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## DAQ DEVELOPMENT : PROCESS, INFRASTRUCTURE & TOOLS

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#### Requirements

System	design
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Team

#### Development model

Planning

Cycle



#### Code and tools

DAQ software stack Code management Build system & distribution Firmware



#### Outlook

#### OUTLINE

# SYSTEM COMPOSITION

- Software-based system with some firmware elements
- Firmware
  - Timing and readout
- Software



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- Custom DAQ framework for data readout/processing/storage
  - + detector electronics control interface



 Mix of custom & off-the-shelf solutions in CCM, DQM



#### DAQ TEAM

- International
  - Spread over several TZ
  - Mixture of different expertise
  - No-chances for in-person interactions since February 2020
- Small
  - Developments are prioritized and carried out somewhat sequentially



## DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- Release-based, driven by
  - Short-term DAQ & DUNE milestones: complete system for PD-HD-II by Q1 2022; Support for coldbox run(s) in 2021
  - **Team distribution**: keep engagement high with short release cycles (by-monthly) & release goals aligned with project milestones.
- Each release characterized by a reference system layout
- Hybrid incremental/iterative development model
  - new elements added and existing interfaces updated at each release
- Plan aligned with Vertical Drift milestones







Multi readout processes • CE integration • HSI application • ICEBerg Support @ FNAL Coldbox test release (postponed)
• TP streaming
• CE and PDS integration

Complete system
• VD TDE support
• Multiple builder processes

# DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

- Development cycles are aligned with releases
- Release goals are discussed/confirmed in the DAQ coordination team, and specifications agreed upon
- Implementation carried out within the consortium WGs
- 2 weeks ahead of the release date: pre-release distribution – semi-final version of tools, external dependencies and core packages
- On release date: final build & 24h "cooldown" period (11th hour bugs and patches)
- Distribution and announcement to the consortium



# DAQ APPLICATION SOFTWARE See talk by K.Biery

- Code organised in packages
  - "package" basic versionable entity
- Programming languages:
  - C++
  - jsonnet for data-structure definition
  - Python for configuration and scripting
- Code hosted on GitHub
- Deployed on CVMFS as UPS products
- 25 DAQ packages in the latest release (dunedaq-2.6)



### DAQ SOFTWARE STACK

#### OS: Centos7/Scientific Linux 7

 Old. Dictated by CERN/FNAL support, for compatibility with expected computing environment at the labs

#### Basic tools: gcc, python, cmake...

- Moved away from ancient system versions
- Selected versions available pre-compiled via FNAL-SciSoft

#### External libraries and tools: boost, highfive, felix,...

- Either pre-compiled by SciSoft or compiled and packaged by DAQ
  - Patches only allowed for compilation purposes
- External build scripts versioned and tagged as part of every release
- 33 externals in the last release (centrally provided)

#### DAQ - core components

- i.e. packages required to build modules and applications
- Logging, error reporting, application framework

#### DAQ / Detector – application components

- i.e. packages implementing modules and applications
- Felix readout interface, trigger record builders, data writers, ...

## DAQ CODE HOSTING

- GitHub: good balance between features and flexibility
  - Offers access control, task management, wikis and continuous integration
  - No need for FNAL / CERN accounts for new users
- DUNE-DAQ Organisation
  - 53 repositories, 50 users and growing



## DAQ PACKAGE

- Application software elementary block
  - Versioned, each in a dedicated git repository
  - with a defined set of dependencies
  - Corresponds to a cmake package
- Enforces standard package structure
- Supported by cmake extension (daq-cmake).
  - Easily add components (library, plugins, etc..)
  - Generate code from schema files
  - Standardize build and installation targets



Example: flxlibs

## BUILD SYSTEM

- Toolset to streamline the development of DUNE DAQ packages (daq-buildtools).
- Main functions
  - Create lightweight, self-contained C++ / python work-areas based on a DAQ release
    - Where one or more DAQ packages can be easily checked out and compiled
  - Guide the developer through the stages of the build (cmake project generation, build, installation, ...)
  - Run unit-tests
  - Perform code linting/formatting
  - Provide a runtime environment for testing newly compiled code



# PACKAGING

- DAQ Software distributed as UPS (Unix Product Support) products
  - Easily configurable to distribute additional elements together with header and libraries (e.g. schema files, python modules)
  - And to make them available via environment manipulation
  - Native support for concurrent installation of multiple versions of each product on the same machine
  - Large pool of packages and tools in UPS format made available by FNAL SciSoft pre-compiled
- Ongoing: evaluating SPACK (<u>https://spack.io/</u>) as a potential, more modern alternative







# DISTRIBUTION

- DAQ Software primady distribution channel: CVMFS (CernVM-File System) service
  - Tarballs and docker images also available
- Repositories hosted at FNAL
  - dunedaq.opensciencegrid.org, production:
    - DAQ releases, ups products pools, build tools
  - dunedaq-develop.opensciencegrid.org, development:
    - nightly builds, experimental ups products
- Updates available world-wide in O(1h) to any CVMFS client
  - no user intervention required



## CONTINUOUS INTEGRATION AND NIGHTLY BUILDS

- Two tier CI setup, based GitHub actions
  - Full build of all packages (develop branch) every night
  - Single repo: build against the last successful nightly at every commit

## DOCUMENTATION

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- Online documentation hosted on readthedocs.io
- Generated from the content of docs/ in each DAQ package
- Documentation sources in Markdown
- Native support for multiple concurrent versions

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# SERVICES DISTRIBUTION

- Prototyping the use of Kubernetes + Docker for distributing CCM/DQM services to small installations and testbeds
- Promising solution for delivering complex configurations with small effort
- Prototype under evaluation (pocket) includes
  - Monitoring: InfluxDB+Grafana
  - Logging: ELK stack

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#### DAQ FIRMWARE

#### Code organisation similar to software

- Firmware "package" basic versionable entity
- 1 package 1 git repository

#### with different granularity

- Just 6 packages between timing and readout
- Of larger complexity multiple projects per package

#### Languages

- VHDL
- Tcl for scripting

Toolsets

• Xilinx Vivado & MentorGraphics Questasim

Code hosted on GitLab at CERN

# ssandro Thea - VD DAQ CDR - 18 June 2021

## BUILD SYSTEM, CI AND DISTRIBUTION

#### • Build system

- IPBbus Builder Initially developed in CMS
- Defines standard package structure, streamlines the typical simulation and sythesis workflow
- Continuous integration
  - Simulation and builds triggered at every commit, full builds for Merge requests

#### Automatic distribution

• MR and tags build products automatically uploaded to EOS, including address tables and build logs

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**SUMMARY** 

A solid development process has been devised by DAQ consortium in the last year

for both software and firmware



A complete set of tools has been created to support the process from code checkout to products distribution



A release-based development plan is in place

aligned with HD and VD project milestones



R&D continues to improve tool and coverage

e.g. SPACK, Kubernetes, etc...