

Supercomputing for Accelerating Neutrino Physics

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Background

- Activity within particle accelerators generates millions of events.
- These events undergo machine learning (ML) inference to determine the type of particle interaction that the detector recorded.
- This large number of events generates require ultra-petabyte storage systems.

Services for Optimized Network Inference on Coprocessors (SONIC)

- Heterogenous computing framework using a client-server model to integrate external computing resources.
- Uses graphics processing units (GPUs) for ML acceleration.
- SONIC proposal* reports ProtoDUNE event reconstruction using Triton + Google Cloud can:
 - Speed up ML inference by a factor of 17
 - Reduce overall event processing time by a factor of 2.7 (330s to 123s)

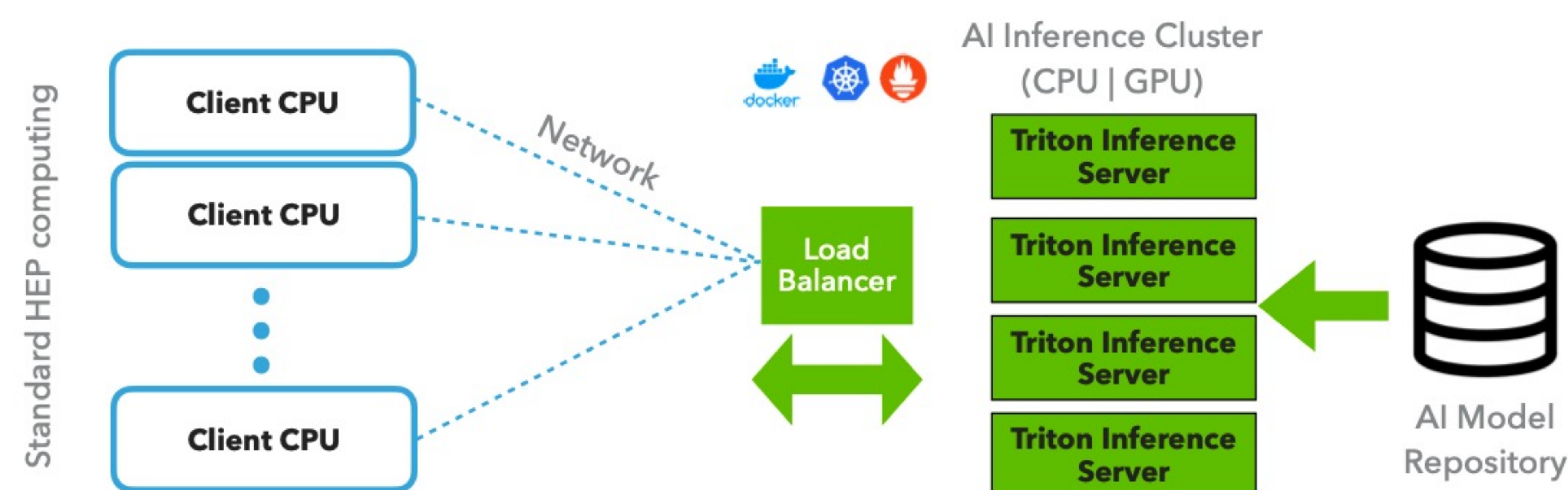


Figure 1: Diagram of SONIC Architecture

Objective

- Working to adapt the SONIC system to run on the NERSC Cori supercomputer.
- Prove SONIC proposal's metrics by showing overall event time and ML inference time are minimized using the framework.
- DUNE plans to use a combination of supercomputing facilities along with GPU accelerators for neutrino analysis.

*Reference: *GPU-accelerated machine learning inference as a service for computing in neutrino experiments*
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.04509>

ProtoDUNE event reconstruction using FermiGrid

| File | CPU Total event time | GPU Total event time | Ratio | CPU ML inference time | GPU ML inference time | Ratio |
|------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 844.531 | 566.278 | 1.49 | 328.192 | 21.813 | 15.05 |
| 2 | 983.785 | 431.857 | 2.28 | 359.097 | 20.792 | 17.27 |
| 3 | 880.617 | 382.902 | 2.30 | 323.983 | 20.694 | 15.66 |
| 4 | 840.133 | 634.182 | 1.32 | 306.585 | 24.325 | 12.60 |
| 5 | 527.301 | 404.612 | 1.30 | 188.112 | 20.279 | 9.28 |

ProtoDUNE event reconstruction using Cori

| File (Processor)** | CPU Total event time | GPU Total event time | Ratio | CPU ML inference time | GPU avg ML inference time | Ratio |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1 (KNL) | 1344.94 | 612.638 | 2.20 | 827.136 | 99.6944 | 8.30 |
| 1 (Haswell) | 249.03 | 202.339 | 1.23 | 147.057 | 103.29 | 1.42 |
| 2 (KNL) | 1118.84 | 456.305 | 2.45 | 717.792 | 63.5727 | 11.29 |
| 2 (Haswell) | 203.805 | 264.244 | 0.771 | 127.486 | 186.394 | 0.684 |

**KNL is less-performant than Haswell

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