Analysis Model Forum 13-14 September @ CERN Summary

MPI Atlas Meeting

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- Goals for the meeting
- DPD Content: Physics analysis use cases
- DPD Content: Performance group issues
- Implementation issues
- Tools and strategies
- Final remarks

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- Develop and understand DPD use cases
- What tools are needed when working in ROOT
- DPD: How many and how often?
- Baseline:
 - CBNTAA and SAN not anymore produced by default in rel 13
 - AOD can be analyzed directly from ROOT
 - DPD could be a skimmed/slimmed/thinned AOD
 - Need to converge on decision by end of the year

- Questions to be answered:
 - How many different contents were used? 1 per group, 1 per analysis? 1 per CSC note?
 - How much "user data" and derived quantities were added to the content obtained directly from AOD?
 - What fraction of the information was skimmed, thinned or slimmed away?
 - How many times did you reprocess the entire data set?
 - After re-processing was it necessary to retain the output from earlier passes?

DPD content: Physics analysis use cases > **Response**

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number of DPDs varies a lot for different physics groups

- from basically one common format (TopView) in the top group over one to a few per analysis (Higgs) to individual DPDs for each group member (Exotics)
- most groups agreed that it would be possible to have a common loose DPD for the group from which stricter analysis bound DPDs can be derived
- skimming has not been used much
 - mostly due to nature of simulated data (filename already tells you the process, generator cuts, etc.)
 - will be used on real data

DPD content: Physics analysis use cases > Response cont'd.

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- slimming and thinning patterns varied again
 - fear to get it wrong and throw useful info away is high

best adopted at the stricter DPD not so much at the general group DPD

earlier DPD versions deleted (or planed to do so) as soon as replacements were validated

for some period twice the entire DPD set has to be kept

- Questions to be answered:
 - What can be done on AOD/DPD?
 - How often is it needed to access ESD/RDO to re-make AOD/DPD?
 - What are the computing resources needed?
 - Can some calibrations/re-reconstructions be performed on AOD/DPD in a maybe coarser way instead of going back to ESD/RDO?
 - How can the conditions data version applied be identified on each level?

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AOD/DPD operations for performance groups mostly require athena

- vertexing and b-tagging needs access to B-field, geometry etc.
- e/gamma re-calibration has to use proper tools and conditions data like ID material
- cluster based MET and jets can be re-calculated on AOD/DPD also outside athena except for calibration
- muon re-fitting, calibration and alignment possible on AOD inside athena; some muon performance checks possible on DPD

AOD access by performance groups mainly within athena; DPD of limited use

RDO/ESD access pattern

- ESD sufficient for almost all performance group tasks
- ESD needed for some important tasks

access to RDO not in general required but ESD access vital for most performance groups for validation, systematics, efficiencies, etc.

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computing resources needed

- in general computing time less an issue than access to ESD (storage)
- need prioritized access to ESD for performance groups
- coarse AOD/DPD-based calibrations/re-reconstructions
 - not for e/gamma, tracking and muons
 - maybe to some degree for jets and MET

need to write and test tools to explore this for jets and MET

conditions data version not stored in reco objects

rely on event header and provide user friendly interface to access conditions data version S. Snyder, W. Lavrison, S. M., J. Komaragiri, S. Paganis, R. D. Schaffer

AthenaROOTAccess

- Overview
 - AOD/DPD access as TTree from ROOT-session
 - Python, CINT, or C++ access possible
 - no athena framework
- need to maintain functionality for future releases and develop a smaller release kit for ROOT based AOD/DPD access
- Performance issues
 - athena and ROOT use same IO
 - .so loading and large dictionaries huge time consumers for both
- work on dictionaries and ROOT benefit both
- Tutorial
 - skeleton examples in AthenaROOTAccessExamples
 - easy to extend
 - CINT considerably slower than C++
- need corresponding python examples to evaluate performance

identify list of athena tools that can be used with AthenaROOTAccess – e.g. can one run EventView's overlap removal?

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Interactive athena experience

- full athena framework plus python prompt
- access to StoreGate containers via PyTools

can this be extended by a CINT prompt?

Tools and strategies

DPD strategies from BaBar

- centralized production of DPDs (Skim production)
- validated set of common filters and tools for skimming and user data
- Iooks promising but need to translate this to ATLAS use case

Skimming/Thinning/Slimming Tools

- Skimming: keep interesting events only
- Thinning: keep interesting objects only
- Slimming: keep interesting properties only

Thinning probably most critical; feedback needed

DPD making tools ouside EventView

- lightweight SusyPlot to select objects, remove overlaps and write to DPD (ntuple in this case)
- similar UserAnalysis-based examples to create ntuples from AOD are in use
- or just writing out a thinned AOD

framework independent tools are important

User data and EventView for DPD making

- CSC style access/analysis patterns don't scale to LHC data volumes
- EventView provides framework and common tools
- thinning/slimming with HighPtView
- different performance and phsyics DPDs
- soft overlap removal with ParticleView
- persistifying EventView needs work

need to ensure that it is useable early in a release cycle to be adopted by users

decouple tools from framework

Computing model issues

- DPD a must because of speed/size/portability
- full group/stream DPDs on Tier 3s problematic (disk-space/bandwidth)
- Tier 2s still low on disk
- scheduled group analysis at Tier 1s (in trains?)
- need more experience with TAGs

need to organize on-demand analysis

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Future meetings

- Two day meeting 28-29 November: Fixed.
- Decision on DPD will be made after this meeting
- Proposed two half day afternoon phone meetings before then
- October 15 or 16?
- November 7 or 8?