Conditions DB ↔ DAQ configuration DB

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One of main motivations for ECL to keep electronics configuration consistent with Conditions DB is ShaperDSP logic check procedure in DQM.

This check will fail on correct data if:

- DSP coefficients in FPGA $\neq$ DSP coefficients in DQM.
- Thresholds in FPGA $\neq$ Thresholds in DQM.

Electronics configuration is also relevant for simulation and reconstruction.
Updating HLT payloads after changes to the hardware

Workflow during maintenance day

- ECL maintenance work is done. (example: Shaper board is replaced)
- Generate new payloads for energy calibration, time calibration, DSP coefficients.
- ECLCollectors flash memory
  Update DSP data
- ConditionsDB, staging online
  Update payloads
- HLT uses wrong payloads
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  HLT uses correct payloads
- ConditionsDB, online
  Online integration convener updates GT

- This means that DQM will use invalid payloads for some time period. Logic test will fail, HLT software trigger will use outdated calibrations.
- Note: it is not possible to get actual version of DSP data in DQM.
- From my experience, online integration convener usually updates the database very quickly, so it is not a major problem.
- Still, it might be useful to consider backup options, in case both conveners are unavailable.
  - Authorize run coordinator to approve staging requests?
ECL configuration in DAQ DB

- To reduce complexity in configuration management, each configuration type has a single configuration object for all COPPERs (instead of 52 objects, as it has been initially).

- The following naming schema has been introduced for setting sector-specific configuration:
  - all-thr1 : 30 # threshold_1 = 30 for all channels.
  - barr-thr1 : 31 # threshold_1 = 31 for barrel channels.
  - fwd-thr1 : 32 # threshold_1 = 32 for forward endcap channels.
  - bwd-thr1 : 33 # threshold_1 = 33 for backward endcap channels.

- Runtype-independent information is stored in separate DBObjects.

- DBObjects in *cursive* need to be synchronized back to ConditionsDB.
Management of ECL energy thresholds

- There is one manually defined conversion from ConditionsDB to DAQ DB and one conversion from DAQ DB to ConditionsDB.
- Same procedures are prepared for attenuator coefficients.
- Similar procedures are planned for DBObjects with run-specific configuration.
If other people also do something similar, it might be worthwhile to have a standardized procedure for data transfer between two databases.

**DBObjects ↔ ConditionsDB payloads**

- Payload with key-value container.
- Then conversion will work even after major changes in DBObject structure. (ECL configuration DBObject have changed a lot since the start of Phase 3, in response to firmware updates and WF saving problems)

**ConditionsDB payloads ↔ DBObjects**

- TBufferJSON::ConvertToJSON(obj) can probably be used...
- Are there any other possible solutions?

- Both of these conversion procedures might be useful, but not truly necessary for ECL.
- Will this conversion scheme be useful for anyone else?
backup
Changing DAQ DB configuration based on run type

- To reduce human error, some parts of ECL configuration are adjusted automatically based on run type.

  ```
  // On RC_LOAD
  if (run_type_from_RUNCONTROL == "debug") {
    save_waveform_data = 0;
  } else {
    save_waveform_data = 1;
  }
  ```

- This feature is useful but such parameters are currently hardcoded in `daq_slc/copper/ecl/src/ECLFEE.c` as runtype-dependent.

- Is something like this used by other subdetectors?

- One alternative is to increase complexity of configuration structure by adding extended interpretable statements:
  ```
  waveform_saving : "runtype == 'debug' ? 0 : 1"
  ```