

Trigger Operations Review: Offline Monitoring

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Trigger Offline Monitoring

Task of the offline monitoring:

- Assess the quality of data taken by the ATLAS Trigger
 - Analyse debug stream in CERN Analysis Facility (CAF) – identify frequent errors/bugs/problems
 - Analyse monitoring histograms from Tier0 and correlate them with the online histograms
 - Produce an assessment of the trigger Data Quality to be used to guide later analysis

But also:

- Processing/reprocessing stored data to test new software and menus
 - Using the CAF to run AthenaMT/PT on recent data to test new menus or algorithms before they go online
 - Producing HLT data when high level trigger not active in the run
 - Produce ESD's and monitoring output from jobs that failed Tier0 or where the HLT was not available
 - Special monitoring jobs that cannot run at Tier0
 - Etc...
- Especially important during commissioning:
 - Needs to provide a way to react quickly to changes in the menu etc
 - Essential tool to inform decisions (new menu/algorithms safe for online running) and produce data for slice commissioning studies

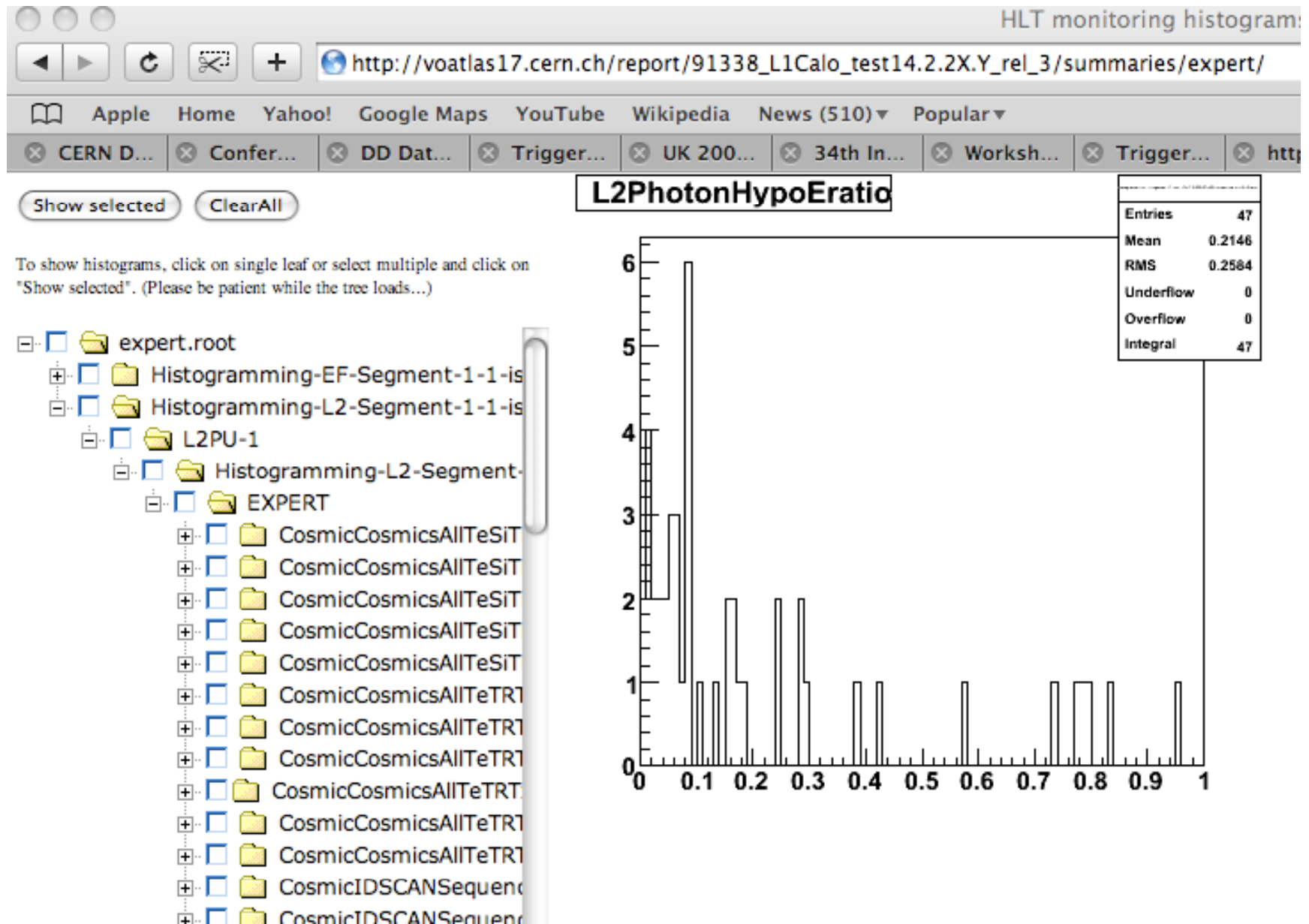
Tools and organisation

Organisation:

- Monitoring shifter – verify histograms; launch monitoring jobs
- Offline trigger expert – understand current operational issues; report findings; route problem reports; ... act as glue between trigger operations side and monitoring

Tools:

- CAF: account: trigcomm
 - Dedicated batch queue with 64 CPUs
 - Access to castor and t0atlas (express and debug streams)
- HDEBUG package (Hegoi Garitaonandia)
 - Wrapper around AthenaMT/PT, based on GANGA, to launch batch jobs in the CAF
 - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/Atlas/OfflineHLT>
- Set of scripts to analyse and publish debug stream HLT errors (Anna Sfyrla)
 - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/Atlas/IsolateEventsDEBUG>
- Monitoring package TrigHLTMonitoring (Martin Zur Nedden) to produce monitoring histograms from bytestream files (w/trigger)
- Set of scripts (Aart Heijboer) to run TrigHLTMonitoring on the CAF
 - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/Atlas/OfflineHLTMonitoring>



Review of the Offline Monitoring

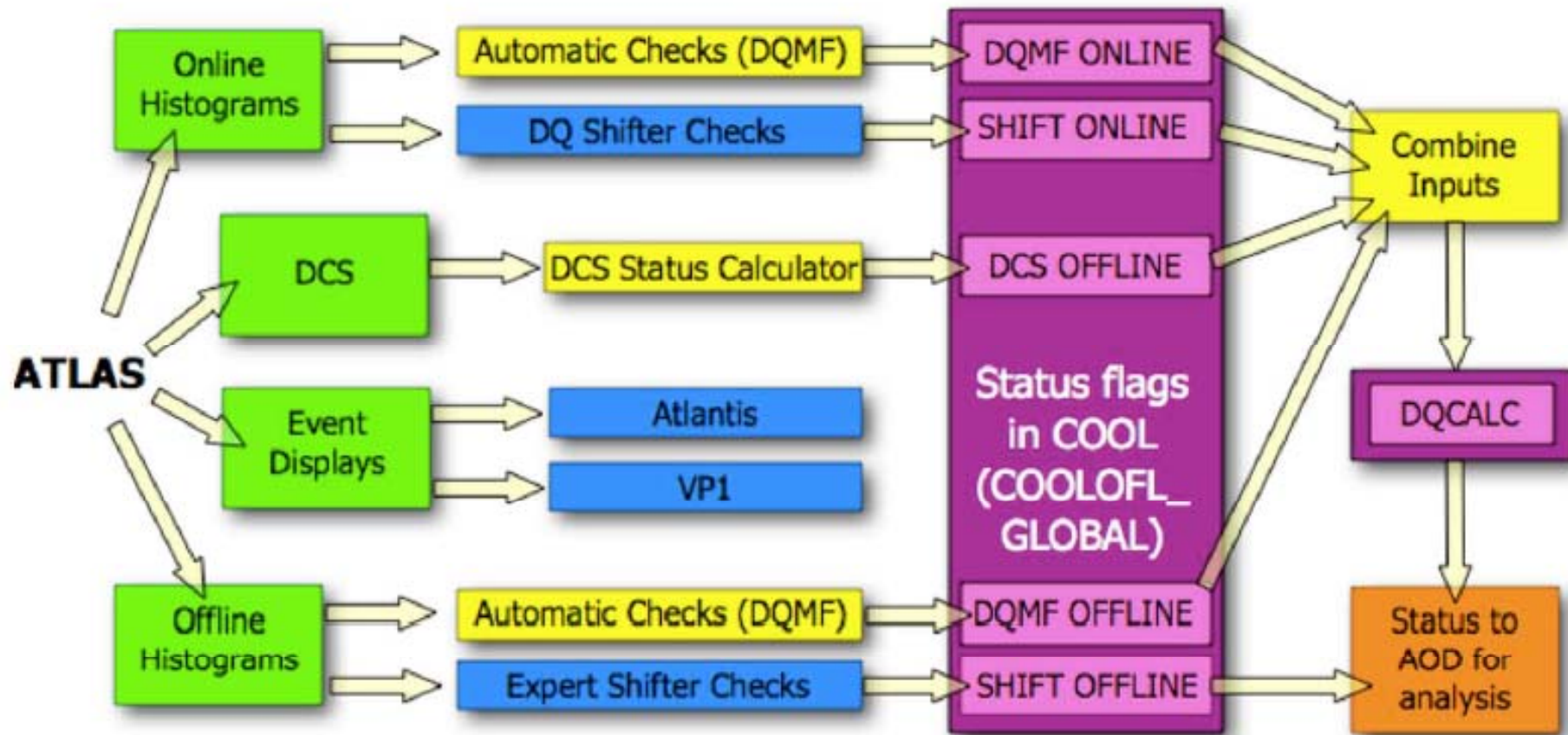
- Analyse:
 - Monitoring procedures in 2008 run
 - Existing tools, together with experts, and find what should be improved
 - Existing hardware resources and possible needs
 - Roles of trigger expert and shifter, together with people who recently filled this role: how are findings communicated? What are the needs of documentation and training?
- Expected outcomes:
 - List of areas that need to be improved
 - Software, computing resources, documentation, etc
 - Description of tasks for shifter and expert with clear list of responsibilities
 - Including what information is needed from/for each, how this is transmitted, and expected workload

First thoughts...

- Shifter should spend most of her time checking data quality
 - Increase automatisisation as much as possible
 - Interpretation of histograms needs to be addressed – eventually an (automatic) comparison with reference histogram, but first...
 - Possible improvements to both documentation and training
 - Infrastructure and procedure used for testing new menus may be further improved
- Shifter can safely be a remote task; not expert, for now
 - Significant workload for both roles during 2008 run – both are needed
- Take advantage of commonality with offline monitoring whenever possible
 - Address filling of Data Quality flags in conditions DB , etc...

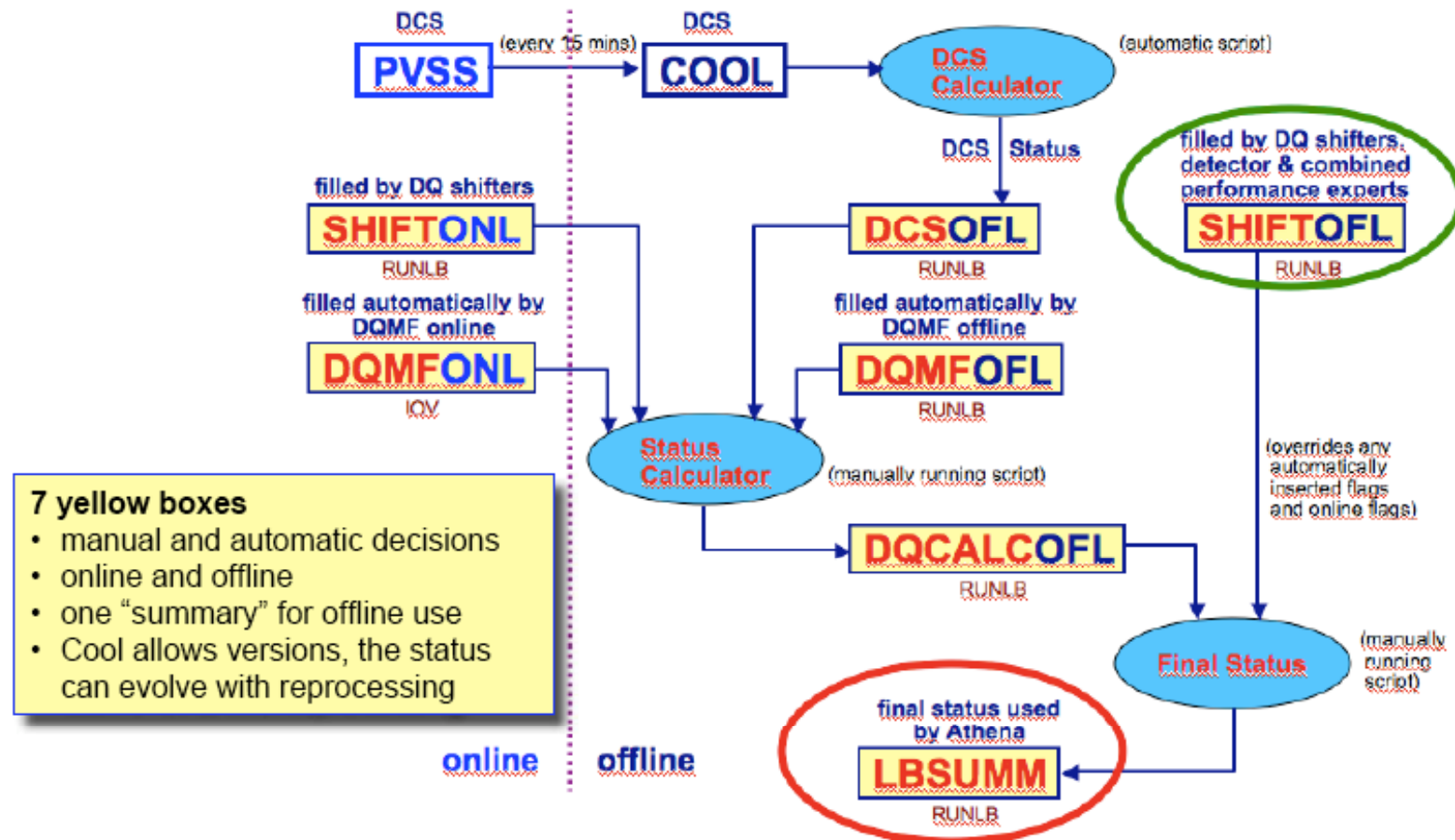
Communicating results: DQ flags

- There are Status flags reserved for DQ information in the Conditions database (already being filled by some detector groups)
- This is the obvious place to keep DQ information
 - Not yet clear how this info will be accessed by the physics users
- Existing trigger flags are a first guess: **L1CAL**, **L1MU**, **L1CTP**, **HLTL2**, **HLTEF**
 - Would be good to converge on a new proposal from the trigger before the next open meeting (10th December)
- Even more important than having a set of flags: we need **to guarantee that they will be filled** for every potentially interesting run
 - Will be used by trigger, physics, and combined performance to decide which runs to use
 - Current solution of Wiki filled by hand will not scale
- See Szymon's talk in last Core SW & Slices meeting:
<http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=27835>



Katharine Leney

The DQ flags exist multiple times



Status Flags - DQ Workshop

Michael Hauschild, 14-Nov-2008, page 2

Conclusions & Outlook

- The offline trigger monitoring tools and procedures were successfully exercised in the 2008 run
 - Needs to mature further for 2009 run
 - Review will try to help with that
- Design and use of Data Quality flags needs input from trigger and to be included in the on/offline monitoring procedure

Backup

Open questions...

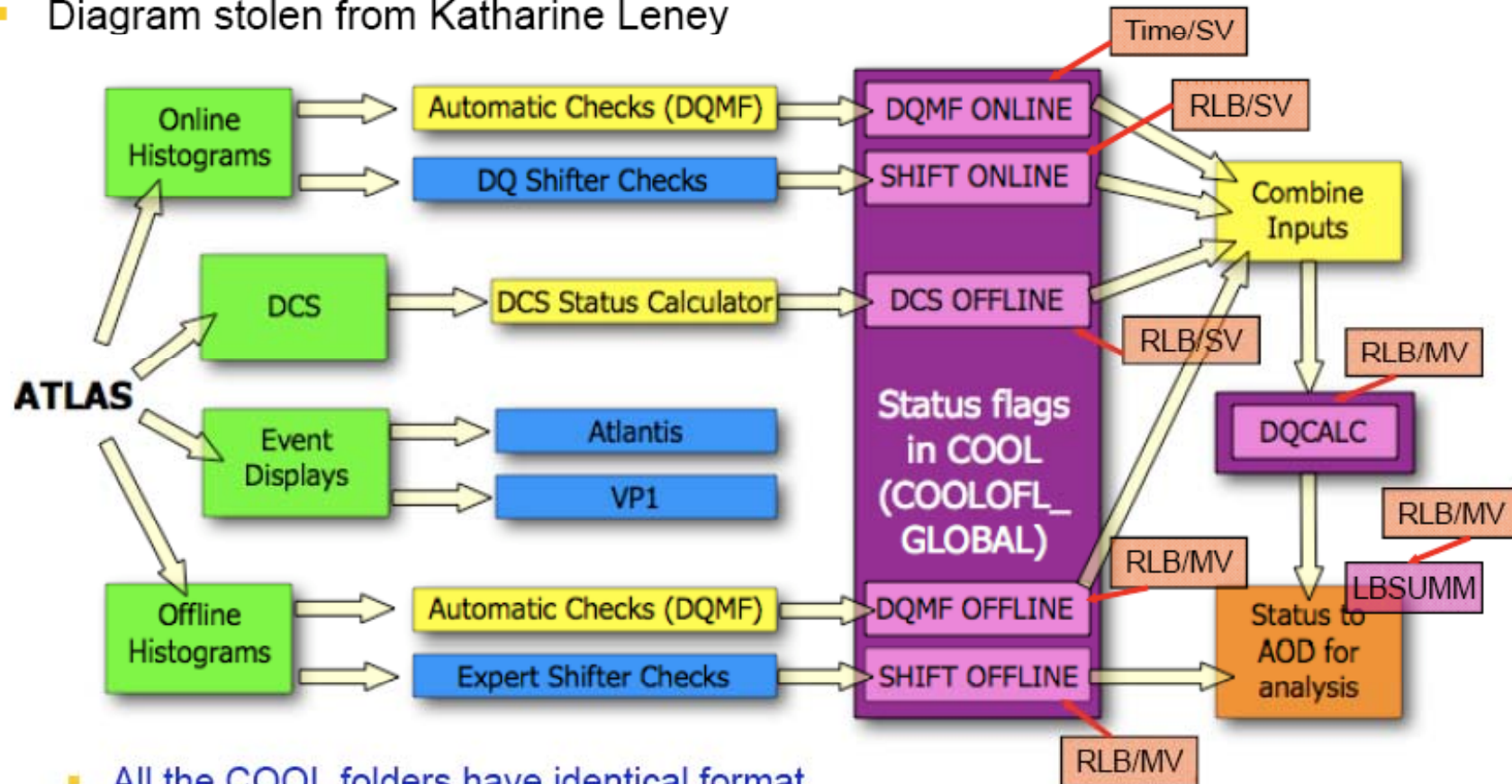
- How are jobs submitted? It is automatic enough?
- What tools exist and which are still needed?
- Where and how the log files and other data is stored?
- How is the run information stored? (configuration, conditions, DCS)
- How results are published and documented?
- Is the infrastructure for testing fast/prepared enough?
- How should the histograms checking work?
- What should be the interaction with the slice experts? (I believe this will improve when we are in beam)
- How the report of the shifter per run should be given?
- What other tools/system do we need?. For example, a system to merge events from different streams removing duplicated events to recheck the streaming part
- etc....



Detector status data-flow



- Diagram stolen from Katharine Leney



- All the COOL folders have identical format
 - Timestamp/RLB single/multi-version)

13th November 2008

Richard Hawkings

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Data Quality DB Status Browser -

Database: OFLP200_DQMF with tag DetStatusDQMF

Read-only

Timestamps are UTC: add 2 hours for Geneva Sun

+ Debug info

Help

	Good	Flawed	Bad	Unknown	Empty																						
Run 52300	Inner Detector												Calorimeters														
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Run Summary
e-log entry

Options for the Trigger flags

1. We keep the status quo because we are happy with it.
 - We start providing the information.
2. We keep the status quo because we can't decide yet. We need experience with data. We decide after some data taking takes place.
 - We provide the information at least when it is trivial. e.g. on/off.
3. We introduce flags per slice (10 or 11).
 - Large correlation between slices due to common issues related to detectors, e.g. calorimeter calibration or Inner Detector alignment.
 - We can establish who is responsible.
4. We introduce Trigger flags per subdetector used by the Trigger (ID, Calo, Muon).
 - Correlated with subdetector status flags.
 - Responsibility is less clear to start with.
5. Other?