

Duplicated events in digi+reco

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Introduction

- Recently AthenaMP began to be used to keep memory usage within practical limits
- Previously, MC digi+reco jobs were executed in three steps within one transform:
 1. HITS to RDO
 2. RDO to ESD
 3. ESD to AOD
- Unexpected memory increases in MC15 were alleviated by adding an extra step:
 1. HITS to RDO
 2. RDO to RDO_TRIG
 3. RDO_TRIG to ESD
 4. ESD to AOD
- Fortunately, validation of the new RDO to RDO_TRIG step omitted routine events count match between input and output files
 - This exposed rare problem when two AthenaMP jobs start at the same time on the same many-core node, which may result in a clash in AthenaMP shared queue names
 - In this case, out of all input events only about 75% are processed, with about a third of those are processed twice (these are called duplicated events)



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- The clash in shared queue names often results in a (matching) mismatch in events counts between the input and output files, e.g.:
 - File AOD.05371597._001522.pool.root.1 has 984 events
 - Deficit of 16 events vs. the expected 1000 events
 - File AOD.05371597._001523.pool.root.1 has 1016 events
 - Matching excess of 16 events vs. the expected 1000 events
- The mismatch helps to identify files with duplicated events



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Together with [Solveig Albrand](#), we identified 187 mc15_13TeV samples with the events count mismatch in 1126 AOD files from 334 tasks.

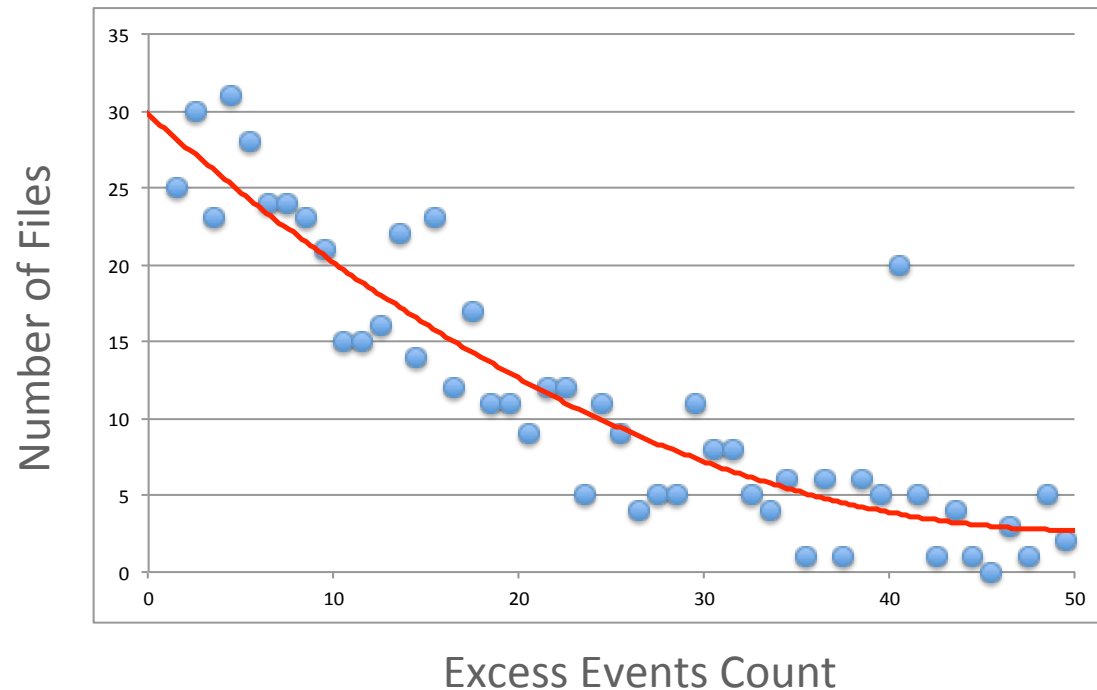
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- It is possible that the clash in shared queue names result in matching events count
 - How many files are expected to have duplicated events, but matching events count?



Files with Matching Events Count

- Extrapolation to zero of the number of files vs. excess events count provides an estimate of $2 \times 30 = 60$ files for the RDO to RDO_TRIG step only

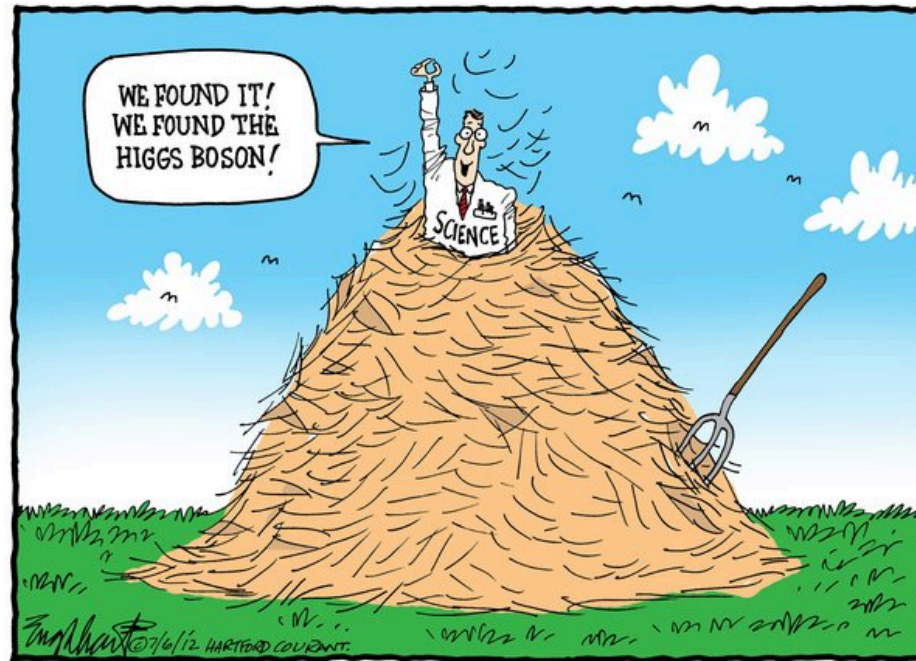


- The digi+reco job has four steps total, plus about five times more G4 jobs per file:
 - estimated number of the affected files with matching events count is $9 \times 60 = 540$



A Needle in a Haystack

- Event Index is the only practical way to confirm the estimate of 0.00026 files with duplicated events but matching events count in more than two million AOD files
 - Preferably, we would remove files with duplicated events from mc15_13TeV samples
 - What is an estimated timescale to identify these files in all mc15_13TeV samples?



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