

PANData ODI

WP8:Specification of a common authentication system

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1) pNexus API. Develop a pHDF5 compliant Nexus API.

2) Investigate parallel file systems.

Investigate a small number of promising parallel (distributed) file systems with respect to stability, usability, operational costs and efforts support.

3) Investigate implementations on specific file systems Investigate MPI-I/O implementations and pHDF5/pNexus on an even smaller number of preselected file systems

4) Coupling of advanced (pre-)processing engines.

Test the capability of the system to cope with multiple parallel data streams. This will contain for example explicit tests feeding a pHDF5-file consisting of a large number of individual images into a multi-core analysis engine.

5) Demonstration with WP5

- Find possibilities for applications
- Implement specific applications in the framework and demonstrate and evaluate the potential of this approach.





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D8.1: Definition of pHDF5 capable Nexus implementation (Month 9) – Software

D8.2: Evaluation of Parallel file systems and MPI I/O implementations (Month 9) - Report

D8.3: Implementation of pNexus and MPI I/O on parallel file systems (Month 21) - Prototype

D8.5: Examination of Distributed parallel file system (Month 21) - Report

D8.6: Demonstrate capabilities on selected applications (Month 21) - Demonstrator

D8.7: Evaluation of coupling of prototype to multi-core architectures (Month 30) - Report





Specification	PCO4000	PCO-Edge	Pilatus6M	Excalibur
Frame	2D	2D	2D	2-3D
Scan Size	1D	1D	1-3D	1-2D
Data Rate	100MB/s	700MB/s	300MB	600MB/s
Status	Complete	ln Development	100MB/s Complete	ln Development

- Status
 - Single Process solution complete and included in EPICS areaDetector Distribution 1.7
 - Parallel writer project under active development.
 - Basic prototype under testing





- Store all frames as a single HDF5 NeXus formatted file.
 - Even from Parallel Hardware
- Store as N-dimensional datasets.
 - 2-3 Dimensions per frame
 - M Scan dimensions.
 - Selectable chunking to match post-processing requirements.
- Disk I/O performance to match detector readout speed.
 Specifically for DLS Parallel Lustre systems
- Benchmarking test system for testing storage performance against new detector types.





- Data stored in a single HDF5 NeXus formatted file.
- Scalable performance across large numbers of processing nodes.
- Final Application which can be run as an MPI Job capable of :
 - Providing data slices to a user supplied library, through a simple API which eliminates the need for the developer to know pHDF5 or MPI.
 - Save data slices to an intermediate file format to facilitate exiting processing applications.
 - Benchmark parallel read performance on different cluster systems.





- Basic prototype system in place and good speeds achieved in testing.
 - Line speed/Lustre limits achieved with multiple aligned chunk reading.
 - Lower performance as expected with reading across chunks, which needs to be optimised with the writing process.
- Under Development
 - Complete API and Example processing libraries.
 - Ability to write back results to the same or a different file.





Integration of PANData work into DAWN/SDA











