

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory LDRD Project Data Sheet - FY19

Project ID: FNAL-LDRD-2019-027

Project title: Accelerator Control with Artificial Intelligence

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Project description: (short description and explanation of cutting edge, high-risk, high-potential science or engineering)

We seek to bring artificial intelligence (AI) to the operation of Fermilab's accelerator facilities. We will pioneer the workflows and practices which are necessary for AI applications in the complex information environment of devices in the accelerator. To begin, we will apply AI to the control of Gradient Magnet Power Supply (GMPS) with a goal to achieve stability in the bend field less than 1 part in 2000.

Tie to Mission: (explain the project's relevance or anticipated benefits to Fermilab's and DOE's missions)

Particle accelerators are enormously complex devices and their operation and tuning require constant attention from the scientists and engineers responsible for them. AI algorithms offer the potential to reduce the amount of operator time spent on demanding but low-cognition tasks and to improve the efficiency of operations overall. This endeavor has long-term potential to make a significant positive impact on accelerator operations, but we must begin conservatively - thorough safeguards to protect the accelerator complex are strictly required.

Previous year's accomplishments: (as applicable)

Significant Covid delays from access to access to AD hardware and staff and no accelerator based running time due to early shutdown of the accelerator complex. Also lost PNNL partners from their funding ending. Did make progress on data handling infrastructure and studying FPGA coding tools.

Work proposed for current fiscal year and anticipated / desired results:

Test FPGA codes in accelerator control hardware and test functionality with beam operations.

Project funding profile: (costs, budgets, projected budgets, and total)

Prior year(s) costs	FY19 ½	FY20	FY21	FY22 ½	Total
N/A	27,859	207,435	291,000	205,806	732,100

Project Start Data: 4/8/2019

Total Approved Project funds: \$ 732,100