

COMPUTING & SOFTWARE

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OVERVIEW

- Hardware controls & monitoring
- Run Control
- Readout Trigger & DAQ
- Monitoring of readout
- Reconstruct data
- Reconstruction & simulation
- Data processing
- Data movement & curation
- Database, network, backup

C&M

Online

Offline

Infrastructure



C&M

- Channel (SSU/FCU/SSD) State Machines complete
- Run Control stability issue identified and resolved
 - Python-EPICS CDB interface incompatibility identified, replaced with C-API
 - integrating new C-API for CDB interface
- PRY Movement monitor implemented
- Hall probes (internal & external) implemented needs integration
- Expert layer GUIs being implemented on Channel PSUs, Target, DS
- Issues:
 - dropouts with some(?) serial devices
 - implement & start writing out currents to CDB
 - implement & write out absorber settings
- More from Pierrick…



ONLINE

- DAQ readout & software:
 - Stable
 - Tracker DAQ code revamped & integrated with main DAQ
- Trigger
 - Stable. Old NIM-trigger removed.
- Improvements
 - checks to trap potential data corruption (done)
 - versioning/rollback being implemented
 - Automated tests of DAQ & FEE (during shutdown periods) in development (ongoing)
- Online Monitoring
 - Catch unpacking/event building errors and send a signal to EPICS (Run Control)
 - Need: reactions to signals from monitoring
- More from Yordan...



OFFLINE

- Framework
 - Significant revamp to speedup MAUS ~60-75
 - Data processed faster than it can be taken
 - Implications for fast-reconstruction
 - Book-keeping improvements: all maps & calibrations now in DB
- Reconstruction
 - TOF, Ckov, KL, EMR stable
 - Tracker several improvements to Kalman
 - Issue with p_z reconstruction
 - Global track matching progressing; issues related to geometry
- Simulation
 - Batch MC currently blocked by not having a final geometry
- Geometry
 - Various bugs found & fixed.
 - One too many iterations, need to move up feedback mechanism
- More from Adam...



DATA QUALITY

- Quality of data recorded
 - Readout, unpacking, event building
 - DAQ catches some, Online Monitoring catches others
 - Need to flag (done) & act (not done yet)
 - Need to record in a DB if errors, if detectors were off, etc
- Quality of reconstruction
 - Calibration, mapping, software
 - Should show up in online reconstruction
 - Need to add additional feedback
 - Need some reference for shifters to compare against
 - Need to flag & record in a DB for use in analysis



INFRASTRUCTURE

- Networking improvements
 - Network isolation test, dhcp failovers...
- Monitoring beefed up
- Failovers need to be tested
 - CDB, EPICS, targetctl....
 - In place, but never really tested
 - Need to schedule a day or two to do it & document
- More from Paolo...



DATA PROCESSING

- Offline reconstruction has so far been on the GRID
 - During data-taking, use fast-response Tier-1 queue at RAL
 - Turns reconstructed data around within 24 hours (typically ~6 hours)
- With the speed improvements achieved with MAUS we can reconstruct data "live" in the MLCR.
 - Allows us to do the processing as we take data (or at worst just after a run ends)
 - Avoids queuing and submission issues (proxies, etc) on the GRID
 - Faster response reacting to patches & code fixes
- Tested in September: reconstruction happens ~parallel with datataking
- A dedicated machine has now been installed
 - Automation of submission being implemented and book-keeping improvements being developed
- All Step IV data so far have been processed



SUMMARY

- The Software & Computing project encompasses a broad spectrum of tasks
 - DAQ, controls, reconstruction, database
- Lots of progress and improvements
 - State machines complete, Run Control stability
 - Tracker DAQ commissioned, improved error trapping
 - MAUS speed up, track reconstruction improvements
 - Improved online reconstruction
 - Fast processing of data in MLCR