Real-Time Physics Analysis using AI Track Reconstruction Online

LDRD Proposal





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Outline







- What is the problem we are trying to solve?
- The goal of the project
- Feasibility studies
 - Budget

Milestones















- Can we reduce the data in real time?
- Processing events with identified electrons is 7 times faster. (at 15% purity) Can we use AI to identify events that are worth keeping?
- What will happen with the transition to Streaming Readout? Are we ready?
- Can we do it at DAQ rates?











Hall B Streaming DAQ Diagram



VXS CRATES

FRAME ROUTERS (shown one, can be as many as needed, all running using the same scheduler)

Can we organize the output data by event topology in real-time?



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Streaming DAQ Hall-B

- 2 sectors are implemented (only Forward)
- Data rate 2.5 GB/sec (for 2 sectors Forward)
- Expected Rate: 15 GB/sec
- With Luminosity upgrade 50 GB/sec



DATA PROCESSORS/ **EVENT BUILDERS**













The Goal

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We propose to use AI to select events in the DAQ stream.

- Find segments in drift chambers from raw hits
- Identify tracks based on combinations of segments
- Find track parameters (momentum, direction, vertex)
- Identify electrons by matching tracks to relevant detectors (ECAL and Cherenkov) Select events that satisfy physics trigger requirements













What is missing?

1 GB/sec (SRO 50) GB/sec



Convert data to EVIO

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300 GB/sec (SRO 3-5 GB/sec)

A fast multithreaded converter to convert EVIO to HiPO Apply translation tables, construct the data for Al

Clustering algorithm to find segments in drift chambers Current segment finder can not keep up with data rates

Track finder identifies correct segment combinations And outputs track candidates.

For track candidates from AI track finder predicts tracks' momentum, direction, and vertex

Develop AI infrastructure to associate tracks with Other detector components, train on data to identify electrons

Reconstruction

Initial estimates suggest 92% purity

Feasibility studies were done



Components Exist

To be developped



















Segment Finding (to be developed)

- 6 sectors with 6 chambers in each sector (called super-layers)
- 6 wire planes in each super layer with 6-degree tilt relative to each other, (112 wires in each plane)







Need to develop fast AI based segment finding algorithm (The reconstruction segment finder is 6 Hz) Not suitable for online

- Find segments in each super layer (remove noise)
- Combine 6 segments (one from each super layer) to make a list of possible tracks
- Identify correct combinations of segments that represent a track











What do we have now





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CLAS12 Track Reconstruction with Artificial Intelligence Gagik Gavalian (Jefferson Lab), Pet all e-Print: 2205.02616 [physics.ins-det]









What do we have now













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Regression Neural network to predict the track momentum and direction. The track momentum is reconstructed with an accuracy of 1.4%-1.7%

Event topologies can be cleanly identified using particle parameters inferred by the neural network.









Feasibility tests

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- Clustering Algorithm:
 - Convolutional Neural network with logistic regression to identify possible cluster positions.
 - Currently at 80% efficiency
- Proposed work:
 - Investigate algorithms to identify clusters fast and with higher efficiency











Feasibility tests









- Initial Tests:
 - A Neural Network to predict the track's impact point on the calorimeter surface.
 - Capable of predicting position within one strip
- Future Developments:
 - Extend the network to predict the track's impact position with all the detectors on the track's path
 - Construct dependency graph for detector responses
 - Develop electron identification algorithm (first)
 - Develop general particle identification









Budget

Requested funds:

- processing and deployment. Development of data translation online.
- and reconstruction procedures (1 year only)

New hire postdoc with skills in AI:

- Develop clustering algorithm for drift chambers
- events.
- Continue work on electron identification.
- online data selection and filtering efficiency.



25% of PI's time to coordinate the developments and implementation full chain of data

• 0.2 FTE for Hall-B post-doc (Richard Tyson CO-PI) to continue his work on detector matching for tracks and electron identification. Training the new hire with CLAS12 data

Develop neural network architecture for particle identification from detector hits.

Help implement the workflow for analyzing streaming readout data and filtering the

• 0.3 FTE for student work to help write validation and monitoring software for checking





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Milestones

First Year (first 6 months):

- Develop online multithreaded data converter Develop track segment finder (fast, multithreaded)
- **First Year (second 6 months):**
 - Work on neural networks for track detector matching
 - Implement electron identification neural networks
- **Second Year (third 6 months):**

 - Implement the track finder and electron identification online Validate the results compared to conventional reconstruction Implement SRO data reading and converting software
- Second Year (fourth 6 months):
 - Work on publication



Run the developed data reduction software on SRO output (hopefully taken next Spring)





Summary

Impact and strategic value to the Laboratory's mission:

- Efficient data taking at current and higher luminosities
- Ability to run at higher luminosities using Streaming Readout (significant reduction of data volume)
- Much faster turnaround for data processing (from experimental data to physics results) Sharing our experience with other Halls/Experiments
- **Level of Innovation:**
 - Hall-B is the only experiment using AI tracking in production (to the best of my knowledge) already leading to a >60% increase in statistics for physics observables.
 - Using AI for data reduction and event topology identification in real-time is a first at the lab. **Using State of the art Neural Networks:**

- The choice of the neural network architectures in this work is based on the requirement of inference speed.
- A more modern and powerful network will not be able to process data at a rate of 12 kHz/core (needed for streaming readout applications)



















Backup

BACK UP SLIDES

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Physics reactions can be cleanly identified using particle parameters inferred by the neural network.







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Distributions calculated from track reconstruction from RAW Drift Chamber hits

Inference speed 96 kHz on a laptop (MacBook M3)



