

CMS non-event/meta-data

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What is non-event data (in CMS)?



- Everything that is not event data and is needed to produce the analysis result
- Focus on metadata and non-event data used at **analysis level**
- Mind: concrete implementation is analysis-dependent

For most of the non-event data modules exist in CMSSW, but often the data are consumed outside (→ custom tools)

Fetch-once metadata



- We have a central Data Aggregation System (DAS)
 - Aggregates data from several sources: DBS, PhEDEx, ReqMgr, SiteDB
- Knows details of all centrally and grid-produced samples
 - E.g. production details, location, statistics, ...
- Query via web interface or CLI
- Beyond MiniAOD/NanoAOD (e.g. ntuples) no central bookkeeping (modulo hacks)
 - Will change with transition to RUCIO



results format: 50 results/page, dbs instance , autocompletion

dataset dataset=/QCD_Pt:15to7000_TuneCP5_Flat2018_13TeV_pythia8/RunIIAutumn18DR-FlatPU0to70RAW_102X_upgrade2018_realistic_v15-v1/AODSIM

Show DAS keys description

Help: DAS queries

DAS queries are formed by **key=value** pairs, for example

- dataset=/ZMM*/**
- release=CMSSW_2_0_*
- run=148126

The wild-card can be used to specify the pattern. The list of supported DAS **keys** can be found in [Services](#) section. For more details please read DAS [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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DAS version: git=04.05.07 go=go1.10 date=2019-04-25 22:28:48.103193747 +0200 CEST m=+0.008825443

Several different sources for cross sections:

- Sample-intrinsic information (i.e. generator information)
 - GenXSecAnalyzer (read generator info) or information entered by MC contact
- XSDB (database provided by GEN group)
- Twikis (based on calculation or papers)
- Manual calculation using external tools/calculations

- Provided as a command-line tool (resides on CVMFS, also available for Linux/MacOS standalone)
 - Part of CMS Beam Radiation Instrumentation and Luminosity Worksuite
- Python-based (anaconda) tool
- Only visible (database access) inside CERN (needs tunnel otherwise)

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brilcalc lumi -b "STABLE BEAMS" --normtag /cvmfs/cms-bril.cern.ch/cms-lumi-pog/Normtags/normtag_PHYSICS.json  
-i /afs/cern.ch/cms/CAF/CMSCOMM/COMM_DQM/certification/Collisions17/13TeV/ReReco/Cert_294927-  
306462_13TeV_E0Y2017ReReco_Collisions17_JSON.txt -u /fb --hltpath "HLT_PFHT1050_v*"
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#Summary:

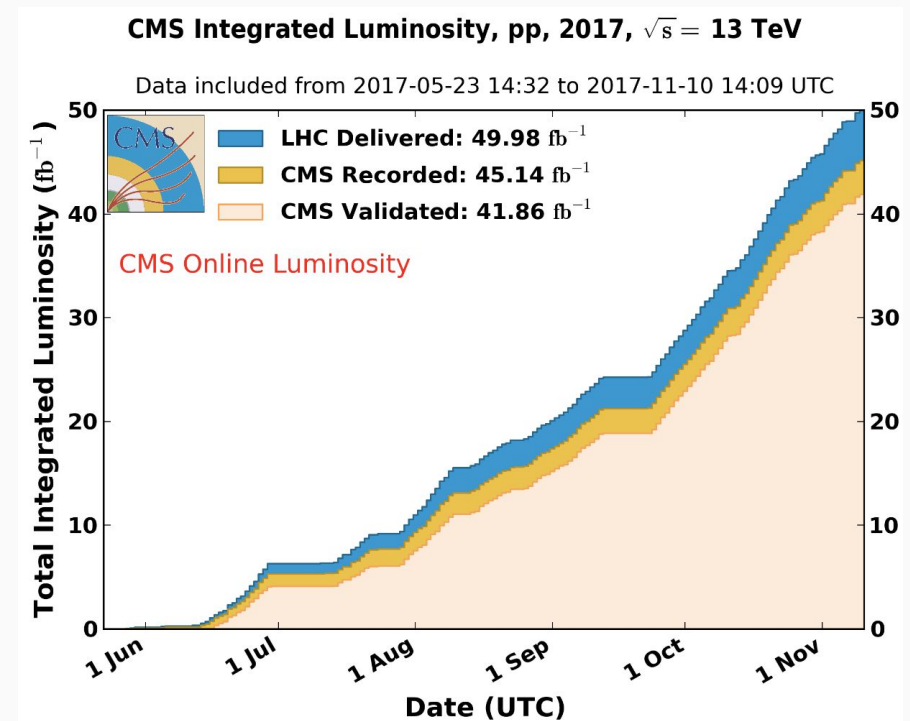
hltpath	nfill	nrun	ncms	totdelivered(/fb)	totrecorded(/fb)
HLT_PFHT1050_v10	9	21	5908	1.383	1.254
HLT_PFHT1050_v11	20	84	23011	5.471	4.938
HLT_PFHT1050_v12	27	56	23304	3.555	3.419
HLT_PFHT1050_v13	18	47	19043	2.959	2.862
HLT_PFHT1050_v14	67	144	90816	21.632	20.596
HLT_PFHT1050_v15	6	27	14589	2.954	2.802
HLT_PFHT1050_v16	2	13	4469	0.901	0.862
HLT_PFHT1050_v7	2	3	1775	0.247	0.238
HLT_PFHT1050_v8	11	43	14172	2.794	2.685
HLT_PFHT1050_v9	13	36	8349	2.007	1.870

Data quality provided for different analysis purposes in JSON format (cf. ATLAS GoodRunsLists in XML format):

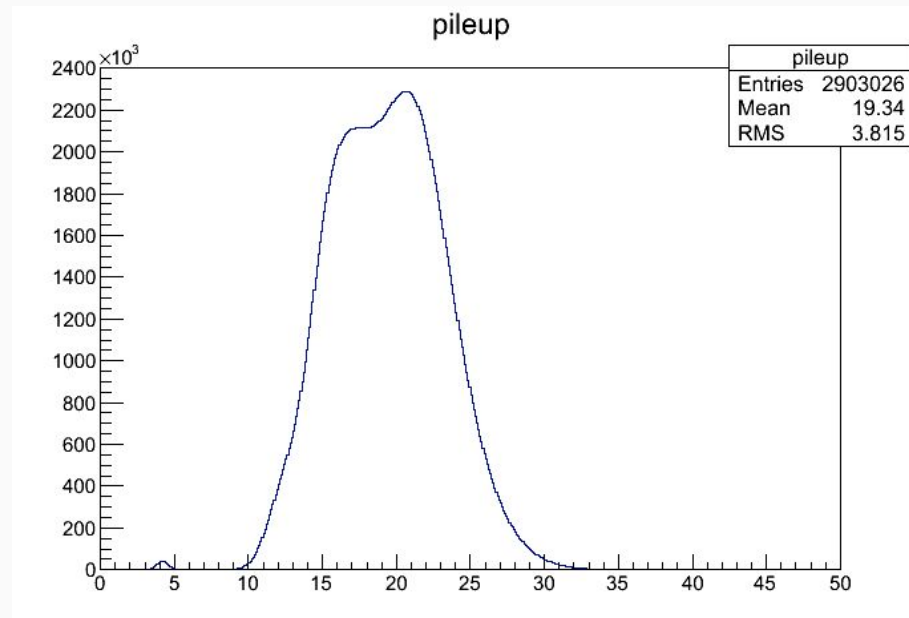
- DCS JSON
- Muon JSON
- Golden JSON
(used by most analyses)

Filter on good runs and lumi-sections

- Mostly used in last CMSSW-based analysis step or custom analysis code
- Files reside on AFS



- For each MC campaign, have central simulation pileup (PU) profile
- Extract data PU profile using BRIL Worksuite for choice of triggers
- Reweight on event/sample basis (event weights)
 - Again, possible in CMSSW, and analysts developed custom tools for use outside



CMS Conditions Database



- **Scope**
 - Non-event information concerning the detector subsystems
 - Varying with time
 - Required in the primary processing workflows: HLT, Express, Prompt, Reco
- **Data categories**
 - Status and Configuration for Detectors, Trigger menu
 - Detector Calibrations
 - Run Information, Beam and Luminosity information
 - Parameters for physics algorithms
- **Technologies**
 - Oracle for master DB storage
 - Frontier for read-only access in standard processing

Generally only accessible via CMSSW (see later)

- **Payload**
 - Values exclusively consumed within the CMSSW Framework
 - Uniquely described by a C++ class (typically header+param array)
 - Serialized into binary array (boost technology), stored as a BLOB
- **Interval of validity (IOV)**
 - Time information for the lookup by event
 - Run number, Lumisection and Timestamp granularity
 - Defined only by 'since time' (open IOV)
- **Tag**
 - Label identifying/categorizing a specific set of IOVs
 - Defined for a specific Payload type
- **Global Tag**
 - A consistent Set of Tags targeted to a specific workflow/scenario
 - Mind: no semantic versioning but custom naming

- **Data taking use case**
 - Tags involved in GTs for standard workflows can be updated with payloads/iovs for new run ongoing
 - No need to create new GT
- **Reprocessing**
 - New Payload/IOV sets created while re-processing conditions will go in new Tags
 - New tags are submitted to GT queues for the standard workflows/scenarios
 - New GTs are created out of snapshots from the queues, after validation
- **Customisation**
 - One or more Tags in a standard GT can be 'overwritten' with Tags stored in local files, owned by the user.

- Workarounds with the present infrastructure
 - Local processing, fully stand-alone
 - Require the export into files of the concerned GT
 - Currently only supported in RDBMS technology (sqlite)
 - Accounts for a total file size up to 2-3 Gbytes
 - Payload exports into text files
 - Individual payloads can be selected and fetched from the DB
 - A command line tool allow to de-serialize and dump into XML format
- Developments to be planned
 - Need to define the requirements with the customers
 - Going towards fully readable exports from Condition DB
 - Data model to be adapted to real use cases
 - Metadata (IOV, Tag, GT) handled with files and folder structures
 - Payloads serialized in JSON

Update-often metadata



- CMSSW data format contains provenance information
 - E.g. production details, cross sections
- Usually very little use of in-file metadata beyond that
 - Again, mostly only accessible from within CMSSW

If this was more flexible, could store lots of useful (provenance/workflow) information e.g. also in ntuples

- Corrections applied to jets, leptons, tracks etc. to account for differences in simulation and data
- Provided/derived by Physics Object Groups (POGs)

- So-called POG samples are produced before general production/reconstructions campaigns for validation and to have corrections available asap
- Nevertheless, corrections mostly only available after these campaigns (i.e. not part of global tag for reconstruction)
- Analysts need to apply latest corrections on-the-fly
 - Note: included in NanoAOD processing
 - This similarly applies to efficiency calculations

Missing standardised way of providing corrections:

- Databases → lumi, conditions
- TXT files → jet energy corrections
- ROOT files with histograms → muon/electron efficiencies and scale factors
- JSON files → good runs/lumi sections
- CSV files → b-tagging

In most cases code snippets or libraries exist for use in analysis

- Validation of actual implementation is left to the analyst

- Metadata in conditions database versioned via tags and IOVs
- Physics-object metadata is mostly versioned via filename
 - Unfortunate side-effect: bloats analysis code
 - No common approach followed

This similarly applied for metadata for different data-taking periods

Wishlist



Providing a common interface for non-event/meta-data would greatly simplify analysis work

- Currently, each group is re-inventing the wheel
 - Need to learn/use different tool for each object
- CLIs could be streamlined
 - Standalone binaries for different platforms (golang?)
 - Common authentication system
 - JSON response (or similar)
- Provide web interfaces/API
 - Again, each group seems to develop something custom
- Write as much metadata as possible into ROOT files
 - Provide easy way of doing that (maybe exists already?)
- Clear candidate for linked data → GraphDB?
 - Could aggregate all information in one single place