



CSSI Collaborative Research: Frameworks: Machine Learning and FPGA computing  
for real-time applications in big-data physics experiments

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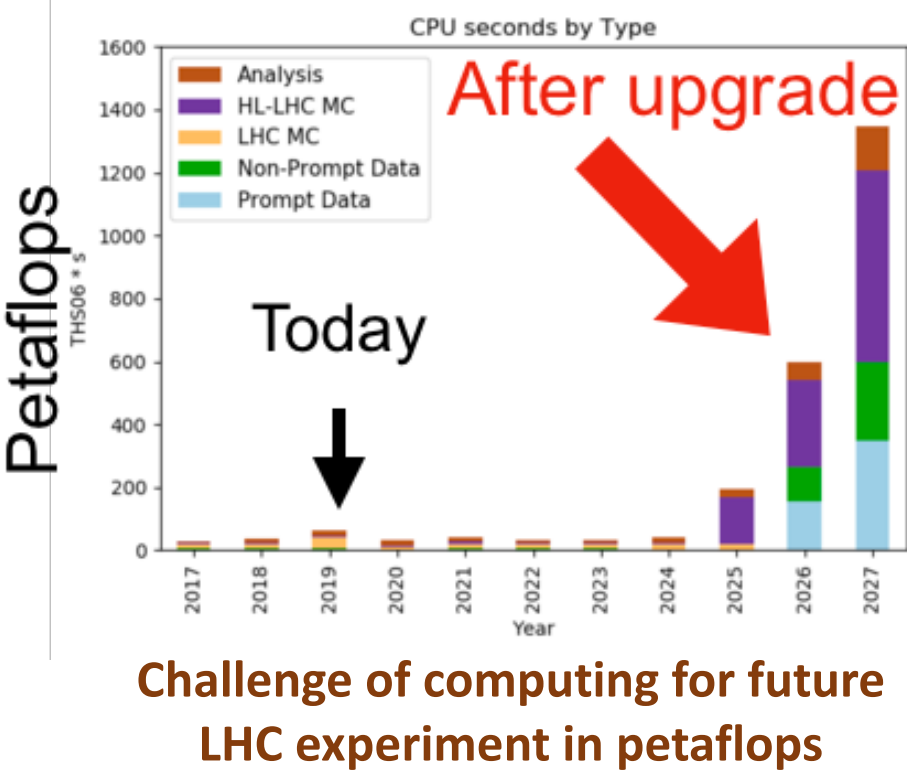


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**Vision** To promote artificial intelligence (AI) as the standard tool for computing and data analytics in big-data physics experiments

**Mission** Accelerate the convergence of AI and extreme-scale computing to design interpretable, trustworthy and reproduceable physics-inspired AI models and optimization schemes for big-data physics experiments; advance GPU-accelerated, neuromorphic chips and field programmable gate arrays computing for real-time AI learning and inference analyses

Summary

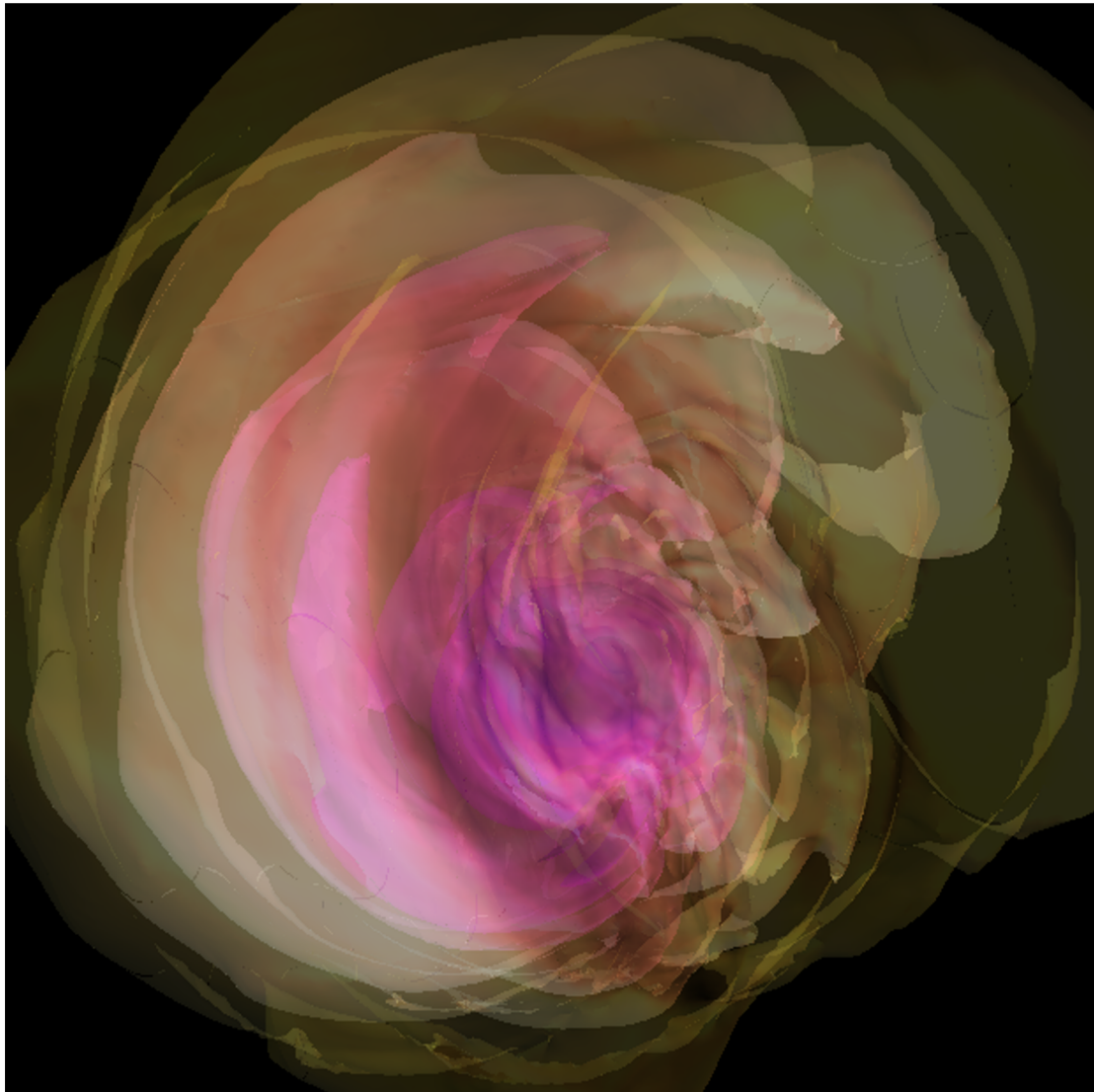


High Energy Physics (HEP) and Gravitational Wave (GW) Astrophysics share a common thread of computational grand challenges

Investments in detector upgrades to existing facilities (LHC and LIGO) will enhance their science reach and potential for physics discovery

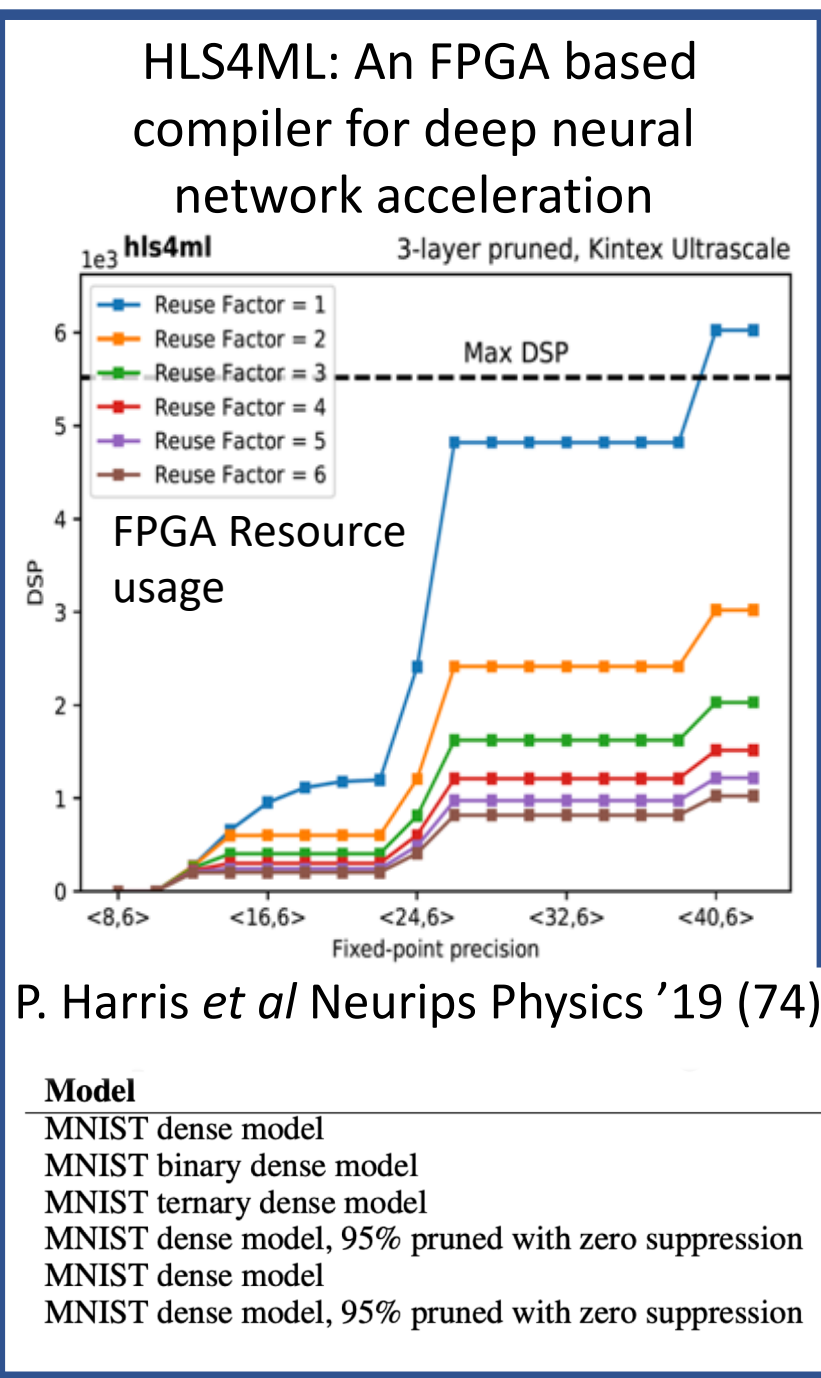
A commensurate investment in R&D to harness innovation in signal-processing algorithms and accelerated computing is critical to realize the science goals of these experiments in the big-data era

Multi-institutional and interdisciplinary program to accelerate the design and deployment of accelerated AI tools to process large-volume and high-speed data sets

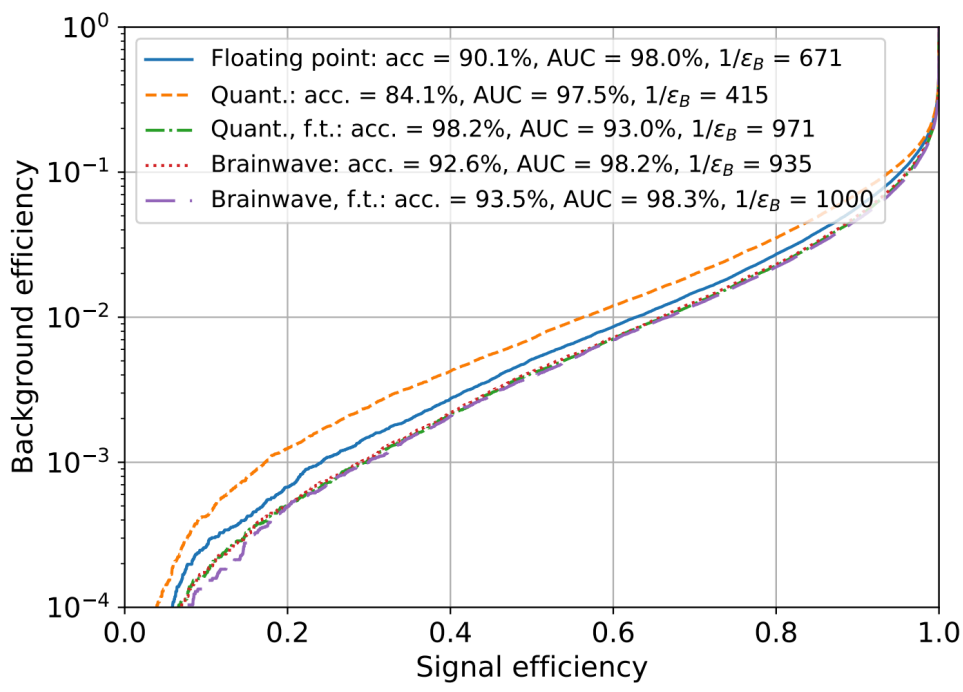


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Examples



Fixed point Resnet50 FPGA-based implementation of Top quark Signal Selection using Microsoft Brainwave FPGA cluster



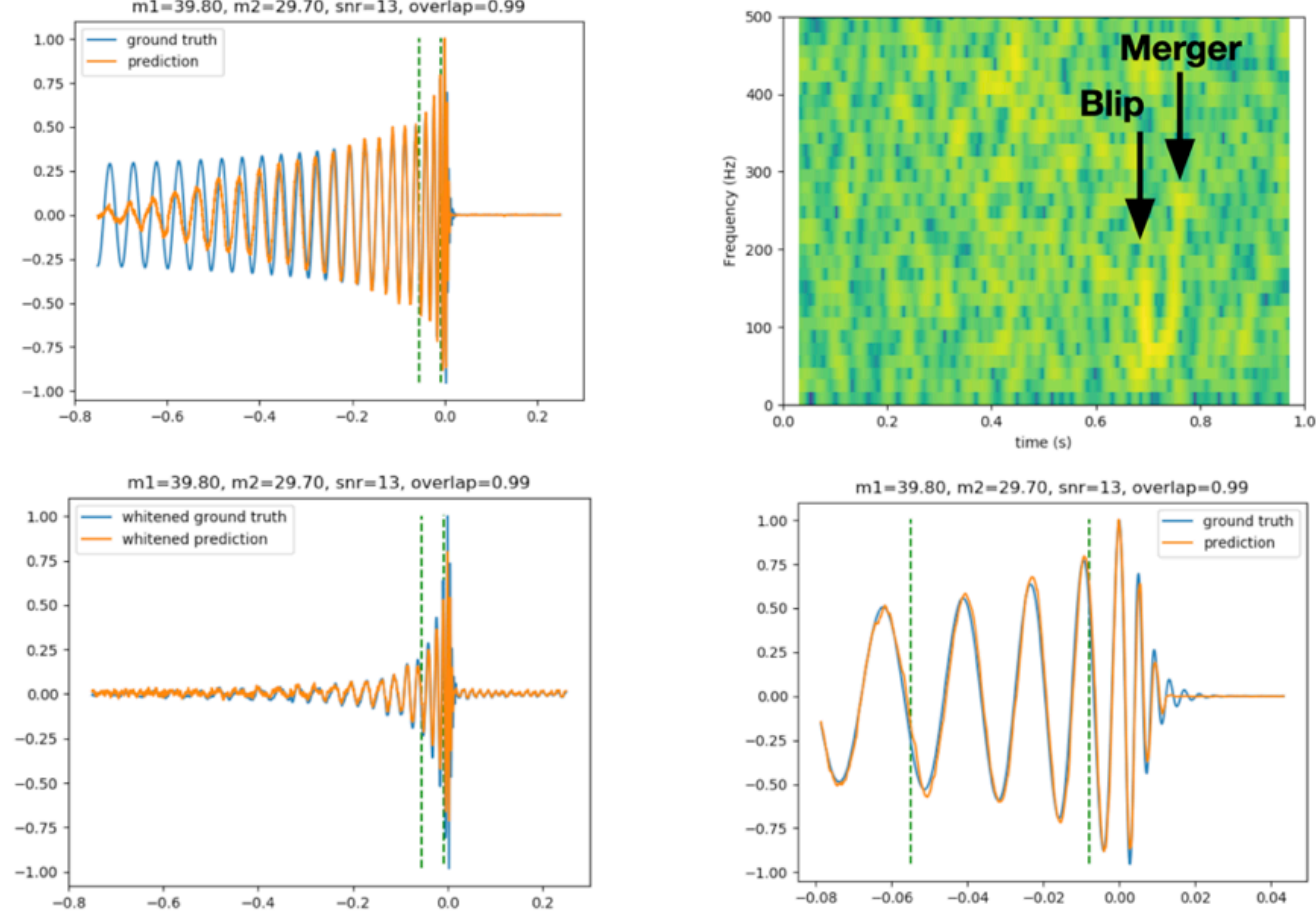
P. Harris et al Neurips Physics '19 (64)

FPGA resource and latency optimization

Model	Initiation Interval	Accuracy	Latency	DSP	BRAM	FF	LUT
MNIST dense model	128	0.97	2.6 $\mu$ s	21%	45%	12%	33%
MNIST binary dense model	128	0.93	2.6 $\mu$ s	0%	33%	7%	39%
MNIST ternary dense model	128	0.95	2.6 $\mu$ s	0%	33%	7%	40%
MNIST dense model, 95% pruned with zero suppression	128	0.96	2.8 $\mu$ s	1%	34%	13%	164%
MNIST dense model	4096	0.97	68.1 $\mu$ s	1%	66%	27%	83%
MNIST dense model, 95% pruned with zero suppression	4096	0.96	82.1 $\mu$ s	0%	34%	9%	25%

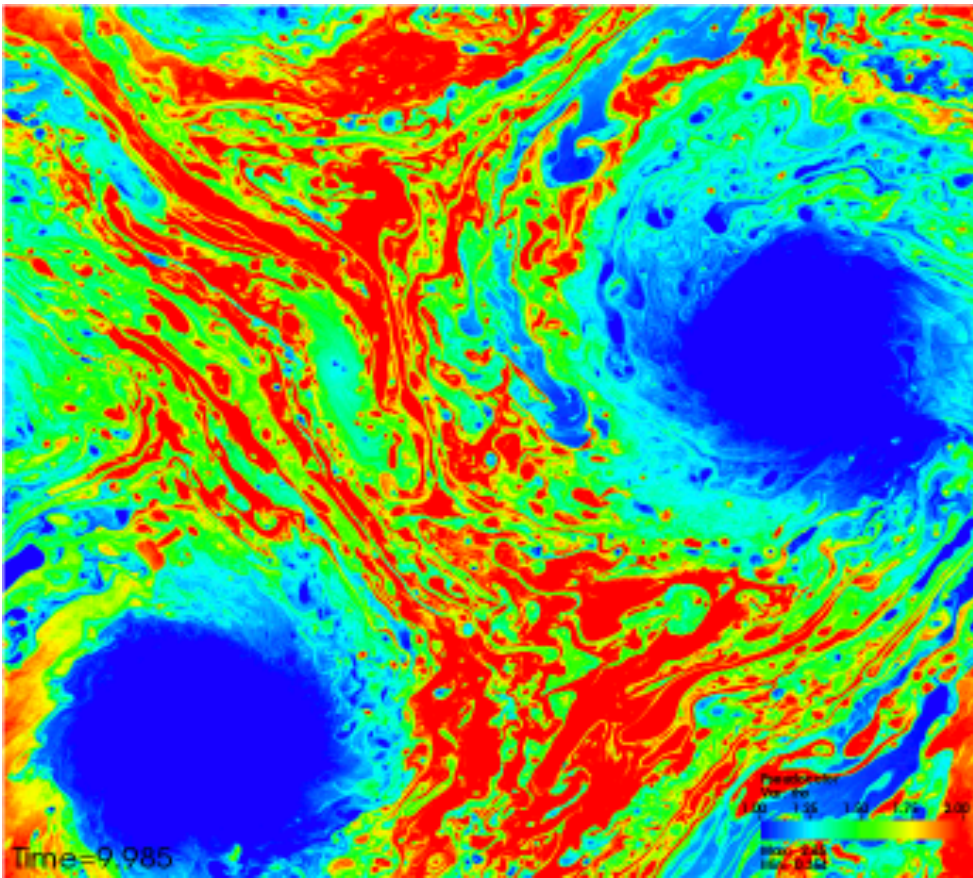
Denoise and deglitch waveform signals embedded in advanced LIGO data that are contaminated by real noise anomalies

W Wei & EA Huerta, Physics Letters B 800, 135081 (2020)



Accelerate the modeling of multi-messenger sources using AI to learn and model magnetohydrodynamics turbulence

S Rosofsky & EA Huerta, Accepted to Phys. Rev. D



Magnetized Kelvin-Helmholtz Instability © NCSA/University of Illinois

Education, Outreach and Training AI Program

Workshops and Tutorials in Accelerated AI

**Hands-on Machine Learning for Astronomers: Artificial Intelligence for Big-Data Astronomy**, 235<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Honolulu, Hawaii, 4-8 January 2020 (Workshop was oversubscribed. Open source code available at <https://sites.google.com/view/aas235mlworkshop/home>

The Center for Artificial Intelligence Innovation at the University of Illinois offers weekly hands-on tutorials and hackathons for students, postdocs and staff. NVIDIA and IBM are co-sponsors of this training and education program [http://www.ncsa.illinois.edu/enabling/data/deep\\_learning/news/hal\\_spring20](http://www.ncsa.illinois.edu/enabling/data/deep_learning/news/hal_spring20)

Upcoming Workshop in Accelerated AI for Big-data Physics Experiments  
Big Ten Center @ Chicago, 23-27 July 2020  
<http://www.ncsa.illinois.edu/Conferences/AcceleratedAINCSA/>

Cross-pollinating efforts

The tools designed in this project have been seamlessly applied to tackle big-data challenges in astronomy

Astronomy: novel AI tools to classify compact star clusters detected in Hubble Space telescope UV-optical imaging of nearby spiral galaxies. These AI tools have outperformed human classification accuracy for the first time (W Wei, EA Huerta, et al.. Accepted to MNRAs)

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GREAT turnout for @astrofaisst's hands-on #MachineLearning for astronomers workshop! The overflow crowd is learning how to use #ArtificialIntelligence for #BigData #astronomy. #AAS235

