Common Software & Computing Discussion: 
Nuclear Physics Perspective

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Outline

• Low energy nuclear physics: AGATA detector

• High energy nuclear physics: The Electron-Ion Collider
2 steps procedure

PSA : Resolve position and energy of interaction points
Experimental digitized traces are compared to simulated traces produced by charge collection models (ADL)

Determine scattering sequence
\( \gamma \)-ray tracking requires :
Position at resolution of 5 mm
Energy resolution at \( 10^{-3} \) MeV
Novel PSA algorithm developments using TDA and ML

50 kHz/crystal (380 Mbytes/sec/crystal)  
Full array: 180 crystals

Several PSA algorithms have been tried for AGATA:
Grid Search is the current one algorithm

Hyper-parallelize the search (GPU)
Use more efficient search methods (Topological Data Analysis)
Don’t search but infer locations (ML)

Development using ML are underway in the AGATA collaboration

ML: simulated ADL only for training to learn trends via feature extraction

Moving beyond the basis simulations of AGATA becomes a computing science problem
Several tracking algorithms have been tried for AGATA:

**Forward tracking is the current algorithm**

1. Create a pool of clusters within an clustering angle
2. Find most probable sequence of interaction points for each cluster
3. Accept/reject or assign a penalty

Compton Forward peaking

In the framework of RESANET GdR, ML is being investigated for low energy nuclear physics.

Synergies with HEP started: D. Rousseau invited to the AGATA-GRETA collaboration Meeting.
The **Electron-Ion Collider**: Frontier accelerator facility in the U.S.

- **High Luminosity**
  - Versatile range of:
    - beam energies
    - beam polarizations
    - beam species ($p \rightarrow U$)

- **World's first collider of**:
  - *ep*: polarized electrons and polarized protons/light ions ($d$, $^3He$)
  - *eA*: electrons and nuclei

- **Proposal by Jefferson Lab**
  - Highest priority for new construction for the U.S. Nuclear Physics program

- **Proposal by Brookhaven Lab**

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The dynamical nature of nuclear matter

**Nuclear Matter** Interactions and structures are inextricably mixed up.

**Observed properties** such as mass and spin emerge out of the complex system.

**Ultimate goal** Understand how nuclear matter at its most fundamental level is made.

**To reach goal** precisely image quarks and gluons and their strong interactions in nuclear matter.
The Electron-Ion Collider: NSAC top priority for new facility construction

EIC User Group (http://www.eicug.org)
Currently 944 members from 191 institutions from 30 countries.
Computing Challenges for the EIC

**NP experiments** driven by beam intensity, polarization, exquisite control of background and systematics

**multi-dimensional challenges**

**example** 3D imaging of quarks and gluons

**multiple channel challenges**

**example** discovery search of gluon-based exotic particles (PWA, 1000s of waves)

high statistics in five or more dimensions and multiple particles

strongly iterative analysis for reliable, model-independent analysis

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Computing trends and EIC Computing

EIC rates
• expected data rates similar to next phase LHCb
• not enormous rates creates opportunity for other initiatives

Think out of the box
• The way analysis is done has been largely shaped by kinds of computing that has been available.
• Computing begins to grow in very different ways in the future, driven by very different forces than in the past (e.g., Exascale Computing Initiative).
• This is an unique opportunity for Nuclear Physics to think about new possibilities and paradigms that can and should arise (e.g., real-time physics analysis).

Future compatibility hardware and software
• Exascale Computing Most powerful future computers will likely be very different from the kind of computers currently used in Nuclear Physics.
• This requires a modular design with structures robust against likely changes in computing environment so that changes in underlying code can be handled without an entire overhaul of the structure.

User centered design to enhance scientific productivity
• Engage wider community of physicists, whose primary interest is not computing, in software design to:
  • understand the user requirements first and foremost
  • make design decisions largely based on user requirements.
Implications of Exascale Computing

Past efforts in lattice QCD in collaboration with industry have driven development of new computing paradigms that benefit large scale computation. These capabilities underpin many important scientific challenges, e.g. studying climate and heat transport over the Earth.

The EIC will be the facility in the era of high precision QCD and the first Nuclear Physics facility in the era of Exascale Computing. This will affect the interplay of experiment, simulations, and theory profoundly and result in a new computing paradigm that can be applied to other fields of science and industry.

Petascale-capable systems at the beamline

- unprecedented compute-detector integration, extending work at LHCb
- requires fundamentally new and different algorithms
- computing model with artificial intelligence at the trigger level and a compute-detector integration to deliver analysis-ready data from the DAQ system:
  - responsive calibrations in real time
  - real-time event reconstruction
  - physics analysis in real time

A similar approach would allow accelerator operations to use real-time simulations and artificial intelligence over operational parameters to tune the machine for performance.
Beyond machine-detector interface

Integration of DAQ, analysis and theory to optimize physics reach

Integration of DAQ, analysis and theory

- research model with seamless data processing from DAQ to data analysis using artificial intelligence and strong interplay of experiment - theory
- not about building the best detector
- but the best detector that fully supports streaming readout and fast algorithms for real-time analysis
The EICUG Software Working Group’s initial focus will be on simulations of physics processes and detector response to enable quantitative assessment of measurement capabilities and their physics impact.

The Software working group is to engage with new major initiatives that aim to further develop the EIC science case, including for example the upcoming INT program(s), and is anticipated to play key roles also in the preparations for the EIC project(s) and its critical decisions. The working group will build on the considerable progress made within the EIC Software Consortium (eRD20) and other efforts. The evaluation or development of experiment-specific technologies, e.g. mass storage, clusters or other, are outside the initial scope of this working group until the actual experiment collaborations are formed.

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Website: [http://software.eicug.org/](http://software.eicug.org/)
EIC Software Groups (beyond the simulation effort at the labs)

High Energy Physics

**CERN ROOT**
Possible collaboration

**Geant4 International Collaboration**
Established collaboration (M. Asai)

**HEP Software Foundation**
Started collaboration
- Artificial intelligence
- Frameworks
- Real-time processing

**MCnet**
Started collaboration

Nuclear Physics

**EIC Software**
- EICUG Software Working Group
- EIC Software Consortium

**Same software suite** Seamless data processing from DAQ to data analysis using AI

**EIC Streaming Readout Consortium**
Back-up
### Ongoing EIC project
- Software ✓
- Documentation ✓
- Requests none

### EIC User Group
- Common Software X
- Common Documentation X
- Requests software, documentation

### EIC Generic Detector R&D projects
- Software ✓
- Documentation X - ✓
- Requests common software

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### Example projects
- ANL: TOPSiDE LDRD
- BNL: eRHIC preCDR
- JLAB: JLEIC preCDR

### Focus on (pre)CDRs and site selection as part of CD1 using existing lab software

### Focus on preparation of EIC collaborations
- further develop EIC Science
- examine detector requirements
- work on detector designs
- work on detector concepts requires simulations of physics processes and detector response

### Request from Thomas Ullrich, manager of the R&D program:
- in most cases only GEANT simulations are needed:
  - no need for sophisticated framework
  - no need for elaborate tracking
- a simple lite setup with a well defined geometry description standard might get them a long way as long if it is EIC wide and easy to use

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Summary

**Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)**
- precision study of the nucleon and the nucleus at the scale of sea quarks and gluons
- extremely broad science program

**Computing vision for the EIC**
- seamless data processing from DAQ and trigger system to data analysis using artificial intelligence
- integration of DAQ, analysis and theory
- flexible, modular analysis ecosystem

**Software Initiatives for the EIC**
- EICUG Software Working Group
- Website [http://software.eicug.org/](http://software.eicug.org/)