THE LHCb LEVEL-1 TRIGGER

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LHCb IN NUMBERS

- Design Luminosity: $L = 2 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} = 200 \,\mu\text{b}^{-1}/\text{s}$
- $\sigma_{\text{total}} \approx 100 \text{ mb}, \ \sigma_{\text{inel}} \approx 80 \text{ mb}, \ \sigma_{\text{vis}} \approx 60 \text{ mb}$ \Rightarrow 12 MHz total (visible) interaction rate \Rightarrow 10 MHz total (visible) event rate (pile-up)
- Assumed $\sigma_{bb} \approx 500 \ \mu b$ \Rightarrow 100 kHz B event rate!
- But low branching fractions! Expect (offline reconstructable events):
 - B_d \rightarrow J/ $\psi(\mu^{-}\mu^{+})$ K_S($\pi^{-}\pi^{+}$): 1 per minute
 - $B_d \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+$:
 - $-B_s \rightarrow D_s^{-}(K^+K^-\pi^-) K^+$: 1 in six minutes
 - $B_s \rightarrow \mu^- \mu^+$:

- 1 in two minutes

 - 1 per week (?)







LEVEL-0 TRIGGER

- Fully synchronous and pipelined hardware trigger
- ~10 MHz visible event rate (30 MHz bunch crossing)
- Global event variables (10 MHz \rightarrow 7 MHz):
 - pile-up detector (two backward-looking silicon disks): reject events with multiple primary vertices
 - multiplicity in pile-up detector and SPDs in front of calorimeter (scintillator pad detectors for e/γ separation): reject too complicated events



- minimum ΣE_T in all HCAL cells (avoid "empty" events)
- B signatures (7 MHz \rightarrow 1 MHz):
 - high-p_T muons: track segments in muon chambers (MWPC)
 - high-E_T electrons, photons, π^0 : ECAL clusters (+SPD/PS)
 - high-E_T hadrons: HCAL clusters



LEVEL-1 STRATEGY



B hadrons are the **elephants** of the particle zoo: they are **heavy** and **long-lived**

Approximation at trigger level: look for tracks with both

- high transverse momentum (p_T) and
- high impact parameter (relative to primary vertex)

How do we measure impact parameters and p_T ?



IMPACT PARAMETER (1)

measure impact parameters with the **VE**rtex **LO**cator:





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21 stations, each with 2 r-

and 2 φ -sensors

IMPACT PARAMETER (2)

r-z projection contains most of the impact parameter information:

 \Rightarrow fast r-z tracking using only r-sensors (straight-forward thanks to rather low occupancy in 45° sectors!)



ϵ = 98% for B tracks



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primary vertex resolution:



IMPACT PARAMETER (3)

impact parameter resolution: (also for various robustness scenarios...)



Good resolutions are obtained with (fast) 2D tracks!

But: p_T measurement via extrapolation necessitates 3D tracks! \Rightarrow Reconstruct in 3D (φ -sensors) **only** those tracks that have **large impact parameter!** (between 0.15 mm and 3 mm)



P_T **MEASUREMENT**

Magnet

5m

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Verex

RICH1

We must extrapolate tracks to some measurement that is influenced by the magnetic field!

Two complementary approaches:

1) Fringe field before the magnet: extrapolation to first tracking station, TT (= Trigger Tracker), situated between VELO and magnet \Rightarrow coarse momentum resolution but high efficiency

2) Full p_T kick after the magnet: recycle calorimeter clusters and muon track segments found by Level-0, try to match them to VELO tracks!

SPDPS HCAL ----

T3 RICH2

10m

M1

 \Rightarrow better momentum resolution but low over-all efficiency and low purity

15m



20m

Z



The Trigger Tracker (TT):



- 4 layers of Si (500 µm thick, 200 µm pitch)
- 836 sensors of $7.8 \times 11 \text{ cm}^2$ (7 m² total)
- ca. 400 clusters / event for Level-1





P_T **MEASUREMENT: TT**





P_T **MEASUREMENT:** L0



Complementary approach:

Try to match tracks found in the VELO to high-p_T objects found by Level-0:

- muon track segments
- calorimeter clusters (ECAL and HCAL)

Example: VELO slopes in x and y, comparison between predictions from Level-0 objects and actual VELO tracks





PT **MEASUREMENT: L0**





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P_T **MEASUREMENT:** L0

Example:

μμ **invariant mass** available at Level-1!

- ⇒ can boost dimuon channels at small cost in bandwidth!
 - $B \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-)X$ channels
 - $\ B \to \mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \mu^{\scriptscriptstyle -} \ K^*$
 - $\ B \to \mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \mu^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$

More knobs to turn..., under study!





DECISION ALGORITHM

- among the tracks with high impact parameter [0.15 3 mm], select the two with the highest p_T
- using the measured p_T 's estimate the significances of the impact parameters of the two tracks (d/ σ_d)
- apply a **2D cut** in the plane $\Sigma \ln(p_T)$ vs $\Sigma \ln(d/\sigma_d)$



 relax the cut in the presence of specific signatures: dimuon mass, high-p_T photons and electrons from L0



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$B \rightarrow$	ε _{L1}	ε _{L0×L1}
π+π-	62.7%	33.6%
D _s ⁻ K ⁺	62.6%	29.5%
J/ψ(μ⁺μ⁻) K s	67.7%	60.5%
J/ψ(e⁺e⁻) K _s	54.9%	26.5%
J/ψ(μ⁺μ⁻) φ	71.4%	64.0%
Κ* ⁰ γ	51.9%	37.8%



IMPLEMENTATION

- Level-1 is a software trigger
 - maximum flexibility at an early stage!
- Level-1 farm now a part of the LHCb online farm:
 - larger L1 event size (with TT data, possibly more tracking stations)
 - smaller global event size due to detector re-optimization
 - \Rightarrow L1 and global event sizes not so different anymore!
- 1800 processors foreseen for the entire LHCb farm
 - flexible allocation between offline reconstruction and triggers (L1 and HLT), currently planning on 1000 processors for L1 and 400 for HLT
 ⇒ average processing time of 1 ms per event (1 MHz input rate)
- Level-1 buffer holds 58k events ⇒ > 50 ms latency (Quad Data Rate SRAM)



TIMING

initialization	~13%
2D tracking	~45%
primary vertex	~6%
3D tracking*	~20%
p _T measurement*	~16%
(match to TT+L0)	
* selected tracks only	

- on average ~8 ms / event for complete L1 decision measured with 2002 CPUs
- expect a factor ~6 in CPU power between 2002 and 2007 (PASTA* report)
- ⇒ we are already in the right ballpark! (many optimizations still to come)

(TDR studies)



* **PASTA** = The LHC Technology Tracking Team for **P**rocessors, Memory, **A**rchitectures, **ST**orage and **TA**pes



HIGH-LEVEL TRIGGER

- A second layer of **software trigger** for final decision on whether to write event to storage (~200 Hz foreseen)
- Full detector information available at this level (except RICH)
- Algorithms are **still under development**; current strategy:
 - 1) Confirmation of Level-1 decision with momentum resolution from all tracking stations (T1–T3): 40 kHz \rightarrow 20 kHz
 - 2) Full reconstruction of (long) tracks.
 - **3) Exclusive selection** of priority channels (simplified offline selections): 10–20 Hz per channel
 - 4) Inclusive selection of other channels (exploit common features in offline selections): fill remaining bandwidth

⇒ hadron colliders force us to run the physics selection algorithms in the trigger!



SUMMARY

- The LHCb Level-1 trigger is a software trigger
- Selection of events containing b hadrons by searching for high impact parameter and high transverse momentum of daughter tracks
- detector input from:
 - VErtex LOcator (impact parameter)
 - Trigger Tracker
 L0 decision unit
 (p_T)



- Extensive studies show satisfactory physics performance within time budget
- Technical Design Report for the LHCb Trigger System has just appeared! See there for more details.



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Reoptimized Detector Design and Performance TDR







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