

The Multi-threaded Detector Simulation in JUNO

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Outline

JUNO experiment

Challenges and optimization in simulation

Multi-threaded simulation software



JUNO experiment

- JUNO: Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory
 - Rich physics program [1]
 - Neutrino mass ordering and precise measurement of 3
 oscillation parameters
 - Reactor neutrinos, supernova burst neutrinos, geo neutrinos, atmospheric neutrinos, and solar neutrinos
 - JUNO detector
 - 700 m deep underground
 - Central detector: 20 kton LS with 3%@1MeV of energy resolution.
 - Water Cerenkov detector and Top Tracker
 - Data taking expected in ~2025
 - Lifetime: 20+ years



[1] JUNO Collaboration, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 123 (2022) 103927

JUNO offline software

JUNOSW

- JUNOSW is the offline software
 - Implements the JUNO dependencies based on SNiPER
- SNiPER is a general purpose software framework used by several HEP exp.
 - No dependencies to a specific experiment, including JUNO



JUNO detector simulation software



The JUNO geometry of detector simulation



The structure of detector simulation^[1]

[1] Eur. Phys. J. C (2023) 83: 382, Erratum: Eur. Phys. J. C (2023) 83: 660

Optimization of DetSim memory consumption

Full optical photon simulation implemented in JUNO offline software.

Large detector size and high energy deposition, millions of optical photons generated, high memory consumption.

For high energy muon



hittype2

40 bytes

The hits within the same time window(1ns) is merged into one hit





Due to the compression algorithm of ROOT, memory will sharply increase during output

Split a collection of hits within an event into multiple parts to complete the output

Memory consumption after optimization

Memory consumption during the Muon simulation: >3GB



Memory consumption vs data center configuration

Memory consumption

During the Muon simulation: >3GB



hep_sub -mem (>3000M) Muon.sh

Allocate 3GB of memory for each CPU core

Data center configuration

Assign two cores to meet the memory requirements of the job

The design of MT detector simulation







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Other ways to reduce memory consumption in multi-threaded detector simulation



The unity of results between multi-threading and single-threading



- In serial mode
 - Set the seed value at the beginning of the program
 - The result can be reproducible

• In MT mode

- Each worker has its own unique random number sequence
- The result is not reproducible
- Inconsistent with singlethreaded results.

The unity of results between multi-threading and single-threading





- Performance testing
 - For 4 threads, ~100% efficiency can be achieved
 - Efficiency decreases significantly when more than four threads are used
 - · For events with evenly distributed energy deposition, almost linear acceleration can be achieved
 - Memory consumption has reached the expected target, less than 3GB per core



Causes of decreased CPU utilization efficiency

- Different energy deposition in LS event by event, resulting a significant difference in simulation time
- At the end of the program, other threads need to wait for the completion of simulating a high-energy event in one thread.



Possible solutions

Make a pre-select, for events with energy deposition higher than a certain value, save the seed first, do not
implement optical photon simulation, and then simulate this type of events later, for example, based on
Opticks@GPU



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Summary

- Development of multi-threaded simulation software
 - SNiPER Muster and Geant4 run manager kernel are integrated
 - Global buffer is used in simulation to maintain thread synchronization
 - The setting of the random number engine in multi-threading has been completed, ensuring consistency between the results of multi-threading and single-threading
 - Reduce memory pressure of multiple stream outputs using the DataModelWriterWithSplit method and so on
- Performance of multi-threaded detector simulation software
 - Ensured consistency of results between multi-threading and single-threading
 - Achieved a close to linear speedup when the simulation time of events is relatively uniform
 - The memory per core has been reduced to below 3GB, solving the problem of wasted computing resources
 - Prepared for large-scale MC production for JUNO



OP simulator^[1]

[1]J.Phys.Conf.Ser. 2438 (2023) 1, 012078