

Machine learning and Accelerator Physics at the Australian Synchrotron

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What do we mean by Machine Learning?

- AI is the ability to think and learn from data (mimicking human cognition)
 - Interpret external data correctly
 - Learn from the data
 - Achieve specific goals/aims using the insights from the data
 - Adapt to changing situations on the fly
- Machine learning (ML) can be thought of as the generation of algorithms that can learn from data without being explicitly programmed
 - Using sample data, learn and predict based on that data

Difficulties with modelling and control

- Complex systems:
 - Nonlinear phenomena
 - Large parameter space
 - Interacting systems and subsystems
 - Diagnostics may not exist
 - Non-Static time variant behaviour – drift over time
- Strong need to improve, control and understand
 - User demand – this will increase and need to switch operation mode
 - Downtime – bad! User output, scientific output
 - Changing landscape for science needs – need to adapt beam setups

Challenges in the future when
we push toward more extreme
beam parameters and
requirements (ultra low
emittance, high gradient, X-FEL,
electron guns etc.)

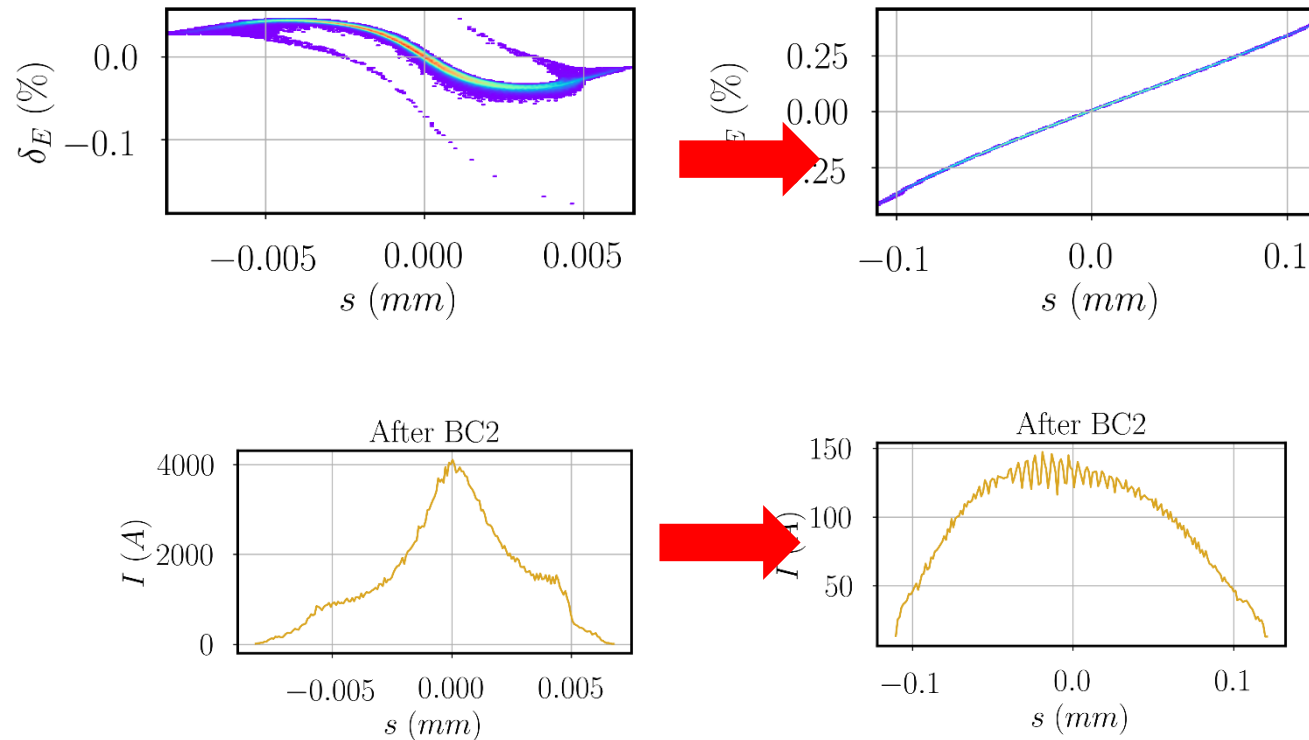
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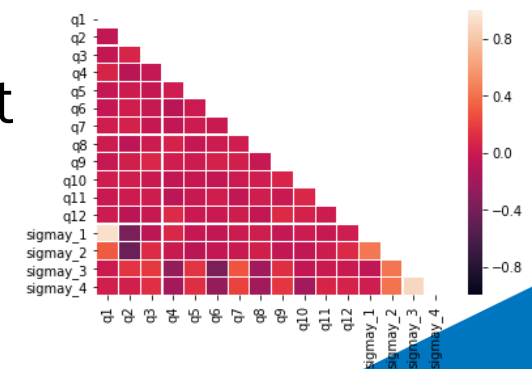
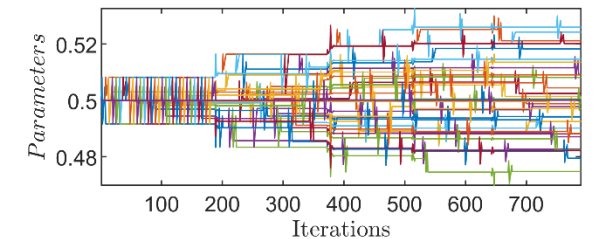
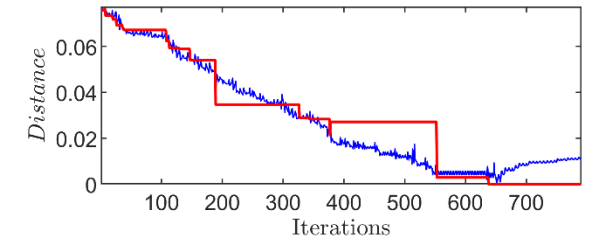
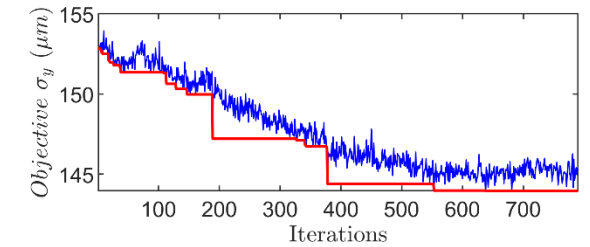


Some examples of ML at ANSTO

- Instrumentation design and optimization (Surrogate modelling)
 - Compact Light Bunch Compressor Optimization
 - Next generation facility designs (see Dr Rohan Dowd's presentation)
 - Nonlinear kicker design
- Online optimization tuning of the machine
- Prediction of unwanted changes and failures for prevention (anomaly detection)

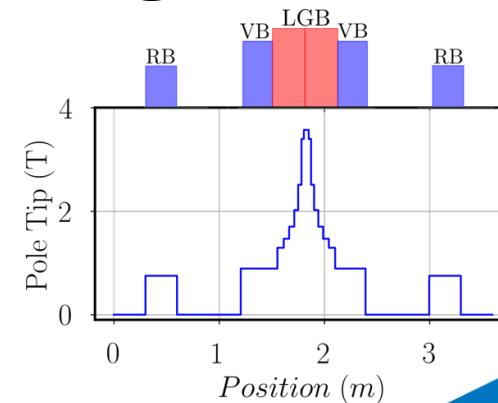
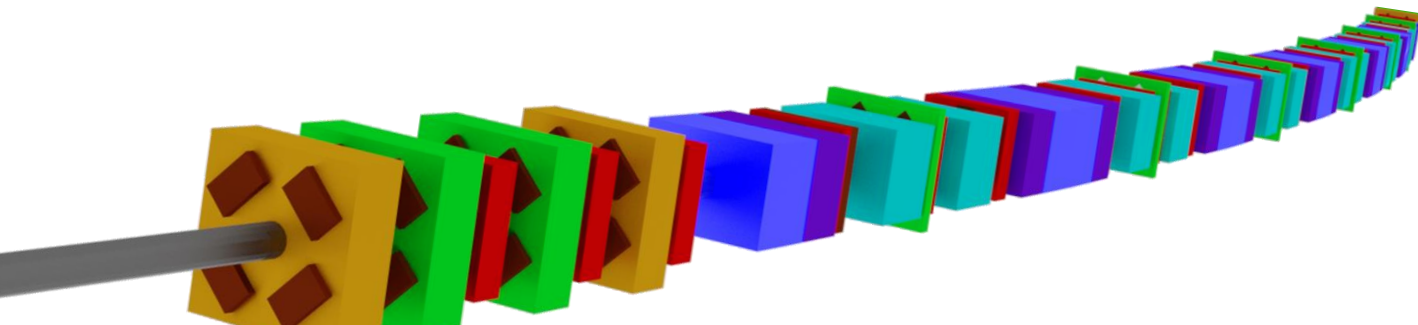
Online Optimization using RCDS

- Traditionally, we have used manual optimization to tune the machine
- Rather than optimize 1000 variables, do a sensitivity analysis
 - Determine the most sensitive parameters that have a distinct impact on the target
- Deploy online optimisation algorithms
 - Robust Conjugative Directional Search (like RCDS) to tune the machine in real-time using the variables selected from the sensitivity analysis
 - E.g. optimise the injection kicker bump of the current injection system



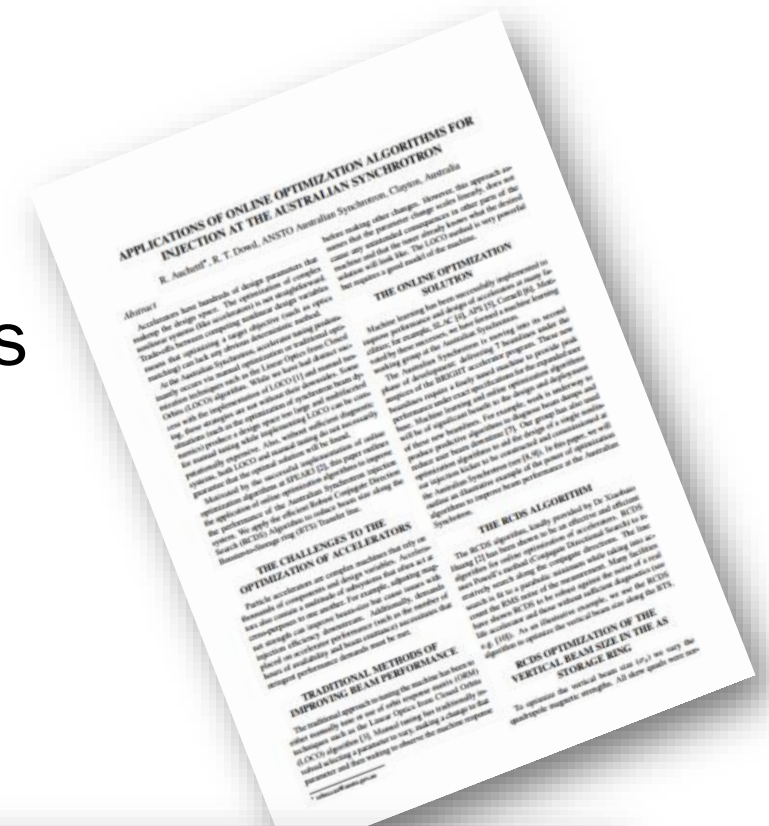
Design optimization

- Challenge: design a next generation reverse bend longitudinal gradient bend ultra low emittance (pm) lattice that could fit into the existing infrastructure
- Fixed constraints make manual optimization hard
- Computationally expensive to explore full parameter space
- Future work: speed up by combining genetic algorithm with neural network



Beam Dump Diagnosis

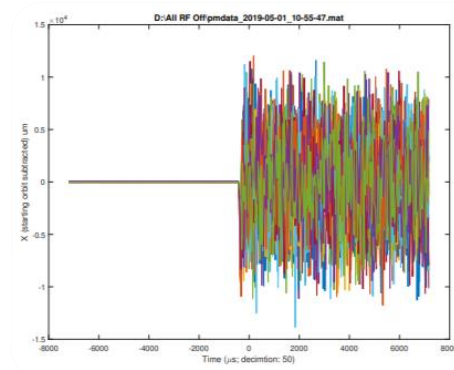
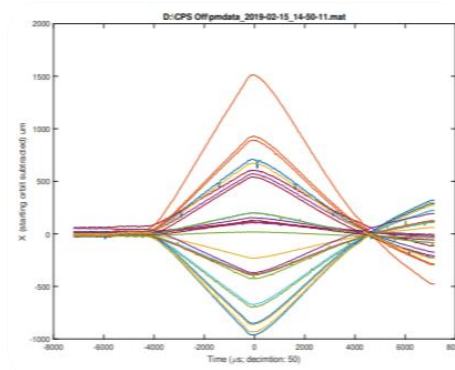
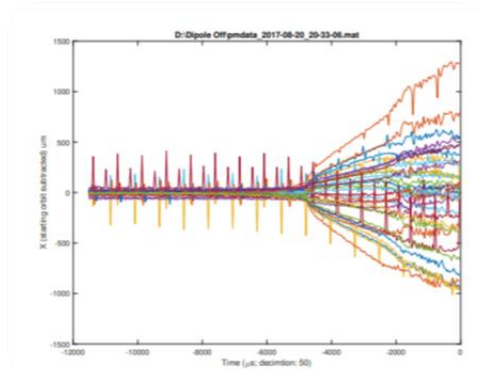
- Predictive algorithms to diagnose beam dumps
- We lose approximately 50 hours of scheduled beam operators per year due to accelerator faults
- Project aims to reduce user beam downtime by automatically classifying fault cause
- Operators can immediately recover the machine without searching for the cause using various diagnostic tools



[7] M. C. Chalmers, “Machine Learning Algorithms for a Predictive Tool to Reduce Beam Down Time”, presented at the 10th Int. Particle Accelerator Conf. (IPAC’19), Melbourne, Australia, May 2019, paper THPRB003, this conference.

Beam Dump Diagnosis

- Most common failures are visually characteristic of the fault
 - › e.g. magnet power supply failure, RF inhibition by EPS
- Project manually classifies the most common faults using logistic regression - accuracy currently at 87%
- Accuracy could be improved using feature engineering



Feature selection of unknown faults

- A fault can have no one obvious characteristic that allows immediate classification and identification
- First steps: data cleaning of post mortem archival data and then exploratory data analysis to analyse hundreds of features to classify as-yet unknown faults
- The model will be used to proactively predict beam dumps before they occur so operators can intervene

Areas for mutual collaboration

- Fault detection, anomaly detection and end of life prediction:
 - Identify bad BPMs, magnet power supplies etc.
 - Predict machine faults before they occur
 - Classification of trips/faults
 - Instrumentation end of life prediction
- Optimization:
 - Different operational modes for machines
 - Treatment delivery for electron radiotherapy (VHEE)
 - Accelerating structure design and optimization
 - Magnet designs

Thank you

We welcome collaborations!

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