ML for Tracking in Exa.TrkX

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Tracking challenges

- Combinatorial explosion with increasing occupancy
- Track reconstruction will dominate CPU consumption
- Algorithms are
 - hard to parallelize
 - hard to run on SIMD architectures





Thinking outside the box

- The HEP.TrkX Project
 - DOE HEP-CCE pilot project to develop Deep Learning solutions to particle track reconstruction
 - Collaboration between LBNL, Caltech, and FNAL
- The TrackML Challenge
 - Engaging with the broader DS/ML community to develop solutions
 - Challenges hosted on Kaggle and Codalab
- The HEP.QPR Project
 - Developing quantum computing solutions



ML + HPC for HEP

• Why ML?

- Expressive models learned from data
- Regular computation which maps well onto modern hardware

• Why HPC?

- Large scale systems with high performance hardware
- Potentially fast model training times
- Fast model inference for deployed reconstruction workloads

The HEP.TrkX Project

- Pilot project to investigate ML solutions to tracking at the LHC
- We tried various methods and representations:
 - Detector "images" with segmentation and "captioning" models
 - Track sequences with Recurrent Neural Networks
 - Hit graphs with Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)





The Exa.TrkX Project

https://exatrkx.github.io

A DOE CompHEP project that will deliver production-quality <u>**ML tracking models**</u> that run efficiently on next-gen computing architectures, from triggering systems to <u>**DOE exascale-class HPC systems**</u>.

People

- Caltech: Joosep Pata, Maria Spiropulu, Jean-Roch Vlimant
- **Cincinatti**: Adam Aurisano, Jeremy Hewes
- FNAL: Giuseppe Cerati, Lindsey Gray, Thomas Klijnsma, Jim Kowalkowski, Gabriel Perdue, Panagiotis Spentzouris
- LBNL: Paolo Calafiura, Steve Farrell, Xiangyang Ju, Daniel Murnane, Prabhat
- **ORNL**: Aristeidis Tsaris
- SLAC: Kasuhiro Terao, Tracy Usher

Data used for studies

- 2D and 3D toy data (planes)
- Simulated data with ACTS toolkit
 - Uses generic HL-LHC detector description





https://gitlab.cern.ch/acts/acts-core https://www.kaggle.com/c/trackmlparticle-identification/data

Geometric Deep Learning

http://geometricdeeplearning.com

Shape analysis



https://arxiv.org/pdf /1611.08097.pdf **Modeling traffic**



https://medium.com/syncedreview/shanghai-tests-graph-recurrentneural-networks-for-traffic-prediction-fdd4c2182b53



• Detector geometry



• Particle hit data



• Connect compatible hits together to construct a graph



• Try to resolve the tracks with *Graph Neural Networks*

GNNs for tracking



Message-passing architecture

- Computes messages to send to neighbors
- Aggregates messages at nodes and computes new node features

Binary edge classification

• Identifies true track segments



Code: https://github.com/HEPTrkX/heptrkx-gnn-tracking

Progress of results

- The basic approach has held up as we increase data complexity
- Ongoing work to add detector endcaps and polish the graph post-processing
 - With robust handling of shared, missing, and double hits



Results





Large scale training and inference

• Can we utilize large-scale HPC resources with these models?

- Faster training on large datasets
- Efficient accelerator utilization for reconstruction
- What are some of the challenges?
 - Sparse graph connectivity, load imbalance, GNN convergence at scale
- We're partnering with the Cray Big Data Center and LBL CRD to investigate and develop optimized solutions

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Load balancing

- Training samples have variable-sized graphs
 - Big load imbalance in synchronized training
- How to address it?
 - Dynamic graph partitioning
 - Batch like-sized samples across workers
 - Need to be careful not to introduce too much bias





GNN convergence at scale

- Significant research effort has gone into scaling computer vision applications (e.g. ResNet ImageNet)
 - Many different techniques to address large-batch convergence issues



• However, large scale training of GNNs still relatively unexplored

- Do the same optimizers work?
- Do the same learning rate scheduling tricks work?

Summary

• The Exa.TrkX Project is picking up after HEP.TrkX

- Finishing, productionizing methods
- Expanding to new applications (e.g. LArTPC)
- Scaling

Scaling GNN training on HPC is particularly interesting/challenging

- Progress has been made
- Work ongoing

Backup

HL-LHC tracking detectors

- Cylindrical barrel and disk-shaped endcap detector layers
- Silicon pixel and strip detector technologies





- 100 million readout channels
- Complex layouts

Today's tracking algorithms

- **Hit clustering**: cells → spacepoints ("hits")
- Seed finding: construct hit triplets
- **Track building**: extend seeds and search with combinatorial Kalman Filter
- Track fitting/selection: Resolve ambiguities, fit track parameters



Deep Learning inspirations

Image segmentation



https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.02135



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Video object tracking







Image representations

- Unroll cylindrical detector layers
- Treat as multi-channel image
- Apply convolutional and recurrent neural networks





Hopfield networks for tracking (~1990)



- Identify true segments in a graph of connected hits
- No learned parameters, but solved via annealing with an energy loss function
 https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/0010465588900045
 https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/0168900289913004

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/001046559190048P

Segment classification

- 4-layer model with 7k parameters
- Performs well, with good purity and efficiency

Test set metrics Accuracy: 0.9952 Purity: 0.9945 Efficiency: 0.9870



Building the graph

• Select initial edges (doublets) by cutting on slope in phi-r and on z₀



Low density

Truth cuts

- pt > 1 GeV

Doublet selection

- phi slope < .001
- z0 < 200mm
- 99% efficient, 33% pure

Segment classification

Accuracy:	0.9932
Precision:	0.9866
Recall:	0.9872

