



Machine Learning applications for digital twin development and polarization improvement at the BNL hadron injectors

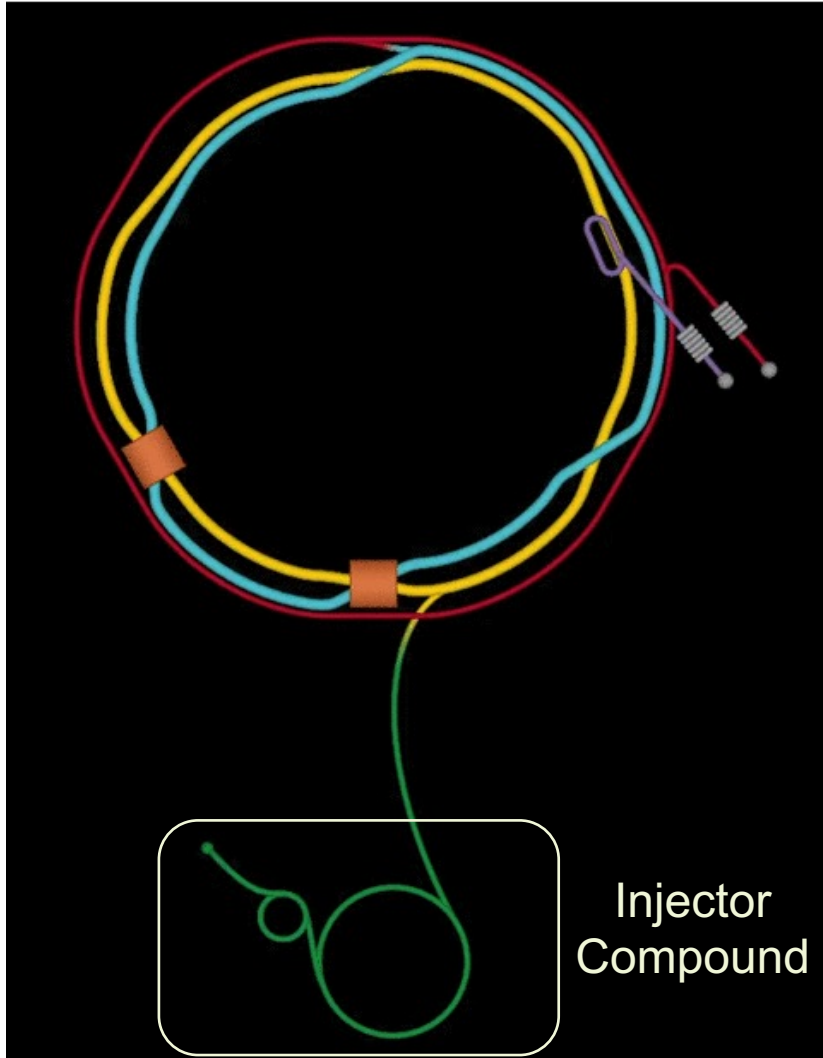
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Injector compound for RHIC and EIC



- **Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)**: largest operating accelerator in the US.
- **Electron Ion Collider (EIC)**: the nation's largest particle accelerator project.
- **Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS)** and its **Booster** serve as part of the **injector compound** for RHIC and future EIC.
- **Bright ion beams** in the AGS and Booster are required for optimal luminosity and highest polarization in RHIC and EIC.
- Obtaining bright beam requires **more accurate beam control** in the injector compound, which is currently mostly hand tuned by operators.

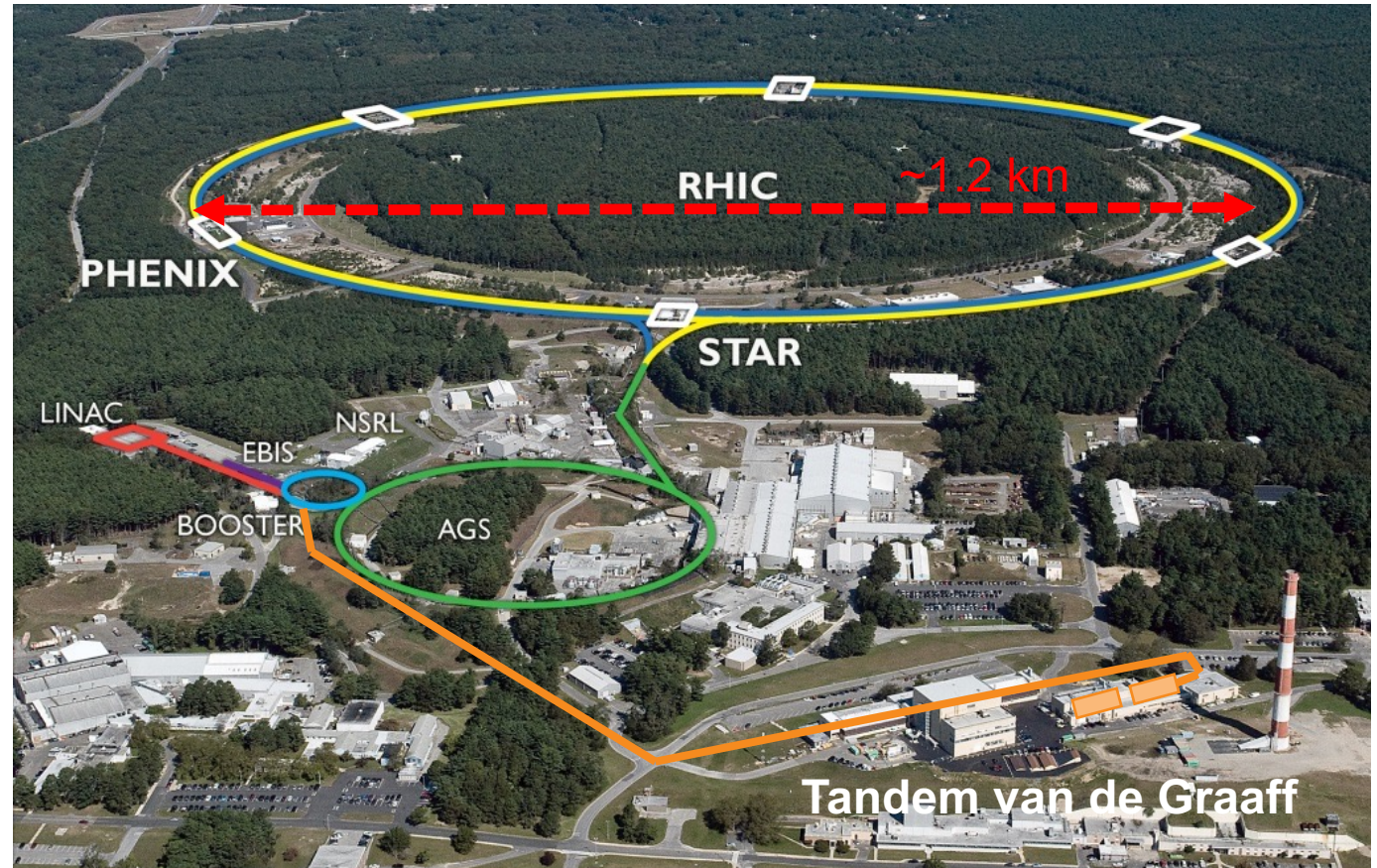
RHIC Accelerator Complex

Accelerator Rings

	Circumference [m]
Booster	201
AGS	807
RHIC	3833

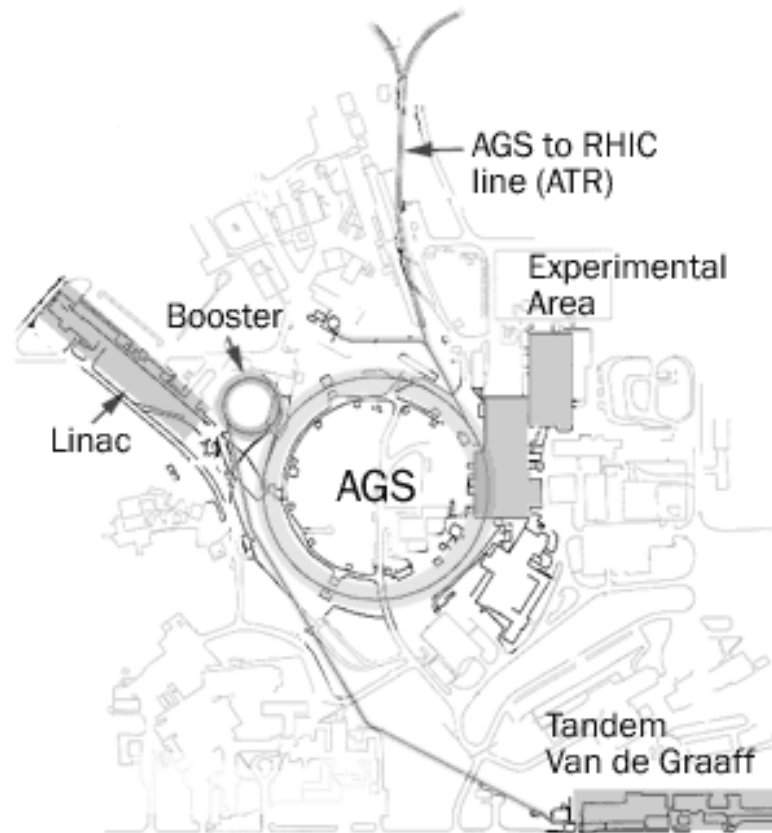
Typical Top Energies [Total, GeV/N]

	Au	Pol. Protons
Linac (H ⁻)	--	1.1
Booster	1	2.3
AGS	10	23.8
RHIC	100	255



Heavy Ions	Protons
E-beam Ion Source (EBIS)	OPPIS (polarized)
Tandem Van de Graaf	High-intensity H ⁻ (unpolarized)

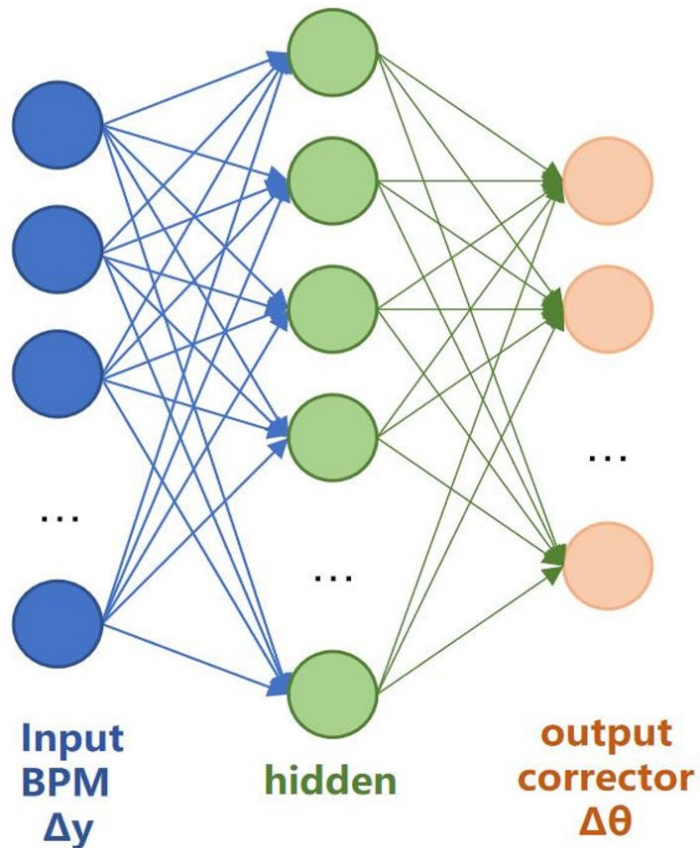
Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS)



- Alternating gradient / strong focusing principle: achieve strong vertical and horizontal focusing of charged particle beam at the same time
- Accelerates proton to 33 GeV in 1960
- 12 super-periods (A to L), 240 main magnets, 810 m circumference
- Now serves as injector for Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)

Orbit Correction at the AGS

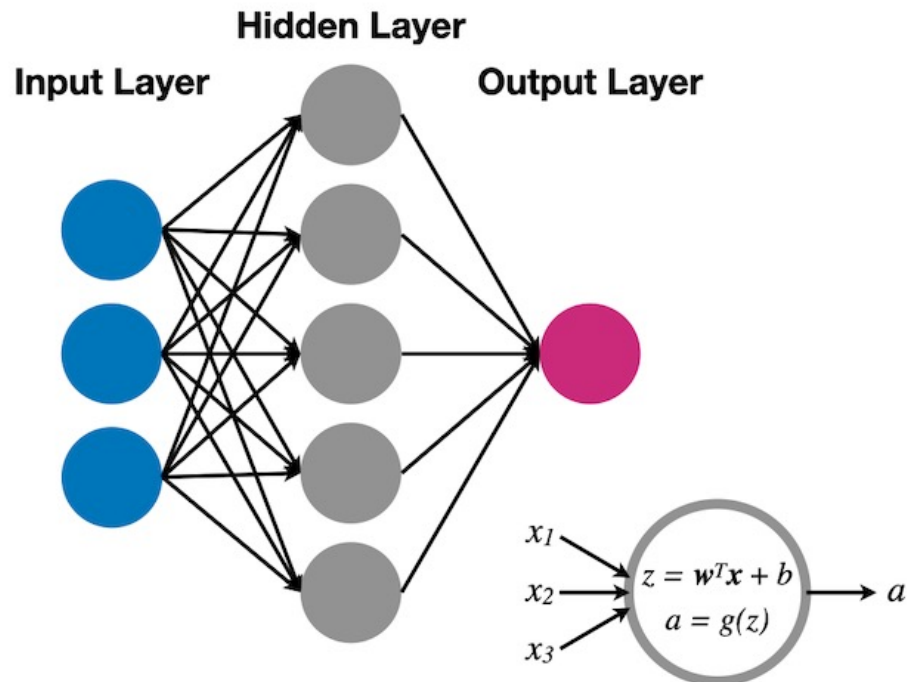
$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta \vec{x} \\ \Delta \vec{y} \end{pmatrix} = \underline{R} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \vec{\theta}_x \\ \Delta \vec{\theta}_y \end{pmatrix}$$



- Traditional orbit correction
 - obtain mapping \underline{R} (orbit response matrix) from corrector settings $\vec{\theta}$ to orbit measurements \vec{y}
 - inverse mapping to get corrector settings $\Delta \vec{\theta}$ needed to cancel orbit deviations $\Delta \vec{y}$
- Orbit correction with NN
 - train directly to get inverse mapping, no need for extra calculation
 - easily update with new data and stay accurate

ML method: Neural Network (NN)

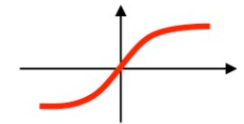
- Establish mapping between a given set of inputs \vec{X} and corresponding outputs \vec{Y}
- Fully connected layers: output = activation(dot(input, weight) + bias)
- Activation function: Hyperbolic Tangent (Tanh) and Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)
- Feed forward neural network (FFNN): most common, no feedback route



Hyperbolic tangent

$$\phi(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$$

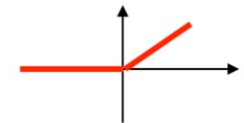
Multi-layer
Neural
Networks



Rectifier, ReLU
(Rectified Linear
Unit)

$$\phi(z) = \max(0, z)$$

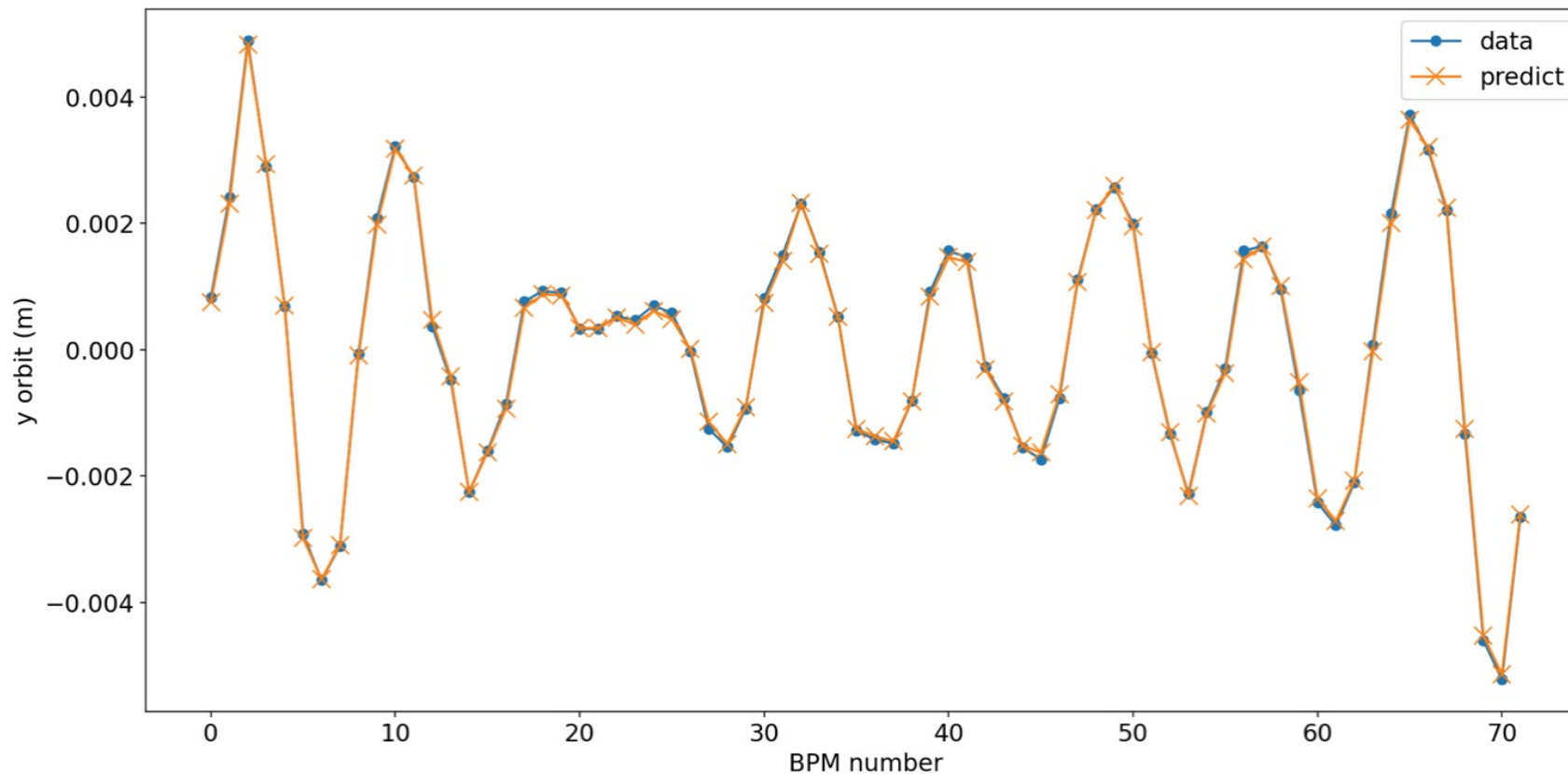
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AGS ORM NN model: training results

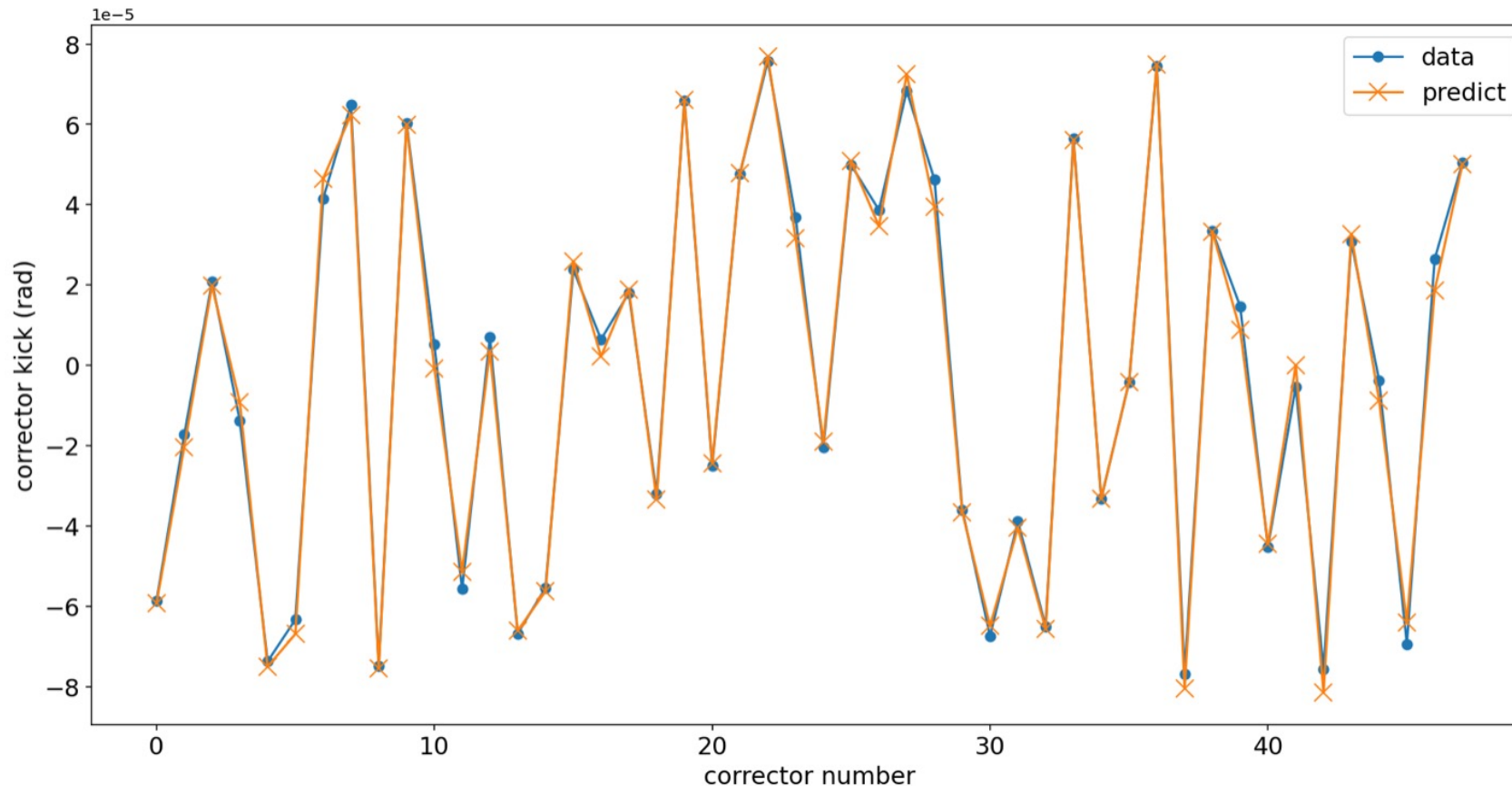
- Input 48 vertical corrector kick → Output 72 y orbit measured at BPM
- Trained on 800 data pairs, tested on 200 data pairs: R^2 score = 0.998

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum (y_i - \bar{y}_i)^2}$$

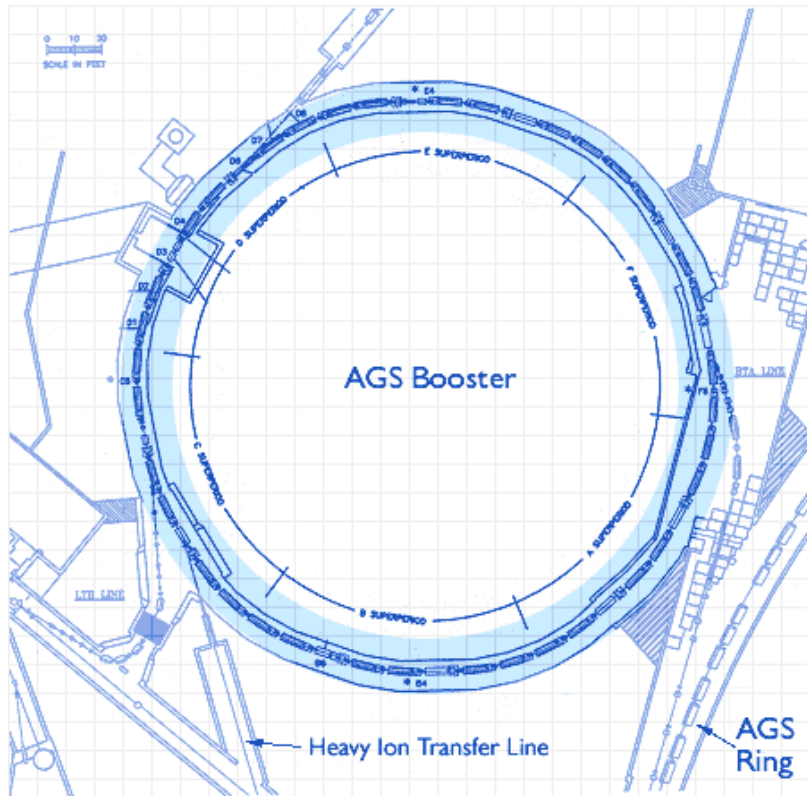


Inverse AGS ORM NN model: training results

- Input 72 y orbit measured at BPM → Output 48 vertical corrector kick
- Trained on 800 data pairs, tested on 200 data pairs: R^2 score = 0.993



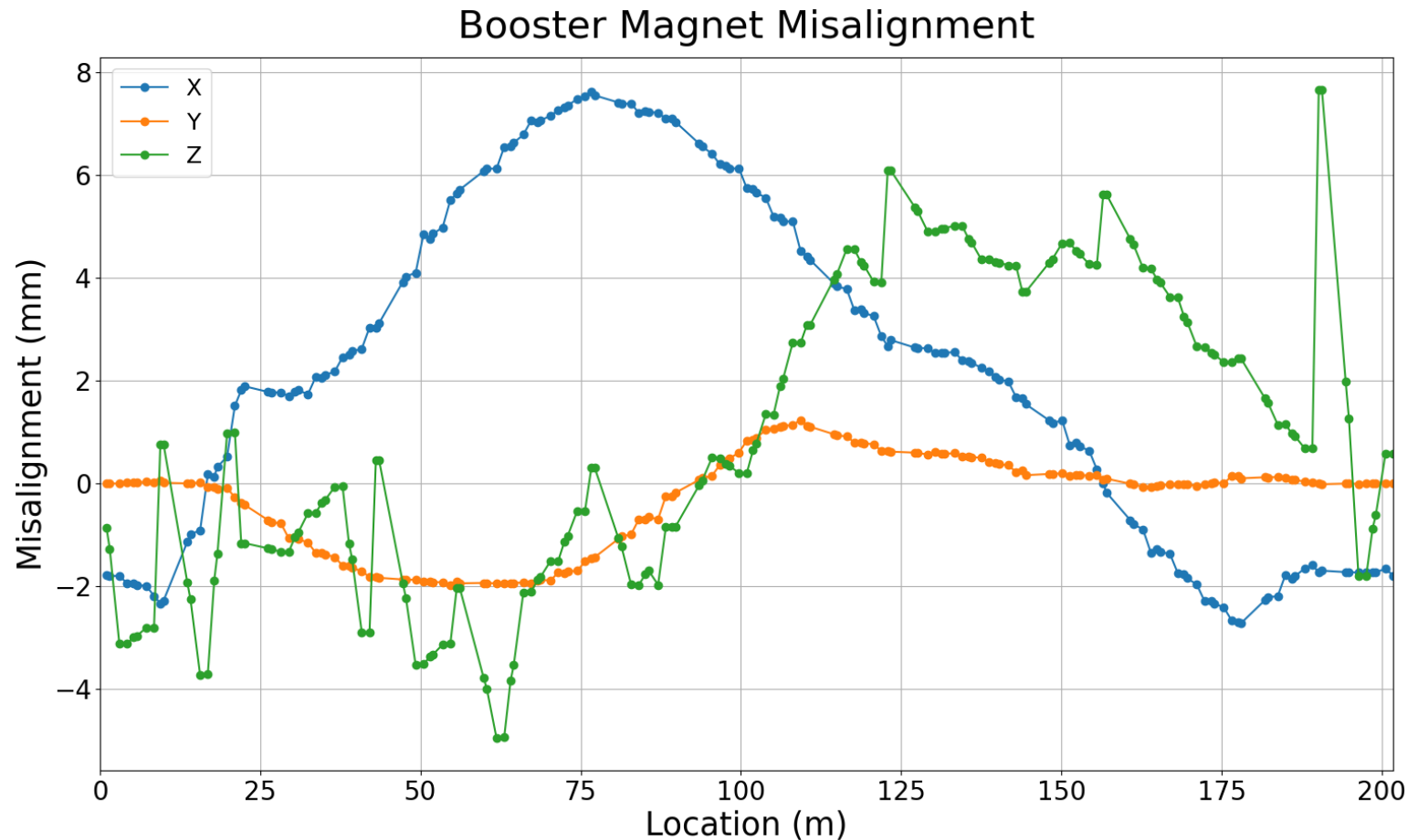
Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS) Booster



- Pre-accelerate particles entering the AGS ring
- Accepts heavy ions from EBIS or protons from 200 MeV Linac
- Serves as heavy ion source for NASA Space Radiation Laboratory (NSRL)
- 6 super-periods (A to F), 72 main magnets

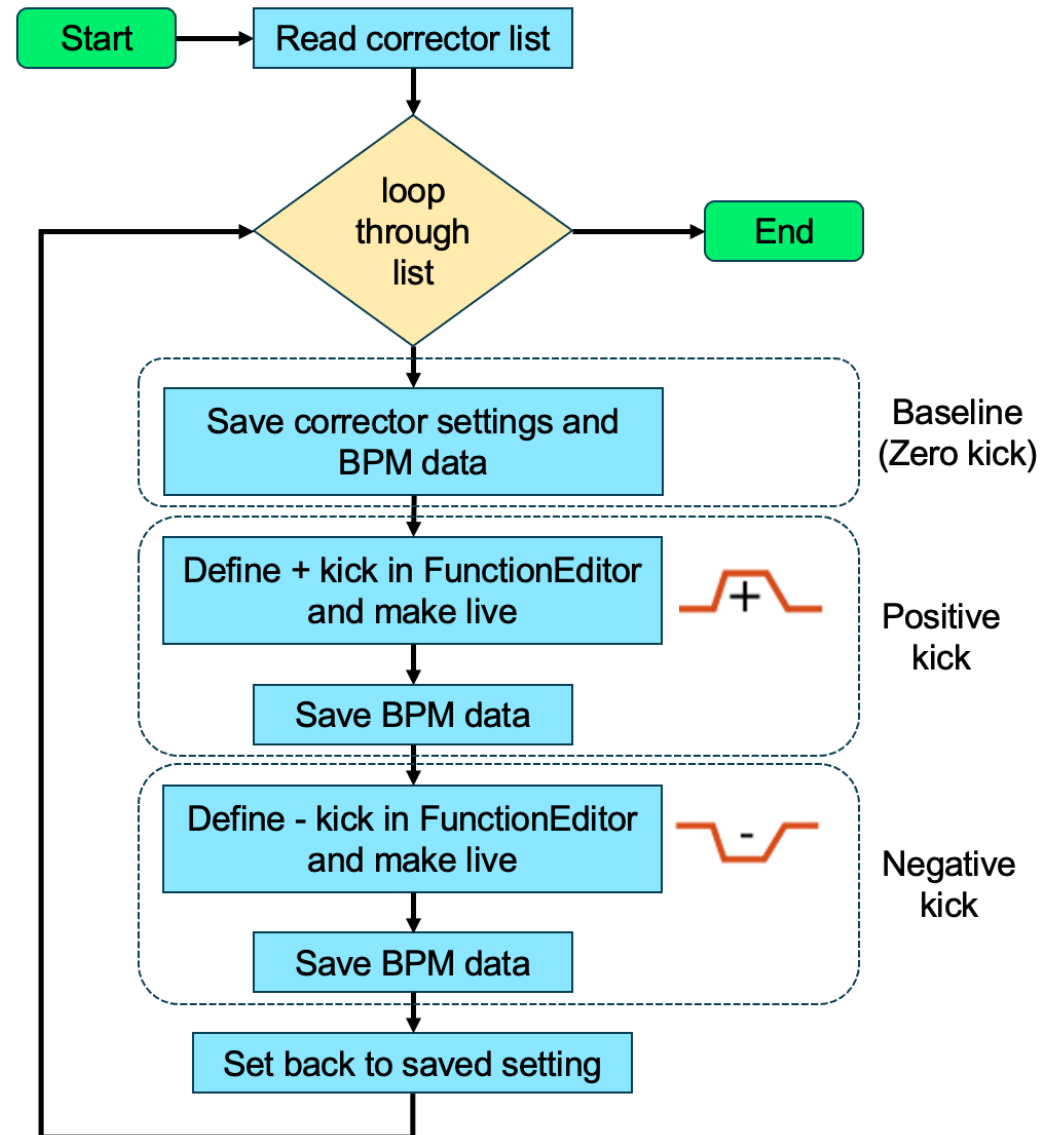
Booster magnet misalignment

- Magnet location in real machine from 2015 survey data
- Misalignment data for quadrupoles and dipoles
- Trouble with making physics simulation with misalignment agree with real orbit data

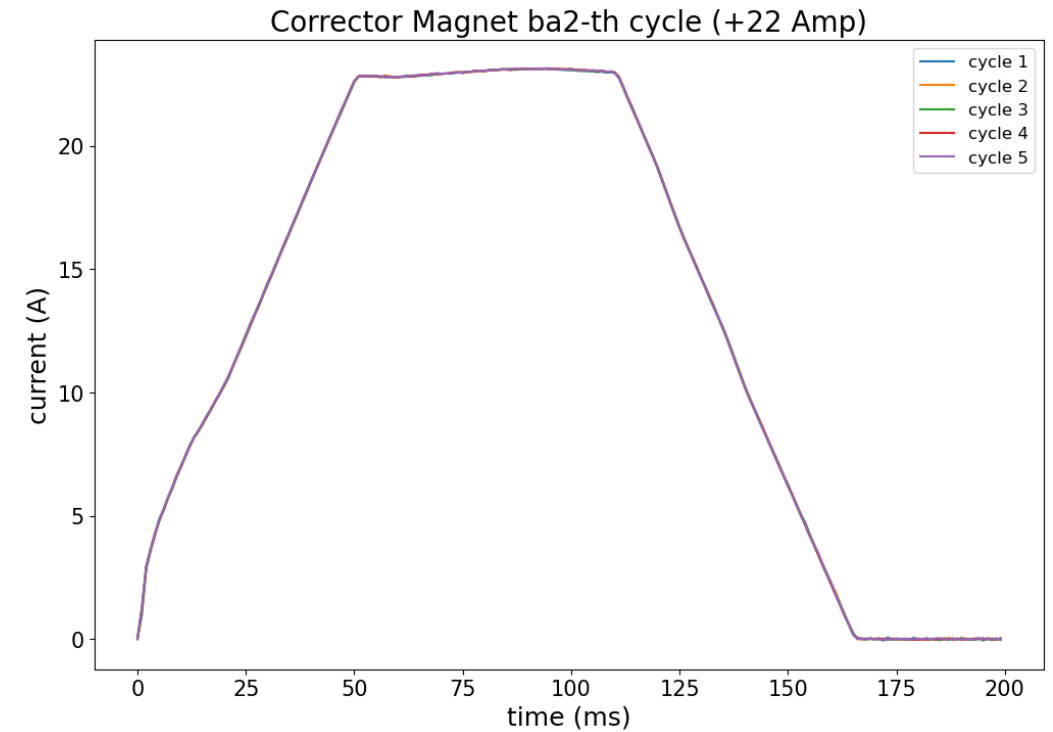
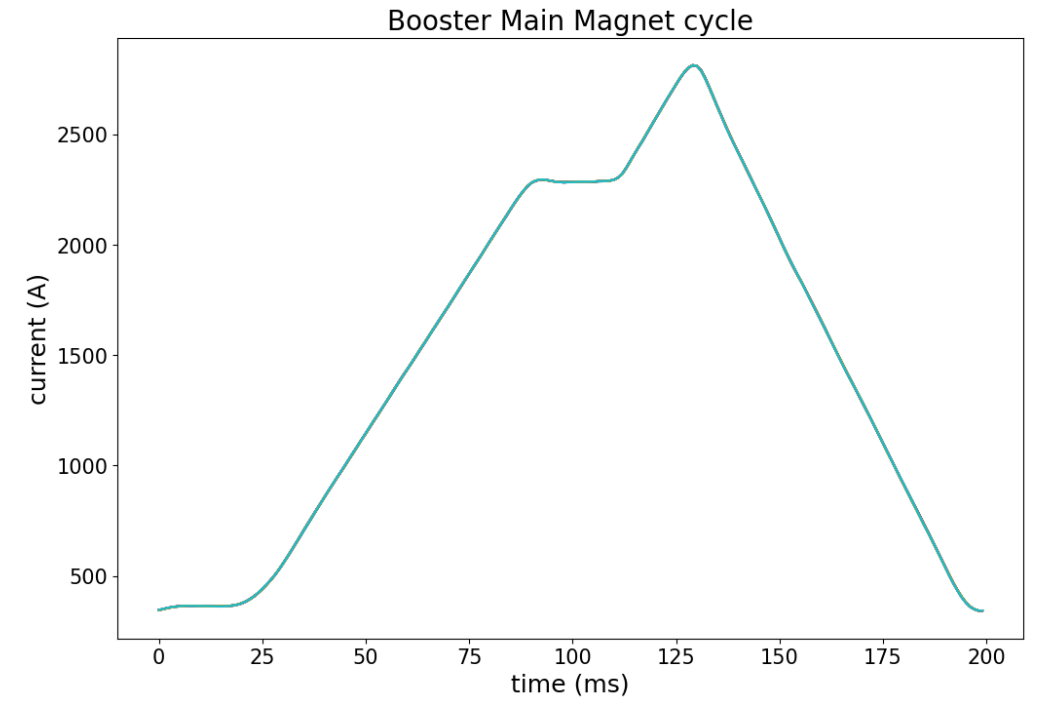
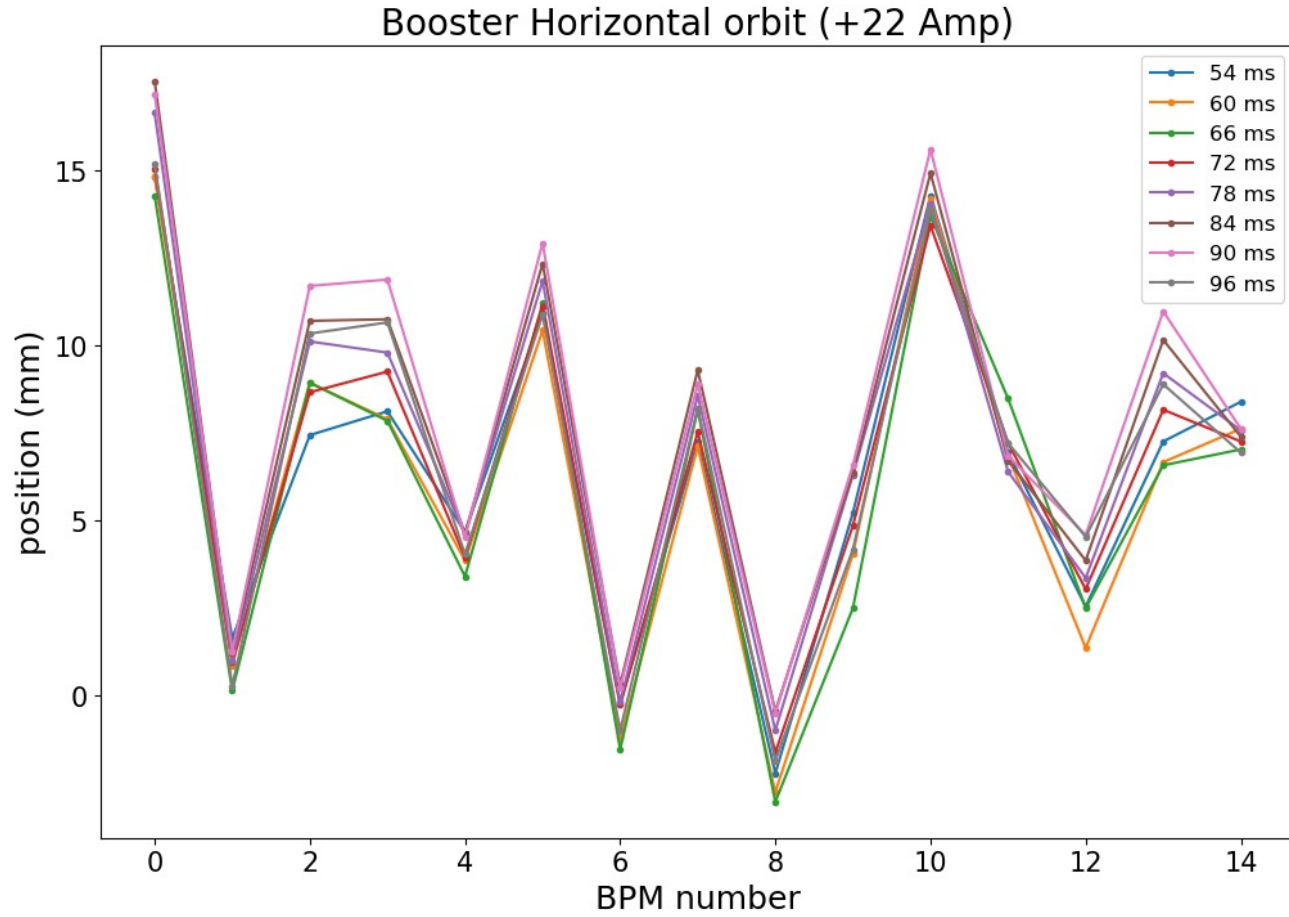


Script to get Booster orbit responses

- Script development with Collider Accelerator Department (CAD) Controls Group
- FunctionEditor: send trapezoid-like time-dependent function to corrector power supplies
- Script sets three corrector settings: positive, zero, negative; and save corresponding orbits



Sample data



Booster model calibration

$$(I_{quad}, I_{corr}, \theta) \xleftrightarrow{\text{model}} \left(X_{BPM}^{(I_{quad}^{(1)}, I_{corr}^{(1)})}, X_{BPM}^{(I_{quad}^{(2)}, I_{corr}^{(2)})}, \dots \right)$$

- Control: power supply currents of quadrupoles and correctors
- Parameter θ : parameters that affect the orbit but not in our control → (magnet misalignments, magnet transfer functions, etc.)
- Output: orbit at the BPMs with certain current configuration
- Invert from measured BPM data to simulation model parameters
- Update beliefs on model parameters with real data → calibrated model m (“digital-twin”) can be used to optimize beam quality (objective F)

$$X_{BPM} = m(I_{quad}, I_{corr}; \theta) + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma)$$

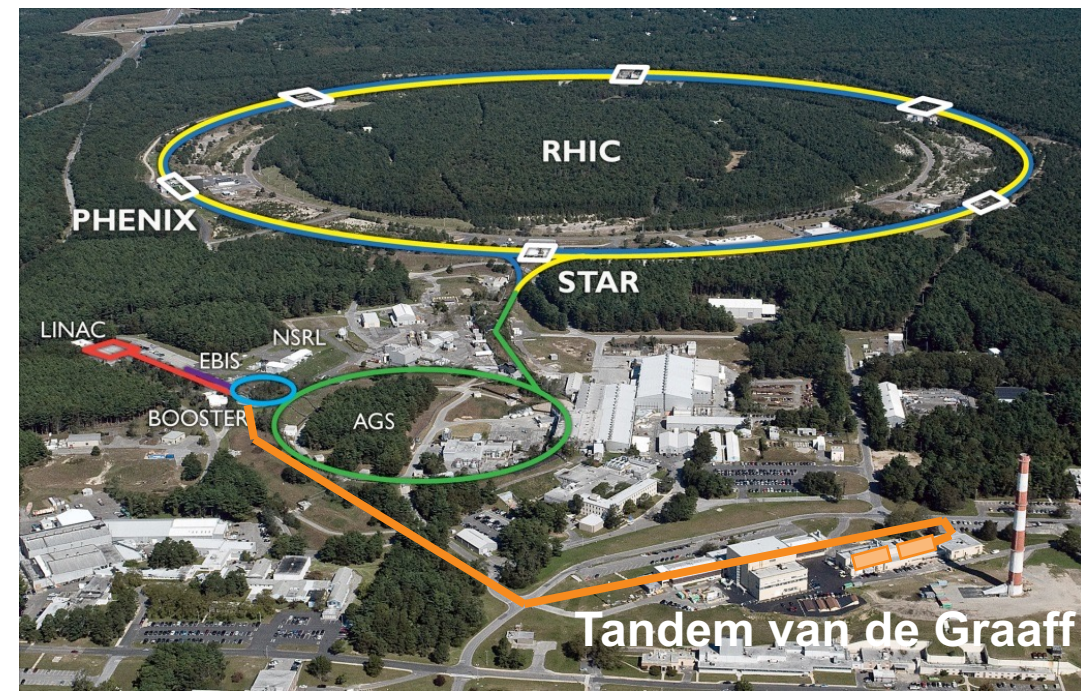
$$I_{quad}^*, I_{corr}^* = \operatorname{argmax} F(m(I_{quad}, I_{corr}; \theta))$$

Polarization at RHIC

	Max Energy [GeV]	Pol. At Max Energy [%]	Polarimeter
Source+Linac	1.1	82-84	
Booster	2.5	~80-84	
AGS	23.8	67-70	p-Carbon
RHIC	255	55-60	Jet, full store avg*

Loss in polarization along the chain

	Relative Ramp Polarization Loss (Run 17, full run avg)
AGS	17 %
RHIC	8 %



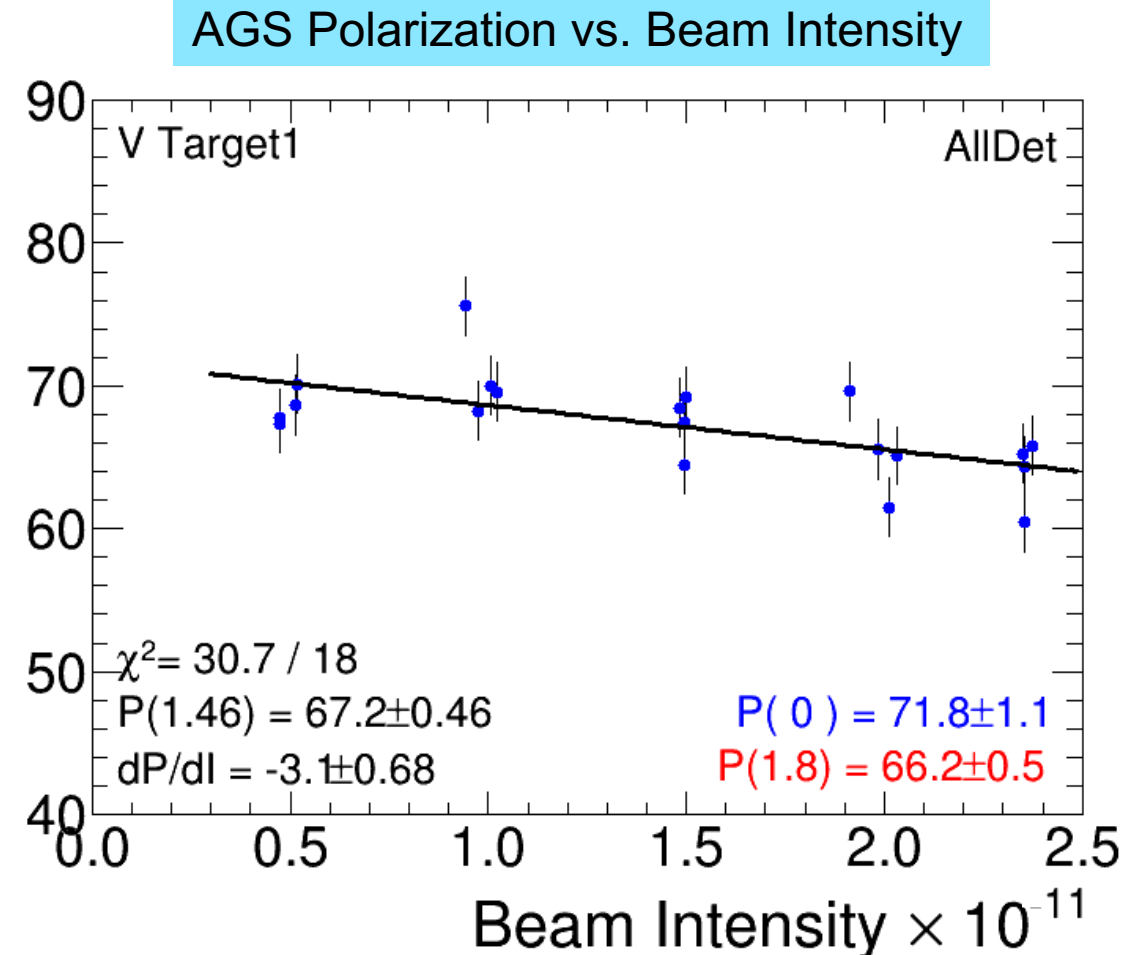
Polarimetry available at:

- Source
- End of Linac (200 MeV)
- AGS extraction
- RHIC injection energy
- RHIC flattop

No Booster polarimeter

Improve Polarization at RHIC

- Figure-of-merits (FOM) for the project (“experimental outputs”): emittance, beam intensity, polarization
- Trade-offs in optimizing **FOMs**:
 - Emittance ↓ Beam intensity ↑ Polarization ↑
- Trade-offs between **controls**:
 - Beam intensity ↑ → Emittance ↑
 - Emittance ↑ → Polarization ↓
- Main areas to optimize:
 - Booster injection / capture
 - AGS bunch splitting / merging scheme
 - AGS spin resonance compensation



Polarization Improvement workflow

Data-model Integration

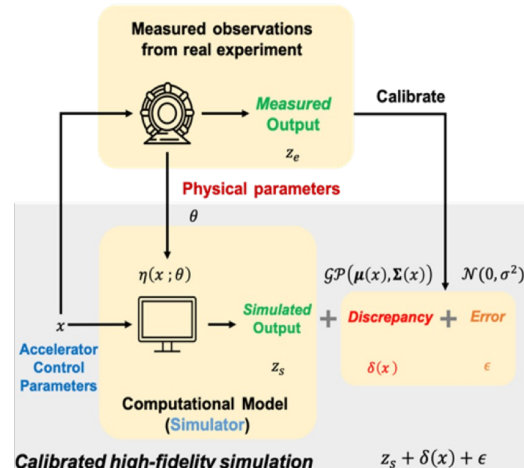
- Solve inverse problem for unknown model parameters
- Learn data-driven model for additional discrepancy

Scientific Machine Learning

- Include constraints for physics processes in surrogate model training
- “Soft” constraints as an objective penalty

Optimization under Uncertainty

- Bayesian optimization simultaneously trains a surrogate and identifies a maximum function evaluation



Optimization with linear constraints

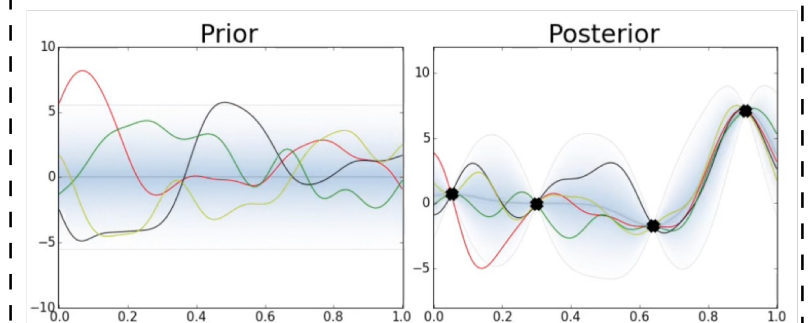
$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in D_{\mathbf{x}}} f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad c_r(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \quad \forall r \in [1, \dots, R]$$

Objective and constraints as GPs

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu, \Sigma) \quad \text{and} \quad c_r(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu_r, \Sigma_r)$$

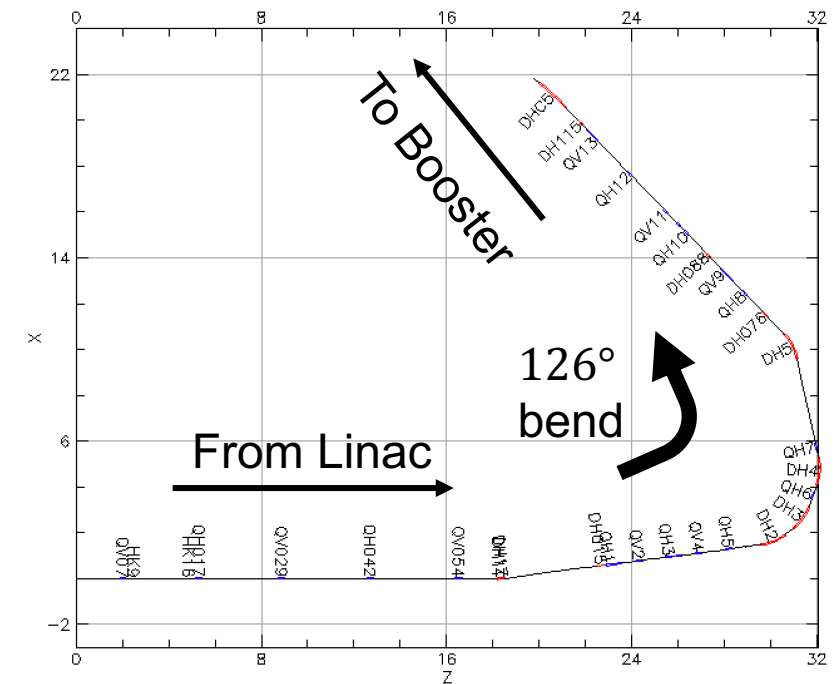
Integrate the feasibility through the CDF

$$cEI(\mathbf{x}) = EI(\mathbf{x}) \times \prod_{r=1}^R \Phi\left(\frac{\mu_r}{\sigma_r}\right)$$



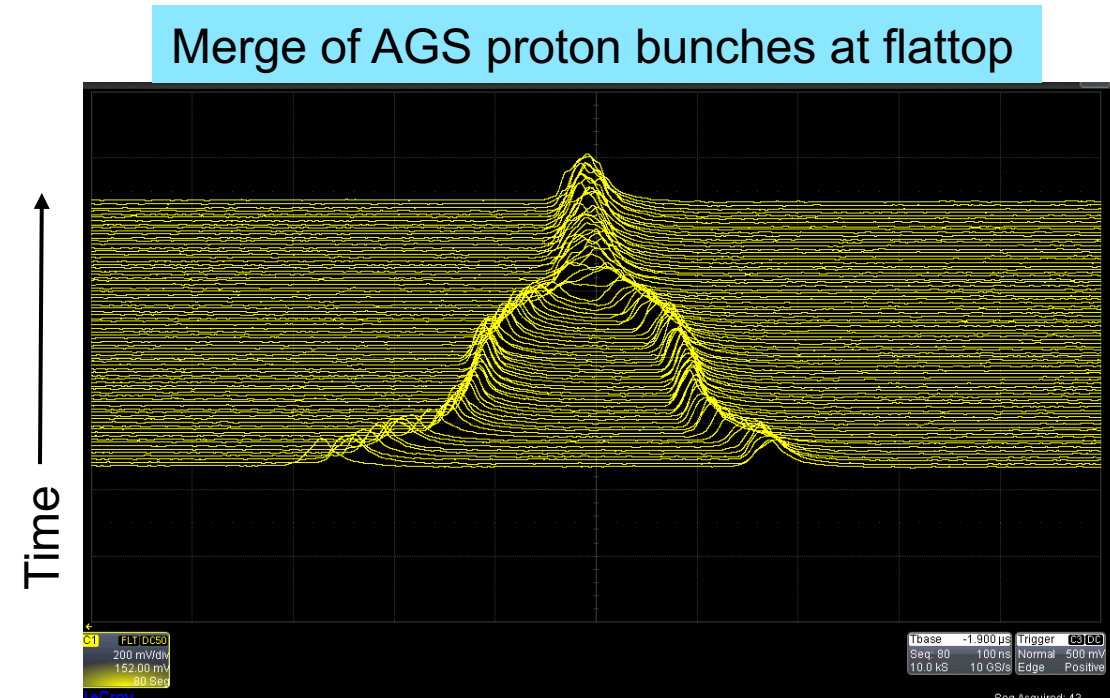
Planned project: Booster injection/capture

- Booster injection/early acceleration process sets maximum beam brightness for rest of acceleration though RHIC
- Linac pulse of 300 us, H⁻ beam $\sim 6\text{-}9 \times 10^{11}$ protons, strip through a carbon foil
- Intentional horizontal and vertical scraping reduce emittance (and intensity) to RHIC requirements $\sim 2.5 \times 10^{11}$ protons
- Goal: minimize beam loss at scraper
- Controls: Linac to Booster (LtB) transfer line optics
- Method: Bayesian Optimization



Planned project: AGS bunch splitting/merging

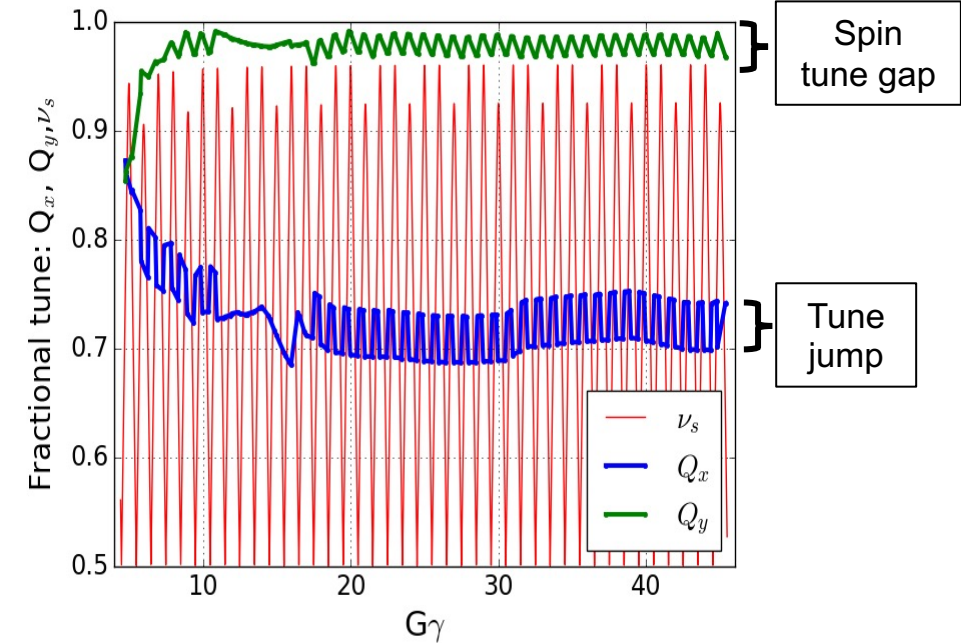
- Normal operation: One Linac pulse is captured as one bunch in the Booster and remains one bunch in AGS and RHIC
- Peak current (space charge) at AGS injection can be reduced by splitting the bunch into 2 longitudinally in Booster before transferring to AGS
- Bunches are later merged at AGS extraction
 - Requires expert tuning of many parameters, often done 'by eye'
 - Prone to drift over time
- Goal: minimize longitudinal emittance
- Controls: RF voltages, phases
- Method: Reinforcement Learning



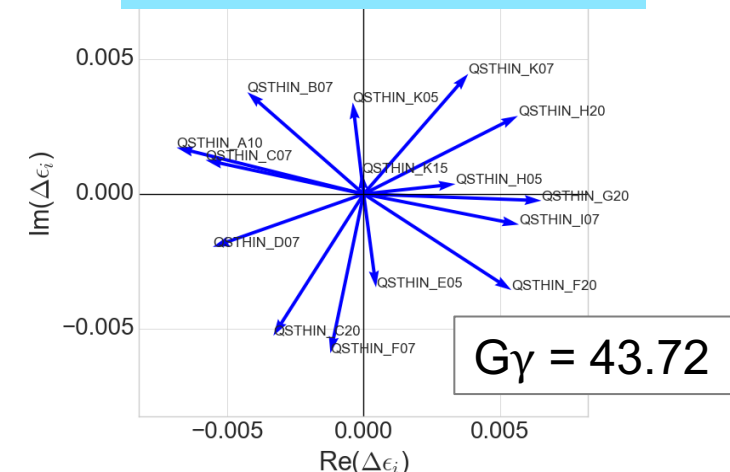
Planned project: AGS resonance compensation

- Partial snakes in the AGS keep the spin tune away from the integer (>0.96), avoiding vertical resonances
- Horizontal resonances remain, currently 'jumped' by moving the horizontal tune through the resonance
 - Each resonance is weak ($\sim 0.1\%$ polarization loss)
 - But there are many of them (82)
- Proposal to use 15 pulsed skew quadrupoles to eliminate residual resonances
- Goal: minimize resonance strengths
- Controls: skew quadrupole currents
- Method: Reinforcement Learning / Bayesian Optimization (to be explored)

Betatron and spin tunes during AGS ramp



Spin resonance terms from skew quads in AGS

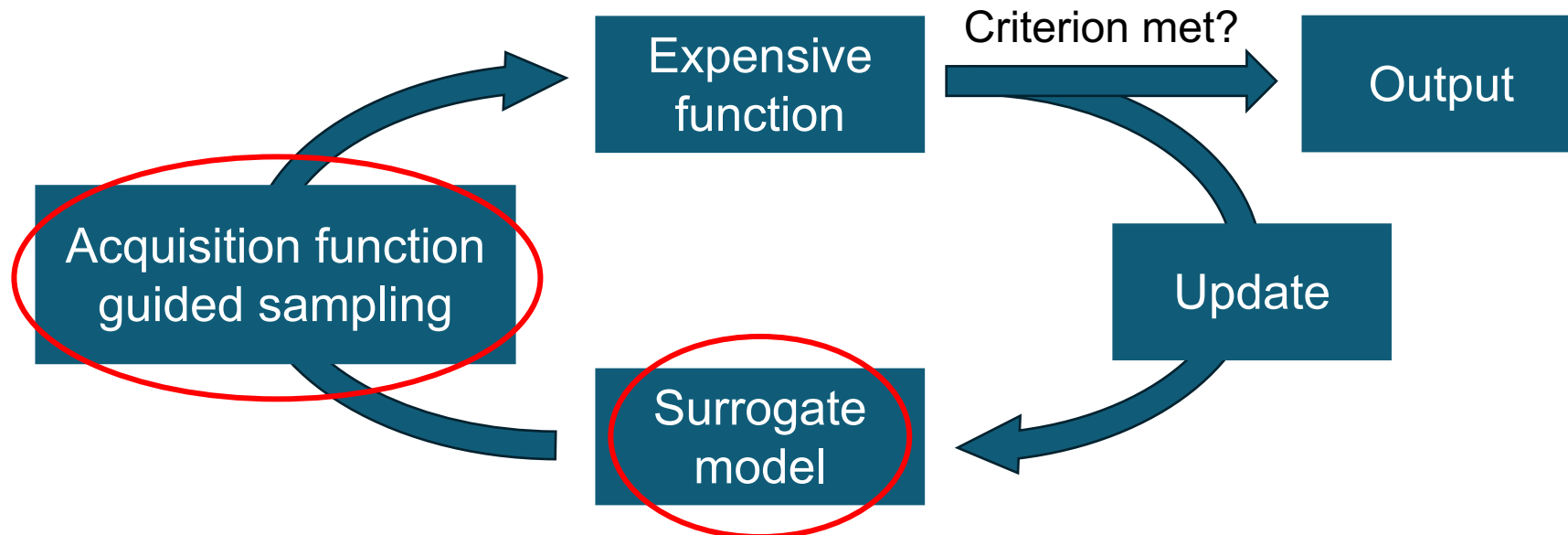


ML Method: Bayesian Optimization

- A powerful tool for finding the extrema of objective functions that are expensive to evaluate
- Bayes' theorem: probability of event based on previous knowledge of conditions

$$P(f|\mathcal{D}_{1:t}) \propto P(\mathcal{D}_{1:t}|f)P(f)$$

Tune hyperparameters of f to maximize likelihood of getting data $D_{1:t}$



BO technique: Gaussian Process

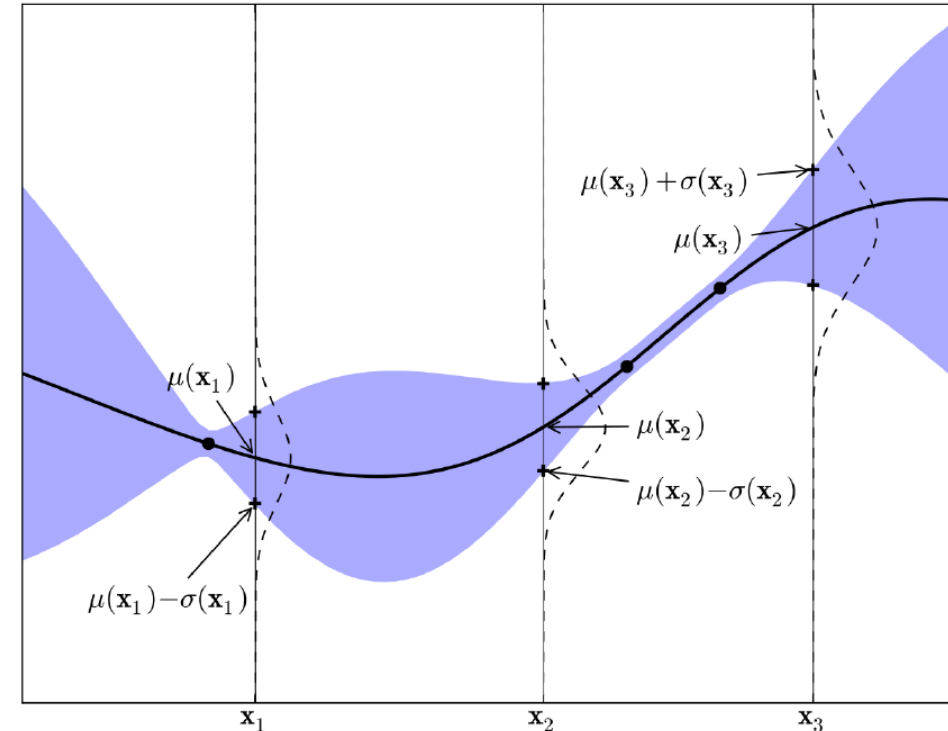
- A probability distribution over possible functions that fit a set of points
- Mean function + Covariance function

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m(\mathbf{x}), k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'))$$

- Kernel: covariance function $k(x_i, x_j)$ of the input variables

- Covariance matrix $K = k(X, X) = \begin{bmatrix} k(x_1, x_1) & \cdots & k(x_1, x_t) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k(x_t, x_1) & \cdots & k(x_t, x_t) \end{bmatrix}$

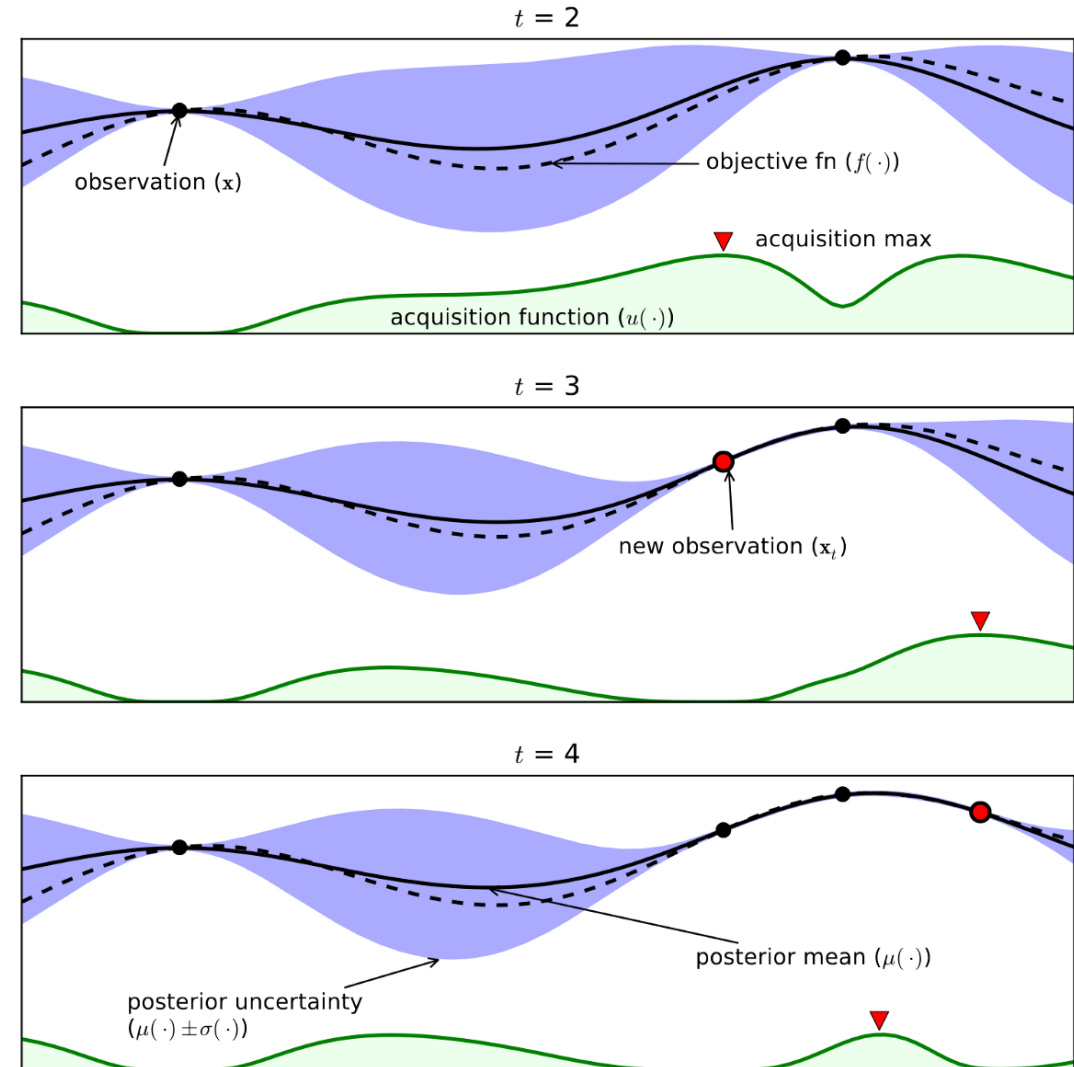
- At a sample point x_i , Gaussian process returns mean $\mu(x_i|X) = m(x_i) + k(x_i, X)K^{-1}(f(X) - m(X))$ and variance $\sigma^2(x_i|X) = k(x_i, x_i) - k(x_i, X)K^{-1}k(X, x_i)$



BO technique: Acquisition Function

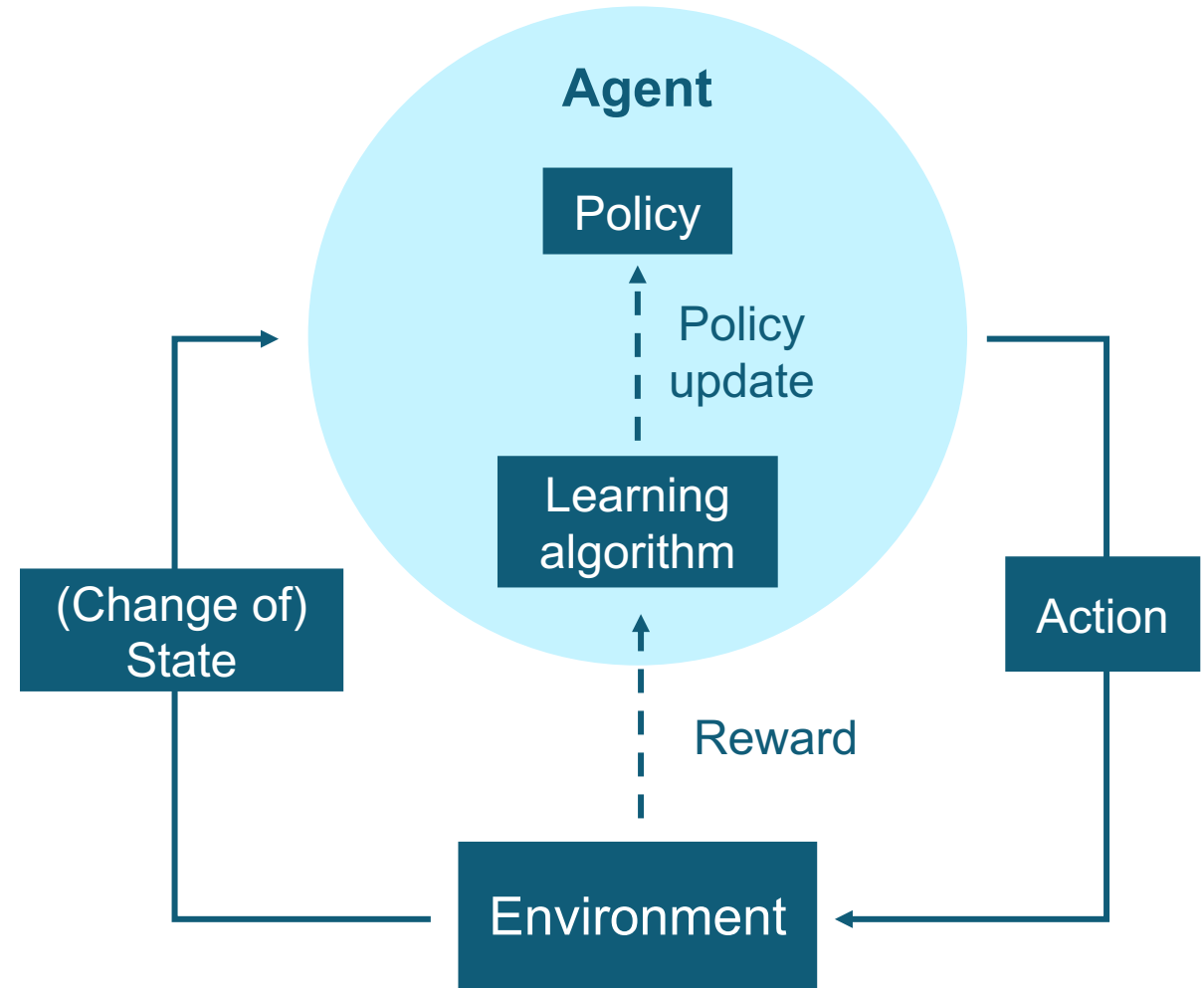
- Guide how input space should be explored during optimization
- Combine predicted mean and variance from Gaussian Process model
 - Probability Improvement (PI)
 - Expected Improvement (EI)
 - **Upper Confidence Bound (UCB)**

$$\text{UCB}(x) = \mu(x) + \kappa\sigma(x)$$



ML Method: Reinforcement Learning

- Learn optimal behavior in an environment to obtain maximum reward (e.g., highest polarization)
- Agent: controller, determine sampling policy
 - Action A : change control values
- Environment: controlled system
 - State S : representation of environment
 - Reward R : numerical evaluation of action
- Sequence of experience and agent forms trajectory $(S_0, A_0, R_0), (S_1, A_1, R_1), \dots$



RL technique: Soft Actor-Critic (SAC)

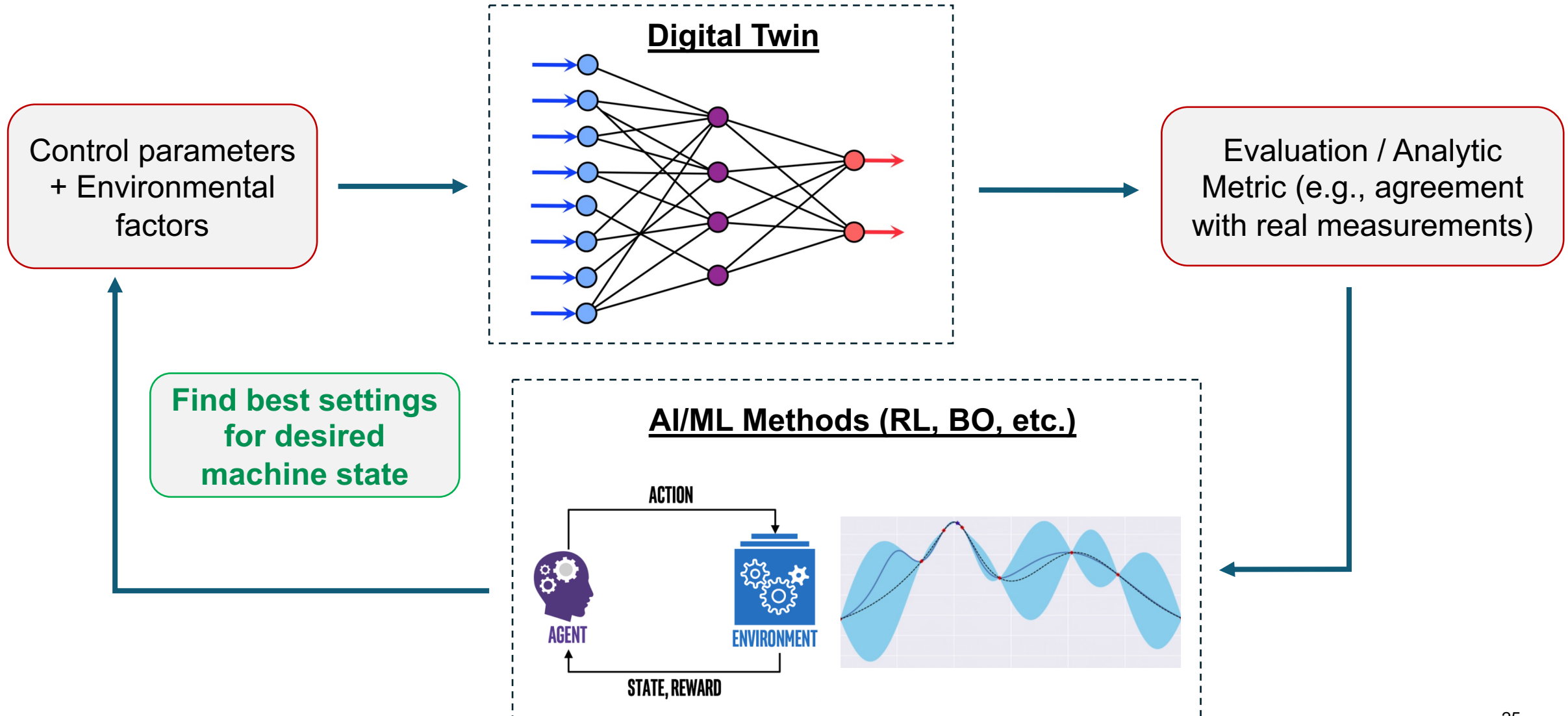
- An entropy-based Reinforcement Learning (RL) aims to not only maximize total rewards, also to maximize the entropy of the policy

$$J(\pi) = \sum_{t=0}^T \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{a}_t) \sim \rho_\pi} [r(\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{a}_t) + \alpha \mathcal{H}(\pi(\cdot | \mathbf{s}_t))]$$

Final objective is weighted between a reward term r and an entropy term H by α

- SAC makes use of three networks: a state value function V parameterized by ψ , a soft Q-function Q parameterized by θ , and a policy function π parameterized by ϕ
- We can apply SAC to automatically tune RF phases and voltages so that a balanced beam profile can be achieved after bunch merge

Future: Digital twin and Optimal control



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