

Real-time Anomaly Detection on Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber Wire Data

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Introduction

- Real-Time Anomaly Detection: NSF-funded collaborative project between
 Columbia and Princeton Universities
 - Columbia (Neutrino) G. Karagiorgi (PI), S. Chung, J. Cleeve, A. Malige (Now at BNL)
 - Princeton (Collider) I. Ojalvo (PI), L. Gerlach, A. Ji, A. Pol (Now at Thomson Reuters Lab)
- Apply CMS <u>CICADA</u> network for anomaly detection in LArTPC raw data
 - Chung, et al., "Neural Network with Knowledge Distillation for Anomaly Detection in Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers", *in preparation, to be submitted to JINST*
- Fast Inference for Rare Events based on Features in Liquid-argon ionization imagerY (FIREFLY)





Why Real-time Triggering?

- Modern particle experiments generate large amount of data
- Impossible to save all; store in temporary buffer
- Need selection (trigger) which decides whether to keep buffer data or not





Why Trigger on Anomalies? - Data-driven Trigger

- Experiments utilize different triggers for different physics signals of interest
 - Short Baseline Neutrino (SBN) Program
 - Neutrinos from beam External beam + coincidence light trigger
 - Supernova neutrinos External SNEWS trigger from telescopes, delay ~ minutes
- Larger experiments (e.g. DUNE) will be generating much larger data rates
- Cannot afford buffering the data for long, requiring them to have a data-driven trigger





Why Trigger on Anomalies? - Anomaly Trigger

- Trigger needs to be designed based on expected particle signature
 could be model dependent, signature for new physics is unknown
- Model-independent; learning from data
- Anomaly trigger already being used in some CMS triggers



https://github.com/AdrianAlan/L1CaloTriggerAD https://cds.cern.ch/record/2879816?In=en During this workshop:

- CMS AXOL1TL Trigger, Melissa Quinnan
- CMS CICADA Trigger, Kiley Kennedy



Detecting Anomalies

- Utilize Autoencoder, learns common features in data through unsupervised learning
- New Physics: rare, model independent
- "Anomalous" events will have a larger difference between input and output
- Difference quantified as **Anomaly Score**





Triggering on Anomalies

- Neural networks are effective; but, typically, their performance comes with a large computational resource consumption
- Using **Knowledge Distillation**, we project the performance of a (large, resource-intensive) Teacher Autoencoder to smaller **Student** quantized network





Adrian Alan Pol, Ekaterina Govorkova, Sonja Gronroos, Nadezda Chernyavskaya, Philip Harris et al. Knowledge Distillation for Anomaly Detection. Oct 9, 2023.



Deploying on Hardware

- Input image processing rate needs to be faster than (generated) image streaming rate
- Require hardware acceleration
 - → use Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA)
- Trained Student is converted using hls4ml
- Resource consumption benchmarking in progress







Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers (LArTPCs)

- Widely used technology for neutrino physics (ArgoNeuT, MicroBooNE, SBND, ICARUS, DUNE, etc.)
- Neutrino interacts with Ar nuclei, creating charged particles
- Charged particles create ionization electrons, which are drifted in a large electric field and sensed by wire sensor arrays



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- <u>MicroBooNE open samples</u>: Simulated neutrino images overlaid on real cosmic images
- Data is labeled as neutrino or cosmic, but labels are not used in Teacher training
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 - Split into smaller images with four different sizes:
 - 864 × 64
 - 64 × 32
 - 18 × 16







- "Pixel Intensity" values were processed with:
 - Saturation at 100
 - Cutoff at 10
- Example processed image (864 × 64)



Teacher, Plane 2 run7014, subrun1209, event60457



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Triggering on Anomalies

- Size reduction by factor of ~75 (250 MB → 3.4 MB)
- Teacher and Student Anomaly Scores are correlated

| | | | | | | 864X64 N | etwork Knowledge Distillation | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|--|-----------------|---------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Model: "teacher" | | | | | | 1000 | | | |
| Layer (type) | Output Shape | Param # | | | | | | | |
| teacher_inputs_ (InputLaye r) | [(None, 864, 64, 1)] | 0 | Model: "v1_16X12" | | | 800- | | | |
| teacher_reshape (Reshape) | (None, 864, 64, 1) | 0 | Layer (type) | Output Shape | Param # | 000 | | | |
| teacher_conv2d_1 (Conv2D) | (None, 864, 64, 20) | 200 | <pre>inputs_ (InputLayer)</pre> | [(None, 55296)] | 0 | core | | | |
| teacher_relu_1 (Activation | (None, 864, 64, 20) | 0 | dense1 (QDenseBatchnorm) | (None, 16) | 884817 | ഗ് <u>≻</u> 600- | | | |
| | | | relu1 (QActivation) | (None, 16) | 0 | ma | | | |
| teacher_pool_1 (AveragePoo ling2D) | (None, 432, 32, 20) | 0 | dropout_1 (Dropout) | (None, 16) | 0 | t Anc | | | |
| teacher_conv2d_2 (Conv2D) | (None, 432, 32, 30) | 5430 | dense2 (QDense) | (None, 1) | 16 | ue 400- | | | |
| teacher_relu_2 (Activation) | (None, 432, 32, 30) | 0 | outputs (QActivation) | (None, 1) | 0 | Stu | | | |
| teacher_flatten (Flatten) | (None, 414720) | 0 | Total params: 884833 (3.38 | MB) | | 200 | | Preliminary | |
| teacher_latent (Dense) | (None, 80) | 33177680 | Non-trainable params: 884800 (1 Non-trainable params: 33 (1 | 136.00 Byte) | | | | - | |
| Total params: 66789361 (254 Trainable params: 66789361 (Non-trainable params: 0 (0.6 | .78 MB) (254.78 MB) 00 Byte) | | | | Student | 00 | 2000 400 | 0 6000 8000 10000 12000 140 | 000 |



Teacher

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Understanding Model Performance - Anomalous Events

- The Teacher Autoencoder provides a visual representation of the differences between input and output images
- We analyzed individual Teacher outputs with high anomaly scores to identify features of anomalous images
- As shown in Figure, inputs with multiple tracks are not reproduced correctly, indicating anomalous behavior



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Understanding Model Performance - Anomalous Events

• This behavior is qualitatively explainable

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- The Teacher identifies common features in the input
- Most input images are either empty or have a single long track
- Therefore, images with multiple tracks will produce a higher anomaly score



Correlation - 864X64



Table 2. ROC-AUC values for different anomaly scores with input size 864×64 . The signal in each entry was defined as having exactly *n* tracks.

| n Tracks | Teacher | Normalized Teacher | Student | Normalized Student |
|----------|---------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| 1 | 0.9676 | 0.9629 | 0.8595 | 0.8584 |
| 2 | 0.9660 | 0.9720 | 0.8777 | 0.8778 |
| 3 | 0.9714 | 0.9779 | 0.9341 | 0.9335 |
| 4 | 0.9752 | 0.9807 | 0.9521 | 0.9515 |
| 5 | 0.9810 | 0.9854 | 0.9585 | 0.9572 |
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HLS-converted Student Performance

 Anomaly score comparison between original (python) and hls-converted (c) model





HLS-converted Student Performance

- Resource consumption estimates of middle and small Student network
- Both are over-utilizing available resources, work in process in reducing network size while maintaining performance

| Name | BRAM_18K | DSP | FF | LUT | URAM |
|---------------------|----------|-------|---------|---------|------|
| DSP | - | - | - | - | - |
| Expression | - | - | 0 | 6 | - |
| FIFO | - | - | | - | - |
| Instance | 0 | 26872 | 786957 | 2202910 | 0 |
| Memory | - | - | - | - | - |
| Multiplexer | - | - | | 54 | - |
| Register | - | - | 131767 | - | - |
| Total | 0 | 26872 | 918724 | 2202970 | 0 |
| Available | 5376 | 12288 | 3456000 | 1728000 | 1280 |
| Available SLR | 1344 | 3072 | 864000 | 432000 | 320 |
| Utilization (%) | 0 | 218 | 26 | 127 | 0 |
| Utilization SLR (%) | 0 | 874 | 106 | 509 | 0 |

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| Memory | - | - | - | - | - |
| Multiplexer | - | - | - | 54 | - |
| Register | - | - | 19129 | - | - |
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| Available | 5376 | 12288 | 3456000 | 1728000 | 1280 |
| Available SLR | 1344 | 3072 | 864000 | 432000 | 320 |
| Utilization (%) | 0 | 43 | 4 | 17 | 0 |
| Utilization SLR (%) | 0 | 173 | 16 | 70 | 0 |

middle-sized student

small-sized student



Conclusion and Outlook

- Autoencoders enable anomaly detection without prior knowledge or specific models
- Knowledge Distillation allows compression of computationally expensive Teacher model into more efficient Student model for hardware deployment
- Model successfully detects anomalies, particularly in multi-track events in LArTPC data
- Approach is scalable and applicable to LArTPC-based neutrino experiments
- Plan to apply same network for detector monitoring

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Network Structure

class TeacherAutoencoder: def init (self, input shape: tuple): self.input shape = input shape def get model(self): inputs = Input(shape=self.input_shape, name="teacher_inputs_") x = Reshape((864, 64, 1), name="teacher_reshape")(inputs) x = Conv2D(20, (3, 3), strides=1, padding="same", name="teacher_conv2d_1")(x) x = Activation("relu", name="teacher_relu_1")(x) x = AveragePooling2D((2, 2), name="teacher_pool_1")(x) x = Conv2D(30, (3, 3), strides=1, padding="same", name="teacher conv2d 2")(x) x = Activation("relu", name="teacher relu 2")(x) x = Flatten(name="teacher flatten")(x) x = Dense(80, activation="relu", name="teacher latent")(x) x = Dense(432 * 32 * 30, name="teacher dense")(x) x = Reshape((432, 32, 30), name="teacher_reshape2")(x) x = Activation("relu", name="teacher_relu_3")(x) x = Conv2D(30, (3, 3), strides=1, padding="same", name="teacher_conv2d_3")(x) x = Activation("relu", name="teacher relu 4")(x) x = UpSampling2D((2, 2), name="teacher upsampling")(x) x = Conv2D(20, (3, 3), strides=1, padding="same", name="teacher conv2d 4")(x) x = Activation("relu", name="teacher relu 5")(x) outputs = Conv2D((3, 3),activation="relu", strides=1, padding="same", name="teacher_outputs",)(x) return Model(inputs, outputs, name="teacher")

class V1_16X16:

def __init__(self, input_shape: tuple):
 self.input_shape = input_shape

def get_model(self): inputs = Input(shape=self.input_shape, name="inputs_") x = QDenseBatchnorm(16, kernel_quantizer=quantized_bits(16, 4, 1, alpha=1.0), bias_quantizer=guantized_bits(8, 3, 1, alpha=1.0), name="dense1",)(inputs)

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x = QActivation("quantized_relu(10, 6)", name="relu1")(x)
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x = Dropout(1 / 8)(x)
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x = QDense(
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1,

kernel_quantizer=guantized_bits(12, 3, 1, alpha=1.0),

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use_bias=False,
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name="dense2",

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)(x)
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outputs = QActivation("quantized_relu(16, 8)", name="outputs")(x)
return Model(inputs, outputs, name="v1_16X16")



Input Data





local_plane=2

instance_label plot

semantic_label plot

Time Tick





Model Performance

 Track_n_i: [n_i <= numbers of particles < n_(i+1)] of the same type need to be inside the input image to be recognized as a single track



Track Definition

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Number of Tracks

- To verify the assumption, we used truth-level information from simulated neutrino data
- A set of criteria was applied to match visual tracks to the truth-level information
- Each interaction point is labeled with a Geant4 label, linking it to the particle causing the interaction
- To determine the number of tracks in the input image, we counted the different Geant4 label sets
- To distinguish track qualities, we divided track length by the number of particle interactions forming a single track
- Tracks criteria Track_ $\{n_x\}$: $n_{x-1} < number of interaction points < <math>n_{x}$ points



Correlation

- The anomaly score for an autoencoder is defined as the difference between input and output
- This anomaly score is proportional to the absolute amount of "ADC" in the input image
- To normalize the anomaly score, we divide it by the sum of "ADC" values in the input image



Correlation

- The different correlation plots between the normalized anomaly score and the number of tracks are shown
- Center dots represent the mean of the anomaly score distribution, and error bars indicate the standard deviation
- For the three different input image sizes, we observe a clear correlation between the normalized anomaly score and the number of tracks
 - 2592 mm X 512 mm, 192 mm X 256 mm, 96 mm X 72 mm
 (Full image is 10368 mm X 5120 mm)
- This indicates that our model is sensitive to multi-track inputs

