

A Standalone Monitored Drift-Tube Trigger for the ATLAS HL-LHC Upgrade D. Cieri on behalf of the ATLAS TDAQ Collaboration 29. October 2024 - 2024 IEEE NSS MIC RTSD - Tampa, Florida, USA

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Baseline ATLAS L0 Muon Trigger Upgrade

- Upgrade Goals:
	- unprescaled 20 GeV single muon trigger and an unprescaled low- p_{T} threshold dimuon trigger
	- Improve momentum resolution, maintain high efficiency, suppress fake rate
- Baseline L0Muon trigger consists of two subsystems
- **Sector Logic** (**SL**) reconstructs muon tracks using data from the fast trigger chambers (**RPCs, TGCs**)
- Monitored Drift Tube Trigger Processor (**MDTTP**) refines muon track $p_{_{\textcolor{black}{T}}}$ using for the **first time** data from the precise **MDT** chambers

Motivation for a standalone trigger

- RPC performance degradation expected for already operational chambers in ATLAS (Middle and Outer layer)
- Baseline MDT trigger already accounts for some possible inefficiencies by considering a loosened coincidence
- A "standalone" MDT trigger can be designed to avoid completely dependency on RPCs
	- Concept could also be applied to FCC experiments

pT estimation

• Calculate the muon candidate pT by estimating the deflection between the segments due to the B-field

Baseline MDT Trigger Algorithm

Hit Extraction

- Reconstruct SL vectors per MDT station
- Match the MDT hits to SL input in space and time

Segment Finding

• Reconstruct segments in the different MDT stations using the matched **MDT** hits

The Challenges

3. Trigger Rate and Latency

Standalone trigger should reduce trigger rate from 40 MHz to ~40 kHz, with a limited latency budget (~2 μs).

1. Bunch Crossing Identification

Without RPC's information, the collision time must be identified using MDT data.

2. Region-of-Interest

No RPC to filter MDT hits in space. Pattern recognition should happen in the entire MDT chamber.

4. Efficiency

Standalone MDT trigger should reject bad coincidences, while keeping a high efficiency around the 20 GeV threshold.

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● (Very) preliminary FPGA architecture for the standalone trigger design ○ Efficiency and rate performance to be studied ○ Idea is to estimate resource usage, to see if it could fit in current system ■ Virtex Ultrascale+ VU13P on MDT Trigger Processor ● Concept applied to a large MDT sector, but can be tuned for all sectors

The Design

MDT Hits are sent to four BCID Matching blocks, that checks compatibility with a group of eight

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 $\mathbf{t}_{\mathsf{drift}}$: drift time, $\mathbf{t}_{\mathsf{hit}}$: hit time from MDT tube, \mathbf{t}_{BC} : collision time, t_{offset}: individual tube constants

- \bullet Knowledge of t_{BC} fundamental to measure drift radius, and exact hit position
- Each MDT hit is compatible with 32 possible bunch crossings
- Maximum drift time 800 ns, LHC bunch crossing period 25 ns
- bunch crossings
	- \circ t_{drift} should be in range [0 ns, 800 ns] for at least one t_{BC} in the group

Road Finder

• Road: pre-defined set of MDT tubes compatible with a high- p_{τ} muon track

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● The road with the highest hit content is eventually selected, and the tube coordinates are then used to extract the seed track parameters (angle, position), using a linear regression fit

- - A limit of 16 active roads per chamber is set
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- This process is done independently for each MDT chamber and station (6x3)

Valid Road Not Valid Road

● MDT hits compatible with a bunch crossing group are matched to the roads in the chambers

Segment Finder

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- seed angle
- (one for each t_{BC})
- (two-fold ambiguity)
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- Hits in cluster fitted to measure segment parameters (angle, position)

● Segment Finder reconstructs track segments using hits on roads and the just calculated

● Eight possible drift radii can be calculated for each hit -> Eight different segment finders

● Segment Finder builds hit clusters along the *y* axis, using the two possible hit positions *b ±*

• Cluster with the highest hit content and lowest x^2 identifies segment and collision time t_{BC}

Sagitta Method
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p_T = \Sigma_{i=0}^2 \frac{a^i}{s^i} + \Sigma_{i=0}^2 b_i \cdot \phi^i + \Sigma_{i=0}^1 c_i \cdot
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Method

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p_T = \Sigma_{i=0}^2 \frac{a^i}{\Delta \beta^i} + \Sigma_{i=0}^2 b_i \cdot \phi^i + \Sigma_{i=0}^1 c_i
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p, T estimation

- *Momentum Calculator* block same as baseline trigger
- Muon p_T is calculated using the reconstructed **MDT segment** coordinates
- Depending on the number of stations with valid MDT segments, muon $p_{_{\rm T}}$ can be estimated as a function of the **sagitta** *s* or the **deflection angle** *Δβ*
- **Φ, η corrections** take into account variations in the magnetic field
	- No Φ coordinate with current MDT front end electronics

Firmware Implementation

- Standalone MDT algorithm implemented in VHDL targeting Xilinx VU13P FPGA (as in the MDT Trigger Processor)
- N. *Road Finders* per BCID group is equal to total number of chambers in sector (18)
- N. *Segment Finders* per station and N. of *Momentum Calculators* equal to max. number of tracks that can be reconstructed per BCID group (3, configurable)
	- Segment Finder + Momentum Calculator requires less than 200 ns -> Same blocks for all BCID groups

● First implementation fits well (~37% LUTs) on the FPGA available on the MDTTP (AMD

FPGA Implementation

- VU13P)
	- Resources of common blocks with baseline algorithm
	- Higher than baseline MDT Trigger (~20%), but still space for improvements
	- Half of logic used for road finder modules
- Total latency (First MDT hit coming in Muon Track coming out) well within allocated budget of 2.0 μs
	- Faster than baseline 1.0 μs vs 1.6 μs
	- Baseline "slower" due to waiting time for SL candidate

Resource Usage

Latency

Standalone Trigger Performance

- MDT trigger without phi measurement (2nd coordinate) has degraded performance
	- Main impact on momentum resolution, worse by a factor 3-5 with respect to baseline
	- Substantial increases in rate expected (order 100kHz)
	- No effect on efficiency, but more low-pt muons accepted
	- Concept can be applied only to problematic regions without large increase in rate

Conclusions

Developed of a proposal for a standalone drift-tube trigger for the ATLAS HL-LHC upgrade. Design compatible with current hardware, requiring small change to L0Muon architecture.

Absence of Φ coordinate translates into degraded trigger performance. Design could anyway be applied to problematic regions to recover efficiencies.

Thanks for listening! Any questions?

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Segment Finder

- *●* Segment Finder developed above the current Compact Segment Finder implementation
- In addition to Segment parameters, Segment Finder shall also find the correct BCID
- 8 *Cluster Finder* blocks receives the hits on the road and the *seed* parameter
	- Hit drift time is calculated and clusters are created along the intercept axis
- Best cluster identified with highest hit content
- Hit positions calculated and used to fit track segment

● Each Seed Finder Wrapper checks compatibility with 8 BCIDs

Firmware Implementation

- After 32 BCs, wrapper BCIDs is automatically increased by 32
- Number of Segment finders is extracted by the maximum number of reconstructed tracks per BCID (3) multiplied by the number of MDT layers (3)
- Number of Momentum calculator is equal to maximum number of reconstructed tracks per BCID

Seed Finders

- For each MDT chamber, a Seed Finder block is instantiated
- BCID Matcher checks compatibility with the 8 assigned BCIDs
- *● Road Finders* checks for predefined hit patterns in the two MDT multi-layers
	- Max. number of roads is 16 per ML
	- Hits on road are stored in FIFOs, and used to updated fit sums to improve latency
- After 32 BCs, the road with max. no. hits is identified and readout (*Max Road Identifier*)
- *● Seed Fitter* calculates seed parameters (angle, position) using max road sums

Control Unit

- *●* Design allows a maximum of 3 tracks every 8 BCs per sector
- A *Control Unit* block is instantiated to connect the calculated MDT seeds and relative hits to a free *Segment Finder*
- Maximum number of tracks is arbitrary and can be increased accordingly ○ More FPGA resources

Baseline L0Muon Architecture

- Sector Logic (SL) boards reconstruct muon tracks with data from RPC/TGC/NSW/Tile detectors
- **MDT data** available at **L0 for first time** to improve quality of SL trigger candidates
- data

● 64 MDT Trigger Processors (**MDTTP**) reconstruct muon tracks using MDT and Sector Logic (SL)

