

Overview of the (*Phase II*) DAQ Architectures of ATLAS and CMS

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⁺DAQ System Overview

- Provide an overall framework for configuration, control and monitoring of the experiment (online software)
- Distribute timing, trigger and fast commands to detector front-end
- Readout detector data after hardware trigger
- Build events from fragments based on unique event identifier
- Store data for further selection
- Serve data to the High Level Trigger (HLT)
- Forward accepted events to permanent storage
 - Build data files

ATLAS and CMS in Phase II

- High luminosity LHC increases the number of interactions per bunch crossing to ~200
- Hardware based, fast triggers loose part of their selectivity
 - Increased rate of accepted events
- New/upgraded detectors
 - More readout channels
 - Harsher radiation environment
 - Larger event size

The HL-LHC DAQ Challenge

- Scale up to control/monitoring infrastructure by ~l order of magnitude
- Increase readout rate to 750-1000 kHz
 - Today 100 kHz
- Increase the overall throughput to ~50 Tb/s
 - Today ~2 Tb/s
- Increase rate of data to permanent storage to ~7.5-10 kHz
 Today ~1 kHz
- ATLAS and CMS both need a substantial upgrade of their respective DAQ systems
 - Relying on experience gained during Run 1-3

+ High level view of CMS DAQ



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High level view of ATLAS DAQ



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+ ATLAS Detector Interface



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+ The readout

CMS

- ATCA based
 - BE boards + DAQ & Timing hub
- Data sent to surface over reliable protocol (e.g. TCPIP) to I/O processors
- Detector specific BE boards embed DAQ firmware for data transmission via front panel

- PCIe based
 - FELIX cards in servers + data handler servers
- Integrated interface to event building
- Limited hooks for detector specific firmware blocks in FELIX card; Data Handler software application embedding detector specific software

+ Timing, control and BUSY

CMS

- Leaf of distribution over DTH
- Timing & control distributed over backplane through custom serial data stream
- Status monitoring for BUSY logics collected over the backplane

- Leaf of distribution over FELIX
- Timing & control distributed over point-to-point optical links (lpGBT) to detector electronics
- BUSY ON/OFF collected over point-to-point optical links





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Layout of ATLAS DAQ



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Event building and temporary storage

CMS

- Baseline 200 Gb/s interconnects (e.g. Infiniband HDR)
- I/O servers receiving data from readout (TCP), acting both as event building sources and destinations
 - Folded event builder
- Complete events stored in high speed storage to serve HLT (~1 min)

- Baseline 100 Gb/s interconnects (e.g. Ethernet)
- Data injected directly from readout
- Introduction of logical event building, i.e. data fragments stored in large distributed high performance storage (~1h)
 - Event builder is the bookkeeper

+ High Level Trigger

- Using respective offline sw frameworks
 - Algorithms are outside DAQ scope
- Manage large, heterogeneous farm
 - In ATLAS additional hardware based tracking for trigger
 - Possible introduction of accelerators
- Estimate power, space & network needs
 - Based on estimates of required CPU HS06
 - **ATLAS 4.5 MHS06 + HTT, CMS 9.2 MHS06**
 - Assume different models of evolution of computing power
- Continuous re-assessment and simulations
 - Large impact on need for refurbishing data center infrastructure at experiments

+ Storage of accepted events

- Both ATLAS and CMS have modular, scalable systems in place to aggregate accepted events into files and transfer them to Tier0
 - Based on Hard Disk Drives
- ATLAS foresees to use the same distributed storage system used for temporary buffering before HLT for this task in Phase II
- CMS will decide on the implementation of this subsystem later

⁺Online software

Both ATLAS and CMS have mature online sw frameworks

 General evolution of sw model, introduction of new technologies and third party tools

CMS

- Increase homogeneity across systems
- Creation a uniform stack providing DAQ and TCDS functionality for testbench setups, standalone single-crate systems, small scale DAQ systems (aka miniDAQs), and global DAQ

- Introducing containers
- New cluster orchestrator for HLT farm
- Service oriented operational monitoring
- Upgrade of event sampling system



- The DAQ systems for Phase II rely on the experience accumulated over many years of data taking
 - Hardware technologies
 - Communication protocols
 - Software designs & tools
- The main difference in approach between the two experiments is at the level of the detector interfaces
- Most components need to be re-implemented to sustain the increased event size and HW trigger rate
 - Active R&D is ongoing in ATLAS and CMS, sometimes in common (e.g. large distributed key-value store as temporary storage before HLT filtering)
- Only the baseline ideas were presented for both ATLAS and CMS
 - Looking into open options there is even more commonality

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