Streaming Mode Data Acquisition at Jefferson Lab

The problem



a) The role of a trigger is to reduce the data rate from the detector to something the readout can handle b) With current detector and readout technologies we can readout the detector without a global trigger, but can't store data at the acceptable rates c) Need a different approach

A Solution: Streaming Readout. Tiered storage model



A new design effort: Environment for Real-time Streaming, Acquisition and Processing



ERSAP Architectural Design: Reactive micro-services architecture within the flow based programming paradigm. Diagram shows streaming data production pipe-line emphasizing framework components.

Streaming readout data acquisition for the CLAS12 FT detector



Beam studies. 6 streams off the detector are presented by a VXS crate specific VTPs, reading data streams from 250MHz Flash ADCs through VXS serial. Highlighted sections of the diagram indicates ERSAP micro-services, utilizing tiered micro-storages. By means of these 3 components an arbitrary complex stream aggregation and event building can be implemented.



Two streams per VTP/crate. VTP combines all fADC hits correspondent to a programmable time window.

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HitFinder. Stream slicing technique



Slicing a stream to non-overlapping time windows Small memory footprint

- Store only partial sums, instead of in
- Less computation for hit finding
 No duplicate computation for every sliding window
- Sliding window Produces time dependent hits for each channe (crate, slot, channel)

Noice reduction and event triggering



Trigger search time window

Defined around a time of one or more hits in a selected channel
 User defined trigger-candidate and noise hit map definition

Future tests. GEM detector readout prototype



Streaming readout prototype system that uses SAMPA ASIC chip. FEC: front end card (160 channels/per card, total 800 channels for 5 FECs), C-ROC: Common readout receiver card (PCIe), GBTx: Gigabit transceiver, GBT-CSA: slow controls adapter, VTTx, VTRx; fiber optics transce

