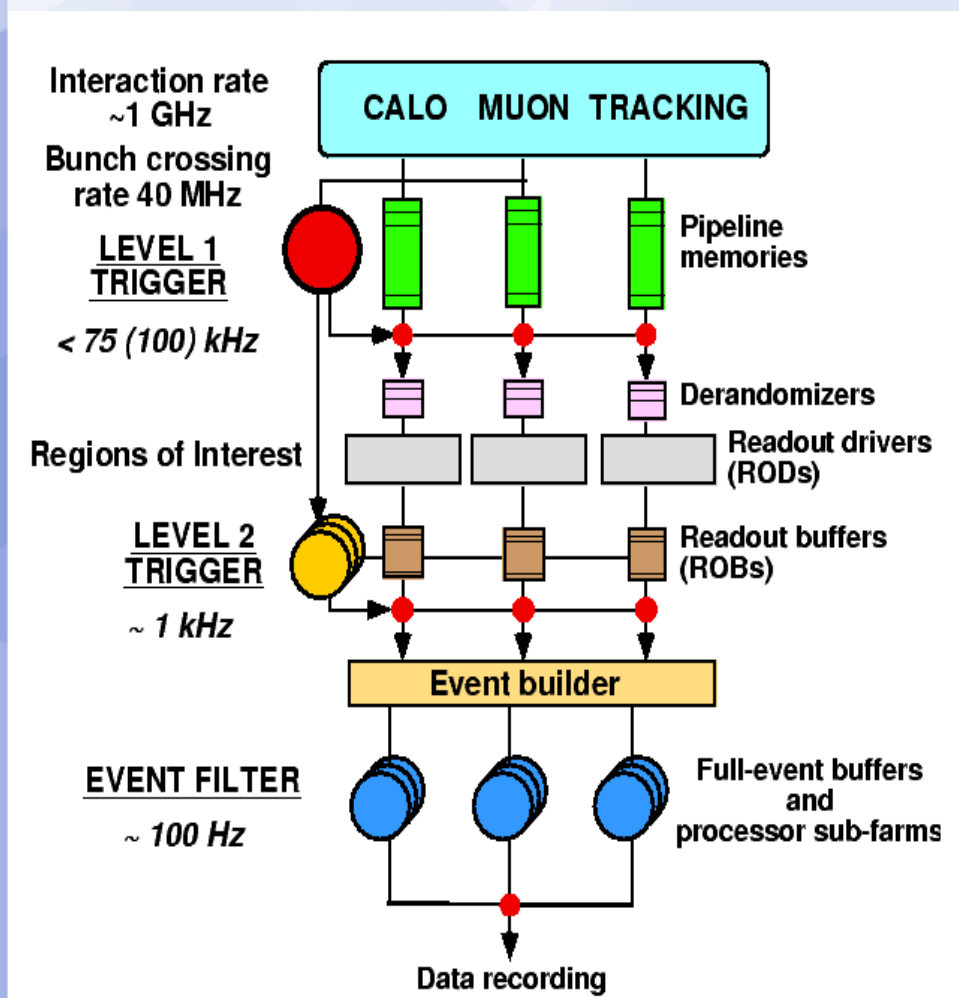# Software Validation Infrastructure for the ATLAS High-Level Trigger

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ATLAS Trigger Validation Group

Goals

- **Select interesting physics events while rejecting an overwhelming background (5 events are accepted per million background events)**
  - Trigger false negative should be kept to a minimum
  - Statistical bias and software implementation problems should not exist at all
- **Allow online monitoring and offline validation to check results with respect to previous running conditions**

HLT Validation

- The trigger code will evolve continuously and needs to be well tested offline before it goes online

- Validation effort should be automatized and allow for easy code debugging

- A common infra-structure, using specific checks provided by developers is encouraged
  - As a consequence, common tools can be used to check and make results promptly available

Development for the ATLAS software

- A set of new releases are made each night

    - There are different branches depending on specific project targets

- The NIghtly Control System (NICOS) controls the build of the packages

- Trigger Validation uses ATN and RTT which are general-purpose ATLAS validation machinery

    - ATN (Atlas Testing Nightly) tests can check code integrity as soon as a new release is built. It runs on all new releases to test for inconsistencies using simple scripts

    - RTT (Run Time Tester) tests can run longer jobs and check the physics output

- As soon as a problem is found, the developers are informed through an automatic email sent by the infra-structure

NICOS results

This web page shows the list of ATLAS nightlies (see twiki page for details). Some nightlies are not added to this list: experimental nightlies, doxygen builds, stable releases, tests of a new NICOS version.

Nightly testing summaries: ATN (rel_0, rel_1, rel_2, rel_3, rel_4, rel_5, rel_6, also accessible from nightly web pages),   RTT,   FCT (AID scans),   TCT (AID scans).

New column "Kit" shows the results of kit builds and downloads (made with package PackDist). The red crosses or green ticks images are links to the corresponding logfiles

Message of a day about nightlies problems and usability

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Oct 18, 2008: rel_6 14.X.0 32 bit opt nightly has missing libraries, dbg version is OK
Oct 11, 2008: 14.X.0 32 bit opt nightly is not completed: build machine problem
Oct 4, 2008: copy-to-AFS processes of many Sat. nightlies (incl. all MIG mightlies) are stuck because of AFS problems
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Nightly Title	# Platforms	# Projects	Latest Rel.	Build	Date	Copy	Kit	Ave. Failed Builds	Ave. Test Success(%)
MAJOR NIGHTLIES									
14.X.0	4	10	rel_0	done	10/26 07:34	done	rel_0 ❌ ✅	1.4	48.8
14.X.0-VAL	2	10	rel_0	done	10/26 07:22	done	N/A	0.8	54.0
14.2.2X NIGHTLIES									
14.2.2X	2	10	rel_0	done	10/26 07:36	done	N/A	0	62.2
14.2.2X-VAL	2	10	rel_0	done	10/26 07:55	done	N/A	0	63.8
PATCH NIGHTLIES									
14.2.2X.Y-P1HLT	2	1	rel_0	done	10/26 07:25	done	rel_0 ✅ ✅	0	27.0

NICOS/ATN by Alex Undrus (BNL)

Package built

Package Name	Container	Build	Checkreq Test	Unit Test	Manager(s)
AtlasTriggerRelease	N/A	🟡	N/A	FAIL	emil.obreshkov at cern.ch,david.quarrie at cern.ch
TrigCaloRec	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	cibran.santamarina.rios at cern.ch,xella at nbi.dk,delsart at lps.umontreal.ca,fer
TrigCaloRinger	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	rodrigo.torres at cern.ch,daniloefl at gmail.com
TrigEFMissingET	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	diego.casadei at cern.ch,kyle.cranmer at cern.ch,xiaowen.lei at cern.ch,ignacio.a
TrigT2CaloCommon	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	xin.wu at physics.unige.ch,pilar.casado at cern.ch,kyle.cranmer at cern.ch,damaz
TrigT2CaloCosmic	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	damazio at mail.cern.ch
TrigT2CaloEgamma	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	xin.wu at ph...
TrigT2CaloJet	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	kyle.cran...
TrigT2CaloTau	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	olga.igonkina a...
TrigT2MinBias	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	w.bell at cern.ch,regina.kwee at cern.ch
TrigValAlgs	Trigger/TrigValidation	🟡	N/A	N/A	goncalo at pp.rhul.ac.uk,strom at physics.uoregon.edu
TrigmuIso	Trigger/TrigAlgorithms	🟡	N/A	N/A	stefano.giagu at cern.ch
TrigNavigation	Trigger/TrigEvent	✅	N/A	FAIL	tomasz.bold at cern.ch,carlo.schiavi at ge.infn.it
TrigSteering	Trigger/TrigSteer	✅	N/A	FAIL	nicolas.berger at cern.ch,till.eifert at cern.ch
TrigTimeAlgs	Trigger/TrigTools	✅	N/A	FAIL	j.t.m.baines at rl.ac.uk,tomasz.bold at cern.ch
AnalysisTriggerAlgs	PhysicsAnalysis/AnalysisTrigger	✅	N/A	N/A	wolfgang.ehrenfeld at cern.ch,tmaeno at bnl.gov,atw at hep.ph.bham.ac.uk,mon
AtlasTriggerRunTime	N/A	✅	N/A	N/A	emil.obreshkov at cern.ch,david.quarrie at cern.ch

Build status for each package:
Clicking on the package,
the build log is shown.

Summary of ATN tests

An ATN test and its results:
The log file, error messages and other outputs are available.

Trigger ATN test results summary

Nightly test: 14X032BS4TrgOpt rel_5

Other nightlies: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Test name	Test script	Athena exit	Error Msgs	Reg. tests	Rootcomp	Exit code	Post cmd	Dir. link	Log link
AthenaModernBS_standalone	-	OK	OK	FAIL	MISMATCH [ps]	68	OK	dir	testAthenaModernBS_standalone_tail.log testAthenaModernBS_standalone_test.log
AthenaModernRDO	-	OK	OK	FAIL	MISMATCH [ps]	68	OK	dir	testAthenaModernRDO_tail.log testAthenaModernRDO_test.log
AthenaModernRDO_blackholes	-	OK	FAIL	FAIL	MISMATCH [ps]	100	OK	dir	testAthenaModernRDO_blackholes_tail.log testAthenaModernRDO_blackholes_test.log
AthenaModernRDO_full	-	OK	FAIL	FAIL	MISMATCH [ps]	100	OK	dir	testAthenaModernRDO_full_tail.log testAthenaModernRDO_full_test.log
AthenaModernRDO_full_no_Bphysics	-	OK	FAIL	FAIL	MISMATCH [ps]	100	OK	dir	testAthenaModernRDO_full_no_Bphysics_tail.log testAthenaModernRDO_full_no_Bphysics_test.log
AthenaModernRDO_full_no_Bphysics_no_prescale	-	OK	FAIL	FAIL	MISMATCH [ps]	100	OK	dir	testAthenaModernRDO_full_no_Bphysics_no_prescale_tail.log testAthenaModernRDO_full_no_Bphysics_no_prescale_test.log
AthenaModernRDO_full_no_prescale	-	OK	FAIL	FAIL	MISMATCH [ps]	100	OK	dir	testAthenaModernRDO_full_no_prescale_tail.log testAthenaModernRDO_full_no_prescale_test.log
AthenaModernRDO_lumi0.01	-	OK	FAIL	FAIL	MISMATCH [ps]	100	OK	dir	testAthenaModernRDO_lumi0.01_tail.log testAthenaModernRDO_lumi0.01_test.log.gz
AthenaModernRDO_lumi0.01_no_Bphysics	-	OK	FAIL	FAIL	MISMATCH [ps]	100	OK	dir	testAthenaModernRDO_lumi0.01_no_Bphysics_tail.log testAthenaModernRDO_lumi0.01_no_Bphysics_test.log
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					MISMATCH				testAthenaModernRDO_lumi0.01_no_prescale_tail.log

Done

Trigger tests results on ATN

http://fernando.web.cern.ch/fernando/TriggerSummaryPage/TriggerHLTP1TestPage.html

- A web page that summarizes the ATN test results for different building projects, like AtlasTrigger, AtlasAnalysis, HLTTesting and AtlasPoint1

    – The aim is to show every relevant information from NICOS in one single page for all available builds, each night

- Updated automatically every hour

- Quick and self-explanatory traffic light system (red, yellow, green)

- The summary is shown as a HTML table with colored cells

- When clicked, cell shows a menu with links to full information: log files, ROOT files, directory with results, ...

Trigger tests results on ATN

14.2.2X.Y-VAL | 1 >99 0 R | 1 >99 0 R | 1 >99 0 R

Show builds: ☑14.2.2X.Y ☑14.2.2X.Y-VAL ☑bugfix

Package	Build	rel_0	rel_1	rel_2
HLT Testing				
HelloWorldMT_run-stop-run	14.2.2X.Y	0 X 0	0 X 0	0 X 0
	14.2.2X.Y-VAL	0 X 0	0 X 0	0 X 0
	bugfix	X X X	0 X 0	0 X 0
HelloWorldPT_run-stop-run	14.2.2X.Y	0 X 0	0 X 0	0 X 0
	14.2.2X.Y-VAL	0 X 0	0 X 0	0 X 0
	bugfix	X X X	0 X 0	0 X 0
HistOH	14.2.2X.Y	3 X 0	0 X 0	3 X 0
	14.2.2X.Y-VAL	0 X 0	0 X 0	0 X 0
	bugfix	X X X	0 X 0	0 X 0
Athena	14.2.2X.Y	0 0 0 R	0 0 0 R	0 0 0 R
	14.2.2X.Y-VAL	0 0 0 R	0 0 0 R	0 0 0 R
	bugfix	X X X	357 >99 X R	356 >99 X R

3 X 0   0 X 0

3 X 0

3 errors in log
Unknown Reg test
differences
0 exitcode

0

0

356 >9

test summary

0

Summary log file

0

Checklog file

250 >9

Directory with results

Tail of log file

Complete log file

50

Memory monitoring

- Memory leaks must be identified
  - Continuous monitoring of memory usage
  - Memory leak checks are done on special jobs
  - Memory leak targets are 10 bytes/event on L2 and 1KB/event on EF (the less, the better)
  - PerfMon is a tool to monitor memory leaks
    - It generates graphs of the memory usage per event processed
    - It is enabled on all RTT jobs

Memory monitoring

- Valgrind is a set of very powerful tools for software quality and performance study

  - It has been used continuously to check the algorithms performance (such as memory leaks and CPU usage)
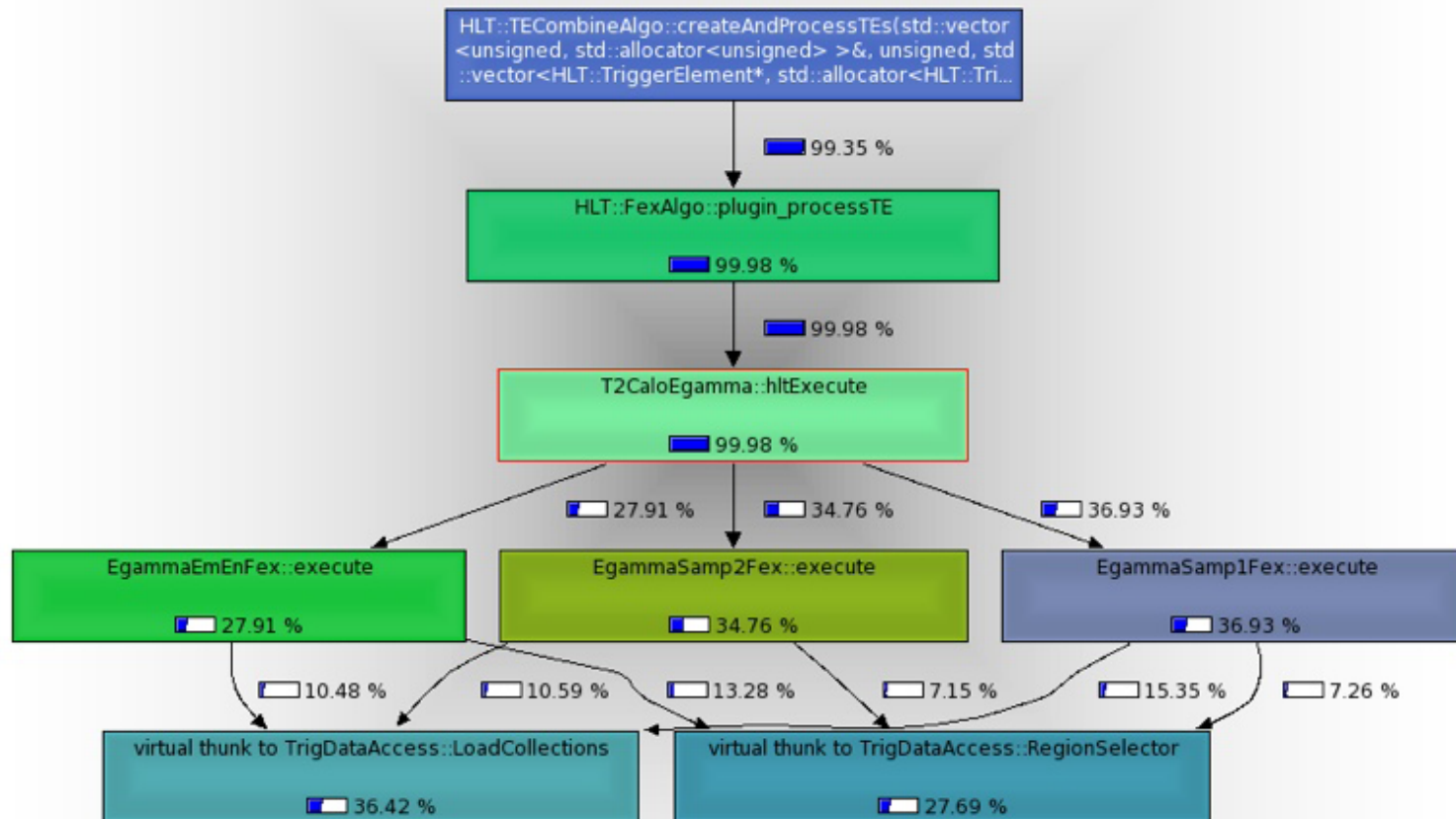
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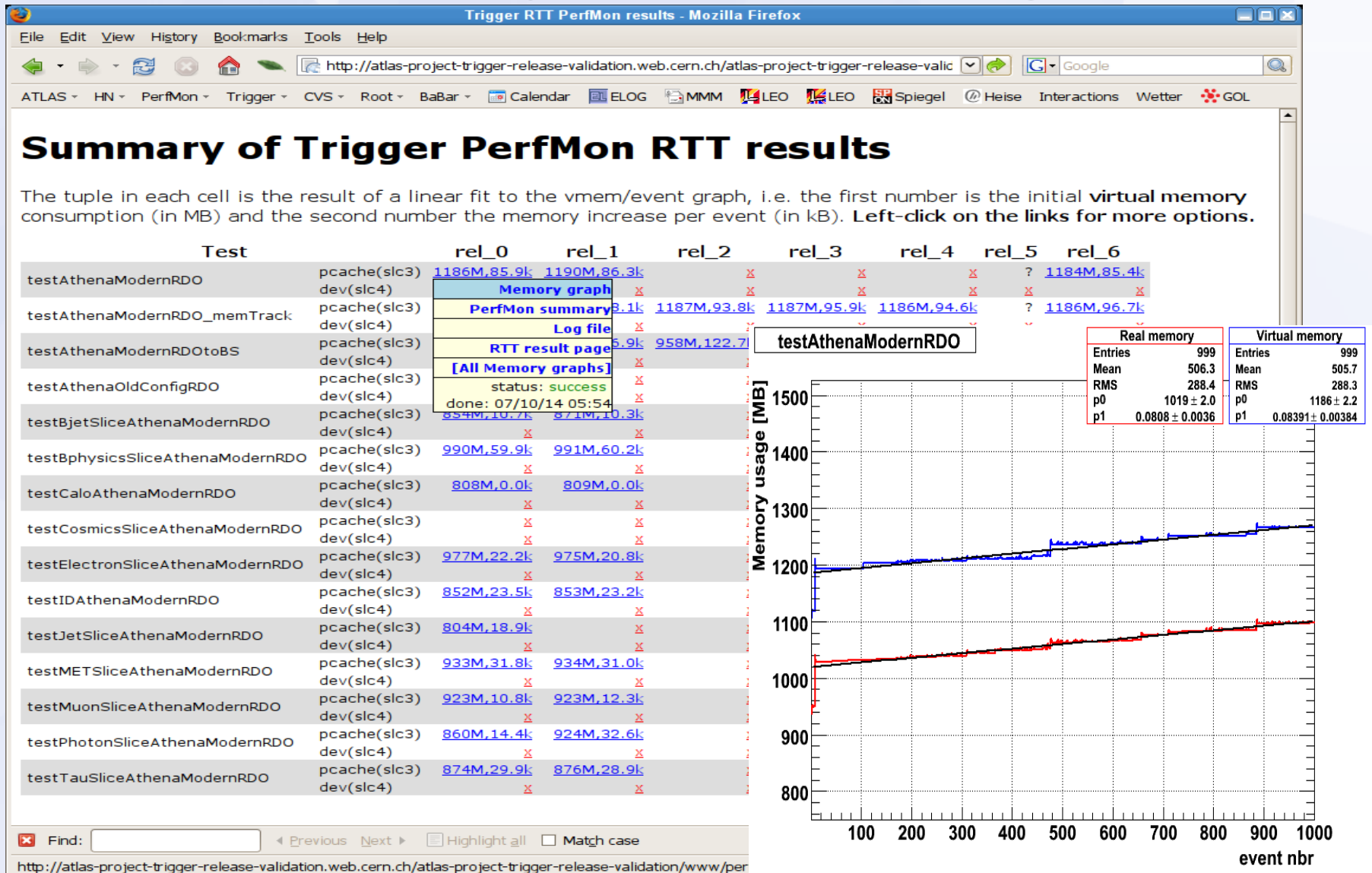
Memory monitoring on the RTT

- Long-term memory usage plots can be done from RTT jobs

  - Useful to check memory leak in many algorithms
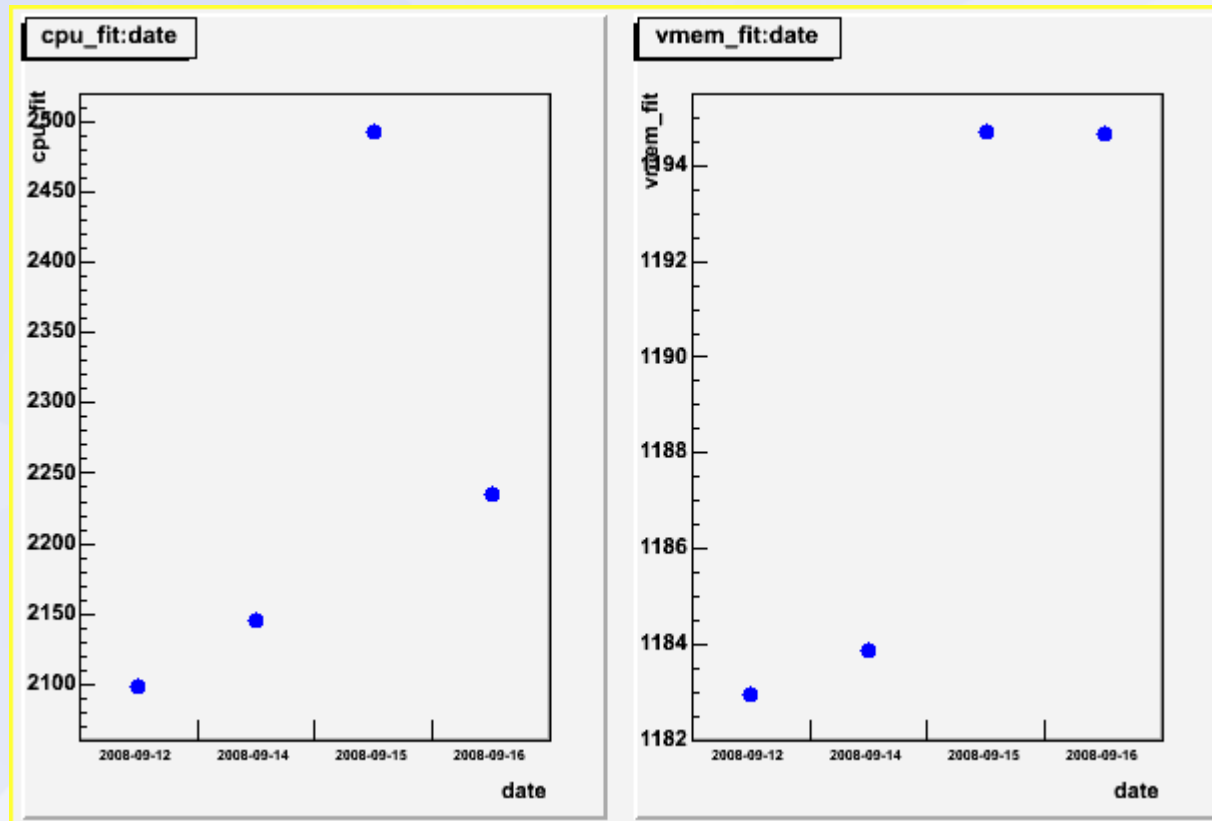
DCube

- An infra-structure is available to process and compare histograms generated by a test job

- Tests use an XML configuration file to determine which histograms to compare

- DCube has been integrated to run on RTT and shows the results on the web

DCube on RTT

DCube page: this shows the results

RTT page shows the validation test status
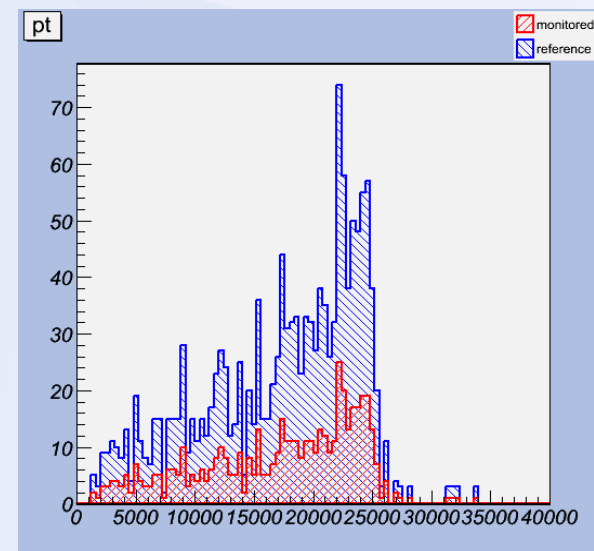
TrigEgammaValidation

- Systematic tool to validate Trigger electron/photon Studies

- Generates efficiency and jet rejection measurements, and plots relevant trigger cut variables for different input simulation datasets

- Uses statistical metrics to check discrepancies on histograms with respect to reference ones

- Automatically sends emails with results of the comparison for the release

TrigEgammaValidation method

- Generates histograms of variables used on Trigger decision

- Currently uses Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistical test to compare each histogram generated with the same one in a previous release

- Discrepancies are notified when they are found, allowing fast correction of problems

- Other metrics should be studied to improve identification of problems

TrigEgammaValidation plots
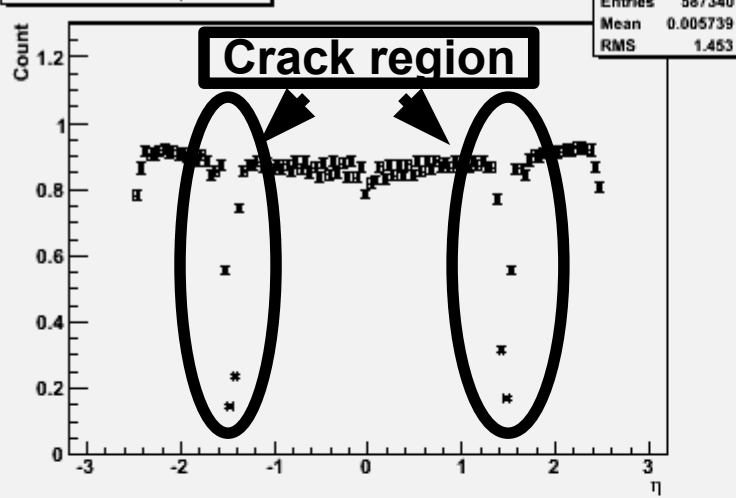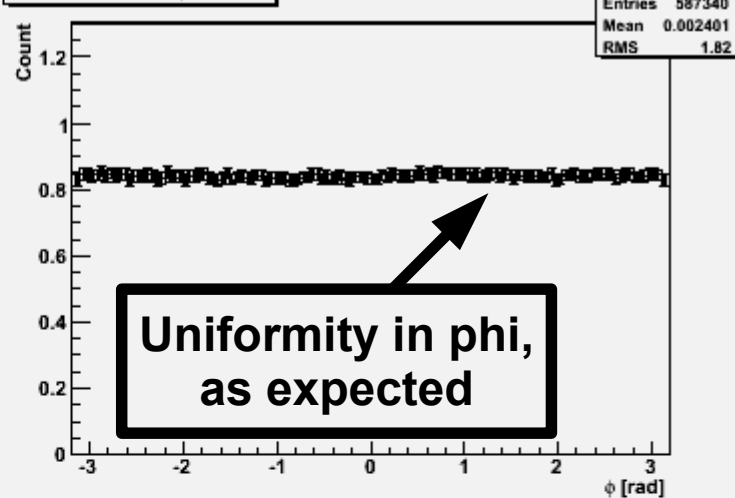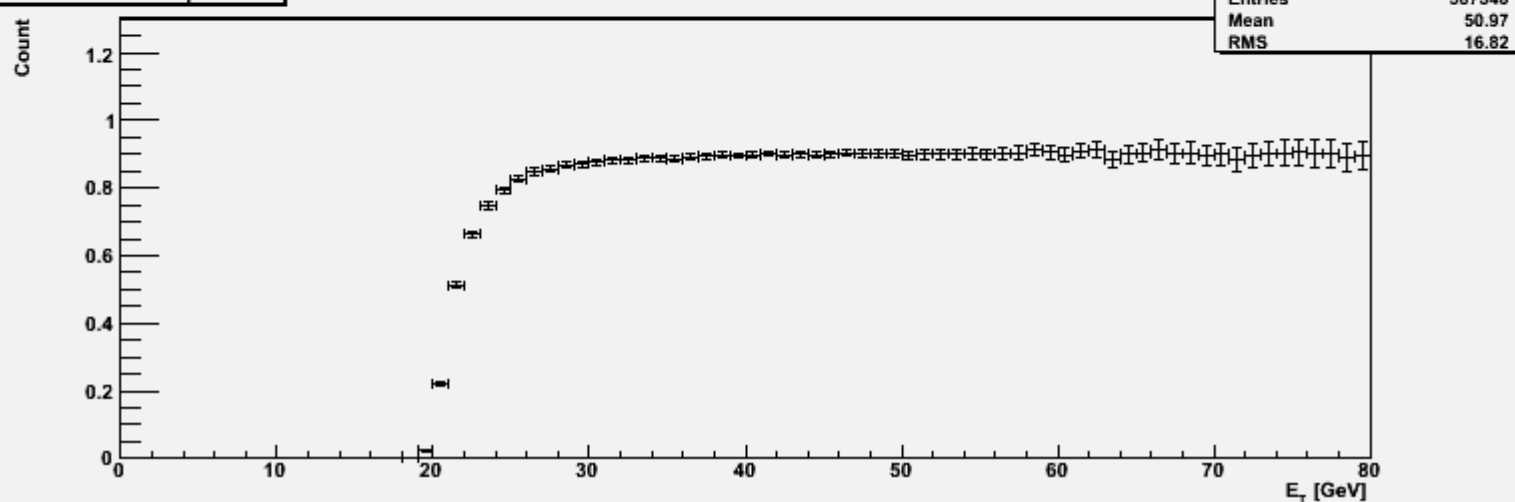
TrigEgammaValidation web visualization tool

Statistical metrics description

Kolmogorov-Smirnov

- The Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test can be used to compare two pdfs by measuring the maximum distance between their cumulative distribution function
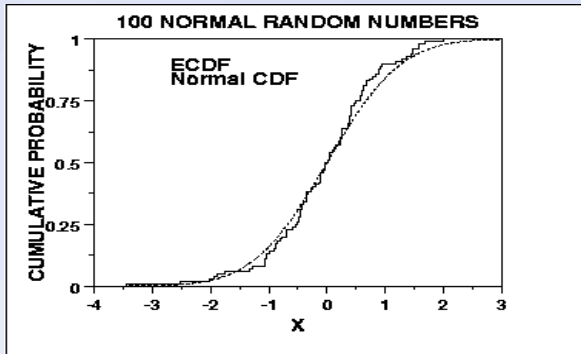
Quadratic Negentropy

- Measures the distance between the pdfs bin-per-bin

$$D_{QN}(P\|Q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (p(x) - q(x))^2 \, dx$$

Kullback-Leibler

- Kullback-Leibler divergence uses the entropy concept from Information Theory to measure the *distance* between two pdfs

  - Such a method is naturally assymetric, but can be made symmetric

$$D_{KL}(P\|Q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) \log \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \, dx$$

$$D_{KL}(P\|Q) + D_{KL}(Q\|P)$$

Jensen-Shannon

- Kullback-Leibler is unbounded. Using the lemma that the distribution closest to the other two is the mean distribution, Jensen-Shannon proposed a new metric.

  - Jensen-Shannon metric is always positive and less than 1.

$$M = \frac{1}{2}(P + Q) \qquad JSD(P\|Q) = \frac{1}{2}D(P\|M) + \frac{1}{2}D(Q\|M)$$
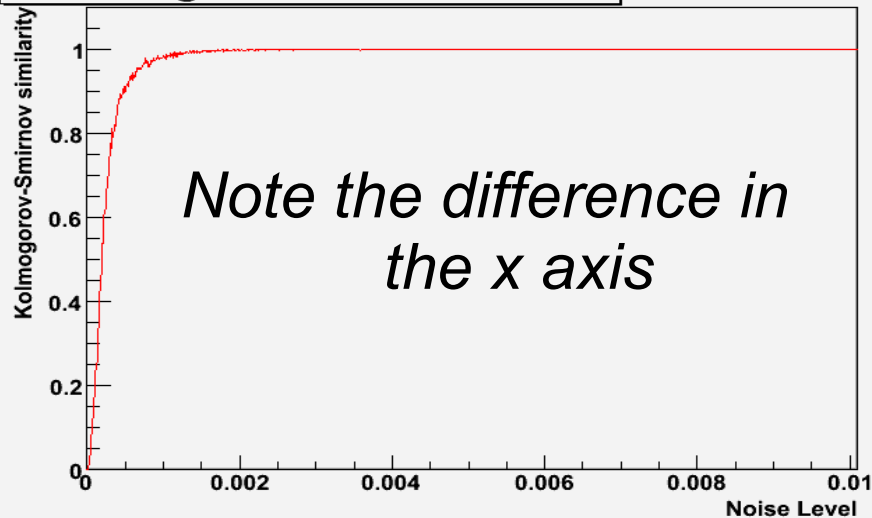
Metric comparison: Methodology

- To compare each metric's result and observe their sensitivity, two methods were tried:

  - Adding Gaussian noise to test histograms and comparing with the original histograms

  - Multiplying Gaussian noise to test histograms and comparing with the original histograms

- The standard deviation of the noise is stepwise increased to check the metric's results

- A mean of all TrigEgammaValidation histograms comparisons is taken to evaluate each metric's performance
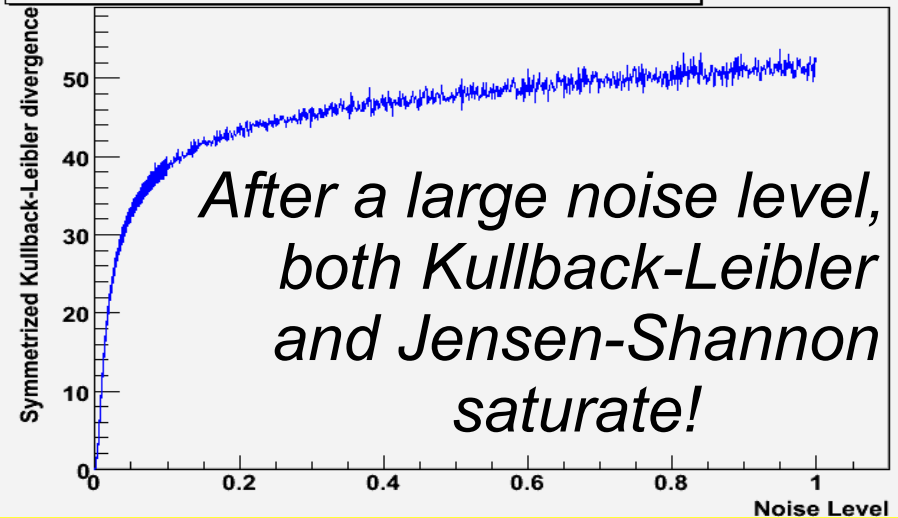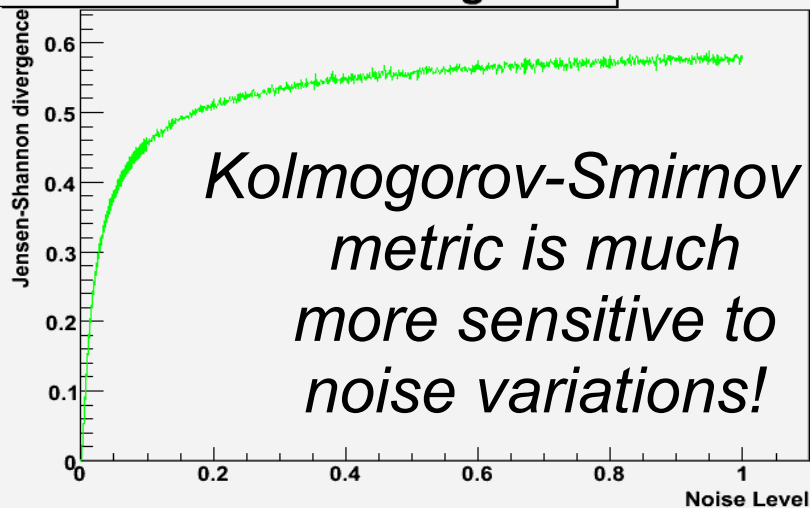
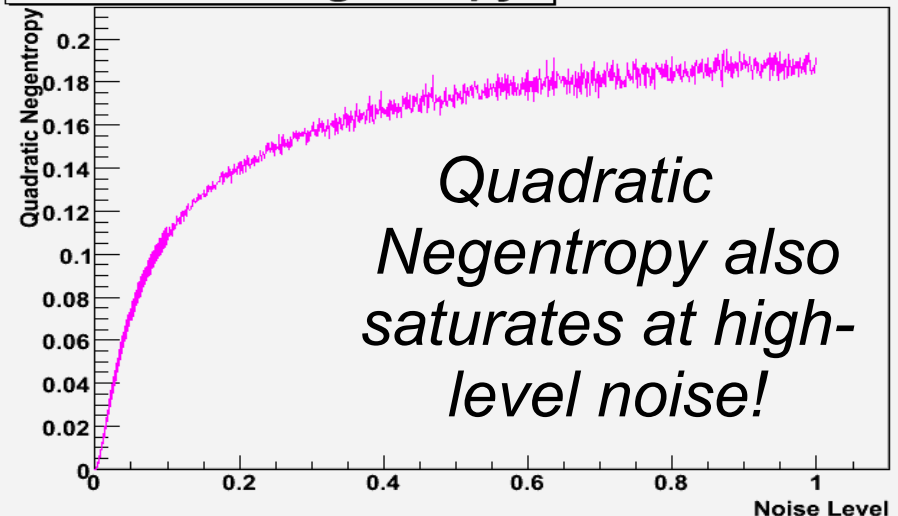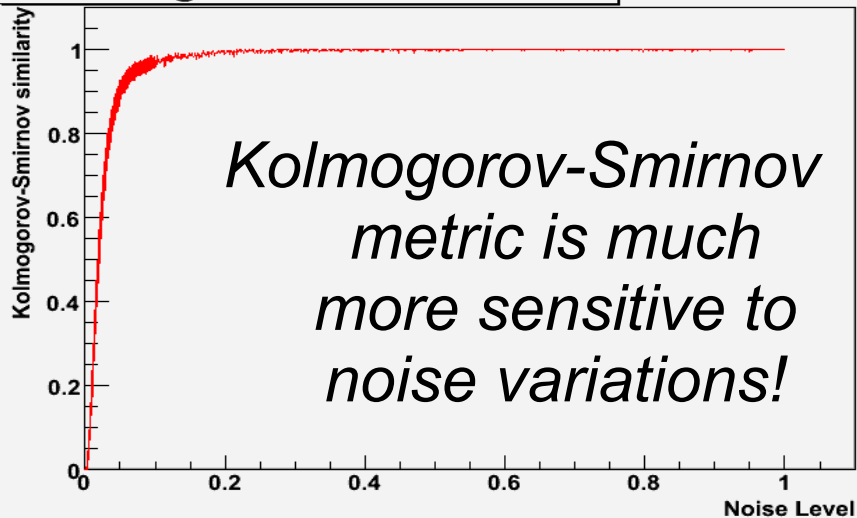# Metric comparison:
Additive noise to the histograms

Metric comparison:
Multiplicative noise to the histograms

Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

Kolmogorov-Smirnov metric is much more sensitive to noise variations!

Symmetrized Kullback-Leibler divergence
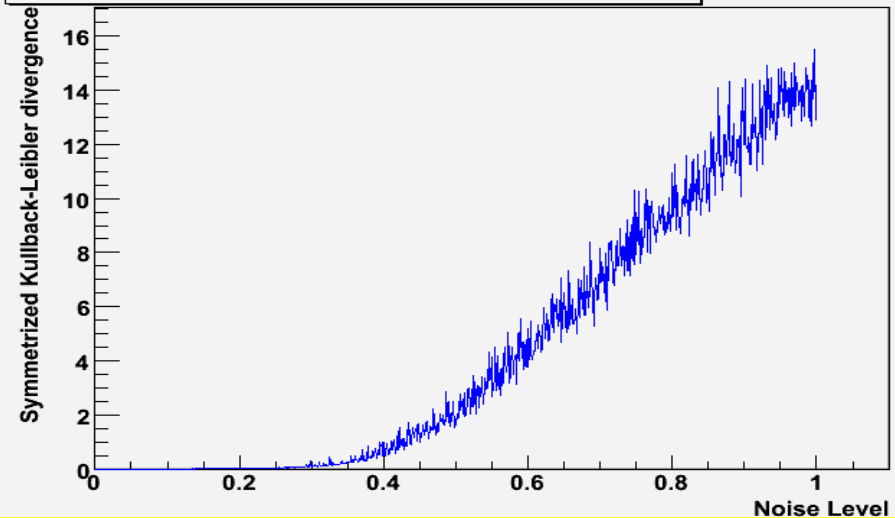
Jensen-Shanon divergence

Quadratic Negentropy

Quadratic Negentropy can not detect multiplicative noise differences
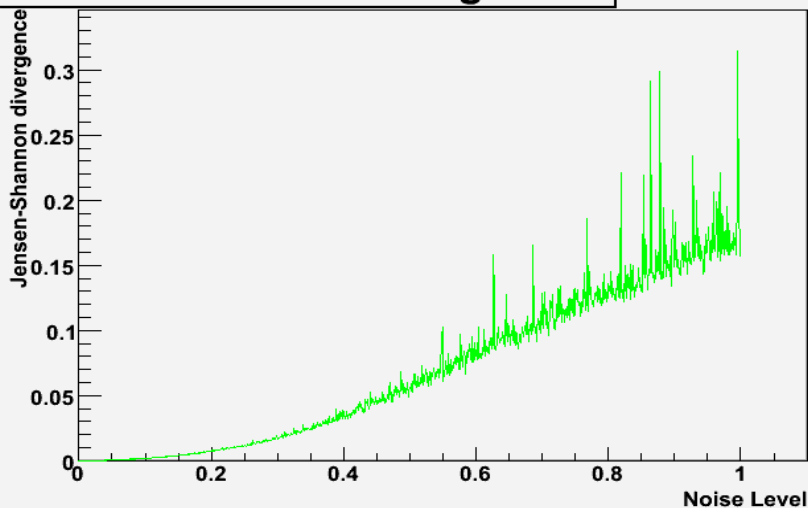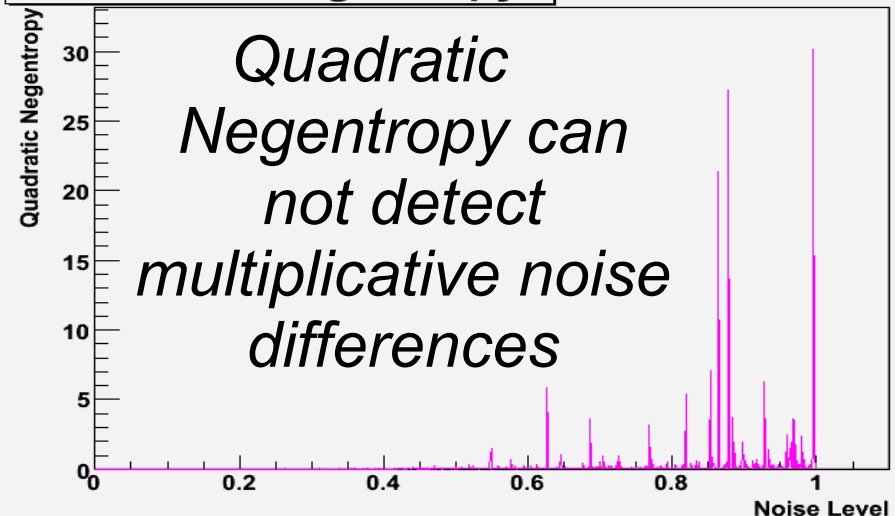
Metric comparison:
Results

- **The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test is very sensitive to small variations of a random variable**

- **The Kullback-Leibler and Jensen-Shanon can't distinguish differences between histograms after a large noise level and are not as much sensitive to multiplicative noise as Kolmogorov-Smirnov**

- **Quadratic Negentropy can not detect multiplicative noise, and it also can not detect differences at high additive noise!**

- **To be investigated: The combination of such methods**

Conclusion

- Validation on Trigger is being applied systematically, controlling the problems as closely as possible

- Software quality (memory leaks, time measurements, ...) on the code are tested nightly by PerfMon on RTT

- ATN tests are extremely useful for checking small code differences;

- Comparison of histograms allows systematic validation of the software through physics measurements, as in TrigEgammaValidation

- Thanks to the ATLAS Software Infrastructure Group for providing the testing frameworks in which our trigger tests run; particularly to Alex Undrus