## PAVE

## An In Situ Framework for Scientific Visualization and Machine Learning Coupling

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**PAVE:** An in situ framework allowing researchers and practitioners to couple scientific visualization and machine learning tasks.

Motivation

Solution

Framework

Case Study and Application of PAVE



## **Motivation:**

I/O remains a limiting factor in **traditional HPC** which often **produces large amounts of output.** 

This limitations of I/O are increasing as machine learning (ML) is growingly more important in HPC and requires not only large amounts of data ('big data') but also data in combination with large amounts of output in order to produce an algorithm.



## With ML, the role of data and output has changed, becoming more integral in algorithm design.





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Scientific Visualization Output



#### Supernova Direct Volume Rendering

Supernova Contour

**Ray-tracing:** Seismic Wave Propagation

VTK-m: Accelerating the Visualization Toolkit for Massively Threaded Architectures, Moreland et al. 2016





#### "Ultra Super Critical" Oxy-Coal

Kumar, Sidharth, et al. "Scalable data management of the Uintah simulation framework for next-generation engineering problems with radiation." Asian Conference on Supercomputing Frontiers. Springer, Cham, 2018.





#### A Virtual Reality Visualization Tool for Neuron Tracing

Usher, W., Klacansky, P., Federer, F., Bremer, P. T., Knoll, A., Yarch, J., ... & Pascucci, V. (2017). A virtual reality visualization tool for neuron tracing. IEEE transactions on visualization and computer graphics, 24(1), 994-1003.

Isosurface representation of the vorticity, rendered with path tracing

Wang, Feng, et al. "CPU Isosurface Ray Tracing of Adaptive Mesh Refinement Data." IEEE transactions on visualization and computer graphics 25.1 (2018): 1142-1151.





## Machine Learning Output

**Generative Models:** Gaussian mixture model, Hidden Markov model, Bayesian network, Generative Adversarial Network, Autoencoder, ...

Neural Networks: Convolutional, Recurrent, Long-Short, ...

**Structured Predictions:** Conditional Random Field, Structured SVM, Language Processing, ...

**Decision Trees** 



## **Motivating Aim**

A scalable and efficient framework for combining scientific visualization (traditional programming) and machine learning tasks





## What do we have to address?

Problem: An increasing gap between compute performance and I/O bandwidth for HPC.





# In Situ Transport: Coupling scientific visualization and machine learning.

- In situ data transport of visualization task used as input for machine learning model to produce a trained learning algorithm.



**PAVE** provides a simple API for in situ data transport for coupling user defined scientific visualization and machine learning tasks.





## **Case Study**

#### Coupled Path Tracing and Conditional Adversarial Network

Scalable conditional generative adversarial network (cGAN) trained on the output of a path tracer to be able to emulate the behavior of light and global illumination for scene dependent geometry.



End Goal: Path Tracer trains a Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) for emulating the behaviour of light in a given scene.





**Motivation:** Alleviate input/output bottleneck when coupling traditional programming and machine learning.











#### System Overview: User Defined Visualization



Scientific Visualization: Path Tracer using VTK-m



Data parallel primitive toolkit for scientific visualization suitable for massively threaded architectures.

VTK-m was chosen due to its scalability and HPC compatibility



#### System Overview: Learning Model



#### Path Tracer Design

Path Tracer: Monte Carlo sampling over shapes, light intensity and pixel values. The sampling is performed by sending multiple rays per pixel traversing the scene, accumulating the color of the surfaces it interacts with until it hits a light source.



**Ray-tracing:** Seismic Wave Propagation





#### **Training Generative Neural Networks**

Cops and Counterfeiters, a zero sum game.



#### Case Study Training the generator





#### Data from VTK-m Pathtracer: Geometric Buffers



Image buffers needed to compute light paths offer conditional dependency on the behavior of light based on the geometry and light sources within a scene.

Material property parameters, direct lighting, color coded normals of Surfaces and depth: (a) - (d) respectively.



Data for both path tracer and cGAN along with the output from the path tracer for cGAN



#### Data: Conditional Geometric Buffers



#### **Output: Ground Truth Rendering**



#### **Conditional Generative Adversarial Network**





#### Discriminator

Deep Convolutional patchGAN Network (Isola et. al. [30])

Added advantage of providing a patch-wise probability and regional accuracy within an image in question as being real or fake.



#### **Generative Network Loss**

Spatial relations and location is important.

Added L1 norm loss to cross entropy due to Structural preservation of U-Net due to concatenate and regional influence due to patch-wise probability in Discriminator.

Gradient descent based optimization as zero-sum game between discriminator and generator.







## Example of Learned Light Transport

Light reflected from near surfaces.

Illumination dependent on orientation and proximity to light source.

Path Traced Ground Truth

Artificial Image from Generator



## **Example of Learned Light Transport**

Accurately approximate diffuse indirect illumination and soft shadows

Path Traced Ground Truth



Artificial Image from Generator



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Possible Issue:

- Need longer ray depth, higher sample rate.
- Discriminator learns to identify fixed point.
- To low training resolution.
- ect...



#### Performance

**Ray Tracing:** Generating 3080 image, dimension 256x256x3, ray depth 50, sampling 1000, system 2x Nvidia RTX-2080 Ti GPUs, Totaling 13 hours.

**Training cGAN:** On same machine with one Nvidia RTX-2080 Ti GPU took 2.7 hours over 400 epochs (with all data available).



#### **Future Work**

Implement more cyclical, interweaved applications of visualization and learning such as learning implementations on time dependent visualizations.

Larger scale in the amount to compute and data generated with more intensive coupling of tasks.

Generate novel scene or for volumes.

We would also like to add more output connectors such as Ospray or Optix, and add more machine learning frameworks such as TensorFlow.



#### Thank you, questions?

Computer, in the Holmesian style, create a mystery to confound Data with an opponent that has the ability to defeat him...



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#### Example Synthetic Conditional Buffer and Sphere

When using synthetic conditional the network showed ability to learn refraction.

Path Traced Original

Image Augmentation as Conditional

Generated Image During Training.

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