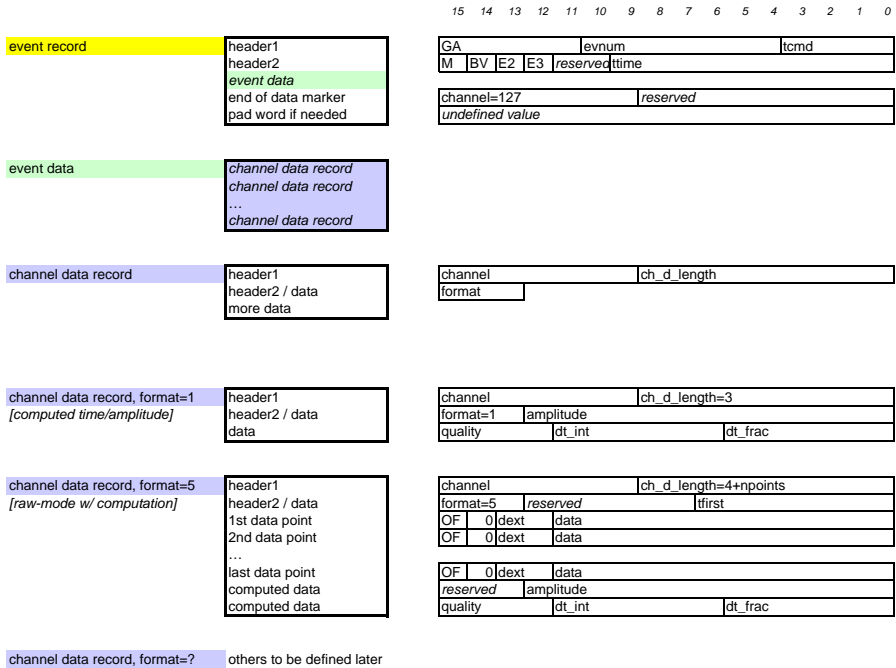


Note: 1. everything is entirely based on 16-bit words. Of course 32 or 64 bit VME accesses can/will be used for readout.  
 2. A block header/trailer is not defined here. This can be added if required, it has not much impact on the data volume or anything else on-board.



slot / event number (local scaler) / trigger command nibble  
 M bit (=0 if empty, =1 if data follows) / error bits (prior busy violation, err2, err3) / trigger timestamp (local scaler)  
 this is a variable length list, 1 to 128 channel data records (defined below) = 2 to 65536 words  
 this has same format as channel data record header1, but "channel number" is 127 here  
 0 or 1 pad words to ensure that event record is a multiple of 4 bytes, undefined value (e.g. do not assume it is zero)

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channel number / channel data length count (words, including this one, i.e., add to current word index to skip to next channel)  
 format code  
 variable length list, 0 to 510 more words; may be fixed length for some formats of course  
 NOTE: channel 0-71 correspond to input channels; others 72-126 are reserved for inserting other data items, e.g., interpolated cathode positions  
 NOTE 2: If "channels" 72-126 are used, they may be used repeatedly. There will be at most 128 "channel" data records.

channel number / channel data length count (words, including this one, i.e., add to current word index to skip to next channel)  
 format code / computed amplitude (13 bits)  
 quality bits (e.g. chisq of fit) / integer part of computed time offset from trigger (range 512 ns) / fractional part of computed time offset from trigger (resolution 125 ps)

channel number, channel data length count (words, including this one, i.e., add to current word index to skip to next channel)  
 format code = 001 / first data point time offset from trigger (range 1024 ns)  
 overflow bit / data bits 13-12 (for testing w/ 14-bit ADC) / data bits 11-0

computed amplitude (13 bits)  
 quality bits (e.g. chisq of fit) / integer part of computed time offset from trigger (range 512 ns) / fractional part of computed time offset from trigger (resolution 125 ps)

**example** datastream: empty event followed by an event with 4 hits (channels 13,14,15,70) and then another empty event  
 note: time values here assume sample clock was 125 MHz

0x1801	event=0
0x8023	ttime=280 ns, empty event
0x1811	event=1
0x007d	ttime=1000 ns, non-empty event
0x1a03	ch=13
0x2357	amplitude=855
0x0388	dt=113 ns, i.e., pulse time = 1000 ns - [LATENCY_REG] + 113 ns
0x1c03	ch=14
0x37e5	amplitude=6117
0x038f	dt=113.875 ns
0x1e03	ch=15
0x23c1	amplitude=961
0x037d	dt=111.625 ns
0x8c03	ch=70
0x207b	amplitude=123
0x09e4	dt=316.5 ns
0xfe00	end of data
0xbeef	pad word
0x1821	event=2
0x81dc	ttime=3808 ns