Analysis Software Update

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Hall A Analysis Framework ("C++ Analyzer", "Podd")

- Class library on top of ROOT
- Highly modular: "Everything is a plug-in"
- Software for non-standard equipment typically provided by users
- In production use since 2003
- Code for all 6 GeV-era equipment exists and is well tested
- Currently being adopted by Hall C

Current Version: Podd 1.5.27

Version 1.5 is in maintenance mode, *i.e.* we only apply backward-compatible bugfixes & small improvements

- Updates in 2014
  - Updated CAEN 1190 decoder (Brad Sawatzky)
  - Tweaks for Hall C (Steve Wood)
  - Updated SDK
  - Minor bugfixes
  - Support for latest ROOT, Linux and compiler versions (ROOT 6 not yet supported)
  - 1.5.28: New raster decoding (Luke Myers)
- Download/documentation: `http://hallaweb.jlab.org/podd/`
- Source code repository: `https://github.com/JeffersonLab/analyzer.git`
- Bug tracking using GitHub's issue tracker

Open Software Issues

- Core Analyzer
  - Decoders for pipelined readout modules: missing
  - Parallel processing on multi-core systems: not directly supported
  - Scalability to very large data sets: to be tested
- Specific experiments
  - G_M^p: FPP tracker plane (optional, see yesterday's G_M^p talk)
  - APEX: High-rate VDC track reconstruction
  - SBS: GEM tracker & calorimeter reconstruction
  - SBS GEp(5): Recoil polarimetery, kinematic correlation analysis
  - SBS SIDIS: RICH analysis & PID
  - Møller, SoLID: to be determined

Reconstruction Software Status & Tasks

Experiment	Base Software	Required Extensions	Status / Required By
GMp	C++ Analyzer	(FPP tracker integration)	Spring 2015
DVCS	C++ Analyzer	Photon detector analysis	Done
^{3}H/^{3}He	C++ Analyzer	BigBite MWDC track reconstruction	Done
A_1^n	C++ Analyzer	-	-
APEX	C++ Analyzer	High-rate VDC track reconstruction	Spring 2016
PREX/CREX	PAN & C++ Analyzer	-	-
SBS general	C++ Analyzer	• Analyzer parallelization • Pipelined electronics decoder • GEM track reconstruction • BigBite GEM/MWDC tracking • Calorimeter cluster reconstruction	≥ Fall 2017
SBS GEp(5)	C++ Analyzer	• Recoil polarimetry • Kinematic correlation analysis	≥ 2018?
SBS SIDIS	C++ Analyzer	• RICH analysis & PID	≥ late 2018?

Red: not yet written Purple: exists, but incomplete and/or not yet fully tested/integrated

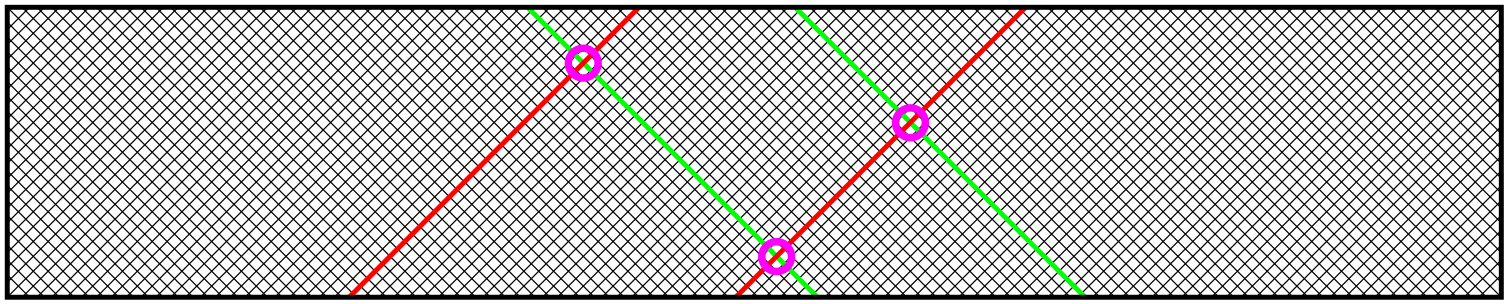
Decoders

- Object-oriented decoder framework (Bob Michaels)
  - Rewrite of existing `THaEvData`, `THaCodaDecoder`
  - Will allow extending decoding capabilities via plug-ins
  - Also, will allow flexible (non-hardcoded) handling of DAQ event types
  - Essentially finished, under testing. ETA Spring 2015.
- Pipelined electronics support
  - Under development: Bob Michaels, Dasuni Adikaram (new Hall A postdoc), Brad Sawatzky
  - Experimental decoders exist (*e.g.* FADC250)
  - Event "unblocking" to be implemented. Testing/development underway (Bryan Moffit, Dasuni)
  - ETA: sometime in 2015

Analyzer Parallelization

- Goal: provide automatic event-level parallelization of any replay
- Ideally, should be as transparent as possible to user code, *i.e.* no or only minimal code modifications necessary
- Initial code review shows that
  - Multi-threading of existing `THaAnalyzer` is possible and relatively easy
  - Required user code modifications:
    - ★ Replace globals like `gHaVars` with per-thread static members like `THaAnalysisObject::fgVars`
    - ★ Provide some form of virtual copy method (to be specified)
  - Most of the work will have to be done in the output module `THaOutput`. Could become a bottleneck due to slowness of ROOT file output.
- Significant project. Need about 3 months of (preferably uninterrupted) time
- ETA: hopefully in 2015

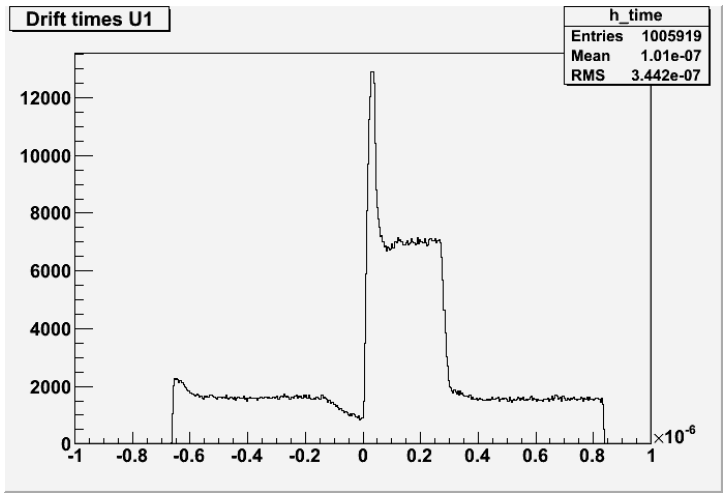
VDC Tracking Improvements I: Multi-Cluster Events

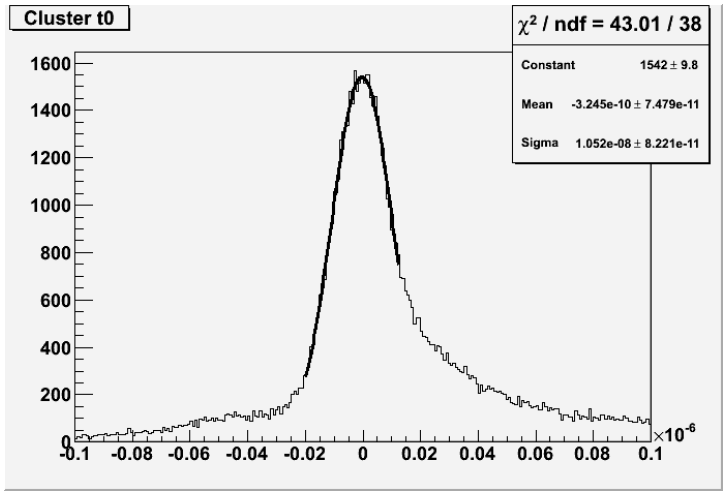


- At low rates, multiple clusters with $t_0 \approx 0$ may occur, often in close proximity to each other
- Long-standing problem. Probably caused by delta electrons
- Causes u-v matching ambiguity
- Cannot be fully resolved in software only, using only VDC data
- 3rd wire direction (expensive) or 3rd tracker plane (less effective) may help $\longrightarrow$ upcoming G_M^p experiment will test
- Fortunately, typically less than 10% of events are affected

VDC Tracking Improvements II: Accidental Coincidences

- Accidentals occur at high singles rates (MHz)
- Cause multiple cluster topology as in previous case
- Can be largely resolved in software only by performing non-linear 3-parameter fit to cluster TDC values to extract track time offset t_0
- $\approx \times 10$–20 background rejection with APEX test data
- Could likely be further improved with 3rd tracker plane, as in previous case
- Prototype analysis code written in 2010, improved version in 2014. To be tested & integrated.





VDC Analysis Software Status & Progress

A thorough code review in late 2013 revealed several bugs in the handling of multi-cluster VDC events. We concluded:

> The current VDC tracking algorithm is definitely broken for events with multiple clusters in more than one plane. Such events should be rejected in any analysis using the present code.

Since then

- Bugs have been fixed in development branch. To be included in next analyzer release
- Extensive additional VDC analysis code has been developed (improved cluster fitting, cluster splitting, global optimization)
- About 80% finished. To be tested.

Generic Simulation Decoder Framework

- Derived decoder class `Podd::SimDecoder`, designed for simulation data
- Provides generic access to MC truth data (tracks, hits), directly and via global variables
- Allows detailed studies of reconstruction performance, reasons for reconstruction failures, background contamination of measured signals etc.
- Doesn't come for free: user must implement actual interface to simulation data & fill data structures. Reconstruction code usually needs to be modified as well.

Database API

- Retain 1.5 API in v1.6+ for backward compatibility
- Only minimal code changes required (see code snippets)
- v1.6+ API allows different backends, *e.g.*
  - Hall A-style flat files
  - Hall C-style parameter file
  - MySQL server
- Backend can be set and/or configured from replay script

Podd 1.5 Database Access

```
UserDetector::ReadDatabase( const TDatime& date ) {
  FILE* file = OpenFile( date );
  DBRequest request[] = {
    { "planeconfig", &planeconfig, kString },
    { "MCdata",      &mc_data,     kInt,    0, 1 },
    { 0 }
  };
  Int_t err = LoadDB( file, date, request, fPrefix );
  fclose(file);
};
```

Podd 1.6+ Database Access

```
THaInterface.C:
  THaDB* gHaDB = new THaFileDB( DB_DIR );  // Default DB

UserDetector::ReadDatabase( const TTimeStamp& date ) {
  DBRequest request[] = {
    { "planeconfig", &planeconfig, kString },
    { "MCdata",      &mc_data,     kInt,    0, 1 },
    { 0 }
  };
  Int_t err = LoadDB( date, request, fPrefix );
  fclose(file);
};
```

Assorted Improvements

`std::vector` global variables

```
UserDetector.h:
  std::vector<float>  fData;

UserDetector::DefineVariables( EMode mode ) {
  RVarDef vars[] = {
    { "data", "Data values", "fData" }, // var-size array of floats
    { 0 }
  };
  return DefineVarsFromList( vars, mode );
};
```

Cuts defined on variable-size arrays

```
replay.cuts:
  Block: RawDecode

  FullTrack          MC.tr.n==1&&MC.tr.planebits[0]==0xFF
  RawDecode_master   FullTrack
```

Next Release: Podd 1.6

- Object-oriented decoder ✓
- VDC bugfixes ✓
- Simulation decoder framework ✓
- Improved tests & formulas ✓
- `std::vector` global variables ✓
- Rewritten `THaDecData` & `VDCeff` modules ✓
- Abstract database interface ✓
- Time-zone safe `TTimeStamp` for time stamps
- Test & validation procedures ✓
- EVIO unbundled ✓
- Code split into core and hall-specific libraries

✓ done, ✓ partly done

ETA: Spring 2015

SBS Software

- Beginning to take shape
- Reconstruction software development started
  - Track reconstruction based on neural network algorithm & Kalman filter (INFN)
  - Calorimeter cluster finding (UConn)
  - RICH analysis (UConn)
- Simulations work ongoing (Seamus Riordan coordinating)
  - Meetings every two weeks
  - Active GitHub repository
  - Need to develop common interfaces, database
  - Digitization to be done

Collaboration with Hall C

- Hall C migrating to C++ analyzer based on Hall A framework
- Found that Hall C code seamlessly integrates into framework (only very minor changes needed)
- Common developments
  - SCons build system
  - Database interface (in progress)
  - Object-oriented decoder (in progress)
  - Code validation tools (in progress)
- Regular meeting every two weeks
- Collaboration on code via GitHub

January 2015 Analysis Workshop

- Joint Hall A & C analysis workshop planned for Wednesday, **January 14, 2015** (before Hall C meeting). Formal announcement forthcoming.
- More detailed presentation of many topics of this talk as well as Hall C analyzer development
- Contributions welcome, including work on current experiments

Conclusions

- Core Hall A analysis software needs upgrades for post-2015 12 GeV experiments
- Work has been ongoing throughout 2014
- Additional manpower very desirable to keep schedule!
- Collaboration with Hall C has already proven to be very productive. Looking forward to continuing the good work.
- Release 1.6 planned for spring 2015