



Detector DAQ

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Achievements since CM24



- DAQ system upgrade didn't happen
 - Confusion in dates -> I arrived to late
 - Not wise to do in the middle of a run
 - Postponed to July
- EPICS linked to DATE
 - CAM data in online data stream
 - DATE status available in EPICS
- Online Software reorganized
 - Unpacking update
 - Online Monitoring update



DAQ System Upgrade



Status

- A parallel, updated, DAQ system is installed on 3 spare PCs (miceacq07, miceacq08, miceraid2a)
- Currently running with the old system (miceacq04, miceacq06 and miceraid1a)
- The new system is tested and operational for DAQ but not for data transfer to the GRID
- All recent developments made on the new system

Upgrade is needed for

- Standard system backup and restoration procedure
- Solving memory limitation from the DAQ
- Compatibility with James Software
- Will happen in July 19th

Local user files will disappear!

+ replacement of the faulty VME interface causing de-sync



CAM/DAQ integration (1)



CAM Data in the online Data Stream

- Some CAM variables are read at the end of the spill and send to the DATE data file
- A special, software, DATE equipment is ready on the new DAQ system
- Made possible by James Leaver
- Requires linking EPICS and James' software with the DATE readout code

Next steps

- Finalize the list of variable: Magnet currents + ???
- Write unpacking software
 - Needed before the CAM data can be used in G4MICE
- Define a procedure for backward compatibility in case of update the list of variables



CAM/DAQ integration (2)



DATE Status is available under EPICS

- Three states implemented: TAKING_DATA, RUN_COMPLETE, IDLE
- Credits to James and Vassil
- Based on a standalone application running on miceacq07, spying on the DATE internal Distributed Information Manager (DIM)
- Allows automatic filling of the configuration database at the end of the run

Next steps

- Implement error states
- Use it to trigger audible alarm in case of crash (or when Online Monitoring is not running when DAQ is TAKING_DATA)
- Integrate the application in the central CAM process manager



Online Software



- Online Software (re)organization continued
 - Using Online Repository
 - Unpacking and Online Monitoring updated
 - Online Reconstruction being included
 - Consolidated basis for future development
 - Mainly unpacking and online monitoring of Tracker data
- James' Software (aka MICETrackerSoftware) has been adopted as the official MICE Online Software framework
 - Installed and maintained on all Online Machines
 - Need a student to help on writing documentation this summer (under my supervision)



Online Software Update



Unpacking

- Improved to handle exceptions
- The CKOV fADC produces corrupted headers, providing wrong information about the memory structure of the event. Not recoverable -> Skip the spill CAEN contacted
- New unpacking version will be distributed soon

Online Monitoring

- We had 4 parallel versions (Online/offline, DATE/no DATE) -> Maintenance made difficult
- Unified code will minimal DATE dependency (Vassil)
- Running now in test mode, released soon
- Online Menitorine must sum et ell time l

Online Monitoring must run at all time! | Will be in alarm handler



Tracker DAQ



Readout code

- Developed by Hideyuki
- Needs to be merged within the MICE framework

Unpacking code

Existing code not compatible with the unpacking package
 Needs rewriting
 Waiting for the new unpacking version

Status

■ Two machines being prepared in Lab 7 (D. Adey)

OS upgrade

DATE and Online Software installation
(Will have them included in the MiceNet VLAN)



Trigger System Upgrade





- See my talk at CM26
- Ready for installation:
 - Simpler TOF trigger cabling
 - Particle trigger distribution

Postponed to the end of the run campaign

- Still in preparation:
 - TOF TDC Trigger and clock distribution
 - FADC trigger distribution

A dedicated board is being designed in Geneva, expected for December 2010

Help needed for documentation !!!



Schedule Milestones



From CM26

CAM data in Online Data Stream ready on the mirror system

◆ Tracker integrated in DAQ and OLM July 10

TOF TDC Clock Synchronization March 10 -> Dec 10

■ Priority has changed, need to consolidate the Online System first

• Burst Gate Signal in the Trigger System Need support here

DAQ System upgrade Mai 10 -> July 10

New Milestones

DAQ in alarm handler (audible alarm)
 July 10

Unpacking and Monitoring software release
 August 10

Trigger System upgrade (+documentation)
 August 10



Summary



- DAQ System upgrade postponed
- DAQ/CAM integration is progressing
 - More than 2 years old milestone passed !!!
- Online Software upgrade
- Integration of Tracker DAQ has started