

OHP: An Online Histogram Presenter for the ATLAS experiment

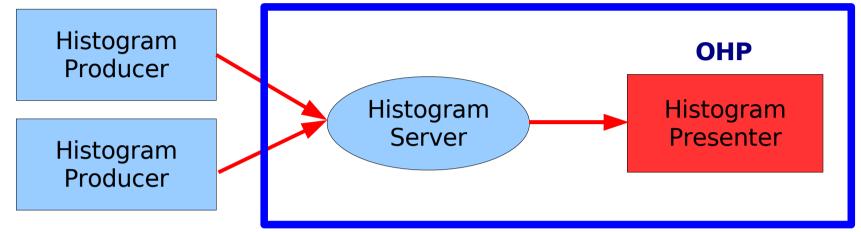
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Introduction

Sw components provided by ATLAS Monitoring Working Group (inside ATLAS TDAQ/HLT sub-system)



- OHP role is to present histograms produced by the ATLAS Monitoring Components in a user-friendly graphical application
- It is the evolution of various GUIs developed within the sub-detectors communities
- It unifies the approach to histogram visualization in ATLAS online environment
- For more details on ATLAS Monitoring System see W. Vandelli's presentation: "Strategies and Tools for the ATLAS On-line Monitoring"

Minimal Requirements

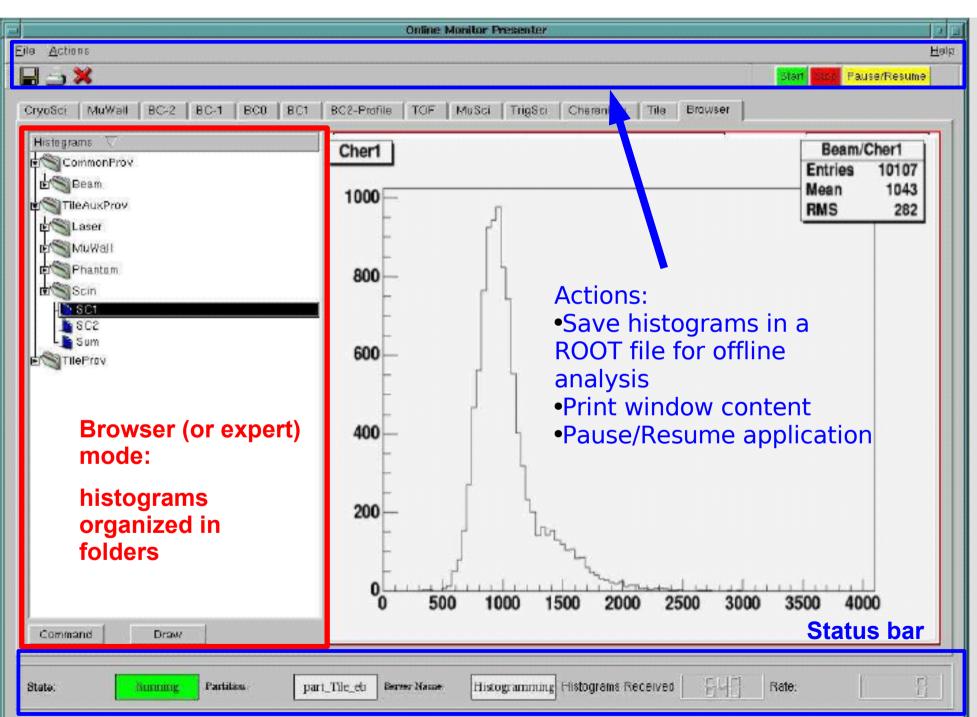


- The presenter must:
 - Be integrated in ATLAS TDAQ system
 - Be able to operate in two distinct modes:
 - Shifter (or tabbed) mode: display a pre-configured set of histograms
 - Expert (or browser) mode: allow to browse the collection of produced histograms
 - Automatically display histograms when they are available
 - Allow the shifters to interact with the displayed histograms: zooming, fitting, changing drawing styles,...
 - Manage reference histograms

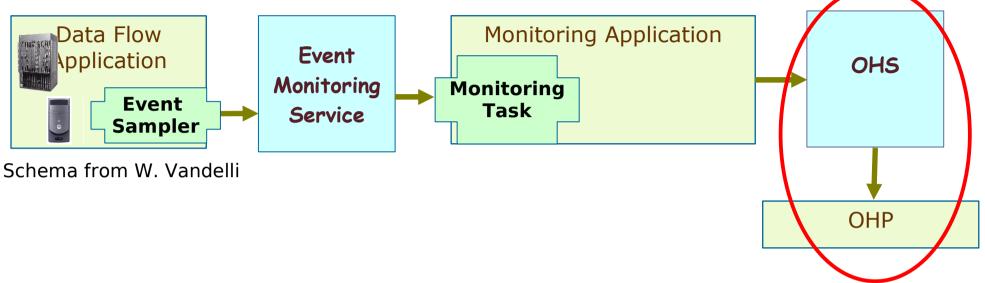
Desirable Requirements



- The presenter shall:
 - Minimize the network traffic: expected O(100k) histograms
 - Be independent of the histogram producer: expected many different kinds of producers developed independently
 - Allow to interact with the histogram producers (to change scales, to reset histogram content, to turn on/off histogram production,...)
 - Allow to set graphic visualization attributes (log scales, draw format)



OHP and ATLAS Monitoring System



- Histograms are produced by dedicated applications and published on the Online Histogramming Service (OHS) accessible from any point in the system
- OHP is the histogram visualization component of the ATLAS (highly distributed) monitoring system
- OHP is a client of OHS and not of the histogram producers

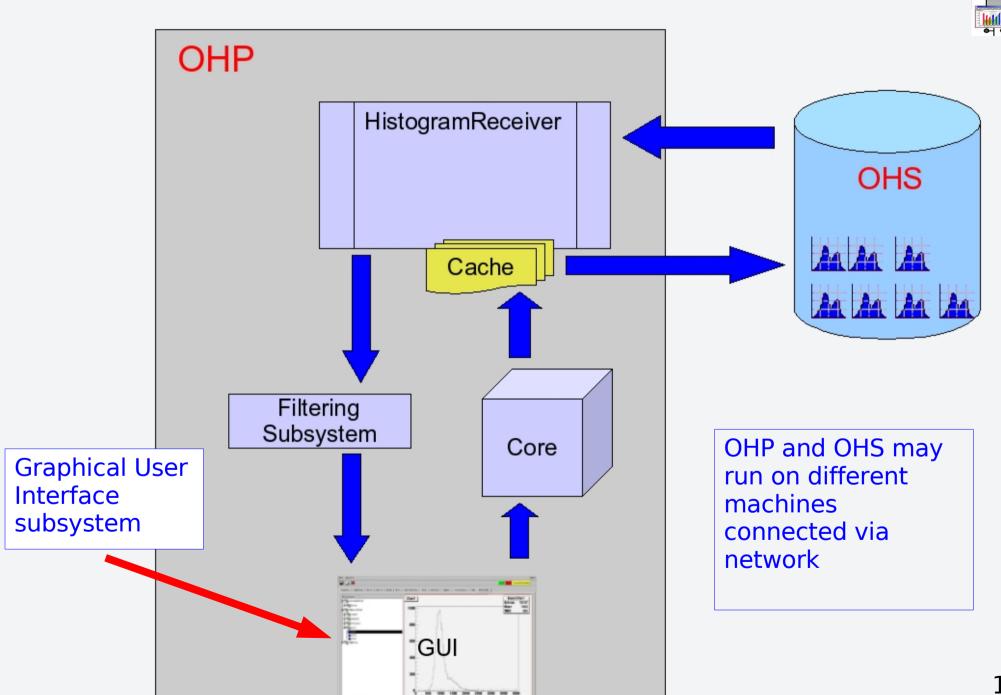
The interaction with OHS

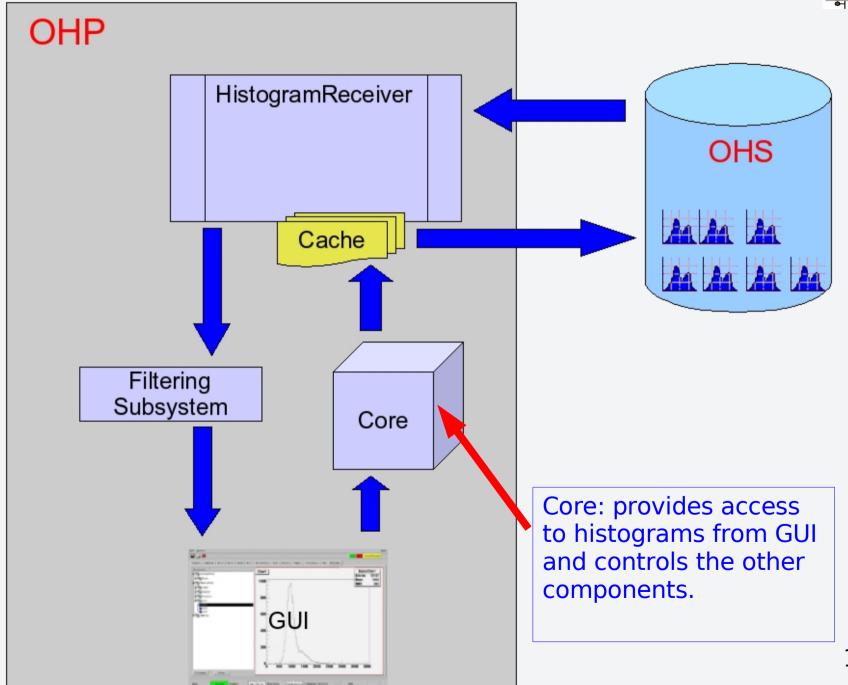
- OHS provides a notification subscription mechanism:
 - The OHP subscribes to the desired histograms:
 - specifying the provider and histogram names (regular expressions are supported).

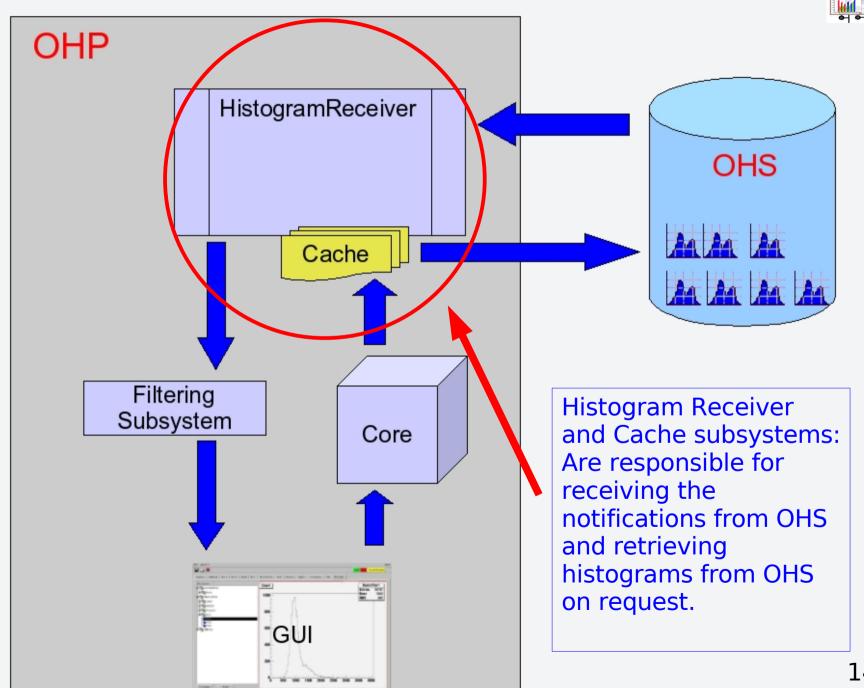
Ex.: ProviderNumber1/TotalEnergy_histo

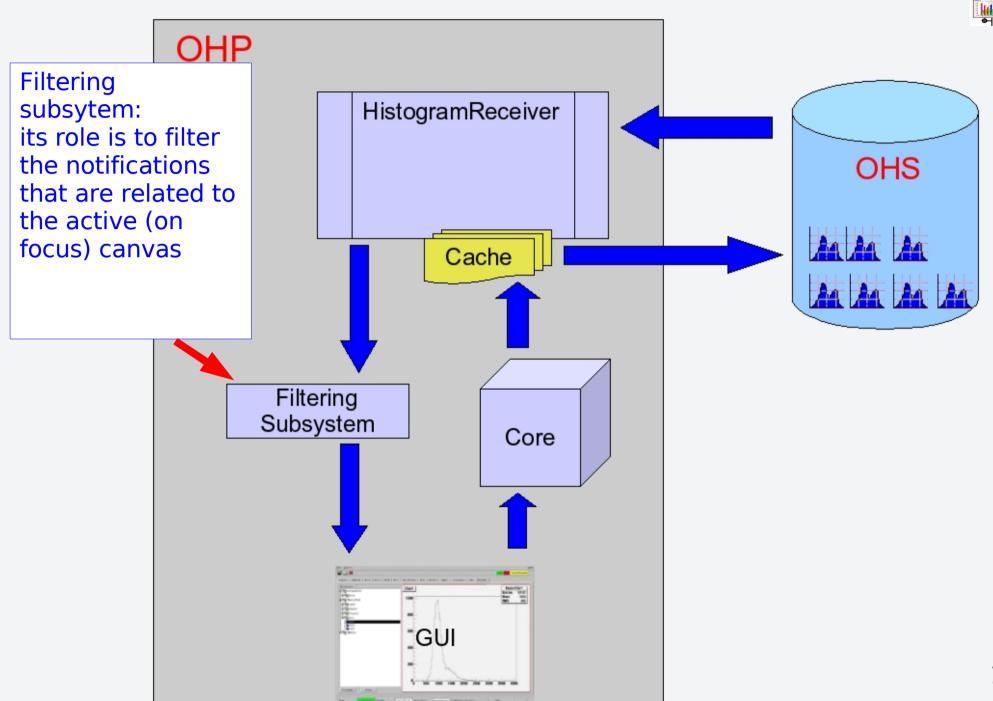
Ex.: ProviderNumber2/.*

- OHS notify OHP whenever an histogram is published or updated
- The OHP will retrieve the histograms from the OHS and draw them in the GUI



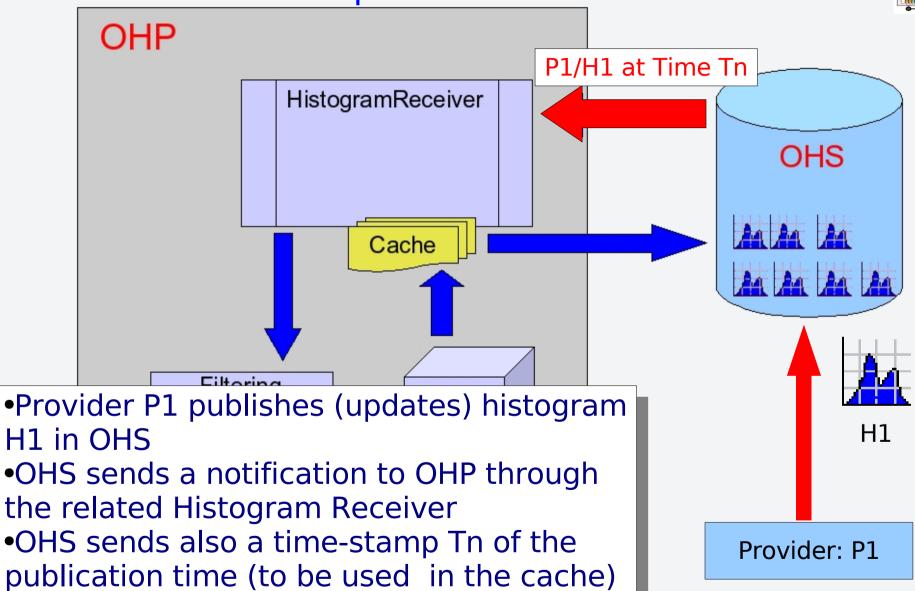




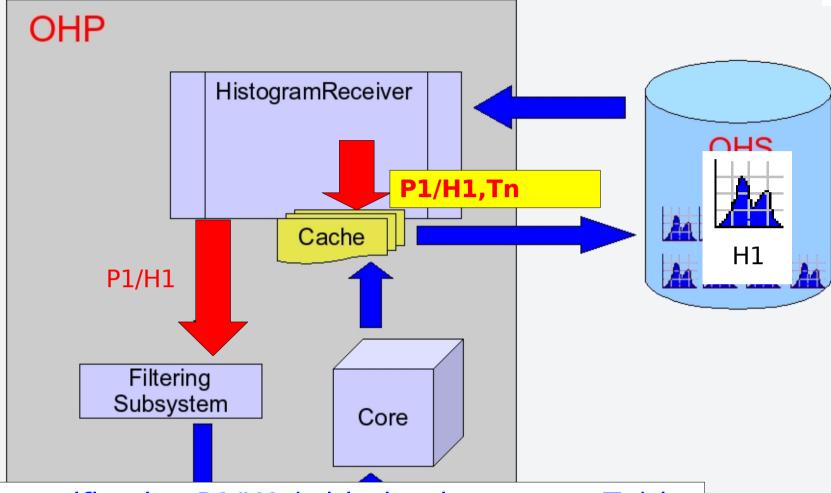


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How OHP works: an example

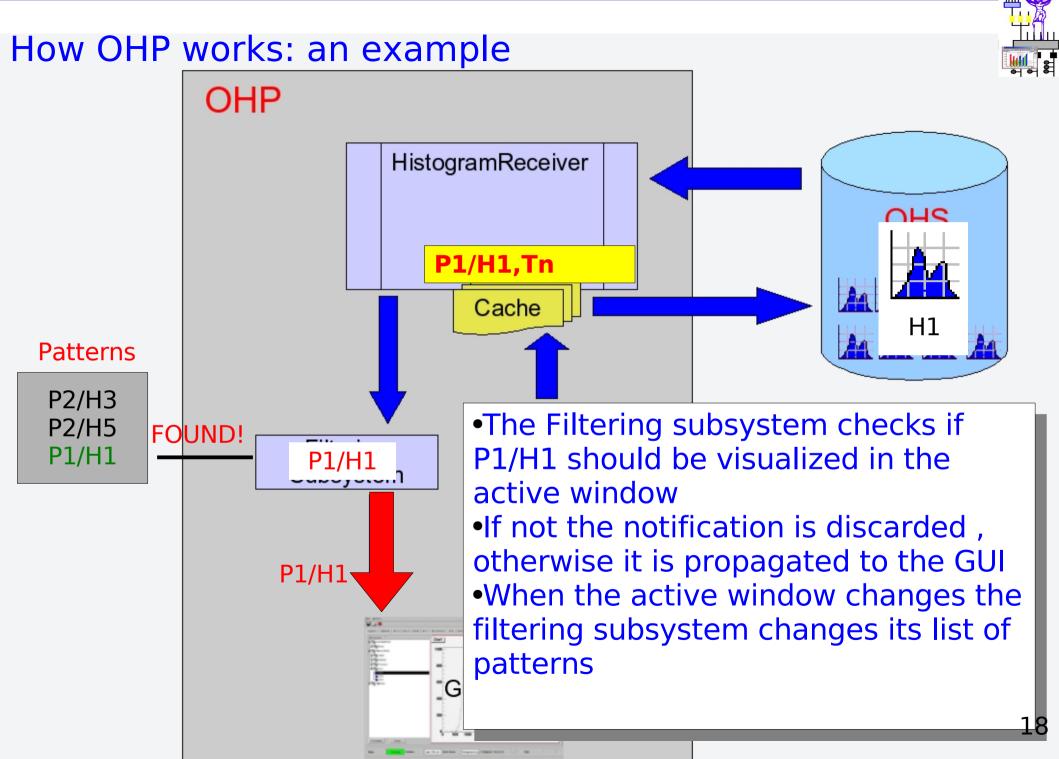


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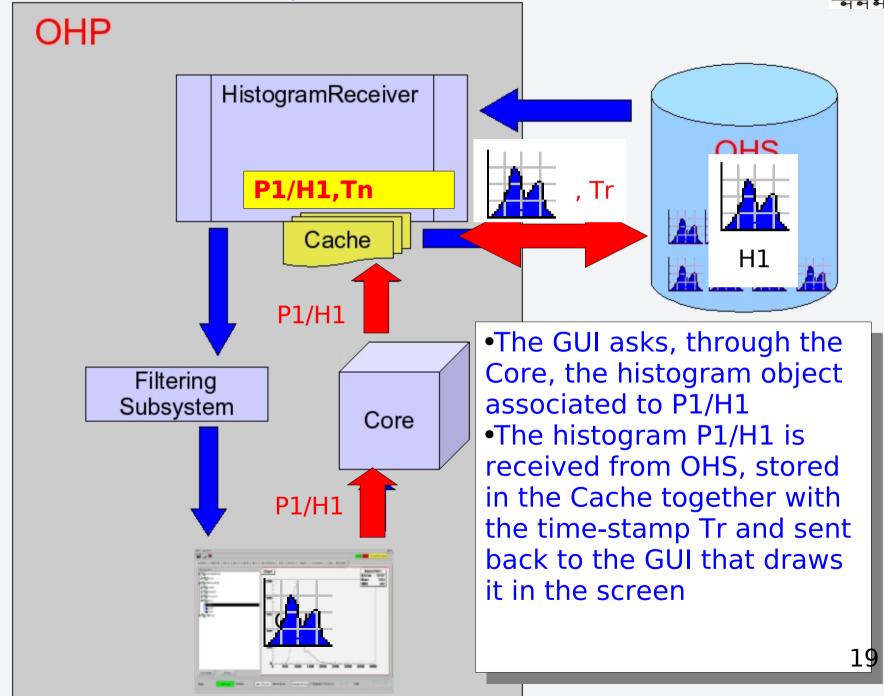
- •The notification P1/H1 (with the time-stamp Tn) is stored in a cache (each Histogram Receiver owns a Cache)
- •The notification P1/H1 is also sent to the Filtering Subsystem

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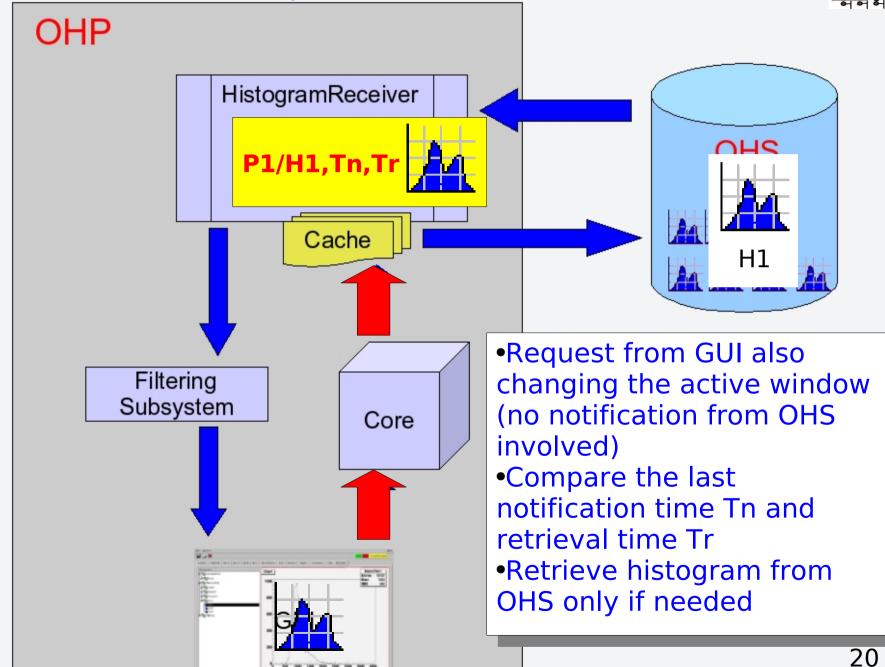
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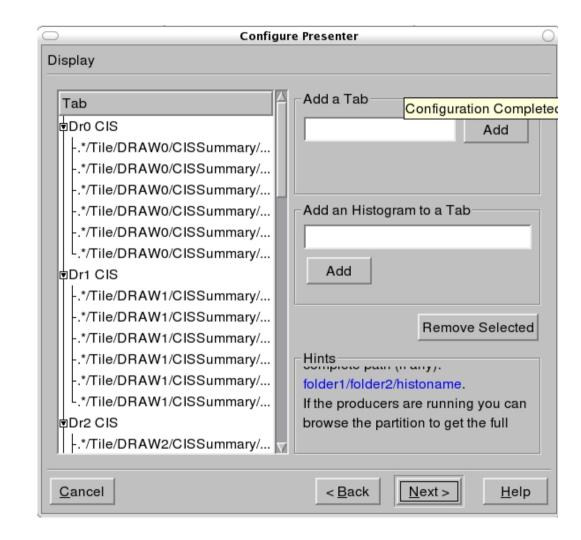


Implementation

- OHP has been developed in C++ trying to optimize the CPU load
- ROOT as the underlying technology for histogramming allows the use of all ROOT functionalities to interact with histograms (zooming, fitting)
- Qt is the used framework for the GUI implementation

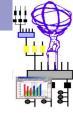
Features: Configuration

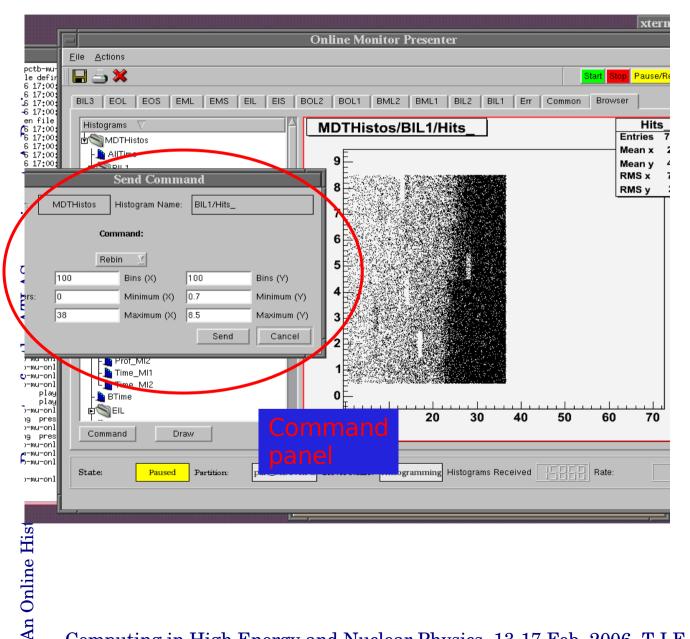
- OHP can be fully configured through an **ASCII** file or a GUI panel
- In the configuration it is possible to specify:
 - Subscriptions
 - Tabs and content
 - Drawing options for histograms
 - Reference Histograms



Configuration GUI: the panel to set new tabs and their content

Features: Sending Commands

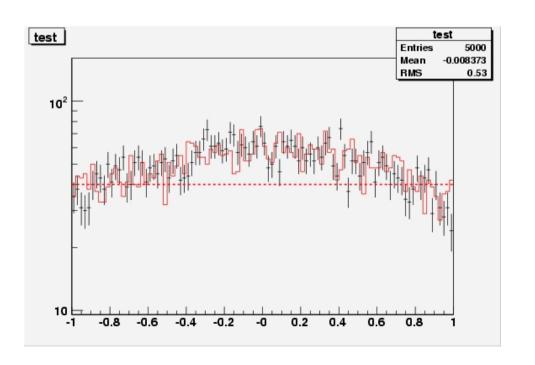




- Histograms Producers can receive Commands from OHP to modify the histogram production mechanism
- Predefined commands:
 - Reset: force a clean up of the histogram
 - Rebin: redefine axes
 - Update: force publishing on OHS of histograms
- Custom command:
 producer dependent
 command, the user can
 fill in the command
 content

Features: Reference Histograms

- User can associate a reference histogram to an histogram in OHS that is displayed in the same window
- Reference histograms can be provided, locally, in a ROOT file or can be retrieved from the OHS



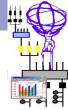
An Example of histogram with the reference histogram superimposed (in red). Graphic attributes (colours, lines, error bars) can be specified in the configuration

Test results and current applications

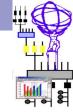
- A prototype version of OHP (with minimal functionalities) has been used during the test on beam of a slice of the ATLAS detector in 2004 and is currently being used for the commissioning of various ATLAS subsytems
- Each OHP component has been successfully tested in stand-alone mode
- We are now making a detailed test of the entire application in a realistic environment
- We will start a new developing phase to optimize the code and to add new functionalities

Conclusions

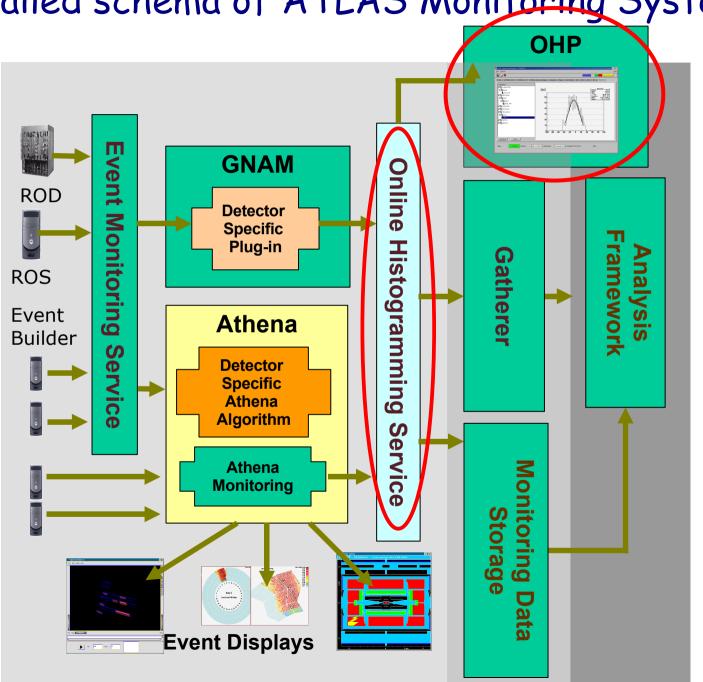
- OHP is an interactive application developed to present histograms produced by ATLAS Online Monitoring System
- The software life cycle of the application is at the moment in the release phase
- OHP is part of ATLAS TDAQ system
- OHP:
 - is fully configurable (different views of the produced histograms, drawing options)
 - can communicate with the histogram producers sending commands
 - optimizes network traffic
 - manages reference histograms
- OHP will be used in the ATLAS commissioning starting from March 2006 and we will also start the design phase of new functionalities



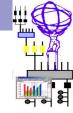
Backup material



Detailed schema of ATLAS Monitoring System

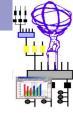


Schema from S.Kolos



The Role of the Core

- The core is the "control center" of OHP
- It is organized like a FSM
- It is responsible of the behaviour of the components providing a "mapping" between the States of the components and the States of OHP (CONFIGURED/RUNNING/PAUSED)
- The design pattern Singleton has been used to guarantee the possibility of concurrent access to resources (see next slide: plugins)



Future Upgrades

- Help SubSystem: provides http based help interface
- Plugin SubSystem: provides possibility to develop "user code" in dynamic libraries to extend OHP functionalities (modify graphic aspect or make automatic checks on histograms). Core code must be re-entrant

