

Machine Learning-Based Beam Size Stabilization



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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





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Thermal, Ground, Water Table, etc.

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") → KB mirrors → C filter → 1-3 keV x-rays → LYSO scintillator crystal → visible → 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. sources such as ALS-U will be equipped with many more such highly sensitive beamlines: STXM, XPCS, ptychography, etc.

We 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 can substantially outperform conventional fitting (polynomial regression)
 - ML does not require a priori understanding underlying physics (e.g. machine drift) → but allows extracting valuable system information a posteriori
- 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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• Why use Machine Learning (ML) to attack this issue?

- First example: offline analysis of user ops data
 - 26 ID parameters ("input") → predict V beam size @ BL3.1 ("output")
 - Recorded 8 Msamples @ 10 Hz → 6 Msamples used for training, 2 Msamples for validation → training took 30 min on powerful GPU

From Prediction to Correction

 Introduced "dispersion wave parameter" (DWP) to modify standard ALS dispersion wave (skew quadrupole excitation pattern) → allows adjusting vertical emittance (global conserved quantity)

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

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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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Physics Shift: Data Collection for NN Training

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Resulting NN Enables ID Feed-Forward at ≈3 Hz

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Physics Shift: Running NN-based ID Feed-Forward

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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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Summary: 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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