

DAQ Overview

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Outline

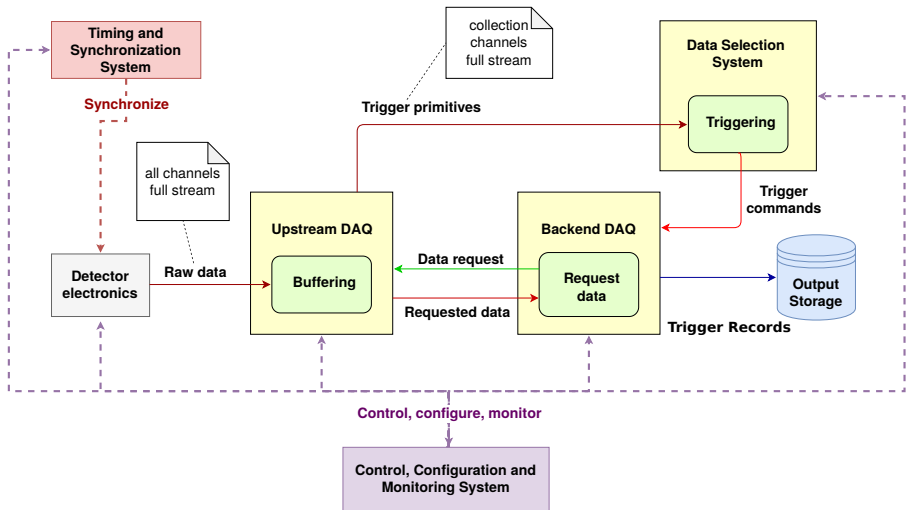
DAQ Design Overview

Data Rates

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Summary



Top-down data rate limit

*Thine far detector shalt not produce
to tape in excess of 30 PB/year.*

This limit in relevant units:

network 8 Gbps

storage 1 Gbyte/sec

workload 80 TB/day

Note: eventual connectivity FD: $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ Gbps})$.

Bottom-up data rate estimates (SP 10kt)

Cosmics and atmospheric neutrinos	10,000 TB
Radiological backgrounds (SNB)	1000 TB
Laser calibration	200 TB
Radioactive source calibration	100 TB
Random triggers	60 TB
Beam interactions	30 TB
Cold electronics calibration	4 TB

Full set of trigger primitives 15000 TB

- Numbers assume: **lossless compression** (expect 2-4× reduction) and initial **full-detector readout** (eventual $\approx 10\times$ reduction)
- ? Offline may want to consider producing streams of certain trigger categories for **prompt processing**. DAQ **high-level filter** may play a role.
- ? Output **trigger primitives** preceding an SNB trigger?
(1000 s per SNB trigger \Rightarrow 500 GB/year, 1 day/SNB \Rightarrow 40 TB)

DP, M3, M4

Dual-phase 10 kt compared to SP 10 kt:

- Similar ADC sample rate and resolution.
- About half the channels.
- $10\times$ lossless compression (SP: 2-4 \times).
- About 2-4 \times longer readouts (longer drift).

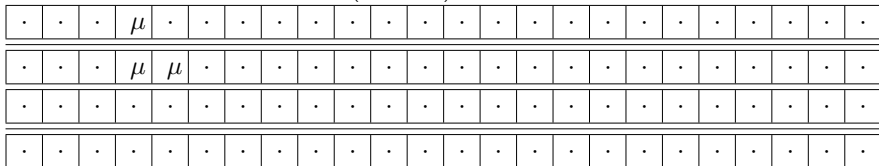
→ Expect DP 10kt have 20-100% the data of SP 10kt

M3 and M4

- SP? DP? Pixels? Your favorite guess goes here: ()
- Generous simplicity: assume data rate of FD = 4 \times SP

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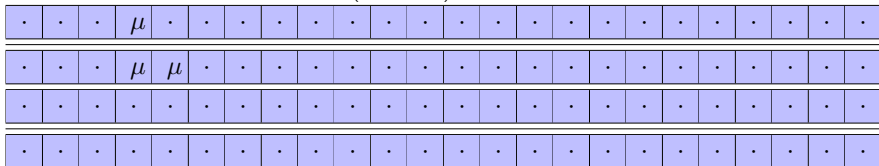
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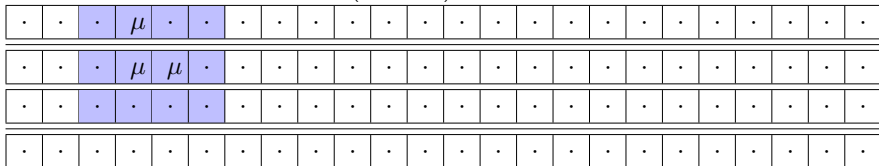
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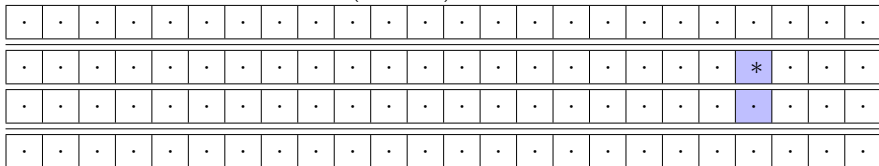
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- Compact readout for low-energy or “controlled” activity ? (*), eg:
 - Sparsification of low-energy activity not associated with SNB?
 - Tight selection around expected calibration laser tracks?

Supernova Neutrino Burst

- Expected SNB rate: **approximately never**.
- **False positives** drive the “SNB” trigger rate:
 - Driven by **radioactive + noise** backgrounds.
 - The **configured** average rate is **1/month**.
 - Poisson: each decade expect 2 fake SNB in 10 hours¹.
- “SNB” full-readout for 100s → 115 TB per trigger
 - SP 10kt, no compression
- Likely, readout all 10kt detector modules when at least raises an “SNB” trigger decision.
 - Retain ability to modulate (eg, veto) cross-module triggers, eg to combat some transient high rate false-positive problems.

¹DocDB 11461

What about PDS data?

SP-PDS TDR Chapter:

	SP	APA
Channels	6000	40
Dark current data rate	8 Gbps	53 Mbps
All-detector event size	4 MB	30 kB

- The largest possible PDS contribution (“all-detector”) to the smallest possible TPC data (eg, a localized low-energy readout) is only $4\text{MB}/40\text{MB} = 10\%$.
- Full-detector readout of both, PDS adds 0.05% data.

Details are still under study.

DAQ Output Shape

The Idealized DAQ Spigot

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 SD_1 & SD_2 & \cdots & SD_n \\
 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\
 2 & 2 & \cdots & 2 \\
 3 & 3 & \cdots & 3 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \infty & \infty & \cdots & \infty
 \end{array}$$

Conceptually, DAQ streams out a ribbon ∞ triggers long and n **sub-detectors** (SD_i in table) wide

- An “ SD ” is one “unit” of APA, CRO, PDS, etc.

DAQ Output Shape

Traditional “event building”: \mathcal{N} records spanning n SDs per file.

SD_1	SD_2	\cdots	SD_n
1	1	\cdots	1
2	2	\cdots	2
3	3	\cdots	3
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\mathcal{N}	\mathcal{N}	\cdots	\mathcal{N}

- SP file size: $\mathcal{N} \times n \times 40 \text{ MB} = \mathcal{N} \times 6 \text{ GB}$ (for $n = 150$ APAs).
 - $\mathcal{N} \gg 1, n = 150$: ✗ event too big, ✗ file too big, ✗ non-sequential
 - $\mathcal{N} = 1, n = 150$: ✗ event too big, ✓ file okay, ✓ “sequential”
 - $\mathcal{N} > 1, n \approx \text{few}$: ✗ event usually too big, ✓ file okay, ✗ non-sequential
 “event too big”: $n = 150$, 12 GB “event” in RAM, “file okay”: 5-10 GB good for tape,
 “sequential” refers to trigger number.

DAQ Output Shape

The Generally Accepted New Way

$SD_1 SD_2 \cdots SD_n$				
1	1	...	1	TR #2
2	2	...	2	
3	3	...	3	
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	
\mathcal{N}	\mathcal{N}	...	\mathcal{N}	

Per-subdetector “file streams” best for DAQ and Offline

- Trigger record **spans n files** of size: $\mathcal{N} \times 40$ MB, $\mathcal{O}(100)$ APA-trigger/file.
 - An $n + 1^{\text{st}}$ **header file** may provide **per-trigger-record** meta info.
- DAQ can provide sequential trigger numbers (“one writer per APA”).
- First stage offline processing^a is inherently APA-parallel, so would prefer this.

^aDocDB 15418

What about SNB Dump Files?

SNB dump: $100\text{s} \times 150 \text{ APA}$ is 115 TB (uncompressed)

- Far far too big to read into RAM as one “event”
 - Even far too big for a single file.
 - And, too big for per-subdetector files (800 GB/APA-file)
- Must break up by sub-detector and time slices.

Eg: $100 \times 1\text{s} \times 150 \text{ APAs}$ gives **15,000 files** of 8 GB each.

Comments for offline:

- 8 GB (1s) of 1 APA is 200 nominal readouts, too much for one job to process all together.
- Time slicing is needs support both in DAQ format and Offline reader.
 - Offline needs to duplicate $\approx 100\mu\text{s}$ on both sides of slice to keep efficient signal processing.

PDS Data Files

PDS output data handling not yet decided. Likely choices:

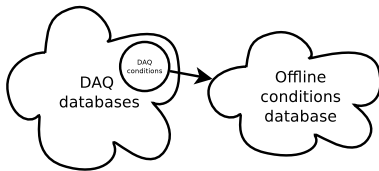
- (a) Include PDS with TPC (eg, on per-APA basis).
- (b) Separate PDS and TPC files.

Comments:

- DAQ prefers **(b)**
- I think Offline prefers **(b)**
 - TPC noise filter + signal processing occurs with no PDS info.
 - PDS files maybe need isolated pre-processing?
 - TPC signal output files are then relatively tiny.
 - Can then bring together TPC signal + PDS files as input to flash matching, write out combined TPC signal + PDS flash-matched file.

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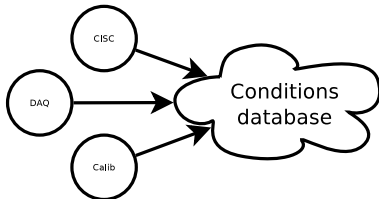
DAQ will export all **DAQ Conditions** to **Offline Conditions DB**.
DAQ will maintain other databases holding a superset, eg

- DAQ (and detector electronics) configuration
- Internal DAQ performance metric monitoring
- DAQ process logging

²HSF Community White Paper – Conditions Data, arXiv:1901.05429

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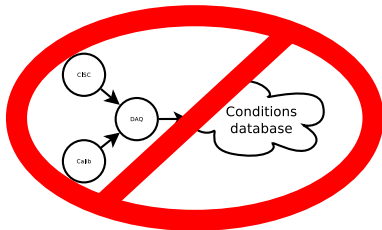
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DAQ does **not** expect to **proxy** feeds from others.

Summary

- DAQ plan allows to not output in excess of 30 PB/year limit.
- Per-sub-detector file-streams output from DAQ to Offline.
- DAQ will provide feed of just DAQ-related info to Offline Conditions database.