CBM DAQ Overview



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CBM Detector Requirements







CBM Setup





CBM DAQ Architecture





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CBM DAQ/Trigger – 4 Key Points

- No hardware trigger
 - All data must be transported
 - Only time available to organize data {fixed target + continuous beam \rightarrow no bunch crossing clock}
- High interaction rates
 - Design point: 10^7 Au+Au int/sec @ 25 A GeV \rightarrow significant radiation levels for FEE
- High raw data volume
 - Scale: 1 TByte/sec
- High channel count; High bandwidth
 - Scale: see next slide

CBM DAQ: Channel and Data density



- STS, MUCH and TRD have a high channel and data density
 - usage of custom ASICs mandatory
 - up to 1 Gbit/sec per ASIC bandwidth in STS
 - STS is most challenging case
 - STS drives architecture choices

Silicon Tracking System



Engineering: stations/cabling/cooling



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Current STS Readout Concept



STS Readout Board (ROB)

1 master GBTx connected to 1 VTRx transceiver

2 slave GBTx connected to 1 VTTx (twin transmitter)

- Slow control, clock distribution
- Data readout

1 SCA as slow control interface from master to slaves

Data readout, control responses



CBM DAQ: Most Data via GBTx



All CBM sub-systems with high data density use GBTx

| Detector | #channels | #ASICs | #GBTx |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|-------|
| STS | 1800k | ~15k | ~3000 |
| MUCH (SIS-100) | 180k | ~1.5k | ~400 |
| TRD (SIS-100) | 290k | ~9k | ~1400 |

Others, like ToF, plan to use GBTx too

CBM and FEE Radiation Levels 1



TID and NIEL per 'CBM-Year'

Old Calculations Will be updated soon

| Detector | TID | NIEL | Fast Hadrons |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | [Gy / yr] | [/cm²/yr] | [n/ (cm² s)] |
| STS-30cm | 1000 | 3 10 ¹² | 100 k |
| STS-100cm | 100 | 1 1012 | 20 k |
| MUCH-1 inner | 1000 | 8 10 ¹³ | 700 k |
| MUCH-1 outer | 100 | 5 10 ¹² | 30 k |
| RICH (120cm) | 10 | 3 10 ¹⁰ | 2 k |
| TRD-1 inner | 200 | 2 10 ¹² | 60 k |
| TRD-1 outer | 2 | 3 10 ¹⁰ | 1 k |
| TOF inner | 100 | 3 1011 | 50k |
| TOF outer | 2 | 5 10 ¹⁰ | 1 k |

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CBM and FEE Radiation Levels 2

- Compared to LHC+ inner tracker modest
 - CBM requires 'radiation tolerant' components
- TID not a key issue
 - For FEE 10 kGy or 1 Mrad
 - Easy to achieve in modern ASIC technologies
- NEIL neither
 - Exceptions: Opto transceivers + MUCH inner edge
- SEU robustness required
 - Limits where FPGAs can be used
 - Typ SEU cross section: 1 10⁻¹⁴ SEU/bit
 - Modern FPGA: ~100 Mbit config
 - 100k flux \rightarrow 1 SEU per 10 sec

Electronics Areas in E10 and E40



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FAIR T0 Centre as CBM FLES Location



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Time Slices



- Time is the only way to organize data at DAQ level
- Events {'one interaction'} are defined during reconstruction
- → Time slice building instead of 'event building'
- Requirements for time slice building
 - collect all data of a time slice in one compute node
 - adjacent time slices must have some small overlap {otherwise interactions at the slice boundary can not be reconstructed}

Efficient solution

- define a micro slice, length few µsec
- macro slice is build from micro slices
 {e.g. 100 mirco slices with 1 micro slice overlap}

CBM Readout Chain





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GBTx Based Readout Chain





GBTx in a Nutshell



GBTx provides essentially a 'remote SPI' interface





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DPB Mission Statement



- Traffic class Mux/Demux
 - Towards FEE: combined clock & sync & control & data
 - Towards backend separate
 - Fast control: clock & sync (e.g. via White Rabbit)
 - Slow control: e.g. via controls Ethernet
 - Data links to FLIB
- Provide generic DAQ and Control Interface
 - Generic data container stream to FLIB/FLES
 - Generic fast/slow controls interface
 - Encapsulate Sub-System specific formats/protocols
- Data Preprocessing
 - Feature extraction (in case of SPADIC)
 - Cluster finding ect.

CBM DAQ: Beyond GBTx



- Some CBM sub-systems have
 - modest data densities
 - Iow particle fluxes at FEE location
- They can and will use FPGA-based FEE
 - RICH
 - PSD (when FEE separated)
 - ECAL (t.b.d.)
- The readout chain for FPGA-based sub-systems must
 - be compatible with common DPB layer
 - be compatible with common TFC (Timing & Fast Control)
 - be compatible with common controls system
- More in "CBM FPGA-based sub-systems" → next talk by Christian Pauly







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Backup Slides



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FEB Types and ROB Connectivity



Common CBM ROB Prototype

Alternative approach: common CBM GBT prototype board

- Full GBTx/VL functionality for all readout chains (STS-XYTER, GET4, SPADIC2,..)
- frontend connectivity (GBTx E-Links, SCA) routed to FMC connector



GBTx in a Nutshell 1



GBTx

- provides a bi-directional synchronous bit stream with constant latency between backend and FEE ASIC
- can be operated in several modes
- here only one mode is discussed:
 - uplink and downlink uses GBT frames
 - 10 e-ports with 320 Mbps



GBTx in a Nutshell 2



GBTx

- transports data over optical link in 120 bit frames @ 40 MHz
- in 'transceiver; GBT frame uplink; 10x320' mode:
 - 80 bit payload data
 - 32 bit FEC
 - 8 bit frame header and slow control
- action in each 40 MHz cycle ($f_{LHC} = 40.0786$ MHz)
 - Downlink
 - B0 bit data received from incoming GBT frame
 - □ split 80 \rightarrow 10 x 8 bit
 - serialize out 8 bit on each of 10 e-ports
 - Uplink
 - 8 bit received on each of 10 e-ports
 - merge $10 \times 8 \rightarrow 80$ bit
 - BO bit data send with outgoing GBT fame





Current Status DAQ



- FLES (First Level Event Selector) hardware
 - The LOEWE CSC is considered prototype for FLES
 {768 nodes with 2 x 12 cores plus a GPU; InfiniBand interconnect}
- FLIB (FLES Interface Board)
 - Prototype hardware/firmware available from FIAS, Frankfurt
- DPB (Data Processing Board)
 - Architecture proposal from Warsaw University of Technology
 - µTCA based, many synergies with developments done for White Rabbit switches