

1.08 Control/DAQ Status

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- Technical Highlights / Progress made in the last year
- Plans through FY22



1.08 Scope

- Acquire and aggregate high-speed data from detectors, slow data from housekeeping and meta-data into specified format, hand-off to data management
- Provide control framework for commanding equipment in the labs, and at the observatories
- Browser-based live and historical monitoring of 'housekeeping' data and meta-data
- Hierarchical, non-safety alarms system based on housekeeping data
- Provide observatory-wide timing and frequency references to readout and telescope control hardware
- Provide support for running DAQ and Controls systems in development labs





1.08 DAQ/Control Team





1.08.02 (Controls) Progress [Brian Koopman]

- Broad array of hardware agents available as a result of upcoming Simons deployment, most developed by non-DAQ experts:
 - Cryomech, Lakeshore (240, 336, 370, 372, 425), Bluefors, LabJack, Power supply, Agilent RF source, FTS, Meinberg M1000, Pfeiffer pressure gauges and turbo controller, function generator, Synaccess netbooter
- Broad array of hardware agents soon to be available as a result of upcoming Simons deployment:
 - HWP, chopper, wiregrid, holography, picoscope, RF source, LN2 monitor, ibootbar, UPS, flowmeter, Honeywell HMR2300 magnetometer
- Setting up to perform full end-to-end test, testing from realistic looking observing schedules with emulators for telescope+Smurfs+faked agents to data hand off to DM
 - Includes scheduling interface, OCS Agents, OCS Client library, data packaging
- Working to expand test coverage for hardware agents, facilitated by pytest device emulator fixture



1.08.03 (Acquisition) Progress [Nathan Whitehorn]

- High-speed data collector prototype:
 - Accepts readout data via UDP from multiple readout machines
 - Currently, mock-up fake data generators due to lack of real equipment/specifications
 - Collates samples into coherent time slices which are output in time order
 - Can merge metadata published over crossbar/OCS by other DAQ components
 - Operation demonstrated for 150,000 simulated detector channels read out at 400+ Hz
 - Total latency depends on frequency of required metadata streams being published, but can be on the order of a few seconds

Test Output (320 Hz)







1.08.04 (Monitoring) Progress [Cosmin Deaconu]

- "Interposcatter" interactively plot time-dependent variables against each other
 - Grafana, the selected housekeeping monitoring solution, mostly supports time series.
 - Proof-of-concept Grafana plugin implemented, supporting scatter plots and histograms
 - Boring example (two temperatures):





- Experimental support for JSON output for .g3 Frames
 - Uses same serialization framework as binary files, so supports any type of data
 - Eventual goal is to facilitate web-monitoring of non-housekeeping-like data



1.08.05 (Labs and Integration) Progress [Abby]

- 'Newly' appointed L3 : main job is to ensure the software works in the labs, and thus to ensure smooth transition to operations.
- Also includes development of software for reading in data (to be coordinated with DM)
- AND ALSO lots of unglamorous but essential tasks like documentation, training, feedback, agent status tracking, repository cat-herding
 - Currently working on lab installation at Cornell as a test case
 - Defining training and documentation tasks



Plans for 2022

- Finish each 'end' of the fast-cadence data
 - frame definition in
 - file format definition out (for both fast cadence data and housekeeping data)
- SO repo is undergoing some re-structuring to make it easier to work across SO-S4
- Once file format is established, develop data access software

