

## LArSoft - Bug #16778

### Memory deallocation error running MicroBooNE reconstruction

06/06/2017 01:46 PM - Gianluca Petrillo

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	06/06/2017
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assignee:</b>	Tracy Usher	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Category:</b>	Reconstruction	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>		<b>Spent time:</b>	8.00 hours
<b>Occurs In:</b>	v06_26_01_02	<b>Co-Assignees:</b>	
<b>Experiment:</b>	MicroBooNE		

#### Description

Reported via e-mail by Herbert Greenlee:

In testing mcc8, I am observing a crash in about 1% of events in the destructor of the sparse\_vector owned by recob::Wire. The crash is due to a bad deallocate.

Steps to reproduce.

I am running off of base release larsoft v06\_26\_01\_02. I have checked out uboonecode branch v06\_26\_01\_br and larreco branch v06\_26\_01\_01\_branch, each with some local updates, which may or may not be affecting the crash. I do not have lardataobj checked out.

My source area is here:

```
/uboone/app/users/greenlee/mcc8rel/srcs
```

A tarball containing compiles binaries is here:

```
/uboone/app/users/greenlee/mcc8rel/local3.tar
```

and following:

Here are two crashing events:

```
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodruns_v5_tpcneutrinoidelectionii/17183444_1004/PhysicsRun-2016_4_8_4_5_37-0005824-00307_20160408T150623_bnb_20160408T175930_merged_20160409T090100_reco1_20160409T145657_reco2_20160530T201704_filter_20170520T004002_wflash.root  
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodruns_v5_tpcneutrinoidelectionii/17185615_1795/PhysicsRun-2016_3_13_9_33_25-0005412-00070_20160322T071700_bnb_20160323T214727_merged_20160409T134756_reco1_20160412T053429_reco2_20160531T020148_filter_20170520T010806_wflash.root
```

#### Associated revisions

##### Revision 8e8c7b51 - 06/09/2017 03:38 PM - Gianluca Petrillo

Baseline algorithm now accommodates the case of integral dynamic range.

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##### Revision f9d16c55 - 06/09/2017 04:14 PM - Gianluca Petrillo

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## History

**#1 - 06/06/2017 01:51 PM - Gianluca Petrillo**

- Occurs In v06\_26\_01\_02 added

**#2 - 06/06/2017 08:59 PM - Herbert Greenlee**

Latest fcl file is reco\_uboone\_data\_mcc8\_driver\_stage1and2\_test4.fcl

in directory /uboone/app/users/greenlee/mcc8rel/srcs/uboonecode/fcl/reco

Crashing files from with this fcl file are as follows.

```
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodruns_v5_tpcneutrinoselectionii/17187014_450
/PhysicsRun-2016_4_6_20_41_21-0005804-00167_20160407T064154_bnb_20160407T080221_merged_20160409T083941_reco1_20160410T050
412_reco2_20160530T204501_filter_20170520T011906_wflash.root
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodruns_v5_tpcneutrinoselectionii/17186833_412
/PhysicsRun-2016_2_23_23_0_18-0005127-00114_20160225T021639_bnb_20160226T175217_merged_20160409T150345_reco1_20160412T235
028_reco2_20160531T074224_filter_20170520T011701_wflash.root
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodruns_v5_tpcneutrinoselectionii/17188543_917
/PhysicsRun-2016_4_10_15_14_18-0005850-00100_20160412T095516_bnb_20160413T182800_merged_20160413T223336_reco1_20160414T10
5500_reco2_20160530T184455_filter_20170520T012743_wflash.root
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodruns_v5_tpcneutrinoselectionii/17185387_171
7/PhysicsRun-2016_3_27_5_29_27-0005607-00064_20160327T140931_bnb_20160328T231737_merged_20160409T091655_reco1_20160411T11
0144_reco2_20160530T223237_filter_20170520T010540_wflash.root
```

### #3 - 06/07/2017 02:04 PM - Gianluca Petrillo

- Category set to Reconstruction
- Status changed from New to Assigned
- Assignee set to Gianluca Petrillo

So far, I failed to reproduce the crash with a debug version using the public v06\_26\_01\_br branch and the FHiCL file specified, as copied from its location, running on the first input file in the first report and on the first file of note 2.  
I still have to try with a profiling version, and then with the full working area specified in the report, before claiming irreproducibility.

### #4 - 06/07/2017 02:47 PM - Gianluca Petrillo

- Status changed from Assigned to Feedback

I could not reproduce the problem using either:

```
PhysicsRun-2016_4_6_20_41_21-0005804-00167_20160407T064154_bnb_20160407T080221_merged_20160409T083941_reco1_20
160410T050412_reco2_20160530T204501_filter_20170520T011906_wflash.root
PhysicsRun-2016_4_8_4_5_37-0005824-00307_20160408T150623_bnb_20160408T175930_merged_20160409T090100_reco1_2016
0409T145657_reco2_20160530T201704_filter_20170520T004002_wflash.root
```

as input files and a working area with only larreco (branch v06\_26\_01\_01\_branch) and uboonecode (branch v06\_26\_01\_br), running the FHiCL file copied from /uboone/app/users/greenlee/mcc8rel/srcs/uboonecode/fcl/reco/reco\_uboone\_data\_mcc8\_driver\_stage1and2\_test4.fcl on a SCD machine (woof.fnal.gov).

Please publish feature branches with the complete code reproducing the issue. That will also give me a place where to push fixes.

### #5 - 06/08/2017 09:42 AM - Herbert Greenlee

I will also post this message to issue 16778.

I think the reason you could not reproduce this crash is because you didn't have all of the local patches and updates from my test release. As you requested, I have now pushed these, along with all job fcl files, to the following branches in the following git repositories.

```
uboonecode greenlee_deallocate
larreco v06_26_01_01_branch
```

If you check out these two branches and build against base release larsoft v06\_26\_01\_02, you should have the identical code as is crashing for me.

I have a set of crashing input files from my latest set of tests using job fcl file reco\_uboone\_data\_mcc8\_driver\_stage1and2\_test6.fcl

```
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodru
ns_v5_tpcneutrinoselectionii/17186319_221/PhysicsRun-2016_4_12_7_8_49-0005877-00025_20160412T1
61908_bnb_20160413T201332_merged_20160414T023354_reco1_20160414T074940_reco2_20160531T071821_fi
ler_20170520T011238_wflash.root
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodru
ns_v5_tpcneutrinoselectionii/17185034_1603/PhysicsRun-2016_4_10_15_14_18-0005850-00006_2016041
2T131747_bnb_20160414T173755_merged_20160415T055329_reco1_20160415T100428_reco2_20160530T185628_
filter_20170520T010244_wflash.root
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodru
ns_v5_tpcneutrinoselectionii/17188196_837/PhysicsRun-2016_4_7_20_48_20-0005820-00011_20160408T
040322_bnb_20160408T062331_merged_20160409T091541_reco1_20160409T150857_reco2_20160530T202718_fi
lter_20170520T012658_wflash.root
/pnfs/uboone/persistent/users/mdeltutt/v06_26_01_01/prod_bnb_reco_neutrino2016_beamfilter_goodru
ns_v5_tpcneutrinoselectionii/17187417_589/PhysicsRun-2016_4_7_16_9_35-0005819-00042_20160407T2
```

35446\_bnb\_20160408T022431\_merged\_20160409T082635\_reco1\_20160409T180308\_reco2\_20160530T202550\_filer\_20170520T012134\_wflash.root

I verified that the first file crashes for me reliably interactively for both prof and debug build. Here is the error message.

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MemoryTracker General SUMMARY (all numbers in units of Mbytes)

Peak virtual memory usage (VmPeak) : 2258.38 Mbytes  
Peak resident set size usage (VmHWM) : 1476.57 Mbytes

ProcessStep	Module ID	Vsize
RSS		
===== =====		
Module Construction	out1:RootOutput	0
0.121		
Module Construction	rns:RandomNumberSaver	0
0.090		
.		
.		
.		
Module Construction	pmtrackT0RecoLoose:T0RecoAnodeCathodePiercing	0
0		
Aborted		

**#6 - 06/08/2017 11:30 AM - Gianluca Petrillo**

- % Done changed from 0 to 10

I can obtain an equivalent message now.

**#7 - 06/08/2017 04:12 PM - Gianluca Petrillo**

So far, I have collected the following evidence:

- the crash is caused within CalWireROI module
- the crash that happens when using as input the raw digits from noise removal does *not* happen when using the original raw digits from SimWireMicroBooNE
- no crash happens when using uboonecode v06\_26\_01\_04
- valgrind/memcheck does not expose any foul play

Now bisecting.

**#8 - 06/08/2017 04:52 PM - Gianluca Petrillo**

Bisection revealed that the crash does not happen in [uboonecode:39607de940f656226c8dad07fbc90f78ab5c0794](#), does happen in [uboonecode:3cc0b0a511e697a8a5878883c49302553f54c381](#).  
Unfortunately the three commits in between are not compilable.  
Working on making them compilable.

**#9 - 06/08/2017 07:23 PM - Gianluca Petrillo**

- Experiment MicroBooNE added
- Experiment deleted (-)

The crash happens only when using BaselineMostProbAve baseline algorithm.  
An unrelated small bug prevented BaselineStandard algorithm from being selected; that has been fixed in commit:ce9854a9e65d4045f65dce9adc0b3f8abc16641d.  
I don't know yet if BaselineMostProbAve is bad by itself or if it just triggers something else.

**#10 - 06/08/2017 07:23 PM - Gianluca Petrillo**

- Status changed from Feedback to Work in progress

**#11 - 06/09/2017 12:38 PM - Gianluca Petrillo**

- Assignee changed from Gianluca Petrillo to Tracy Usher

I have pushed an updated version of greenlee\_deallocate branch with some recommended changes (the bug fix mentioned above, and added constantness to input arguments of the tools).  
This will **not** solve the issue. See the next note...

#### #12 - 06/09/2017 12:45 PM - Gianluca Petrillo

- % Done changed from 10 to 50

The issue is triggered by [uboonecode/uboone/CalData/DeconTools/BaselineMostProbAve\\_tool.cc line 61](#) and following.

This can be observed replacing `roiHistVec[std::floor(2. * (holder[binIdx] - min))]++;` with `roiHistVec.at(std::floor(2. * (holder[binIdx] - min)))++;` (change that is **not** recommended unless debugging):

The vector holder, of size `nbin`, can be not large enough to host all the entries. This turns into the code trying to write beyond the limits of that array ("overrun").

The mode of failure for a buffer overrun can be anything. In the reported case, the overrun area hosted heap pointers that are used when deallocating memory, and that memory was assigned to a region of a `sparse_vector` object, therefore destructing that object generated an invalid access. It is possible that the overrun has no consequence, if instead the overrun memory happens to be not allocated; the vector will still be shorter than due, so the physics results will be incorrect.

It is also not obvious to me that this overrun happens every time, nevertheless the most conservative assumption is that **even if a job has succeeded, its results might be wrong**.

Reassigning to the author.

#### #13 - 06/09/2017 03:54 PM - Gianluca Petrillo

- Status changed from Work in progress to Resolved

Picking it back after Tracy request for convenience.

I just extended the too-short vector by one unit.

It turns out the failure comes when the range of the ADC counts in the region of interest is exactly an integer (probably less than just an accident). In that case, the histogram, implemented as a vector, is not large enough to accommodate the maximum value, and overrun occurs.

Pushed on the branch greenlee\_deallocate as [uboonecode:8e8c7b51c3ed406f906fb47f844e7e8720b8be92](#) (together with a slight modernisation of the code).

I have tested it with a single failing file among the ones specified by Herbert, also with a modified code which would throw an exception instead of silently overrunning the array boundary.

Ready for extensive test.

The code in develop also needs to be fixed, which I did not.

#### #14 - 06/09/2017 03:55 PM - Gianluca Petrillo

- % Done changed from 50 to 100

#### #15 - 06/09/2017 04:00 PM - Tracy Usher

Thank you Gianluca for finding and recommending fix!

I have patched the version on the feature branch off develop (using art tools). I didn't include exception checking but hopefully this is no longer necessary.

Ah, I'm reminded to make the input vector const... will do that straight away.