



The ATLAS EventIndex: Full chain deployment and first operation

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Computing Challenges





- Experiments like ATLAS produce large amounts of data:
 - 2 billion real events and 4 billion simulated events were produced in 2011 and the same in 2012.
 - These numbers increase if we take into account all the reprocessing.
- After current Long Shutdown 1, in 2015:
 - Increasing rate to 1 kHz .
 Event size 0.8/1MB.
 - RAW DATA 800/1000 MB/s
 - Translates globally in CPU
 +20%, DISK +15%, TAPE +15%
 each year.





Event Cataloguing



- All this information needs cataloguing according to different points of view to meet multiple use cases and search criteria.
- A system that contains the reference to the file that includes every event at every stage of processing is necessary to recall selected events from data storage systems.
- ATLAS already has a database called *EventTag*, with some issues:
 - Using traditional DBMS Oracle, expensive to maintain
 - Scaling up in hardware is expensive.
 - Not all use cases implemented.
 - Not completely automatized: asynchronous, error prone
 - Consistency issues
 - Performance not satisfactory
- *EventTag* is potentially very useful but has to improve.





EventIndex



- We need another approach: EVENTINDEX PROJECT, using Structured Storage (ie: NoSQL) technologies:
 - Appropriate to scale for increased data rates (Commodity HW, Fixed cost/unit), scalable.
 - Cheaper, easier to use and faster for sparse searches over large amounts of data.
- A complete catalogue of all ATLAS events:
 - All events, real and simulated data.
 - All processing stages



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Needed EventIndex information ~= 300bytes to 1Kbyte per event:

- •Event identifiers
- •Online trigger pattern and hit counts
- •References (pointers) to the events at each processing stage (RAW, ESD, AOD, NTUP) in all
- permanent files on storage

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Use Cases





- Event picking: Give me the reference (pointer) to "this" event in "that" format for a given processing cycle.
- **Event skimming:** Give me the list of events passing "this" selection and their references.



- Production consistency checks: Technical checks that processing cycles are complete.
- Panda event service (see talk in this session): Give me the references for the events on this GUID file (to be distributed to HPC or cloud clusters for processing)





Prototype Overview





ATLAS Data Collection - Producer



• EventIndex Information is produced in Athena (Atlas software framework) with python scripts, running in TierO and GRID sites.



- Current tools include POOL, RAW, TAG formats, and produce the information in a intermediate file to be sent afterwards.
- Production jobs measured last May'2013 give us the daily data to be loaded as 265 K gridjobs/day -> 300 Million events/day -> 1Kb/event.
 Means around 300 GB/day.
- Rate of the Producers is therefore measured as 20Hz of file records containing ~3.4 kHz of event records, to be increased the following years up to 80Hz and 30kHz of event records.



ATLAS Data Collection - Messaging



• Collection of the produced Event Info is done with a messaging system based on the STOMP protocol, and ActiveMQ brokers.



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ATLAS Data Collection - Consumer

• **Consumers** are in charge of retrieving the information from the brokers and insert it into Hadoop.



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Hadoop Core (1)





- Data uploaded from Consumers is stored in MapFiles files in HDFS. Catalog is stored in Hbase.
- Data can be indexed (e.g. Using inverted indices for trigger info). Index files just have key + references to data files.
 Some index files created at upload, others added. Searches can be performed using keys (immediate results), or on data files.
- Searches can be done with full scans or using MapReduce jobs.





Hadoop Core (2)



- Files in HDFS are logically grouped in collections of filesets, representing event collections.
- Each Fileset contains: a master record, pointers to before /after filesets (vertical partitions), slave filesets (horizontal partitions), and indexes.
- Each file is represented by one entry in a HBASE table. The Catalog checks presence and consistency of all components.







Hadoop Core (3)



- Important Use case: query/count the events that satisfy a given trigger condition, or a combination.
- Trigger chains need to be first decoded by knowing the trigger menu via the run number and finding in the Conditions Metadata (COMA) database the corresponding trigger info for each bit in the trigger words.
- Trigger decoding (get chain names from trigger bits and run number) is also cached to improve the future searches.









A Typical query from the Panda Event Service for all events from a GUID takes ~3-10 secs

Query Services



- Query services are the interface for users to the Core Hadoop:
 - Command line interface,
 - Web Services with graphical and text/plain output suitable for the Panda Event Service.
- Simple data scan operations on the test dataset (1 TB of 2011 data) using the available Hadoop cluster of 20 nodes take about 15 minutes.

- worst case, reads all data

 Queries that give the run number and event number (event picking use case) and use the so-far unoptimised "accessor" method return their result in 3.7 seconds





Summary and Conclusions



- The ATLAS experiment needs an EventIndex to catalogue billions of events taken yearly.
 - Several TBs of catalogue data are needed to index several PBs of event data.
- Full chain tested successfully with first prototype:
 - EventIndex production worldwide at different Grid Sites. Messaging system can amply cope with the required rates for the following years.
 - Hadoop core tested with previously loaded 1TB of 2011 data, and data coming from the data collection.
 - Query services to satisfy the use cases. Results are encouraging, and performance suitable to improve.
- Next steps are:
 - Automate procedures.
 - Load all Run1 data.
 - Tune the system.
- According to the original plan and the current experience the system will be fully working at the start of 2015, ready for the new LHC data.

