EUDAQ

JRA1 DAQ Status

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Outline

- VME Speed
- Mimosa18
- Final chip
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VME Speed...

- Last year speed improvements were implemented in the DAQ and tested in lab
 - Only two boards, with no sensors attached
 - Predicted speed for full telescope was ≈ 400 Hz
- Recently tested with actual setup
 - Actual speed was ≈ 200 Hz, but ≈ 6KB per sensor
 - Reducing data to minimum (just header & trailer)
 maximum speed was 320 Hz



...VME Speed

Observations:

- MBLT bandwidth is well below theoretical value (expect 80 MB/s, measure ~25 MB/s only)
- Angelo has also performance problems with 2eSST, related to a driver bug
- Further investigation to understand difference:
- Implement new kernel/driver combination



VME Speed: next steps

- Double buffering on EUDRB
 - Would allow new trigger as soon as event is in FIFO, before it is read by VME (for all chips)
- Faster VME transfer mode
 - 2eSST instead of MBLT (for Mi26 only)
- New Driver?
- May split the EUDRBs for maximum speed onto 2 VME crates



Mimosa18

- Pedestal uploading for Mimosa18 has been implemented at DESY
 - Address encoding matches decoding, but needs thorough testing with real data (or source and mask)
 - Testing could be done with a source+mask and a Mimosa 18 in a Maserbox



Steps for final chip

- Implementation of the new protocol to the EUDRBProducer
- Encoding/Decoding of the data in the DataCollector/RootMonitor
- Propose to do first 'real' testing in Ferrara
- Would need a Mi26 in a Maserbox for Geneva



TLU

- Software has been updated for new TLU (v0.2)
 - Automatically detects TLU version and loads correct firmware
 - Basic functionality (like TLU v0.1) is working
- Switching between LEMO / RJ45 needs testing
 - NIM connectors seem to work
 - Possible problem with TTL, but maybe only on TLU v0.2a (with programmable levels/termination)



TLU

- JRA2 has problems reading out Timestamps (USB-Blocktransfer)
 - nearly blocks their DAQ completely
 - seems to be machine dependent
 - We could somehow reproduce the problem, but our performances is nearly not affected
 - Temporary fix: Do not read timestamps
 - Maybe USB-bus underpowered, proposed to use a powered USB-hub, waiting for answers

Other Issues

- Compatibility with 64-bit Linux
 - Several issues fixed, one user has a working system
 - Another user has reported problems need investigating
- Decoder plugin framework for DUTs
 - Under development with Martin Killenberg
- Slight change in native file format planned
 - Will speed up reading, when events are skipped
 - Will not affect users (as long as they use the EUDAQ library when reading native files)



Other Issues

- RootMonitor needs some rework:
 - Speed is far to slow to follow new data rates, even scaled
 - New native file format may help
 - Attach directly to a I/O stream instead of reading from file?



Conclusions

- Readout speed has been improved, but more work needed
- Can now load Mimosa18 pedestals
- Compatibility with TLU v0.2 almost there
- Compatibility with 64-bit Linux coming
- Demonstrator currently running at DESY with latest changes
- New decoder framework in development
- Faster native file reading planned

