The ATLAS Muon Barrel Trigger

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Inner Tracker 3 Detector

- Pixel
- Silicon
- Transition radiation





Hadronic Tile Calorimeter











The ATLAS Trigger strategy

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out of this

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At full LHC Luminosity, the ATLAS detector can produce **1.6 MB/event *40 MHz = 64 PB/s**

To reduce the amount of data to write to disk and of unnecessary data transfer Three -level Trigger Architecture
"Region of Interest" mechanism

The Rol Mechanism

The Level 1 Trigger objects (jet, electromagnetic, muon candidate, etc.) determine Regions of Interest (Rols) that seed further trigger decisions

A typically Rol size is $~0.1\Delta\eta\times 0.1\Delta\varphi$ (larger for jets)

Based on coarse, fast information

Identify Regions based on local areas of activity at Level-1 (L1) and pass on to Level-2 (L2)

Only Rol data sent to next trigger level to reduces stress on DataFlow

The starting point

CERN/LHCC/92-4 LHCC/I 2 1 October 1992

ATLAS

Letter of Intent for a General-Purpose pp Experiment at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN

Abstract

The ATLAS collaboration proposes to build a general purpose proton-proton detector for the Large Hadron Collider, capable of exploring the new energy regime which will become accessible. The detector would be fully operational at the startup of the new accelerator. The detector concept, the research and development work under way to optimize the detector design, and its proposed implementation are described, together with examples of its discovery potential.

The ATLAS Barrel Toroid

- - 25.3 m length
 - 20.1 m outer diameter
 - 8 coils

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- 1.08 GJ stored energy
- 370 tons cold mass
- 830 tons weight
- 118 tons superconductor
- 56 km Al/NbTi conductor
- 20.5 kA @ 4 T nominal current
- 4.5 K working point

ATLAS Muon Trigger Requirements

- ✓ Two threshold regimes for single-muon triggers as the physics suggests
 - pT > 6 GeV for b physics, Low p_T
 - pT > 20 GeV for heavy object searches High pt
- An high and bias-free single-muon triggering efficiency for a multilepton trigger capability
- ✓ Unique Bunch crossing identification
 - LHC Bunch crossing ~ 25 ns
 - Data stamped with LVL1 ID (event ID) and Bunch crossing ID (BCID) fundamental for tagging fragments belonging to the same physic event for subsequent event building
- ✓ Trigger resolution < 4 ns</p>
- ✓ Rough muon p_T-measurement, on a time-scale of < 2 µs (LVL1 Latency)</p>

ATLAS Muon Trigger Requirements

Safe operation in high background condition

• At the nominal LHC luminosity, the expected counting rate

- 10 Hz/cm² in the barrel region
- few kHz/cm² in the very forward regions.

- The interaction of protons with the beam pipe, the forward calorimeters and the machine elements will produce neutrons with a wide energy spectrum
- This background particle flux behaves like a "gas"
- Neutrons Emission of photon with energy of the order of 100 keV to few MeV by nuclei capture.
- Photons converted in electrons via Compton effect are detected in the muon chambers.

ATLAS Muon Trigger Requirements

Radiation Background rate determines

- The sharpness of the trigger efficiency curve,
- the rate of genuine and accidental muon triggers,
- the number of trigger planes and their granularity

- To reduce further the rate of accidental coincidences, the trigger is implemented in two projections, (r–z) and (r–φ);
- therefore, the trigger system also provides the measurement of track coordinates in the 'non-bending' (r– ϕ) projection.
- The granularity in the latter projection affects the accidental trigger rate and the second-coordinate resolution.

The Choice of the detector

- ✓ Have a good time resolution <5 ns</p>
- Good spatial resolution
- Low sensitivity to Neutron and Gamma
- Cheap for large area

Resistive Plate Counter Detector

RPC detector

The principle of operation The characteristic

The ATLAS RPC

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Resistive Plate Chambers (RPCs)

\Rightarrow Place resistive plates in front of the metal electrodes.

No spark can develop because the resistivity together with the capacitance will only allow a very localized 'discharge'. The rest of the entire surface stays completely unaffected.

\Rightarrow Large area detectors are possible !

Resistive plates from Bakelite ($\rho = 10^{10}-10^{12} \Omega cm$) or Window glass ($\rho = 10^{12}-10^{13} \Omega cm$).

Gas gap: 0.25-2mm. Electric Fields 50-100kV/cm. Time resolutions: 50ps (100kV/cm), 1ns(50kV/cm)

Application: Trigger Detectors, Time of Flight (TOF)

Pestov idea: use as anodic electrode a high resistivity glass Concept extended to RPCs with both electrodes with high resistivity

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 $\tau \propto \rho$ High Resistivity limits Rate Capability

Ionization regimes

Depending on the applied Voltage different ionization regimes are possible.

- Avalanche
- Multi avalanche
- Streamer



$$dn = n\frac{dx}{\lambda} = n\alpha dx$$
$$N = n_0 e^{\alpha x} = n_0 e^{\alpha v_d t}$$

- electron mean free path
- α first Townsend coefficient
- v_d drift velocity

Saturated Avalanche





Saturated avalanche

Prompt Charge (pC):	0.1 ÷1
Pulse Width (ns):	<i>1</i> ÷2
Pulse Height (mV):	0.5÷2.5
Spot dimension	$\sim mm^2$





Gas Mixture



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 $C_2 H_2 F_4 / C_4 H_{10} \quad 95\% / 5\%$



RPC Performances

Spatial resolution

Time resolution

Time resolution (H8 test-beam 2003)











ρ Bulk resistivity







too high current - Bad Gap

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RPC Ageing Effect: Increasing of dark current (detector noise):

- Degradation of plate surface
- Formation of F- radicals and HF (very aggressive)
- Strong dependence on working temperature
- Reduction of fluoride compounds (increase isob. percentage)
- Increase of gas flow in order to quickly remove HF molecules
- Keep temperature below 22-23 C





Muon Barrel Trigger

-----[Implementation (CM and roads)

Timing as Physics selector technique

Result

Basic Principle

• Physics:

Selection of events with muons having a large transverse momentum (p_T)

• Trigger:

Identification of candidate muon tracks coming from the interaction vertex within a p_T range.

• Algorithm:

Demand a coincidence of hits in different RPC chambers within geometrical roads.



Basic Principle

Level-1 algorithm performed in both η and ϕ projections. Two p_T regimes:

+ Low-p_T (μ > 6 GeV/c) with <u>RPC1 \oplus RPC2</u> **+** High-p_T (μ > 10 GeV/c) with RPC3 \oplus Low-p_T

- Low p_T and High p_T are separate but not independent
- Low p_T trigger result is needed for the High p_T decision
- The timing between Low p_T and High p_T has to be adjusted depending on the physics (cosmics or beam)



The algorithm

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Level-1 Barrel expected efficiency vs p_T



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Why trigger efficiency lower than 90 %??

Trigger Coverage



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$$\mathcal{L} = 10^{31} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$$

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Event Filter rate @ $\mathcal{L} = 10^{31} cm^{-2} s^{-1}$



The Timing

a look inside



ATLAS LVL1 Trigger

► The ATLAS trigger is synchronous with LHC bunch crossing (BC) at 40.08 MHz

- The triggers coming from the different trigger detectors/systems are collected into the Central Trigger Processor (CTP) that issues a L1 Accept (L1A) on the first "valid" trigger received
- So between the issue of a trigger and its confirmation there is a delay that depends on many sources (signal propagation, processing time, etc..)
- Data are stored in pipelines waiting for the L1A and then it is essential to correctly tag the event and the corresponding data
- This is achieved labeling all the data with the id on the BC (BCID) and with the L1A.



Timing

✓ Timing selects physics: muons from beam not the same cosmics

- ✓ Timing is NOT "absolute"
- ✓ The trigger for the same particle can be seen at different time by each trigger element (part of the trigger system)



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Selecting IP pointing cosmic muons: beam trajectory (wrong ToF) easy to understand

from cosmic to beam only ToF difference

Timing - Global Alignment

- Using RPC trigger to align itself it is too difficult: the trigger misalignment has an impact on the track reconstruction
- The ATLAS Inner Transition Radiation Tube detector set-up a trigger for self calibration (TRT FastOR).

TRT FastOR

- good coverage for pointing tracks
- small ToF contribution
- timed in at ~ ns



Muon barrel trigger has ~ 400 trigger sources (called towers)

Achievement with cosmics

Timing - September 2008



Timing Now with Cosmics



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Beam Configuration

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Toroid	Muon tracks	RPC Triggers	eff.
OFF	8	7	88 %
ON	28	19	68 %













Level1 muon trigger at 7 TeV

• One week at $\mathcal{L} = 10^{31} \ cm^{-2} s^{-1}$

$$\varepsilon \simeq 50\%$$
 $\int \mathcal{L} = 1 - 2 \ pb^{-1}$

- O(100k) muons with low p_T from heavy quark decays
- A few 10 k muons from W, few 100 from Z
- Important sample of inclusive muons (tag and probe is very statistics limited)
- With 10 pb⁻¹ large statistics will allow:
 - Precise determination of parameters: L1 trigger roads
 - Precise determination of performance: p_T resolution, trigger efficiency with tag and probe
















The Muon Spectrometer





The choice



 $\Delta\beta/\beta \approx 20\%$

 $\beta \cong 1.08 \ rad/p(GeV)$ $\beta \cong 0.68 \ rad/p(GeV)$

Level-1 Trigger



- Hardware based
- It has a maximum latency of 2.5 µs
- It has 3 main components: Calorimeter Trigger, Muon Trigger and Central Trigger
- The trigger deals with detector information from coarse region in the etaphi plane (Region of interest (Rol))

Total charge vs HV



Neutrons & γ s sensitivity



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The RPCs of ATLAS



Efficiency homogeneity



Neutrons & γ s sensitivity















The cable delay (T0) and the Time of Flight (ToF) are the two main components of misalignment.

Local alignment (layers, views, trigger towers)

- ToF is negligible.
- Needs only RPC data

Global alignment (trigger sector)

- ToF and delays are entangled
- needs reconstructed tracks and geometry (global event data)
- easiest with an "external" reference

I will focus on the Global alignment which is the real challenge

Timing - Global Alignment with TRT FastOr

Using TRT FastOR & RPC data

- can be cleanly seen a tower shift
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Using TRT offline track time

compare different towers

check consistency with TRT FastOr

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All towers within a sector Sector by sector



Cosmics

- The LVL1 Muon Barrel trigger has a resolution of 1/8 BC (3.125 ns).
- The trigger decision must be in the middle of the BC to avoid jitters.
- This will be true with collision but.....not with cosmic
 - They are flat in time over the whole BC window, with a non negligible probability of "border" effect on BC ID assignment.
 - Moreover the cosmics have a distribution in space that is far from being isotropical (shaft) nor pointing to IP.
- It's then clear that with cosmics only a coarse time (~BC) alignment is possible

Cosmics alignment



Cosmics alignment



We start from this - September 2008



Coverage 70%
Road Map for final commissioning

Timing

- The method shown can be easily used with collision
- coarse alignment (~ BC) need 100 muon per tower
- fine alignment (~ 5 ns) needs 1000 muons per tower

Validation of the pT threshold (trigger roads)

- Defined to maximize trigger efficiency using single muon monte carlo
- Depends on modeling of magnetic-field, geometry, materials
- Depends on statistics, detector areas with less acceptance have larger coincidence roads
- Trigger roads must be validated with data using reconstructed muon
- Use MU0 as the maximum acceptance threshold
- Use calibration stream as well: no rejection by L2, no prescales
- Trigger roads: sensible validation can be started with ~2000 muons/ Rol (L1_MU10). Note: need to consider separately for mu+/mu-