Liquid Argon TPC Trigger Development with MicroBooNE

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Motivation

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 Requires continuous readout with ~100% live time and self-triggering.
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  - 89 tons active* LAr volume
  - 8256 TPC wires (2MHz)
  - 32 8” PMTs (64 MHz digitization)
  - **Data Rates: 33 GB/s**

*Maximum volume that can be used for physics analysis.
Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber (LArTPC)

- LArTPC works by producing fine-grained images of particle interactions.
- Light signal from PMTs complement the TPC information and help in achieving 3D reconstruction.
Readout Electronics

Crate (x9)

Digitizer Board (x16)

ADC ➔ FPGA ➔ DRAM (Stream1)

FPGA ➔ SRAM ➔ DRAM (Stream2)

x64 channels
**NU stream** Losslessly compressed data associated with event triggers. **SN stream** Continuous data stream compressed with some data loss.

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  - **CONTROLLER**
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    - **ADC**
    - **FPGA**
    - **SRAM**
    - **DRAM**
      - **Stream 1**
      - **Stream 2**
  - **Transmitter**
    - **PCIe**
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![Diagram of readout electronics](image)

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**Event Builder**

- **Supernova Early Warning System SNEWS Alert**

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**Discard**

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Data Streams (MicroBooNE)

Cartoon display

Start of a run

Time tick

ADC count

1.6 ms frame

Input

NU stream

SN stream

ADC count

Cartoon display

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Time tick
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Which events to trigger on?

- DUNE will look for the off-beam events such as proton decay, n-nbar, neutrinos from SN burst.

DUNE Single Phase Simulated Event Displays

Proton decay

Neutron-antineutron oscillation

SN interaction + radiological background
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Interesting events to trigger

n-nbar oscillation event
Characteristic Spherical topology
Interesting events to trigger

ProtoDUNE has demonstrated TPC self-triggering on cosmic muons (through-going muons), we aim to target topologically more complex signatures using MicroBooNE.
TPC Trigger Strategy

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TPs are defined as a “summary” of an ROI:

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- TPs stream to DAQ servers for online processing with a goal of generating higher level TPC-triggered objects to construct a Trigger Decision (TD).

- TD can be used to select the corresponding buffered SN readout data for subsequent event building.

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Digitizer Board information for instance Id, number of words
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TP words: Integral, Amplitude, TimeOverThreshold

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- Working towards developing trigger algorithms for online trigger generation.
- Example of stopping muon in MicroBooNE.
Trigger Approaches

- One can look for stopping muons, *by looking at straight tracks making use of topological (existence of kink) and calorimetric (change in dE/dx at bragg peak) information to trigger on.

- There is also a possibility of exploring **image classification**, rather than having to cluster TPs to make a track to construct high lever trigger objects.

*Michel Electron Reconstruction Using Cosmic Ray Data from MicroBooNE LArTPC (MicroBooNE Collaboration), JINST 12 (2017) 09, P09014*
Machine Learning (ML) based Trigger Approach

Image classification

Classification will be done based on Activity

Low energy activity  ➔  Supernova neutrino events

High energy activity  ➔  Stopping muon, n-nbar oscillation event

Low energy activity

Stopping muon

High energy Annihilation
Future Possibility

- For future experiment such as DUNE, there is a possibility to use ML tools on specialized hardware like Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA).
- Our group is also working on deploying CNN on FPGA as it is much more power efficient.
- Preliminary results on ROI downsized images.

Summary

With the currently operating LArTPC detector, we have an exciting opportunity to:

- Carry out dedicated demonstrations for DUNE TPC trigger design.
- Develop novel (ML based) LArTPC trigger techniques for online or real-time data processing.
Thank you