# Data Processing for CLAS12

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## **WHY?**

#### HIPO:

- Custom Data format was introduced to deal with our daily needs.
- Compression is needed for large scale data (RG-A spring has 100 time more data than G11)
- Debugging requires fast random read data format, multithreaded enabled.
- Bucket/Record Tagging ability for big data.
- Was designed having our needs in mind.

#### COULD WE USE A STANDARD FORMAT ?:

- EVIO NO random read for files >2GB, NO compression.
- LCIO been told by people who use it "Don't use it"
- APACHE slow readout time, NO random read
- HDDM (Gluex) NO random read, NO multithreading, NO JAVA interface
- HDF5 NO native JAVA interface, NO predefined structures, SLOW compression algorithm

### News

#### HIPO-4 TRANSITION:

- Forth generation of HIPO library is introduced to CLAS12 reconstruction environment.
- File index structure is modified to include tag information for each record. Significantly improved IOPS.
- Writer allows multi-tag output, flexible configuration for basket sizes for each tag.

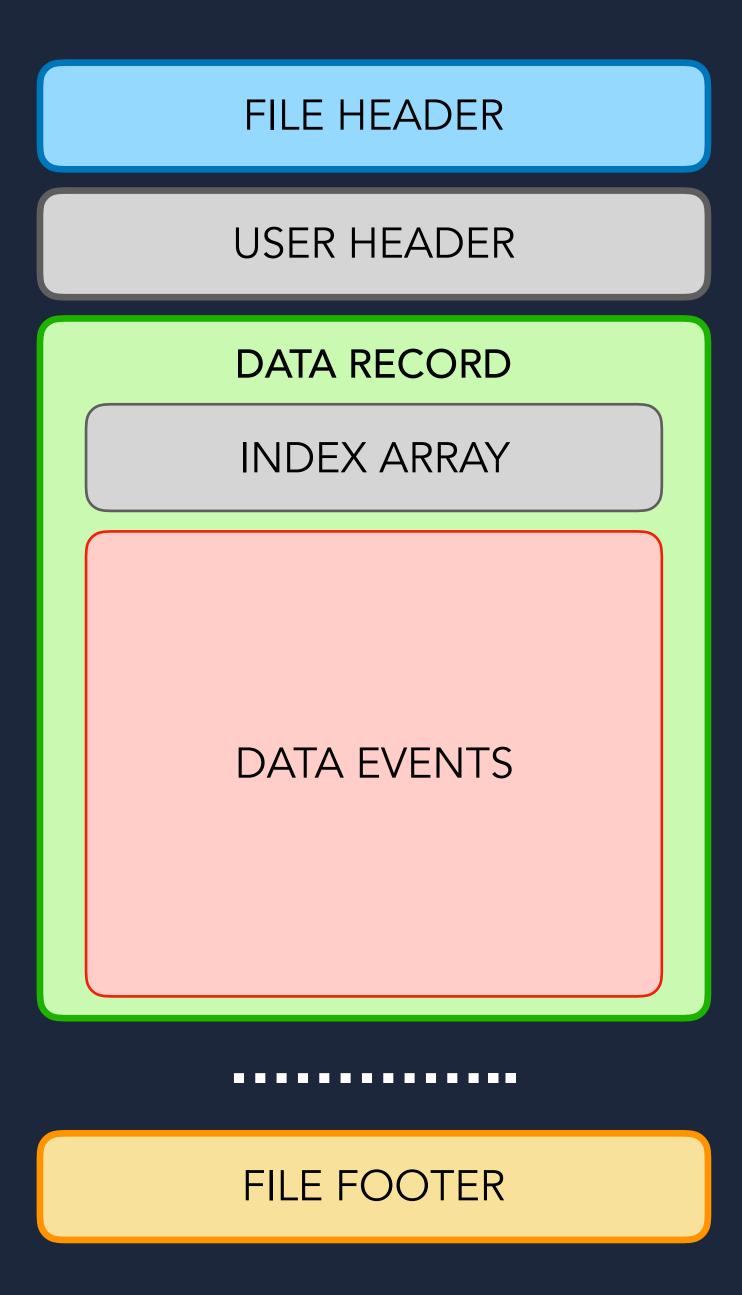
#### **PROGRESS:**

- Decoder conversion is complete.
- Reconstruction engine conversion is complete.
- CLARA/IO services updated to HIPO-4
- DataSource interfaces are switched to HIPO-4
- New DataSource interfaces are implemented for backward compatibility with HIPO-3.
- C++ Reader for HIPO-4 is complete.

#### **TO DO:**

- Convert CLARA Trains 10 services to HIPO-4.
- Implement FORTRAN wrapper.

## HIPO Data Format (File Format)



#### **User Header**

Contains information about the record dictionary, format. User specified parameters related to conditions of the experiment.

#### Data Record

Compressed buffer of data consisting of events and index. Record header provides number of events and the TAG for the record. Data records are typically ~8 MB.

#### **Index Array**

Array of event offsets inside the event buffer.

Dynamically creates event random access table.

#### FILE FOOTER

Contains positions of every record in the file with number of events for fast random access. Also has tags for each Data Record.

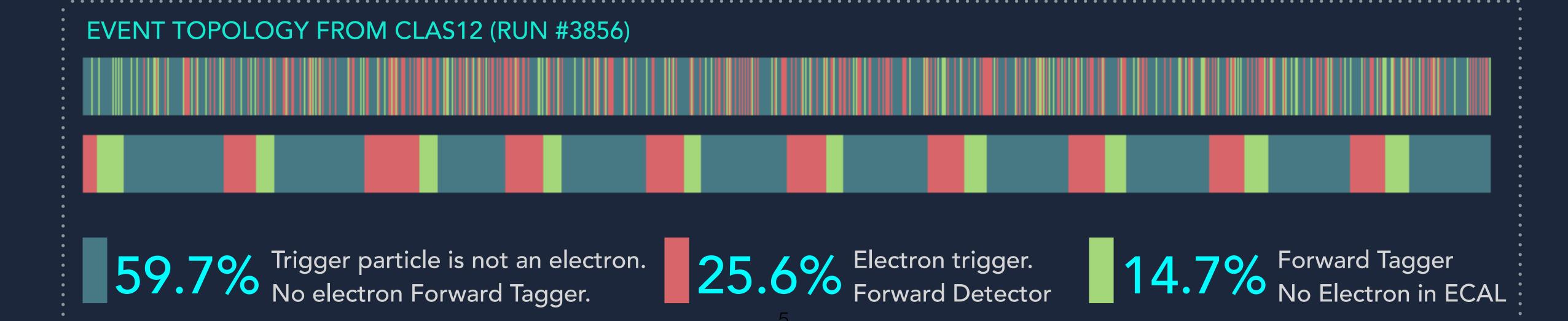
## Data Formats

#### DATA RECORD TAGGING

- Tagging mechanism for events inside the file.
- SCALER/EPICS events are assigned unique tags, they appear in separate records and can be read separately from other events.
- Events topologies will also be tagged for considerable speed up in skimming stage.

#### UTILITIES

- New file filtering mechanism is implemented with regular expressions.
- Filtering files with expression parsing is being developed.
- Merging files now preserves the tagged structure of input files, other tags can be also introduced.



## BACKUP SLIDES