Investigating the performance of ROOTbased data formats. Exploring storage settings and cloud solutions.

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Optimizing ATLAS simulation workflow: impact of different build types

- Comparison between multi-library dynamic, single dynamic library and static builds;
- Static build shows an improvement of up to 7%;
- The single library approach exhibits an increase of ~ 10% in executuion time;
- Promising results have been obtained with a single static library: improvement up to 6-7%.



[1] https://indico.cern.ch/event/1106118/contributions/4693145/attachments/2376280/4059683/G4TF Report 20Jan22 Final.pdf

[2] https://doi.org/10.1051/epjconf/202024505037

[3] https://doi.org/10.1051/epjconf/202125103005

Optimizing ATLAS simulation workflow: implementation of new shapes

- Ongoing effort to increase the efficiency of the ATLAS TRT geometry description;
- TRT is composed of 96 trapezoidal modules grouped in 3 types characterized by an increasingly larger cross-sectional area and the design comprises 1642 straws, which must be simulated individually;
- The current implementation takes advantage of boolean solids: two triangular prisms are merged together by their common face;
- In recent developments, two new shapes have been made available:
 - the arbitrary trapezoid Arb8;
 - the boundary representation Brep.
- A positive improvement of 1.5% is observed for the Arb8 representation, whereas the BRep solid exhibits a minor degradation with respect to the reference boolean solids.



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Optimizing ROOT storage settings for DAOD PHYSLITE: motivations

- ATLAS must also address the problem of data derivation storage. During Run 2 ATLAS deployed an analysis model that produced large data duplication:
 - Primary Analysis Object Data (AOD) taking up to 30% of total storage;
 - Derived AOD occupying another 40%.
- From Run 3 more compact analysis data formats able to reduce data duplication will be considered:
 - DAOD_PHYS: with a maximum size of 50 kB/event;
 - DAOD_PHYSLITE: with a size of 10/15 kB/event.

Optimizing ROOT storage settings for DAOD PHYSLITE: purpose

- Estimate the impact that different file compression algorithms and storage options provided by ROOT have on:
 - The primary xAOD files;
 - The derivative formats (DxAOD files);
 - The DAOD_PHYS and DAOD_PHYSLITE new data formats (in progress).

- Evaluate the impact on:
 - file size;
 - reading speeds from disk.



Optimizing ROOT storage settings for DAOD PHYSLITE: methods

- So far, the measurements are done for a primary xAOD file and three different derivation samples:
 - Primary xAOD (ttbar events);
 - Big DxAOD (TOPQ1, ~170kB per event on average);
 - Medium DxAOD (SUSY5, ~60kB per event on average);
 - Small DxAOD (TRUTH3, ~5kB per event on average).
- The measurements consider different compression algorithms provided by ROOT:
 - LZ4 (9 different compression levels);
 - ZLIB (9 different compression levels);
 - LZMA (9 different compression levels).
- All tests in this study collect I/O performance metrics while reading the test files from disk.

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- Implement and test an ATLAS analysis workflow on cloud resources (for example using CNAF's resources):
- Caveat: ATLAS is not new to this type of approach: some tools have already been developed (such as batch jobs scripts, VM provisioning);
- Aspects that can/should be investigated:
 - distribution of the ATLAS code -> code/functions modularity;
 - resource allocation;
 - data access.



Thank you for the attention