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Real Time Magnet Quench Detection

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Superconducting Magnets in Particle Accelerators





Simulation of particle trajectories in a solenoid Source: APS-TD Fermilab

• Superconducting (SC) Magnets are critical to controlling particle trajectory

• Due to electron phonon coupling, these magnets have no resistance, allowing them to conduct high currents and induce strong magnetic fields

magnetic flux magnetic field strength $B = \mu_0 \frac{NI}{l}$ $\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{H}}$

Nb₃ Superconducting cables

Source: APS-TD

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Magnet Quench Event

- A magnet *quench* occurs when the SC magnet goes from its superconducting state to a resistive state.
- In data, this is seen as the existence of voltage, due to increase in temperature at the site of quench.
- This is a highly energetic event that causes electromagnetic disturbances which can manifest as mechanical disturbance, heat, or sound.
- Quenching can cause physical damage to the magnet, resulting in high replacement and repair costs
- For example, MQXF magnets undergo ~20 quenches, each costing \$15k. With two trainings per day for two weeks, the total cost can be up to \$300k per training. For 2000 magnets at an accelerator complex this is \$600M



Quench Training

- When testing the magnet, we find that SC magnets show a progressive increase in the quenching current, every time they are subjected to a quench.
 - Cause: Electromagnetic forces causing small movements in magnet
- Magnets then must be "trained" by ramping up the current until the magnet reaches the desired current



Dipole model HFDM05 quench history.

HFDM05 Quench Curve Source: APS-TD



MQFSX1D Quench Curve Source: APS-TD



How can we detect a quench with data?



Acoustic data from microphonic sensors gives us information about the release of energy, cracking of the epoxy in impregnated magnets, or other possible mechanical disturbances.

These sensors run along the length of the magnets (155cm)

Recall v_{sound} = 343m/s

Sampling rate from 100kHz to 1MHz depending on magnet





Quench antenna detect magnetic field perturbations caused by current redistribution

Antenna run the length of the magnet and have a unique geometry that may localize the quench. We have lead and return end channels that measure similar voltages



Energetic Picture of the Magnet

- A quench event is an extreme energetic release, which can be seen most explicitly as mechanical, thermal, acoustic disturbances. We can do our best to extract energy in time and space
- If we would like to detect these energetic changes, the best way to do so is by identifying the features of our data most directly associated with energy (J)
- The direct causes of the quench in most cases is largely unknown and there might be known energetic disturbances that show up as precursors



Energy dissipation vs. current density for time of quench protection mechanism *Magnet Quench 101*, Bottura



The square of the amplitude of a given window gives us the energy



The integral of the quench antenna data with adjusted pedestals gives us changes in flux

Developing a Dynamic Learning Algorithm

Since we don't explicitly know the cause of the quench beforehand, we can do our best to input our features that correspond to energetic disturbances into a full connected autoencoder.



Searching for Anomalies in Acoustic Data



We see that there are indeed precursors in the latent space of the autoencoder that might contribute to a quench downstream. These are captured in the dynamically updated weights.





Searching for Anomalies in QA Data

In our quench antenna data, anomaly detection must take into account the instrumentation.

There are hum frequencies caused by the power supply that must be filtered out. There is also correlated electrical noise that may be associated with anomaly, but also might be ambient around the coil.

If we integrate the voltage, we must take into account pedestal subtraction to avoid false scaling of the weights



Correlated Noise and Background Removal



17500

15000

₹ 13000 12000

11000

100 110 120 130

70

Correlation plot of power spectra for QA channels 90s before the quench (left) and 10s before the quench (right).

- Correlations are decreases between lead and return
- channels (light pink) which indicates disturbance in the magnetic field.

Filtering these frequencies allows us to isolate anomalies in reconstruction loss

Indication of a Kaiser effect - anomalies and precursors scale I⁴ for epoxy impregnated data



Viewing QA and Acoustic Triggers Together

We compute reconstruction loss in inference on every incoming data point. If the reconstruction loss is greater than the updated weights trigger threshold, we quench (blue dotted line). The QA channels are quieter in the time up to the quench event.



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Viewing QA and Acoustic Together

However, QA data may pick up precursors to the quench that acoustic data does not due to geometry along the sensor, and larger deviations in voltage that indicate changes in flux. Note there is a difference in longitudinal and transverse quench propagation





Conclusions

- SC magnet data presents promising opportunities for quench prediction, and potentially understanding the precursors associated to the event
- We hope to test transformer models, and RL models that can handle multi-modal data streams. However we are aware of the resource scaling issues of this project.
- Current results show that we may trigger within -10s of the event on multiple ramps
- Aligning acoustic and QA data gives us a deeper energetic picture of the magnet, but still much to learn about quench propagation.



We are looking to integrate our data taking process in a way that is compatible with our new machine learning infrastructure. Codesign is important!



Backup Slides



Localizing The Quench Geometrically

Even with correlated noise removal, and removal of the hum frequencies, we find that certain channels that indicate high voltages that persist throughout the ramp training.

We can investigate the eigenfrequencies associated to a particular channel that might correspond unknown precursors.



(Left) Intensities of normalized voltage along channels aligned geometrically

We find that certain regions correspond to field disturbance which which appears in our reconstruction loss, but ultimately does not affect our anomaly detection significantly



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Ramps and Trigger Times

Architecture	Features	Loss Function	Data Streams	Trigger Times
Dense Layers (Uniform Activation)	rolling window stats, abs_max	MSE	Acoustic	Ramp 1: -7.44921875, Ramp (n+1): n = 3: -3.794921875 n= 7: -2.47265625 n= 11: -0.625
Dense Layers (Uniform Activation)	rolling window stats, abs_max, integral	L^P + w*MSE	QA	Ramp 1: -12.514, Ramp (n+1): n =3: -2.541 n = 7: -0.018 n = 11: -1.982421875

