

Machine Learning-based Beam Size Stabilization at ALS

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184" cyclotron yoke (construction 1940)





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1.9 GeV Storage Ring, 196.8 m, 1993







Triple-bend achromat lattice (12 sectors)





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≈40 beamlines, ≈5000 hrs/y, ≈2000 users/y







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Courtesy: C. Steier, PAC'09





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 - ID feed-forwards & tune feedback stabilize optics at source points
 - ID skew feed-forwards stabilize source size
 - require recording lookup tables (time consuming)
 - tables are imperfect and machine drifts over time



Thermal, Ground, Water Table, etc.



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The Problem: Beam Size vs. ID Motion

 Nevertheless, during routine user ops observe vertical source size variations when ID configurations change



ALS Diagnostic Beamline 3.1



SR from 1st arc dipole ("round beam") \rightarrow KB mirrors \rightarrow C filter \rightarrow 1-3 keV x-rays \rightarrow LYSO scintillator crystal \rightarrow visible \rightarrow CCD

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• Traditionally 3rd-gen. sources considered <10% acceptable, but...



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How this Problem Affects Sensitive Experiments

- Vertical source size fluctuations show up as intensity variations at highly sensitive beamlines, such as the STXM at ALS beamline 5.3.2.2
 - STXM zone plate focal length ≈1 mm → no independent & reliable l₀ measurement
 - Very small spot size in focus (>20 nm → scan >10×10 µm²)
 - Fast raster scanning for differential measurements → no averaging (≈1 ms/pixel, 1 s/line, 6 min/scan)
 - Monochromator plane is H → V source size fluctuations directly affect experimental noise floor
- 4th-gen. rings such as ALS-U will be equipped with many more such highly sensitive beamlines: STXM, XPCS, ptychography, etc.



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Need to Solve This Problem at the Source

- Why use Machine Learning (ML) to attack this issue?
 - ML can model highly nonlinear processes and is extremely flexible
 - ML does not require a priori understanding underlying physics (e.g. machine drift) → but allows extracting valuable system information a posteriori
 - ML can substantially outperform conventional fitting (polynomial regression)
- ML requires reproducible events → confirmed in experiments
- ML ideally requires large data sets for training → ALS digital control system can provide that





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- Observed varying ID configurations affect primarily vertical dispersion → ε_y
- Can therefore stabilize beam size globally by adjusting DWP





Building a NN-based ID Feed-Forward

 Training: measure beam sizes while scanning DWP & various ID configurations → acquire data at 10 Hz → input for *training* of NN (DL)



• Requires only large amounts of data & reproducibility





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- Result of DL is *prediction* for DWP required to keep beam size constant for arbitrary ID configurations → run as NN-based ID FF



How a Neural Network (NN) Works







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Courtesy: S. Liu

Deep Learning: How we Trained the NN



Input Layer: ID settings (22-35 Dimension) and DWP (1 Dimension) Three Hidden Fully Connected Layers: 128, 64, 32 neurons in each layer Output Layer: Vertical Beam Size (1 Dimension)

Regularization: L₂ regularizer with $\lambda = 10^{-4}$ Optimization: Adam Optimizer with learning rate $\alpha = 10^{-3}$

	Raw Data		With Square Features	
Architecture	Training MSE	Evaluation MSE	Training MSE	Evaluation MSE
128-64	0.0265	0.0268	0.0257	0.0260
256-64	0.0243	0.0245	0.0259	0.0262
512-128	0.0243	0.0247	0.0243	0.0247
128-64-32	0.0238	0.0242	0.0243	0.0245
256-128-64	0.0236	0.0240	0.0240	0.0246
256-128-64-32	0.0245	0.0249	0.0245	0.0248





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Resulting NN Enables ID Feed-Forward at ≈3 Hz



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Physics Shift: Data Collection for NN Training





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Towards First Experiments During User Ops

- Use machine shift to acquire training data by scanning operational IDs in a quasi-randomized fashion (favoring operational gap range) → train NN
- Put this NN into FF operation during user ops and evaluate







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Online Retraining: Improve NN with User Ops Data

So far: "Conventional" Machine Learning



User Ops

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Online Retraining: Improve NN with User Ops Data

Online Retraining: apply user ops data to improve NN → swap NN used for ID FF on the fly



NN can be continuously online retrained during user ops to improve FF performance (exploiting huge amounts of data acquired during user ops)

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Results: NN-based FF Off vs. On During User Ops



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Stabilization Confirmed at Experiment

ALS Beamline 5.3.2.2



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Backup Slides





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- Reduced injection efficiency & lifetime (nonlinear beam dynamics)
 - caused by higher-order ID effects (eg. field roll-off) → sets requirements for ID design and machine optics





ID Focusing Corrections Implemented in ALS ID FF

- Global Corrections
 - tunes (using lattice quads: 24 QF & 24 QD)
 - in addition: tune FB using same quads
- Local Corrections for all IDs
 - − β_y beat (using 2 QF & 2 QD locally)
 → slightly increases Δv_y → can be removed by global tune correction
- Local Corrections for EPUs only
 - $-\beta_x$ beat (using 2 QF & 2 QD locally)
 - → locally also corrects Δv_x since $\beta_x \approx 21$ m







Who is sensitive to beam size fluctuations?

- H beam size is highly stable due to beam physics in 3GLSs (flat machines, well corrected, low coupling → flat beam)
- V beam size can fluctuate significantly → BLs suffer from this if they
 - have entrance slits (apertures transform shape/size changes into intensity changes)
 - disperse in the H plane (monochromator)
 - rely on intensity measurement (I₀ difficult to measure properly)
 - use short acquisition time (\rightarrow no averaging), eg.
 - differential measurements (do not want to discard too many scans → acquisition time needs to be short compared to fluctuations)
 - raster scanning (STXM) & dynamics (XPCS) → lots of this @ ALS & ALS-U
 - want to operate at shot noise limit (3GLSs often heavily oversubscribed)
- When feature observed, want certainty it's sample and not source





Vertical Dispersion Wave Determines Effective ε_y

- Vertical source size is determined by
 - optics and coupling (local)
 - vertical emittance (global) consisting of
 - natural contribution (emission of SR is quantum process)
 - imperfections (unavoidable in real machines)
 - systematic η_y contributions
 (Dispersion Wave)







PID FB Loop Adjusting DWP as Function of σ_y





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PID FB Loop Adjusting DWP as Function of σ_y (cont.)





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