

Developments and applications of DAQ framework DABC v2

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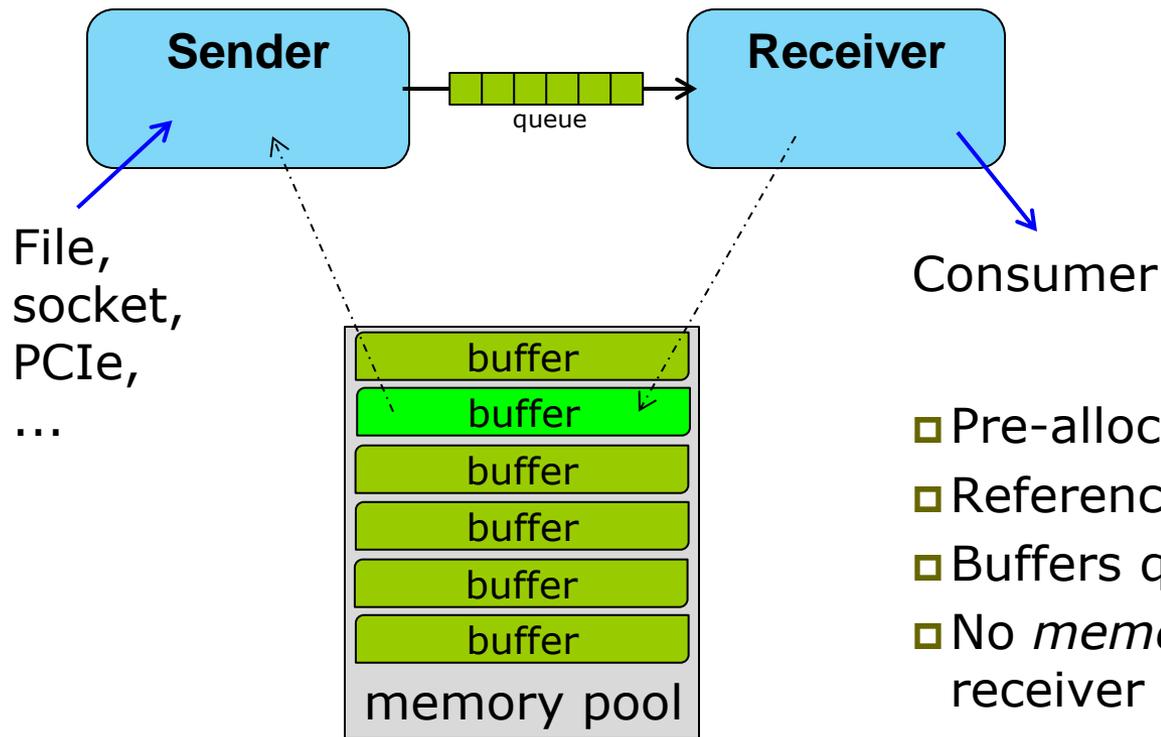
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DABC core functionality

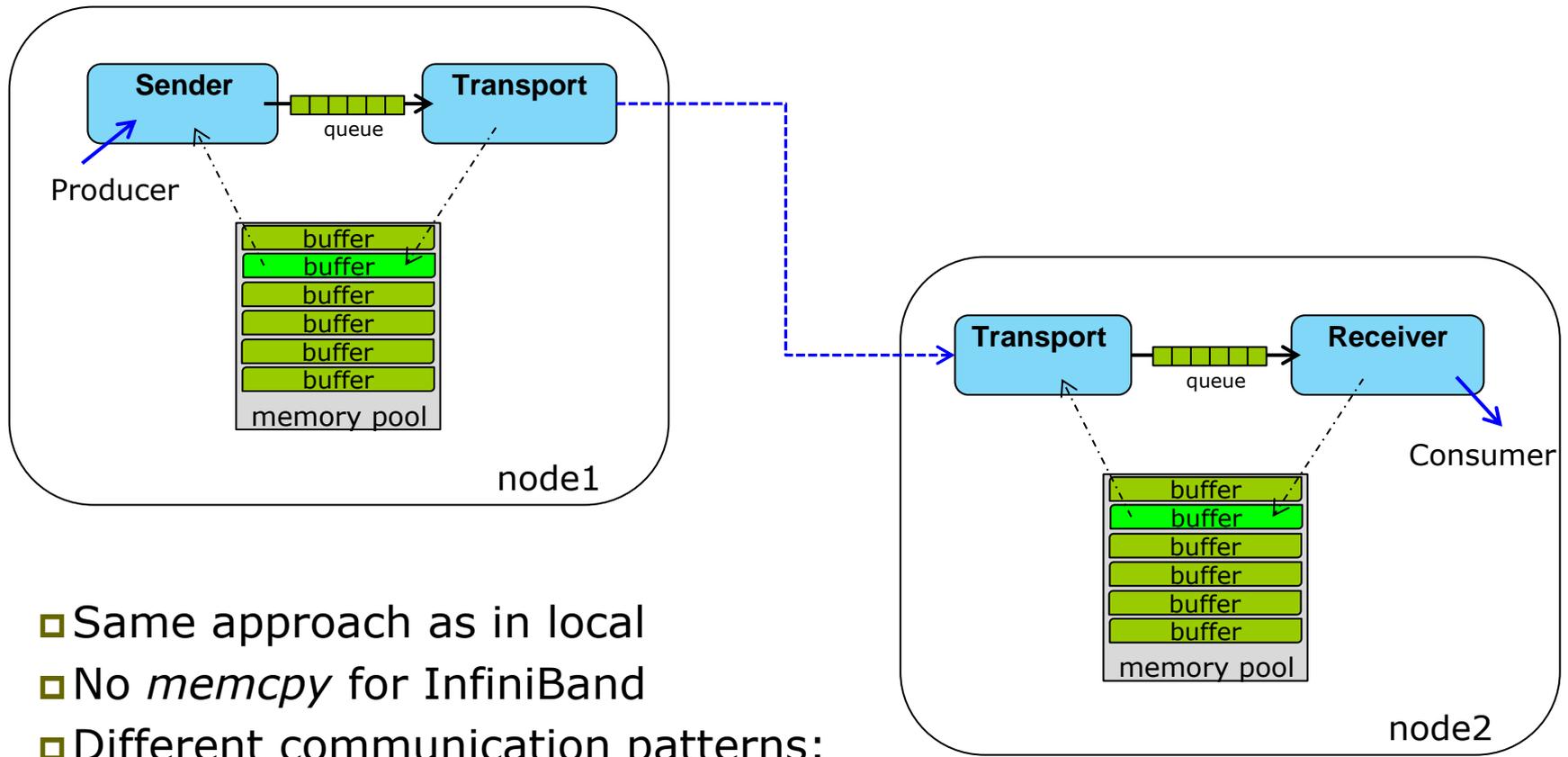
- ❑ Multi-thread, multi-node applications
- ❑ Zero-copy transport approach
 - full support for InfiniBand VERBS
 - advanced sockets treatment with *select()*
- ❑ Flexible plugin interface
 - MBS, HADAQ, ROOT, Go4, EPICS, DIM, FESA
- ❑ http for slow control
 - JavaScript ROOT as web GUI
- ❑ In development since 2007
 - v1.0 in 2009, now v2.7

Local communication



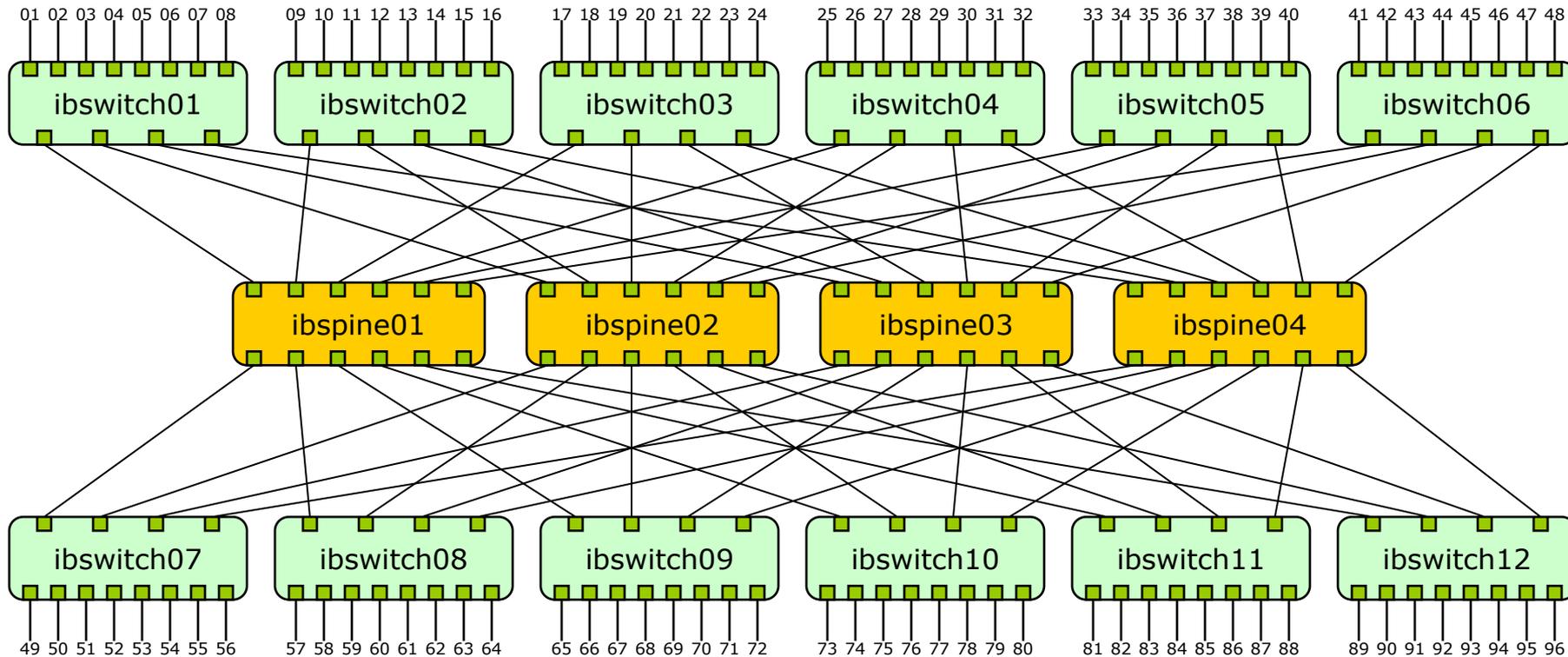
- Pre-allocated memory pool
- Reference counter for each buffer
- Buffers queue between modules
- No *memcpy* between sender and receiver

Remote communication



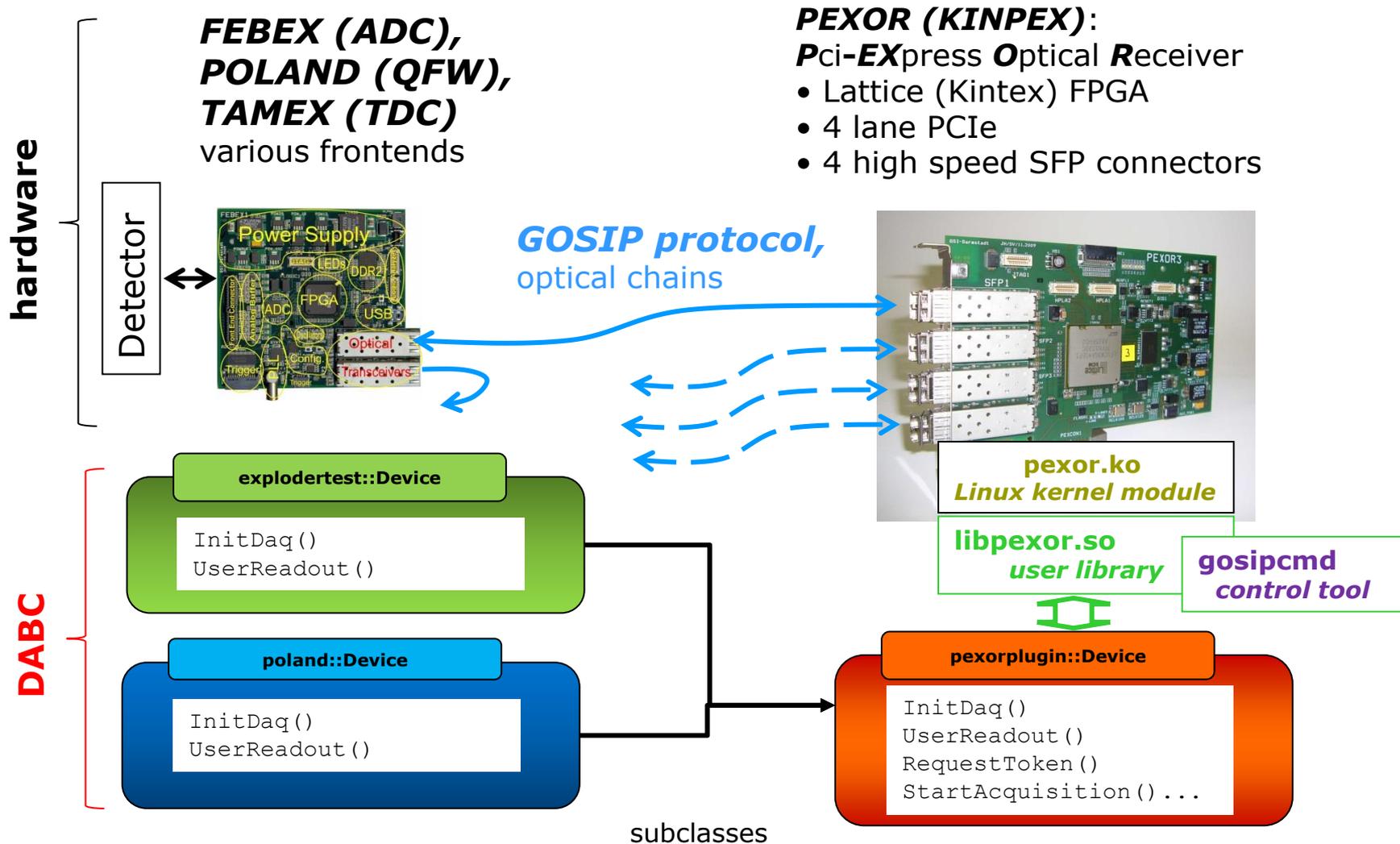
- Same approach as in local
- No *memcpy* for InfiniBand
- Different communication patterns:
 - $1 \rightarrow 1$, $1 \rightarrow N$, $N \rightarrow 1$, $N \times M$

InfiniBand tests with DABC



- 1/2 fat tree topology
- ~800 nodes with QDR IB
- 12 spine and 34 leaf switches
- all-to-all traffic pattern
- **1.25 TB/s** or 80% of available bandwidth

PEXOR/KINPEX plug-ins

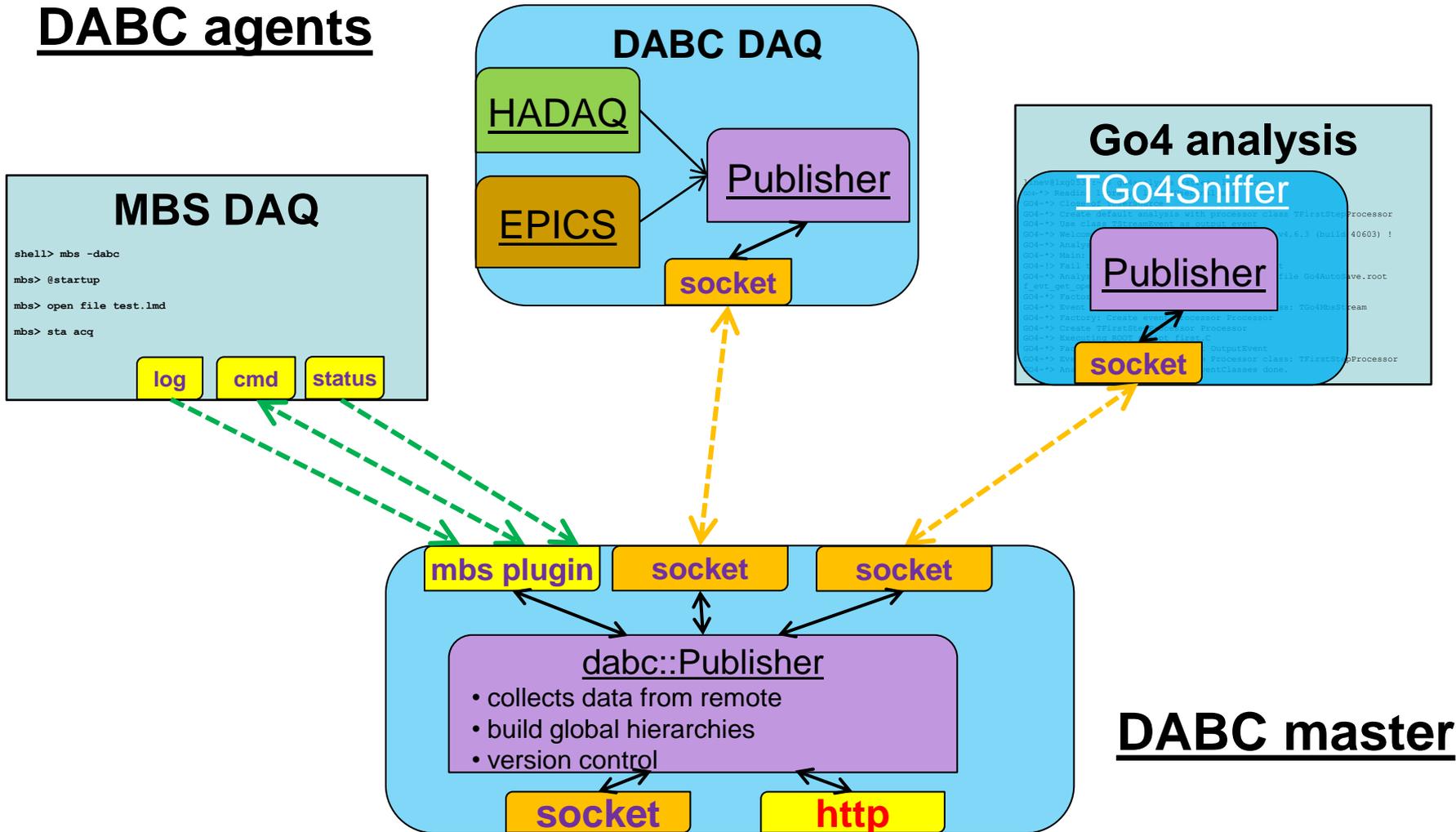


http::Server in DABC

- ❑ Access to different data in DAQ application
- ❑ JavaScript ROOT as user interface
- ❑ One could integrate and access data from different sources:
 - DABC, ROOT, Go4, MBS, EPICS, DIM, FESA, ...
- ❑ Same data could be accessed by Go4 and displayed using native ROOT graphics
- ❑ One also could use command-line tools to access DAQ/analysis data via http or socket

Heterogeneous distributed applications

DABC agents



DABC master

MBS/GOSIP web gui

The screenshot displays the MBS web GUI interface, which is divided into several functional panels:

- MBS Control Panel (Green):** Contains play, stop, and refresh buttons. Below it is a terminal window showing the command `mbs> [sho acq]` and a log history window with a refresh rate of 100.
- Data taking (Red):** Features a filename input field containing `test.lmd`, a Max size dropdown set to 1000, and a star icon.
- Log modes (Yellow):** Includes a dropdown menu with options `rate`, `rash`, `rast`, and `ratf`, and a Log history window with a refresh rate of 100.
- Display refresh (Green):** Shows a Refresh Interval dropdown set to 1 and a Refresh button.
- Rates display (Yellow):** Contains three gauge charts:
 - EventRate:** A gauge showing a value of 1.
 - DataRate:** A gauge showing a value of 32.8.
 - ServerRate:** A gauge showing a value of 721.
- GOSIP Control Panel (Blue):** Includes a terminal window with the command `gospicmd -h` and a help text area detailing various command-line options for the GOSIP tool.

At the bottom of the interface, a status bar indicates: **Di 27 Jan 2015 14:05:04 CET >Start Acquisition command sent.**

DABC/PEXOR/GOSIP web gui

The screenshot displays the PEXOR web GUI interface with the following components:

- DABC Panel:** Includes a power button and a "Stop DABC application" button.
- PEXOR Panel:** Includes a play button and a stop button.
- Data taking Panel:** Shows "test.lmd" as the filename and "1000" as the max size.
- Display refresh Panel:** Shows a refresh interval of "1" second.
- Rates display Panel:** Shows a trending history of "100".
- GOSIP Panel:** Shows the command "gospicmd -d -r -x 0 0 0 0x180".
- Terminal Window:** Displays log messages such as "poland::Device::User_Readout finds stop trigger :15 !!" and "Acquisition is started".
- Data Table:** A table listing data points with columns for filename, size, percentage, and energy value (ev).

| Filename | Size | Percentage | Energy (ev) |
|---------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| test_0004.lmd | 27.8 MB | (2.8 %) | 9346 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 28.8 MB | (2.9 %) | 9680 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 29.8 MB | (3.0 %) | 10014 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 30.8 MB | (3.1 %) | 10348 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 31.8 MB | (3.2 %) | 10682 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 32.8 MB | (3.3 %) | 11016 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 33.8 MB | (3.4 %) | 11349 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 34.8 MB | (3.5 %) | 11683 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 35.8 MB | (3.6 %) | 12017 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 36.7 MB | (3.7 %) | 12351 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 37.7 MB | (3.8 %) | 12685 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 38.7 MB | (3.9 %) | 13019 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 39.7 MB | (4.0 %) | 13353 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 40.7 MB | (4.1 %) | 13686 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 41.7 MB | (4.2 %) | 14020 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 42.7 MB | (4.3 %) | 14354 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 43.7 MB | (4.4 %) | 14688 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 44.7 MB | (4.5 %) | 15021 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 45.7 MB | (4.6 %) | 15355 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 46.7 MB | (4.7 %) | 15689 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 47.7 MB | (4.8 %) | 16023 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 48.7 MB | (4.9 %) | 16357 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 49.7 MB | (5.0 %) | 16690 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 50.7 MB | (5.1 %) | 17024 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 51.8 MB | (5.2 %) | 17358 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 52.6 MB | (5.3 %) | 17691 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 53.6 MB | (5.4 %) | 18025 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 54.6 MB | (5.5 %) | 18358 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 55.6 MB | (5.6 %) | 18692 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 56.6 MB | (5.7 %) | 19026 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 57.6 MB | (5.8 %) | 19360 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 58.6 MB | (5.9 %) | 19694 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 59.6 MB | (6.0 %) | 20028 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 60.6 MB | (6.1 %) | 20362 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 61.6 MB | (6.2 %) | 20695 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 62.6 MB | (6.3 %) | 21029 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 63.6 MB | (6.4 %) | 21363 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 64.6 MB | (6.5 %) | 21697 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 65.5 MB | (6.6 %) | 22030 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 66.5 MB | (6.7 %) | 22364 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 67.5 MB | (6.8 %) | 22698 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 68.5 MB | (6.9 %) | 23032 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 69.5 MB | (7.0 %) | 23366 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 70.5 MB | (7.1 %) | 23699 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 71.5 MB | (7.2 %) | 24033 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 72.5 MB | (7.3 %) | 24367 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 73.5 MB | (7.3 %) | 24701 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 74.5 MB | (7.4 %) | 25034 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 75.5 MB | (7.5 %) | 25368 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 76.5 MB | (7.6 %) | 25701 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 77.5 MB | (7.7 %) | 26035 ev |
| test_0004.lmd | 78.5 MB | (7.8 %) | 26368 ev |
- Graphs:** Two line graphs showing pulse shapes. The top graph is labeled "/PEXOR/PexReadout/PexorEvents" and the bottom graph is labeled "/PEXOR/PexReadout/PexorData". Both show a square pulse with a sharp rise and fall.

Di 31 Mär 2015 12:32:41 CEST >Stop DABC command sent.

POLAND frontend web gui

The screenshot shows the POLAND web GUI interface. At the top, there is a browser window with the address bar showing 'depc418:8095/GOSIP/Test/UI/'. Below the browser window, there are several control buttons: 'SFP 0', 'DEV 0', 'All Devs', 'ScanOffset', 'InitChain', 'Reset', and 'Reset PEX'. A green box highlights the 'Trigger ON' and 'Trigger...' buttons. Below these buttons, the text 'SFP:0 DEV:0 - Di 27 Jan 2015 14:12:51 CET >Dump data OK' is displayed. The main configuration area has tabs for 'QFW' and 'DAC'. Under the 'QFW' tab, there are checkboxes for 'Trigger Master', 'Internal Trigger', and 'FESA Mode'. A dropdown menu shows '(+) [2.5pF & 0.25pC]'. Below this, there is a table with columns 'Step' and 'Time per Step [mus]':

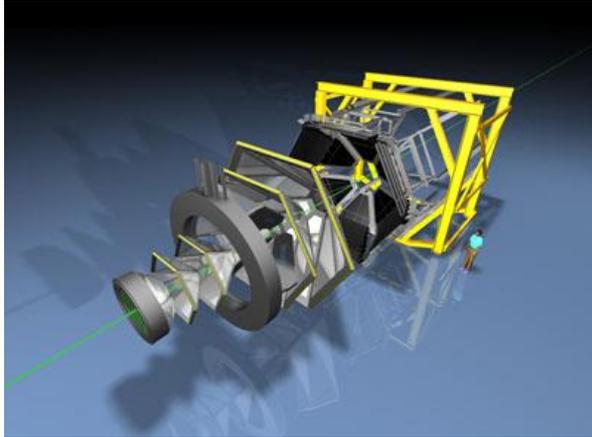
| | Step | Time per Step [mus] |
|--------------|------|---------------------|
| Time slice 1 | 0x3 | 56.08 |
| Time slice 2 | 0x5 | 56.08 |
| Time slice 3 | 0x2 | 56.08 |

Below the table, there is a list of SFP module data:

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SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5bc Data: 0xd
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5c0 Data: 0xaa
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5c4 Data: 0xbb
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5c8 Data: 0xcc
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5cc Data: 0xdd
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5d0 Data: 0xaaa
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5d4 Data: 0xbbb
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5d8 Data: 0xccc
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5dc Data: 0xddd
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5e0 Data: 0xaaaa
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5e4 Data: 0xbbbb
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5e8 Data: 0xcccc
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5ec Data: 0xdddd
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5f0 Data: 0xaaaaa
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5f4 Data: 0x8badbad8
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5f8 Data: 0xaaffeaffe
SFP: 0x0 Module: 0x0 Address: 0x5fc Data: 0x27
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On the right side, there is a 'QFW Counters' panel showing 'Trigger 0x15' and 'Errors' with a list of values: 0x8, 0x1, 0x1, 0x1, 0x1, 0x1, 0x1, 0x0. A 'Hexmode' button is also visible. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Show', 'Apply', 'Configure', 'DataDump', and 'Clear'. A tooltip over the 'DataDump' button reads 'Dump main register contents of selected device'.

HADES detector



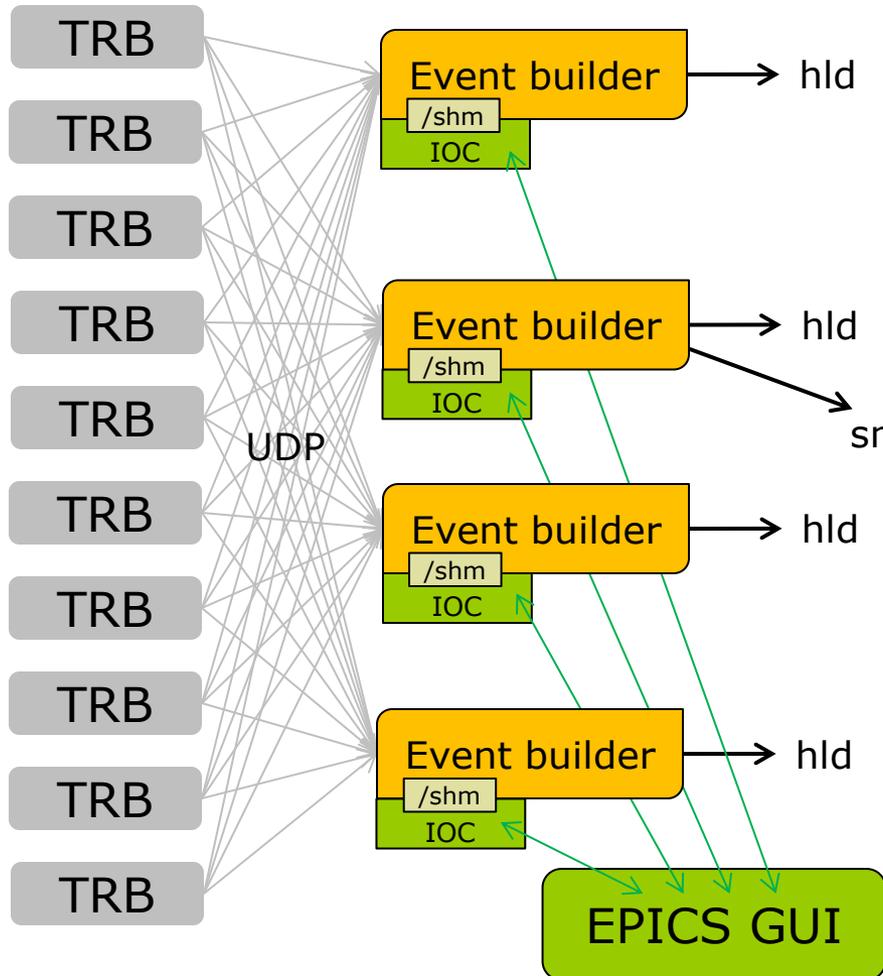
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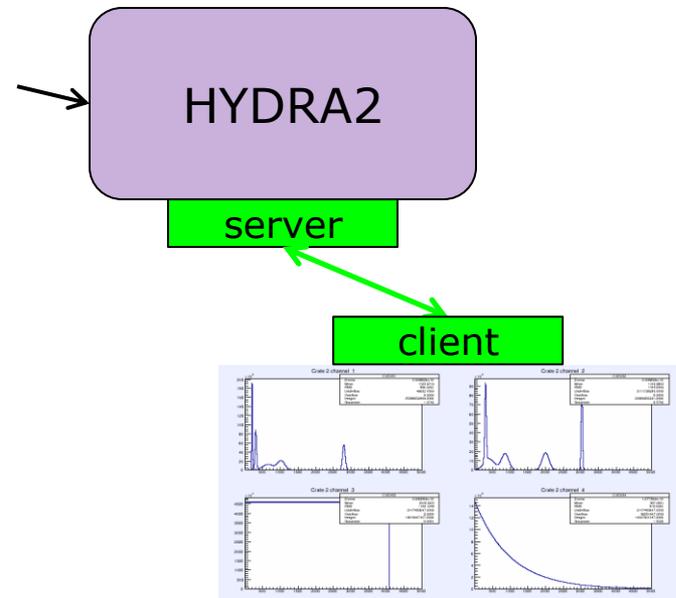
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HADES is a versatile detector for a precise spectroscopy of e^+e^- pairs (di-electrons) and charged hadrons produced in proton, pion and heavy ion induced reactions in a $1 \div 3.5$ GeV kinetic beam energy region

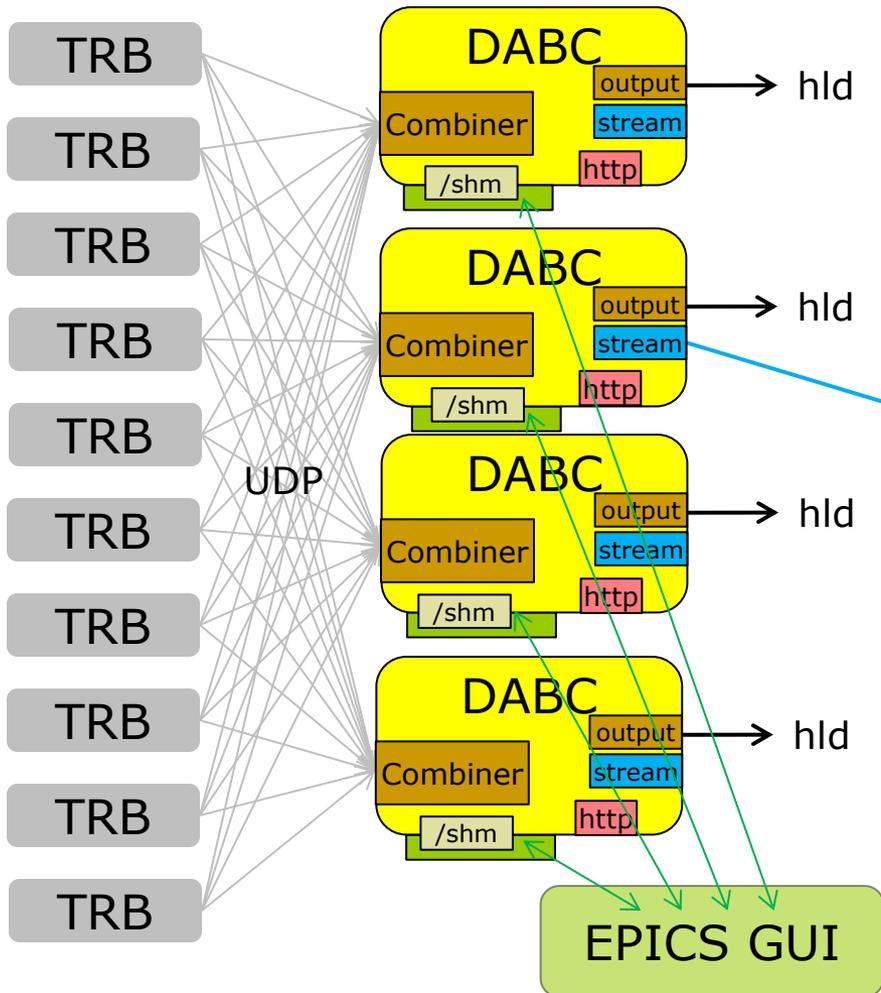
HADES DAQ before



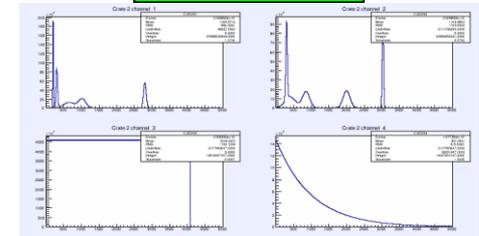
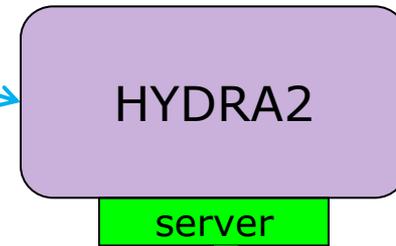
- ~30 TRB frontend boards
- ~10 KHz, max 300 MB/s
- simple round-robin approach
- C-based, single thread code
- EPICS IOCs for DAQ slow control
- file-based quality monitoring



HADES DAQ now



- DABC on all event builders
- All infrastructure remains as is
- Socket data stream to online analysis
- Used in production beams 2014

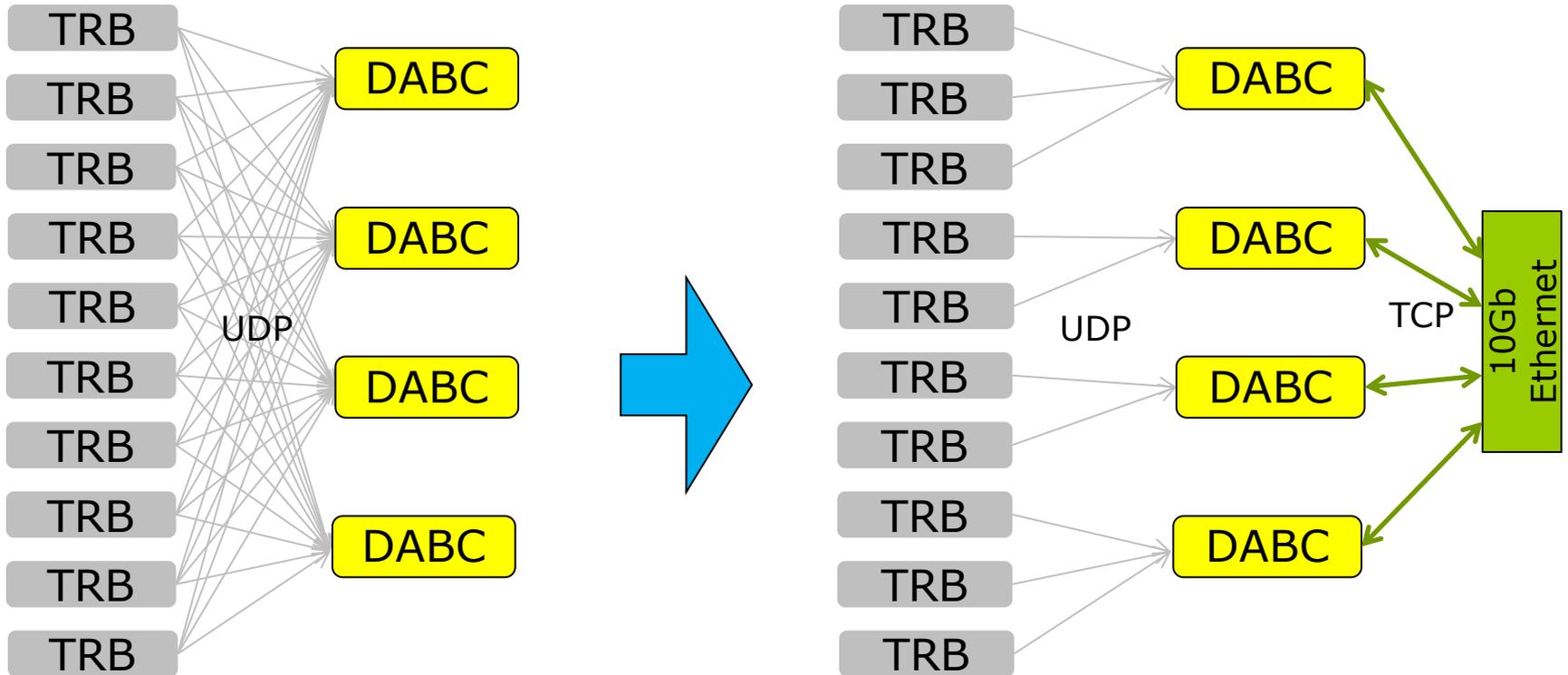


HADES DAQ upgrade

- New RICH and ECAL electronic
 - more than 100 TRBs (30 up to now)
- Use in many places FPGA TDCs
 - need for special calibration procedure
- Potentially free-running readout for RICH
 - need to produce subevents afterwards

- HLD data format should be preserved

Change networking topology



- All data from single TRB always send to same DAQ node
- Every DAQ node can perform TDC calibration and event selection immediately
- Event building done afterwards with TCP/IP or IB

Next plans

- FPGA TDCs calibrations in DABC
 - already done, including web control GUI
- Event building network (BNet) for HADES
 - planned as v3 release, end of 2015
- Accommodate C++11 features
 - native threads, references
 - probably as v4 in ~2017

Conclusion

- Flexible framework for different DAQ tasks
- Web and JSROOT as user interface
- Used in different test beams
- Production DAQ for HADES experiment