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NectarCAM Processing WP

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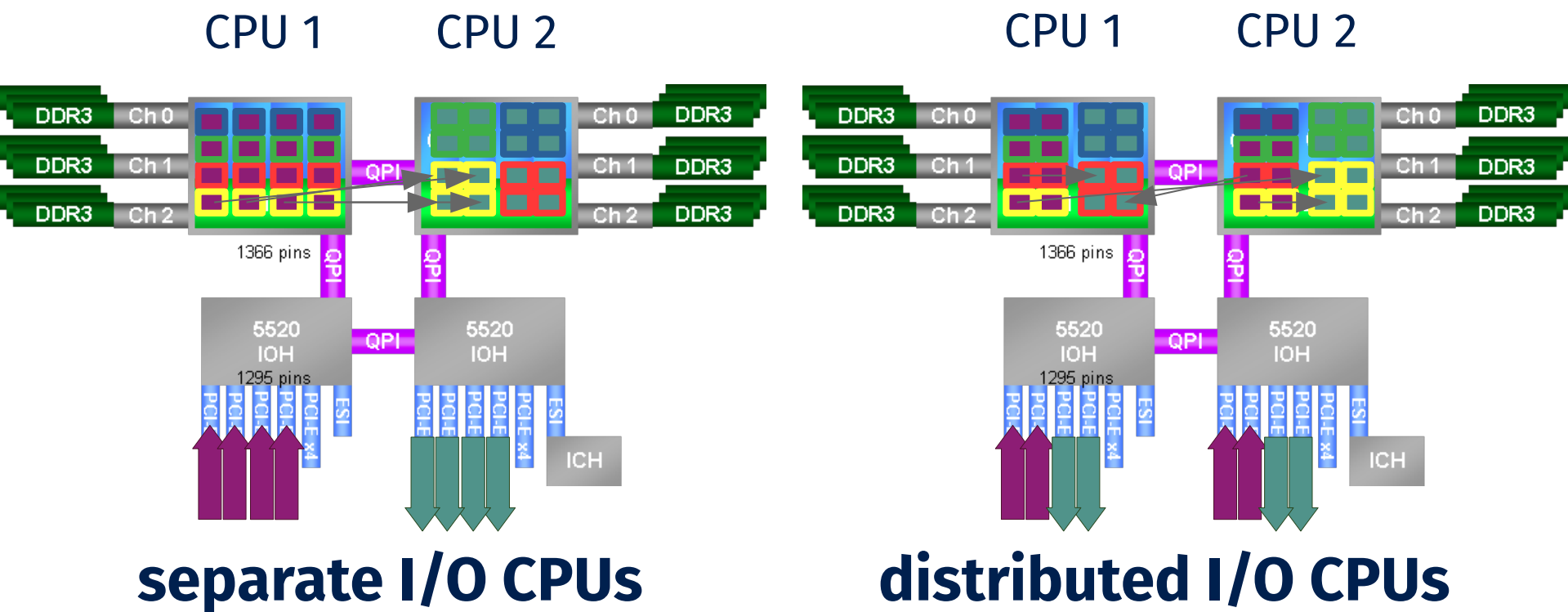


NectarCAM Progress Meeting
April 7th, 2021

Outline

- **Event-Builder**
 - v4, algorithms
- **Paperwork**
 - PAP, CDMR, ICD
 - Processing pathfinder
- **Switches**
- **CDTSd (and code organisation)**

- **Version 3: Reorganisation of inputs**
simplified schema, neglecting memory transfers



- **Version 3**
 - **Reorganisation of inputs, better performance**
 - **Algorithms:**
 - **Baseline Subtraction** (LST only)
 - **Gain Selection**
 - **Delta-T correction** (DRS4, LST only)
 - **Interleaved pedestals** (NectarCAM only)
 - **Muon conservation (10%)**
- **Version 4**
 - **Trigger-dependent event-handling**

- **Version 4 deployed and validated on LST**
 - **Some bugs found (and fixed)**
 - **On the way for NectarCAM**
- **Plan to test on T66 at IRFU,
then on “full camera” (265 modules),
no FPI, but attempt to inject pulses**

- **Conceptual Design and Manufacturing**
 - **CDMR preparation and RIX answers were quite smooth for our WP.**
 - **Helped also in other WP, namely Trigger&Time.**
 - **7 RIXes for Processing WP, one still open.**
 - **Reviewers acknowledged that some points could not be clarified due to *missing input from CTAO*.**

Paperwork 2: CDMR, to be done



- **7 RIXes**
 - **None of them critical**

#	Status	Subject	Assignee
42642	Assigned	DD124_LSTMST-ICD-20191206-3.pdf	Montanari Chiara
42457	Assigned	Comments on DD127_LMST-CAM-UM-0361.pdf	Houles Julien Dirk
41802	Suspended	DD128_LMST-CAM-LI-0475_DAQ_CIDL: inconsistent document versions in CIDL	Whyborn Nick
42843	Closed	DD126 NectarCAM DAQ and Processing Test Plan	Whyborn Nick
42463	Closed	DD122_MST-CAM-SP-0357-CPPM_Processing_RequirementsSpecifications.pdf	Whyborn Nick
42456	Closed	Comments on DD125_LMST-CAM-TN-0476.pdf	Houles Julien
42455	Closed	Comments on DD123_MST-CAM-TN-0360-CPPM_Processing_ConceptionV1.0-2.pdf	Houles Julien

- **#42457:**
Requires better instructions for a system not yet finalised

Paperwork 2', CDMR items: RAMS



- **RAMS values requested from Ethernet switch manufacturers**
- **Needs more iteration(s)**
- **Stéphane, I did not forget you!**

- **First meeting September 2019**
 - <https://indico.cta-observatory.org/event/2397>
 - **Minutes available, but no followup?**
- **Second meeting**
 - <https://indico.cta-observatory.org/event/2517>
- **PAP drafted without further interaction**
 - **Does not fully represent reality**
 - **Need to converge now**

- **Part of CDMR**
 - **ICDs delivered, but updates needed:**
 - **CDTSd**
 - **OPC UA aspects**
- **ACADA Interfaces**
 - **Data Model – proposal converged**
 - **Data Format (including UCTS interactions)**
 - **collected feedback, given in first meeting (orally)**
 - **not clear: how, why, by whom API may change**
 - **next meeting with ACADA: April 15th**

Paperwork 5: Data Storage Pathfinder



- 1 • Still no hope to obtain on-site data storage from CTOA, when NectarCAM 1 arrives at ORM**
- 2 • (nor IT infrastructure by the way)**
- Solution for 1 – “Datastorage pathfinder”**
 - Now part of CTAO/DATA IKC matrix**
 - To be submitted to (new) IN2P3 DAS Computing**
- Solution for 2 – Should start negociation with LST seriously (my opinion), through MST project**

- **Old architecture (S60): 6 deep-buffer (DB) switches**
 - **not on the market any more**
- **New architecture: 6× level-1 + 1× level-2 (DB)**
 - **baseline (2016):**
6× DELL N1548 + 1× Arista 7280SR
 - **possible improvement**
6× DELL N1548 + 1× DELL S4248
- **All to be tested with 265 modules (May 2021)**

Switches: provisioning



- **After validation of new architecture and model of level-2 switch,**
 - **provide equipment + (one) spare for MST-N1**
- **After CDMR closure**
 - **order equipment for MST-N 2-5 (all at once)**
- **Present hiccup (for MST-N 1):**
Delivery of IT hardware worldwide is delayed!
Covid-19 + Suez = currently up to 90 instead of 30 days
- **Fallback:**
Pillage of CPPM testbench (bad™ substitute)

- **Rewritten architecture for LST (simplified)**
- **State machine through OPCUA removed**
 - **If EVB server open (OBSERVING)**
→ **connect / OBSERVING state**
 - **If EVB server closed (end of OBSERVING)**
→ **disconnect / READY state**
- **“dæmonized” (Linux service process)**
 - **standard Linux monitoring and control**
- **Working reliably!**
- **OPC UA to be used for monitoring (tbd)**

- **CDTSd is a mixture of vendor-provided and CTA-specific code.**
- **Managed on SVN (CTA) and git (vendor, APC)**
- **Need to migrate to git(lab).**
- **Will serve as example for migration of**
 - **EVB (+OPC UA server)**
 - **UCTSd (UCTS controller)****including continuous integration**
- **Not a minor task!**

Summary

- **Event-Builder**
 - well on the way
- **Paperwork**
 - time-consuming and tedious, but within deadline
- **Switches**
 - on the critical path!
- **Code organisation**
 - “last priority” (unfortunately!)