The ATLAS Trigger System in Run-2

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Introduction

- In Run-2 of the LHC increased centre-of-mass energies and instantaneous luminosity have lead to increases in the trigger rate but this is constrained by hardware requirements.
- The easiest solution to reduce the rate again would be to increase the energy thresholds used by the trigger, however this would severely curtail the ATLAS physics programme.
- This required significant upgrades at Level-1 and optimisations in the HLT to maintain signal efficiency while reducing the rate of events.

[Phys. Lett. B 759 \(2016\) 601](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.physletb.2016.06.023)

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The ATLAS Detector

The ATLAS Detector: Sub-detectors

- General purpose detector at the LHC.
- Several detector technologies and components used to detect and identify final state particles.
- Can be roughly split into layers, tracking, calorimetry and muon spectrometry.
- Responsibility of the trigger and data acquisition system to select and record "interesting" events at a reduced rate to disk.
- Due to detector design different information available to trigger system as the trigger decision progresses.

Run 2 Conditions

- LHC bunches filled with protons collide at 40 MHz
- Providing an instantaneous luminosity which peaked at 20.6 \times 10^{33} cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$
- This leads to a large number of p-p interactions which could all produce a signature of interest.

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/LuminosityPublicResultsRun2>

The ATLAS Detector: Trigger / DAQ

Level-1 Trigger

- Level-1 reduced granularity information at full rate
- Hardware based trigger
- Primarily derived from calorimeter and muon systems
- **Provides a rate reduction from** 40 MHz to 100 kHz limited by the maximum readout rate of the front end electronics.
- Also provides Regions Of Interest (ROIs) as the starting point for software algorithms.
- Significant hardware and firmware updates in Run-2

[EventDisplayRun2Physics](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/EventDisplayRun2Physics)

Level-1 Trigger: Updates

- The largest update was the inclusion of Topological triggering with the L1Topo module.
- Other systems need to provide L1Topo with information
- This is done with Trigger OBjects (TOBs) which represent the potential physics objects which have been detected.
- **•** Similar to the ROIs which are sent to the HLT.

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- The electromagnetic algorithm is based on windows such as this, where the sums of towers around a local maximum are calculated.

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- The Level-1 muon trigger is based on dedicated triggering chambers
- RPCs (TGCs) found in the barrel (endcap)

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- **e** Receives TOBs from both L1Calo and L1Muon systems
	- ▶ Muon TOBs represent reduced granularity in *η/φ* and have three energy thresholds.
	- \triangleright Calo TOBs retain the L1Calo granularity and contain isolation information.
- Topological combinations of trigger objects add discrimination allowing low thresholds to be maintained.

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HLT

- The higher level trigger runs offline-like algorithms
- Final trigger decision is an OR of many independent trigger chains.
- Each chain is defined as a series of algorithms with the ability to abort execution part way though to save CPU.

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/ApprovedPlotsDAQ>

- In Run-1 HLT consisted of two levels, the first one with faster algorithms and mostly regional reconstruction, and the second one with full event reconstruction with higher precision.
- Updated in Run-2 to be an integrated system to save resources and simplify processing.

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HLT: Electrons and Photons - Algorithm

- Trigger reconstruction of electrons and photons share a similar chain of algorithms.
- Both seeded by L1Calo EM regions of interest.
- Calorimeter clustering is performed using higher granularity calorimeter cells (typically 0.025×0.025 in ∆*η* × ∆*φ*)
- Precision tracks extrapolated to the second layer of the EM calorimeter.
- **•** Electrons use a likelihood based identification using calorimeter, tracking and transition radiation information.
- **Photon identification based on** calorimeter variables only.

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- The electromagnetic triggers performed well during 2017.
- The single unprescaled electron threshold was maintained at 26 GeV with a loose track based isolation.
- The single unprescaled photon threshold was 140 GeV.

HLT: Muons - Algorithm

- Muon reconstruction proceeds in two stages.
- A first "fast" reconstruction is performed on each Level-1 muon candidate with the p_T assigned by a lookup table based on MDT measurements.
- These tracks are then extrapolated to the inner detector to create combined muons.
- The second "Precision" pass produces a more accurate fit of the track at the cost of processing speed.

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- HLT Muon reconstruction is $\approx 100\%$ with respect to the Level-1 trigger.
- Single unprescaled muon threshold set at 26 GeV

- The algorithm starts from the Level-1 TAU ROI.
- Two-stage fast tracking
	- First a leading P_T track is identified within ∆R *<* 0*.*1 of the cluster centre.
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HLT: Tau Leptons - Algorithm o
O are required to have at least two pixel clusters, and at least six SCT clusters are required to lie in the region \mathcal{L} and *p*^T > 6 GeV. The closest matching trigger track within a cone of *R* < 0.05 of the oine reconstructed track

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- Single Tau threshold set at 160 GeV
- Use of two level tracking essential to identify candidates against increasing hadronic backgrounds.

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HLT: Hadronic Jets

- Jet triggers cover single and multi-jet topologies
- Jets are constructed using the anti-kT algorithm operating on calorimeter clusters.
- Radius parameters 0.4 and 1.0 are used.
- Some chains also include tracking information in order to improve the resolution subject to resource constraints.

[JetTriggerPublicResults](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/JetTriggerPublicResults)

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- A good example of where L1Topo can help alleviate a Level-1 bottleneck.

[TriggerOperationPublicResults](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/TriggerOperationPublicResults)

Trigger Level Analysis

- There are not only rate restrictions at Level-1.
- It is also important to consider the rate to disk from the HLT and the available resources for prompt reconstruction.
- Jets for example have a Level-1 threshold $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ GeV})$ but a HLT threshold $O(400 \text{GeV})$.
- One solution being considered is to perform the analysis selection online in the trigger and vastly decrease the data volume by only saving the selected objects.
- The plot shows a search for Di-Jet resonances using this technique.

[ATLAS-CONF-2016-030](https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/CONFNOTES/ATLAS-CONF-2016-030/)

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Summary

- The LHC is performing well and delivering instantaneous luminosities above its design value.
- The increased number of interactions per bunch crossing add pressure to the trigger system due to the increased event complexity.
- Several notable improvements to the trigger system during the first LHC long shutdown provide good tools to mitigate these challenges.
	- \blacktriangleright Level-1 improved calorimeter isolation and the introduction of topological triggering can avoid a bottle neck at the front end readout and help the HLT by providing better seeds.
	- \triangleright The single stage HLT allows for chains with a flexible set of algorithms which can share outputs reducing any unnecessary duplication of calculations.
- Given the anticipated running conditions in 2018 the trigger will also be able to perform well for the rest of Run-2 before the next round of planned updates.

Backup

Trigger Rates from 2015 @ 5 \times 10^{33} cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$

[ATL-DAQ-PUB-2016-001](https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PUBNOTES/ATL-DAQ-PUB-2016-001/)

Trigger Rates from 2016 @ 1.2 \times 10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹

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Trigger Rates from 2017 @ 1.7 \times 10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹

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Full Size Event Display

Dijet event collected in 2017, with $m_{ij} = 9.3 \text{TeV}$.

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