



FY2025 NPP LDRD Type B Pre-Proposal

Risk Mitigation for DUNE AI/ML

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Proposal Term: From: Oct/24 To: Sep/26

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Proposal title and brief abstract:

Title: Risk Mitigation for DUNE AI/ML

Abstract: We propose an efficient, automated Human-Instructed-Machine-Learning method (InstructLArML) to reduce the algorithm systematic uncertainties originating from data-simulation discrepancies for DUNE.

Program: HEP

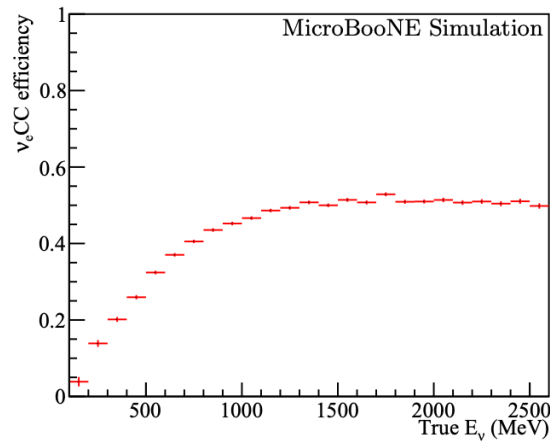
Return on Investment: Potential ECA of the PI

Broader impact on the activities at the laboratory: Explore responsible AI for HEP analysis with human knowledge embedding

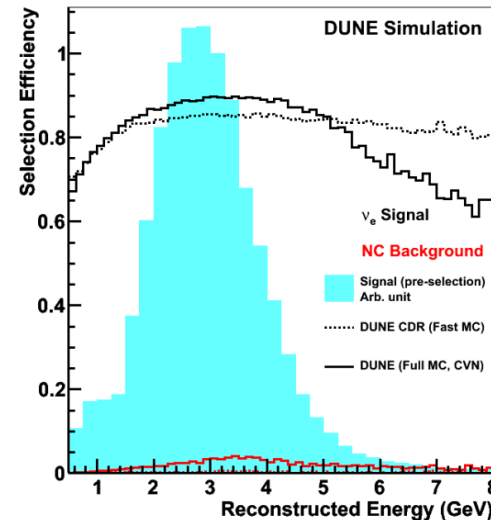
Total planned funding per year in FY25 and FY26: \$250k/y

Motivation

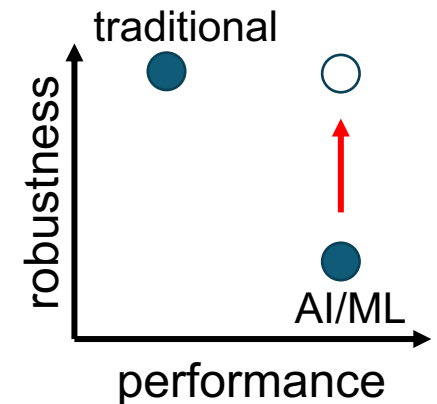
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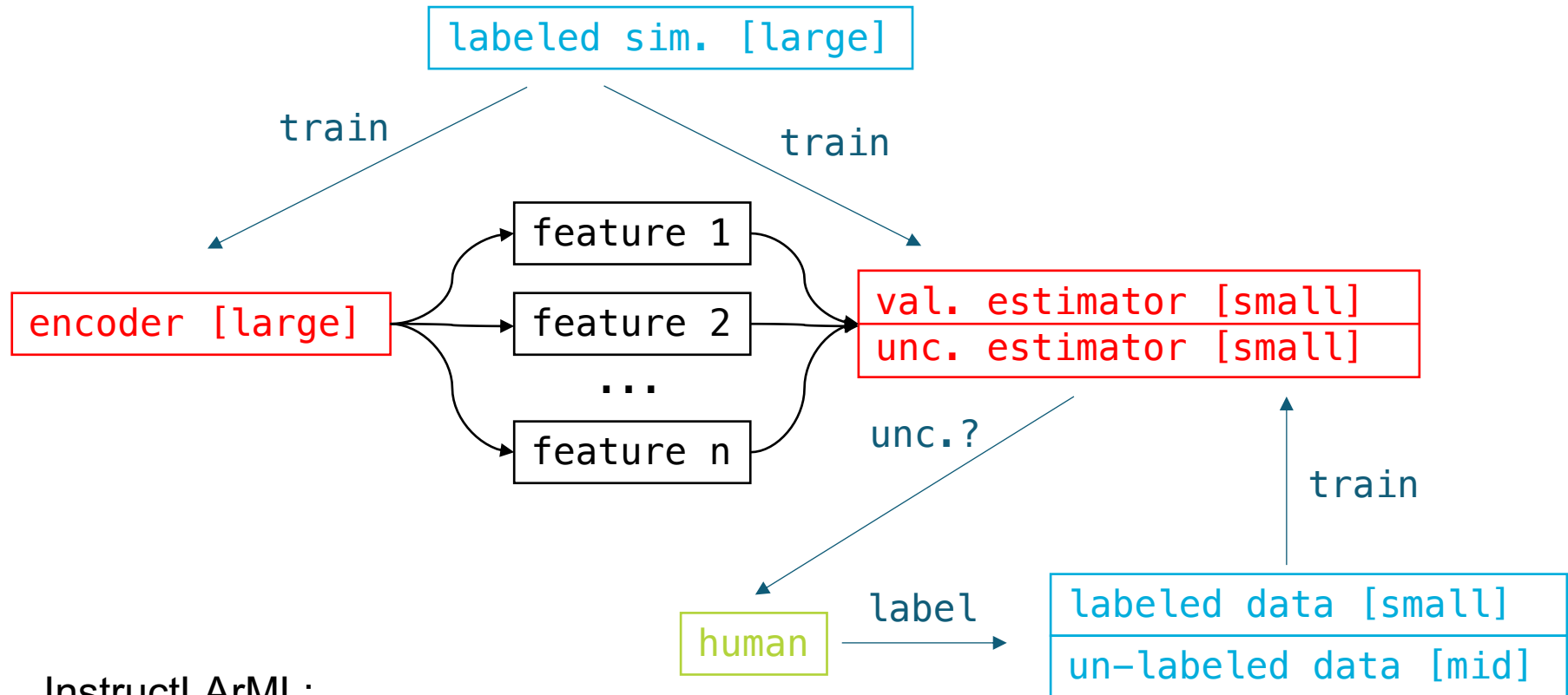
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Appearance Efficiency (FHC)



- To improve the AI/ML robustness against data-simulation discrepancies for DUNE
- E.g., ν_e selection efficiency differences in MicroBooNE and DUNE:
 - DUNE task is different from MicroBooNE
 - Simulation is still different from data



Approach: InstructLArML



InstructLArML:

- 1, large labeled sim. to train large encoder
- 2, hybrid human labeled and un-labeled real data to train small val./unc. estimators
- 3, un-labeled data is useful to strengthen the model when unc. is small
- 4, human only labels data with large unc.

Assumptions:

- 1, sim. and data have enough common features
- 2, Human labeling is reliable in all/part of the scenarios

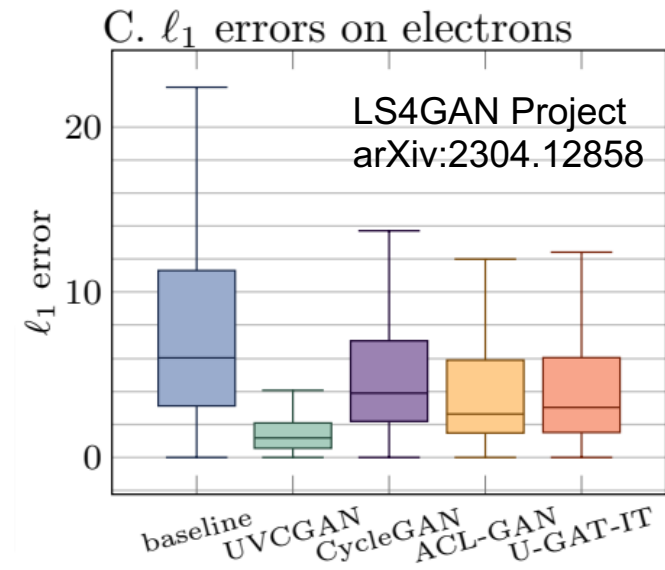
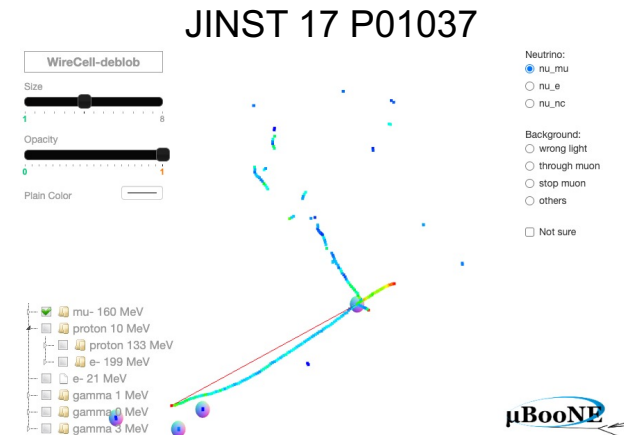
Related works

This human helped AI/ML is inspired by:

1. The hand-scan approach used to develop current Wire-Cell LArTPC reconstruction
2. InstructGPT [arXiv:2203.02155] which uses human input to align human preference and LLM output

LD4GAN: pilot studies on AI/ML technologies to translated samples between domains

- Estimate systematic unc. from data-sim. discrepancies
- Improve simulation



Summary I

Proposed work in this LDRD

- Implement an InstructLArML system for ν flavor tagging
- Generate multiple sim. dataset with variations (flux, generator, detector effect, etc.). One with large statistics servers as “sim.” Others with smaller statistics as “data”
- Study various uncertainty estimators (e.g., ensemble, Bayesian NN)
- Study the fine-tuning mechanism (e.g., Latent Representation Learning)

Estimated total effort

- Post-doc: 0.5-1.0 FTE
- Scientific staff (EDG, CSI): 0.5 FTE
- GPU resources

Summary II

- Intellectual merit
 - Develop a human instructed AI/ML model that is more robust to data-sim. discrepancies for DUNE
 - Combine AI/ML and human knowledge
 - Use AI/ML techniques to boost the labeling/training efficiency
 - Active Learning, Latent Representation Learning, Uncertainty Quantification
- Return on Investment
 - The PI is eligible for ECA application until 2029.
 - The PI intends to submit an ECA related to “Responsible AI for DUNE”; this LDRD provides a key step towards that goal.
- Broader impacts
 - This proposal targets to solve a critical question that whether human inputs can help AI/ML in HEP.
 - A positive answer could establish a new direction for AI/ML applications in HEP/physics.

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Responsible AI for DUNE

To fully address these concerns and to maximize DUNE's physics potential, we plan to build a system on three foundational blocks,

- (1) a method to estimate DSD related systematic uncertainties (Risk Estimation);
- (2) a method to build AI/ML algorithms with reduced DSD related systematic uncertainties (Risk Mitigation);
- (3) a method to understand and reduce DSD (Simulation Augmentation).

A pilot study on (1) was conducted in another LDRD project and can be adopted for DUNE.

We plan to study (2) in this proposal.

So that a potential follow-up ECA can study (3) and then build a Responsible AI System for DUNE based on them.