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USE OF AI-ML TO OPTIMIZE ACCELERATOR OPERATIONS & IMPROVE MACHINE PERFORMANCE



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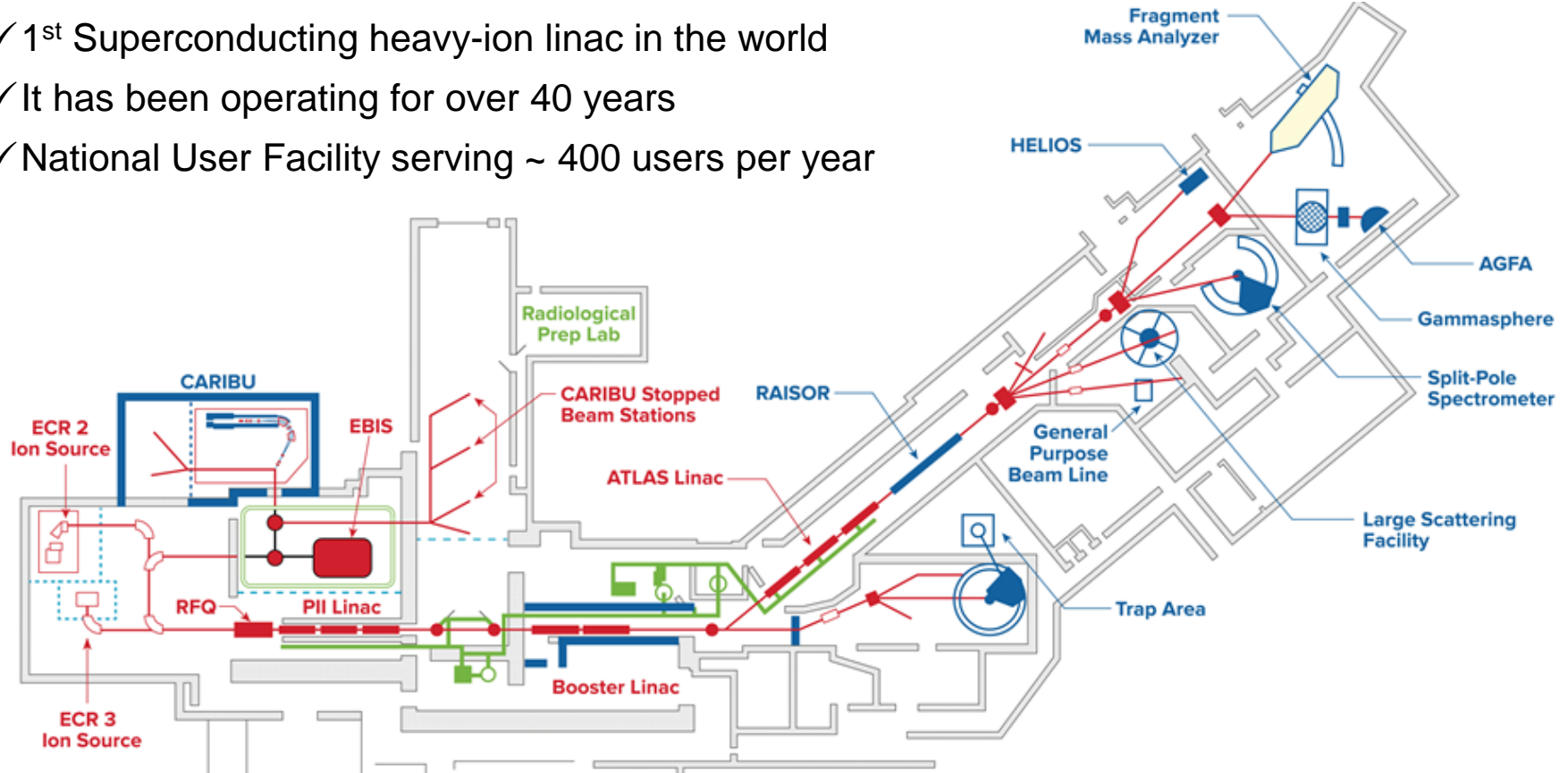


OUTLINE

- ❑ Completion of the Original ATLAS AI-ML Project
- ❑ Accomplishments & Main Conclusions
- ❑ The New AI-ML Project – Overview & Objectives
- ❑ Development and Testing of AI-ML User Interface(s)
- ❑ Recent Progress & Highlights – ATLAS & CARIBU

ATLAS: ARGONNE TANDEM LINEAR ACCELERATOR SYSTEM

- ✓ 1st Superconducting heavy-ion linac in the world
- ✓ It has been operating for over 40 years
- ✓ National User Facility serving ~ 400 users per year



ATLAS BY THE NUMBERS

In FY24, served 400+ unique users



300+ unique users in a typical year

60% from U.S. national labs and universities

40% from international labs and universities

 **25%** of users are students

USERS FROM



15+ states



15+ countries

The ATLAS accelerator at Argonne National Laboratory is a DOE/SC/NP national user facility that supports forefront nuclear physics research, national security applications, and studies of the origin of chemical elements.

6,000+

hours of beam time delivered annually



40% of requested beamtime approved as high priority

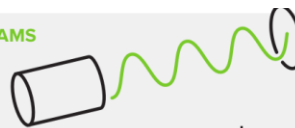
1-2 calls for proposals per year

30 scientific and user support staff



AVAILABLE PARTICLE BEAMS

250 heavy ion beams provided by ATLAS



2,500 heavy ion beams added through the N=126 Factory

500 heavy ion beams added through CARIBU and nuCARIBU

130 heavy ion beams added through RAISOR

Our heavy ion acceleration capability is **10-20%** the speed of light*



*Speed depends on the ion used.

OVERVIEW OF ORIGINAL ATLAS AI-ML PROJECT

Use of artificial intelligence to optimize accelerator operations and improve machine performance

- ❑ At ATLAS, we switch ion beam species every 3-4 days ... → Using AI could streamline beam tuning & help improve machine performance
- ❑ Project objectives and approach:
 - **Data collection, organization and classification, towards a fully automated and electronic data collection for both machine and beam data**
 - **Online tuning model to optimize operations and shorten beam tuning time in order to make more beam time available for the experimental program**
 - **Virtual model to enhance understanding of machine behavior to improve performance and optimize particular/new operating modes**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS VS. ORIGINAL OBJECTIVES

- **Data collection, organization and classification, towards a fully automated and electronic data collection for both machine and beam data...**
established
- **Online tuning model to optimize operations and shorten beam tuning time in order to make more beam time available for the experimental program...**
achieved for short beam lines, commissioning of a new beamline
- **Virtual model to enhance understanding of machine behavior to improve performance and optimize particular/new operating modes ...**
good progress, a long-term goal...

MAIN CONCLUSIONS FROM ORIGINAL PROJECT

- ❑ Developed and used Bayesian Optimization (BO) for multiple beamlines. BO is very effective for beam tuning even with no prior data.
- ❑ BO typically converges in 50 iterations or less for a few parameter problem (< 10). With every iteration taking ~ 15 s, that's 10-15 min, this is comparable to operators' time.
- ❑ Used BO to support the commissioning of a new beamline (AMIS), it was more competitive and helpful in this task (new to operators). Also, for multi-objective optimization MOBO, it's not an easy task for the operators.
- ❑ Demonstrated transfer learning: We were able to save a BO model from one beam and used it as starting point (prior knowledge) to tune another beam leading to faster accelerated convergence.
- ❑ Transfer from a simulation model was not as successful due to discrepancy between the model and the actual machine. We need a more realistic simulation or surrogate model.
- ❑ Developed and used Reinforcement Learning (RL) for the AMIS line with different parameter combinations. RL requires a lot of prior data and training, which is very expensive to perform online.
- ❑ We were able to train RL models with 3, 5 & 7 parameters in ~ 1000 iterations which took ~ 4 hours each. Once trained, an RL model converges in 2-3 iterations, less than 1 min!
- ❑ We made good progress on the virtual machine model based on TRACK simulations. Once ready, it will be very helpful to train BO & RL models offline, then apply them directly to the machine with no or minimal further online training...

THE NEW ATLAS AI-ML PROJECT (2023 FOA)



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THE NEW CONSOLIDATED PROJECT (2023 FOA) – THREE SUBPROJECTS

- ❑ Stable beams in ATLAS – Brahim Mustapha
- ❑ Inflight radioactive beams from RAISOR – Calem Hoffman
- ❑ Radioactive beams from CARIBU – Daniel Santiago
- Consolidation: close collaboration, exchange of ideas, codes and effort...
- Two new postdocs joined the ATLAS and CARIBU projects
 - Adwaith Ravichandran, started in December'23
 - Sergio Lopez-Caceres, started in June'24

ATLAS NEW PROJECT: DEPLOYMENT...

Same project title: **Use of artificial intelligence to optimize accelerator operations and improve machine performance**

□ The main objectives of the phase II project are:

- Deploy the autonomous beam tuning tools developed during our previous project, evaluate their impact on both automating the tuning process and saving on tuning time.
- Develop tools for new operating modes such as multi-user operation of the ATLAS linac and high-intensity beams, as well as developing virtual diagnostics to supplement existing ones.

PROGRESS - MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS...

- ❑ Development of an AI-ML Graphics User Interface – ATLAS Dashboard
 - Offline tests using simulation model – successful
 - Online tests at ATLAS – not yet successful, but promising
- ❑ Adapted the existing AI-ML GUI, Badger from SLAC, for use at ATLAS
 - Well supported and offers more options / optimization algorithms
 - Not as friendly or customized as the ATLAS Dashboard GUI
- ❑ Tuning the beam to an end target station
 - Issues with tuning intermediate sections using only beam transmission
- ❑ Re-tuning the beamline after an energy change
 - A time-consuming process when done manually

DEVELOPMENT & TESTING OF AI-ML USER INTERFACE(S)



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NEW ATLAS DASHBOARD INTERFACE

Development of a User Interface for the Operators

The sequence of screenshots illustrates the development of the ATLAS Dashboard interface through four stages:

- Stage 1:** The dashboard is titled "ATLAS - Dashboard". It features a settings bar with four toggle switches: "Get/Read Settings" (checked), "Set/Vary Settings" (unchecked), "Get/Read BPMs" (checked), and "Get/Read FCPs" (unchecked). Below the settings are four tabs: "Instructions", "Task Setup", "Beamlines", and "Execution". The main content area displays the text: "Please, follow the instructions below:" followed by a numbered list:
 1. On top, select which devices will be accessible.
 2. In Beamlines, select which elements will be read and the data will be saved.
 3. In Execution, click to execute or run.
- Stage 2:** The "Beamlines" tab is selected. The main content area now says: "Open the beam lines you are interested in and select the elements". Below this text are two blue buttons: "PII Two Beamline" and "PII Exit Beamline".
- Stage 3:** The "Execution" tab is selected. The main content area says: "Please, follow the instructions below:" followed by a text input field containing "Add text and buttons here ...".
- Stage 4:** The "Execution" tab is selected. The main content area says: "Make sure everything is ready before running". Below this text is a single blue button labeled "Run".

NEW ATLAS DASHBOARD INTERFACE (2)

Development of a User Interface for the Operators

ATLAS - Dashboard

Get/Read Settings Set/Vary Settings Get/Read BPMs Get/Read FCPs

Instructions Task Setup **Beamlines** Execution

Open the beam lines you are interested in and select the elements

PII Two Beamline

PII Exit Beamline

Settings to Get/Read Select/Unselect All

BPMs to Get/Read Select/Unselect All

FCPs to Get/Read Select/Unselect All

STP301-X PMP301 FCP301

STP301-Y

QDP301-X

QDP301-Y

QSP301-X

STP302-X

STP302-Y

ATLAS - Dashboard

Settings to Get/Read Select/Unselect All

BPMs to Get/Read Select/Unselect All

FCPs to Get/Read Select/Unselect All

STP301-X PMP301 FCP301

STP301-Y

QDP301-X

QDP301-Y

QSP301-X

STP302-X

STP302-Y

Select Settings to Set/Vary

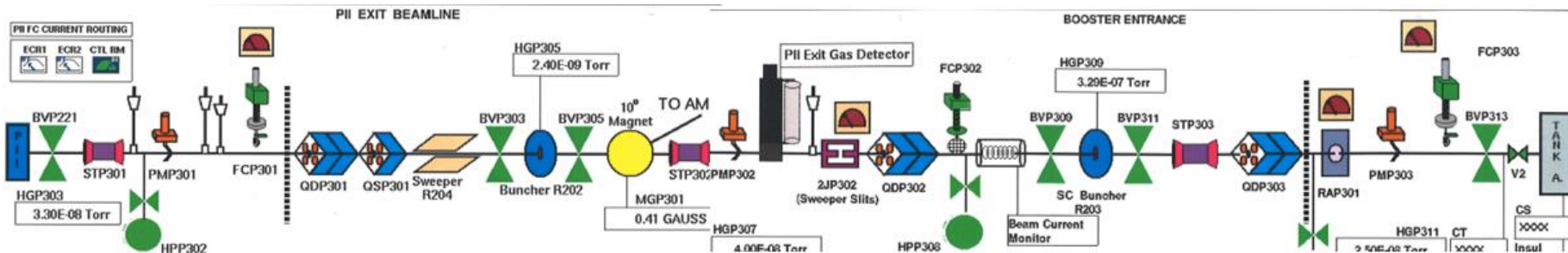
Settings Lower Limits

Settings Upper Limits

Settings Initial Values

	From	To	Start
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<input type="checkbox"/> STP301-Y	0	10	5
<input type="checkbox"/> QDP301-X	0	10	5
<input type="checkbox"/> QDP301-Y	0	10	5
<input type="checkbox"/> QSP301-X	0	10	5
<input type="checkbox"/> STP302-X	0	10	5
<input type="checkbox"/> STP302-Y	0	10	5

GUI ONLINE TEST #1: PII TO BOOSTER LINE



Task Setup (Op#1 – Henry)

Results

Vary last 4 quads: 0-8 A

(Not yet successful, issue with FC reading!)

Set experiment and beam information, then

Experiment Name: Test
 Brief Description: Testing GUI
 Beam: Species, Z= 18 Mass, A= 40 Charge
 Local Working Directory: .
 Server Data Directory: /data
 Just Read Data
 Perform Quad Scan
 Bayesian Optimization
 Objective to optimize: Transmission
 Initial FCup: FCP301 Target FCup: FCP303
 Acquisition Function (EI / UC/B): UCB

Booster Entrance Line

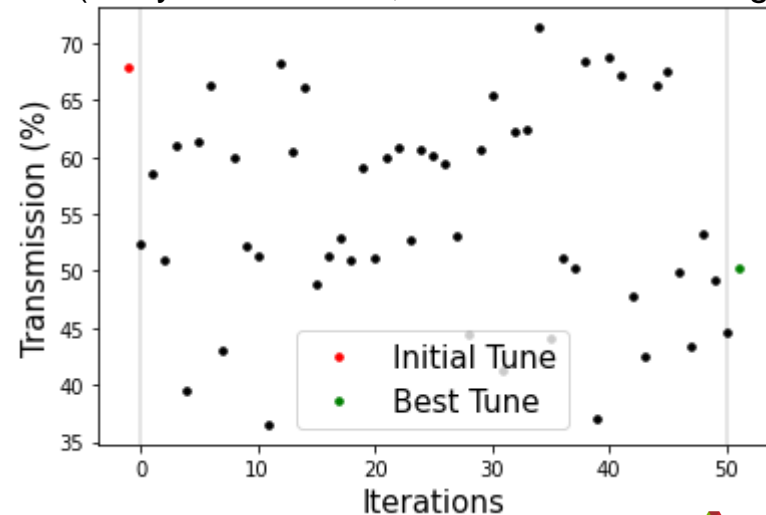
Settings to Get/Read Select/Unselect All
 BPMs to Get/Read Select/Unselect All
 FCps to Get/Read Select/Unselect All

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 QDP303-X
 QDP303-Y
 PMP302
 PMP303
 FCP303

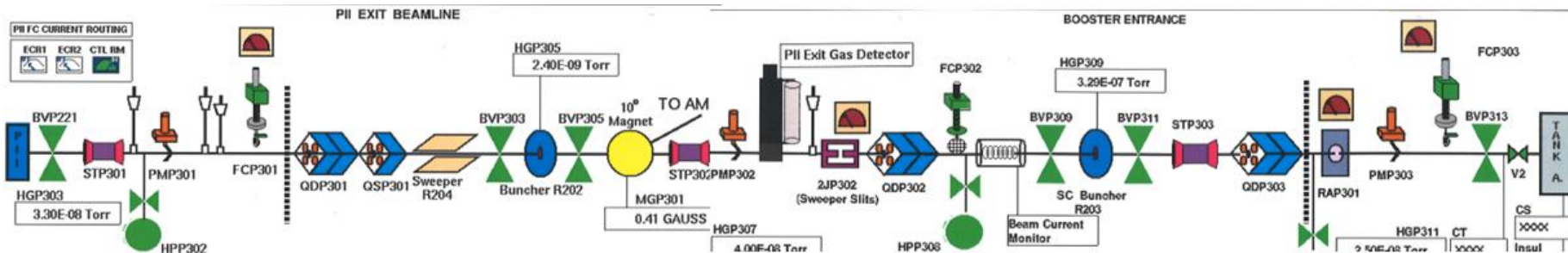
Initial: Last 4 quads at 5 Amps

Select Settings to Set/Vary
 Set Lower Limits
 Set Upper Limits
 Set Initial Values
 Set Variation Steps

Component	From	To	Start	Step
QDP302-X	0	8	5	1
QDP302-Y	0	8	5	1
STP303-X	0	10	5	1
STP303-Y	0	10	5	1



GUI ONLINE TEST #2: PII TO BOOSTER LINE



Task Setup (Op#2 – Raul)

Results

Vary all quads: 0-10 A

(Not yet successful, issue with FC reading!)

Quad	From	To	Start	Step
QDP301-X	0	10	0	1
QDP301-Y	0	10	0	1
QSP301-X	0	10	0	1
STP302-X	0	10	5	1
STP302-Y	0	10	5	1

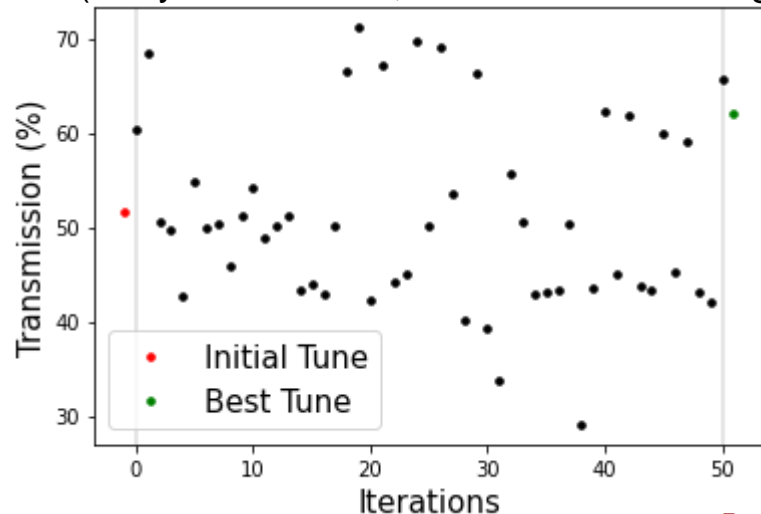
Booster Entrance Line Initial: All quads at 0 Amps

Settings to Get/Read: Select/Unselect All

BPMs to Get/Read: Select/Unselect All

FCPs to Get/Read: Select/Unselect All

Legend: FCP303



NEW ATLAS BADGER INTERFACE

Development of a Developer Interface for the Experts

Setup the problem's variables and objectives

Variables Show Checked Only

	Name	Min	Max
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QDP301X	4.0000	12.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QDP301Y	4.0000	12.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QSP301X	4.0000	12.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QDP403X	10.0000	20.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QDP403Y	10.0000	20.0000

Initial Points

	QDP301X	QDP301Y	QSP301X	QDP403X	QDP403Y
1	5.4	10.19	7.12	11.254	16.339
2					
3					
4					
5					

Objectives Show Checked Only

	Name	Rule
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loss	MINIMIZE

Select Algorithm & Parameters

Algorithm

Name

Params

```
model: null
n_monte_carlo_samples: 128
turbo_controller: null
use_cuda: false
gp_constructor:
  names: standard
  use_low_noise_prior: true
  covar_modules: {}
  mean_modules: {}
trainable_mean_keys: []
transform_inputs: true
numerical_optimizer:
  name: LBFGS
  n_restarts: 20
  max_iter: 2000
  max_time: null
  max_travel_distances: null
  fixed_features: null
  computation_time: null
  log_transform_acquisition_function: null
  n_interpolate_points: null
  n_candidates: 1
  beta: 0.1
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Domain Scaling

Environment + VOCS

Name

Params

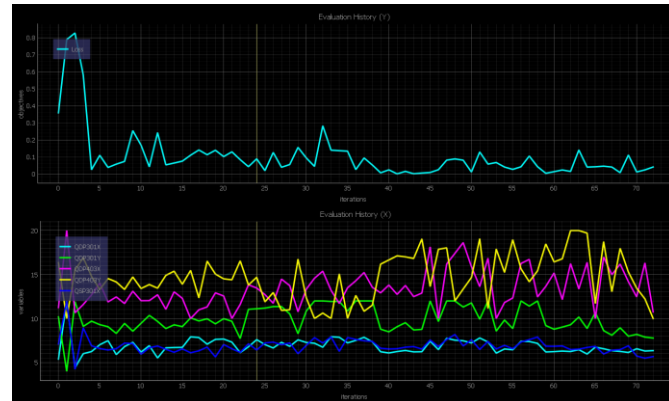
NEW ATLAS BADGER INTERFACE (2)

Developer Interface testing using simulations with different setups

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Iter | Loss | QDP301X | QDP301Y | QDP403X | QDP403Y | QSP301X |
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system: Windows
\\TRACKV39C.exe
Task begin at Jun 10, 2024, 11:46:29
MNUIT UNABLE TO DETERMINE ARITHMETIC PRECISION. WILL ASSUME: 0.40E-06
MNUIT RELEASE 95.03 INITIALIZED. DIMENSIONS 500/250 EPSMAC= 0.80E-06
Task end at Jun 10, 2024, 11:46:32
2 | 0.5368 | 5.4 | 10.19 | 11.25 | 16.34 | 7.12 |
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Task begin at Jun 10, 2024, 11:46:33
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2 | 0.7815 | 12.0 | 4.906 | 19.43 | 17.07 | 4.151 |
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3 | 0.5918 | 4.683 | 10.76 | 10.37 | 16.26 | 7.443 |
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Task end at Jun 10, 2024, 11:46:44
4 | 0.02418 | 6.158 | 9.583 | 12.19 | 16.42 | 6.779 |
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Task begin at Jun 10, 2024, 11:46:57
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\\TRACKV39C.exe
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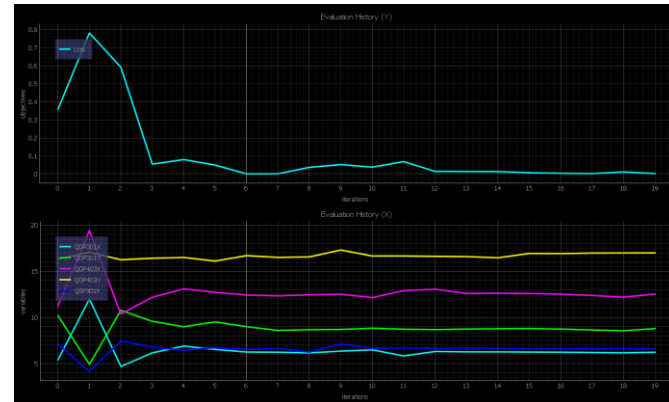
BO Model Hyperparameters:

- Beta : 2.0
- No of candidates: 1
- No of restarts: 20
- Max Iterations: 2000
- No of Monte Carlo Samples: 128



BO Model Hyperparameters:

- Beta : 0.1
- No of candidates: 1
- No of restarts: 20
- Max Iterations: 2000
- No of Monte Carlo Samples: 128



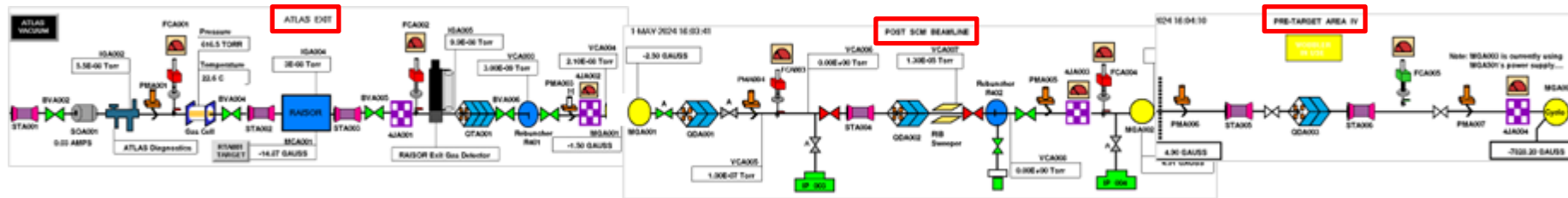
RECENT PROGRESS & HIGHLIGHTS - ATLAS



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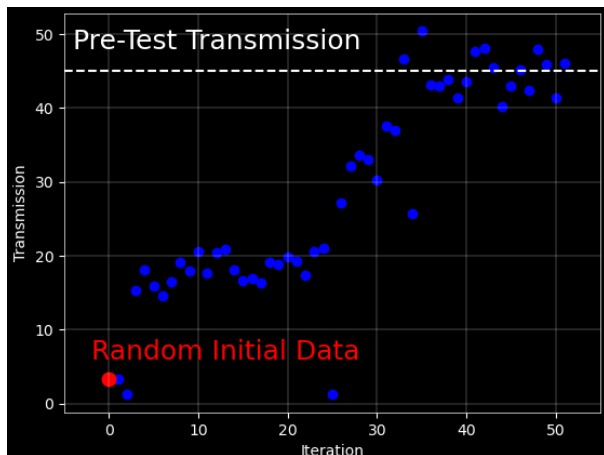
TUNING THE BEAM - ATLAS EXIT TO FMA TARGET



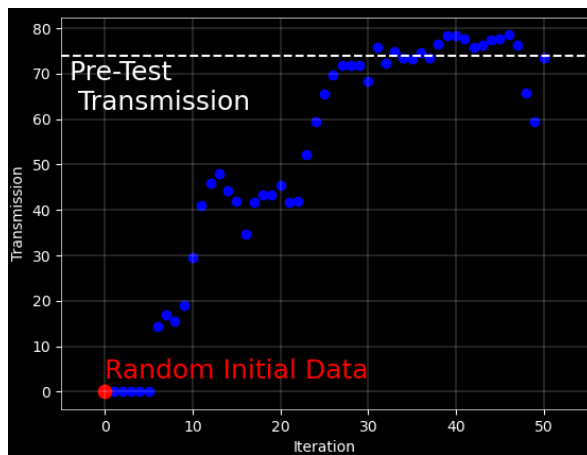
Problem: Maximize transmission, use **BO Tuning parameters:** up to 9 quads & 6 steerers (v&h)

Method: Don't vary all parameters at once, find the most sensitive set of parameters...

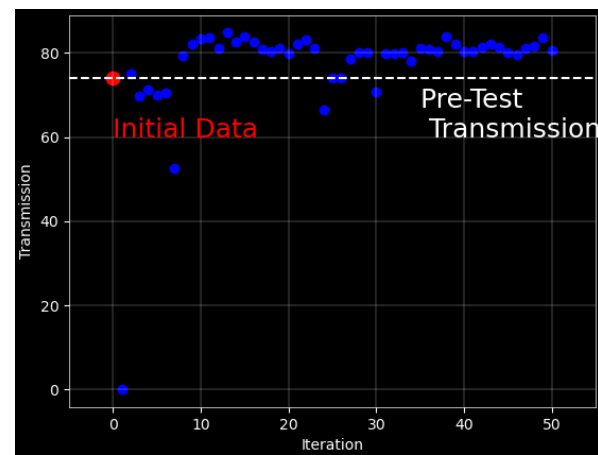
Iterations & Time: Typically, 50 iterations x 15 sec (reading two FCs), x 8 sec (reading one FC)



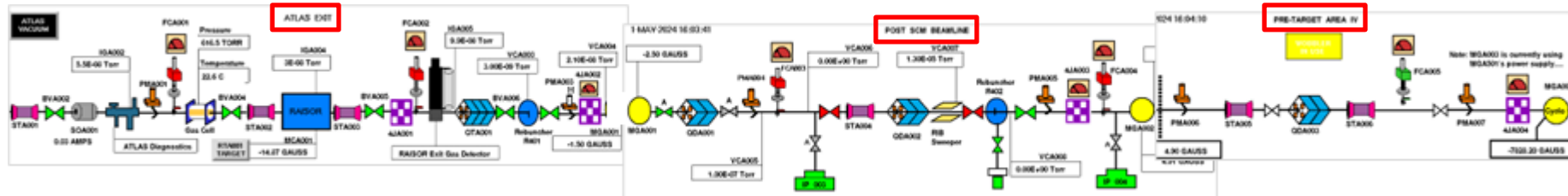
Varying 6 quads only



Varying 6 quads + 2 steerers → Change initial data point



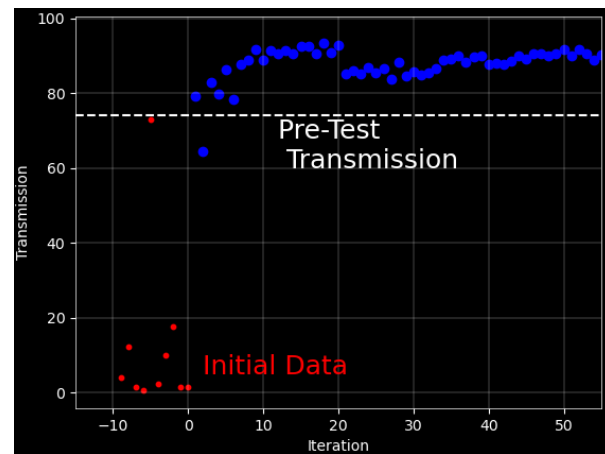
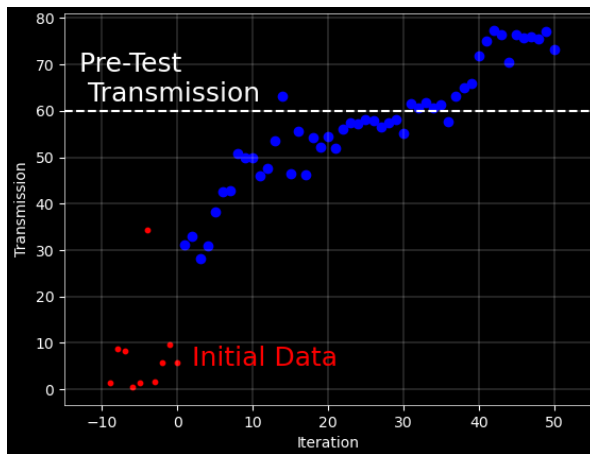
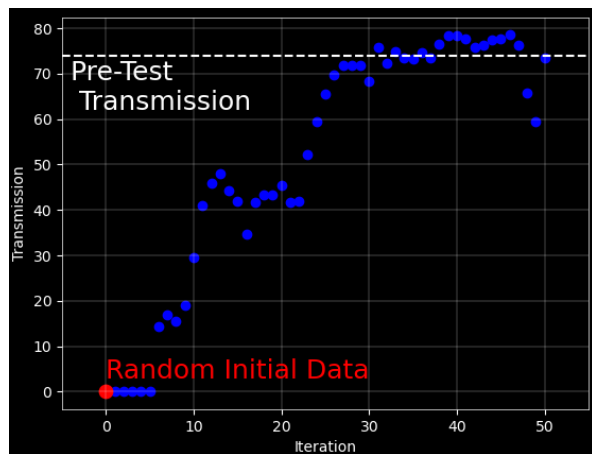
TUNING THE BEAM - ATLAS EXIT TO FMA TARGET (2)



Problem: Maximize transmission, use **BO Tuning parameters:** up to 9 quads & 6 steerers (v&h)

Method: Change number of initial data points for BO model, also explore more $\beta = 0.1 \rightarrow 1.5$

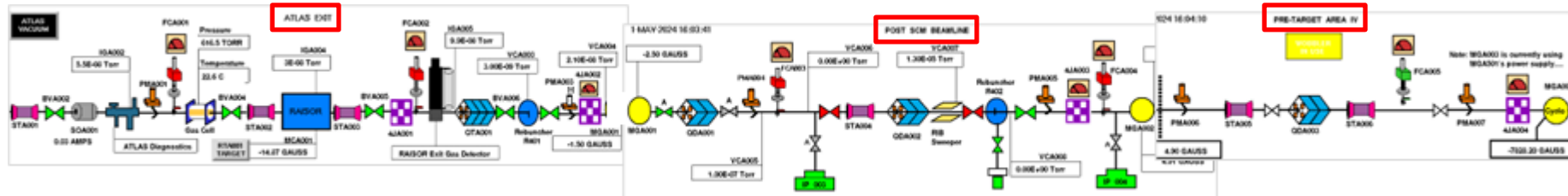
Iterations & Time: Best transmission 95% in less than 50 iterations x 8 sec ~ 7 min



Varying 6 quads + 2 steerers \rightarrow Using 10 initial data points

Varying 6 quads + 4 steerers

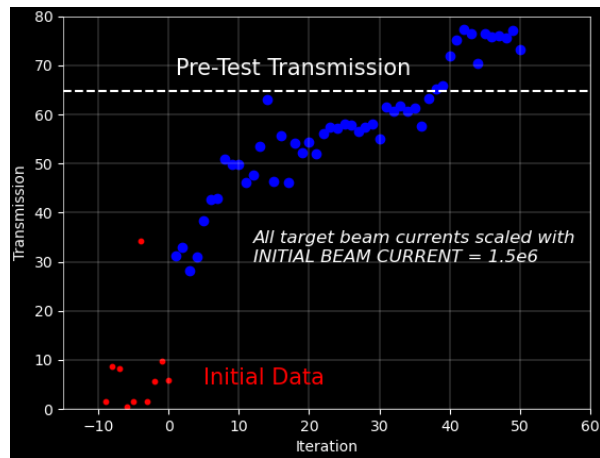
RE-TUNING THE BEAMLINE AFTER ENERGY CHANGE



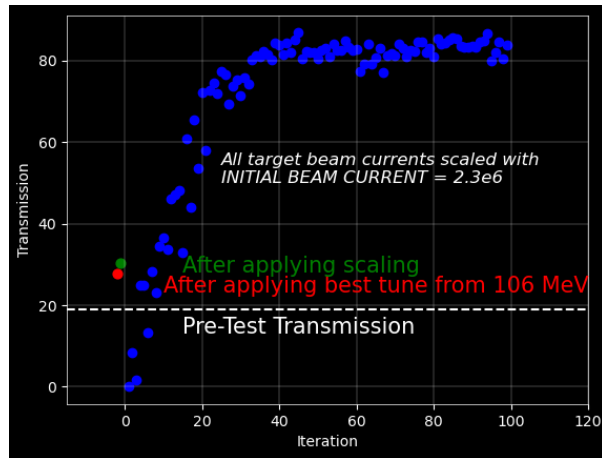
Problem: Switch to a lower energy tune, 106 MeV \rightarrow 71 MeV, retune for max. transmission

Method: Load 106 MeV tune after energy change, scale to 71 MeV and re-optimize...

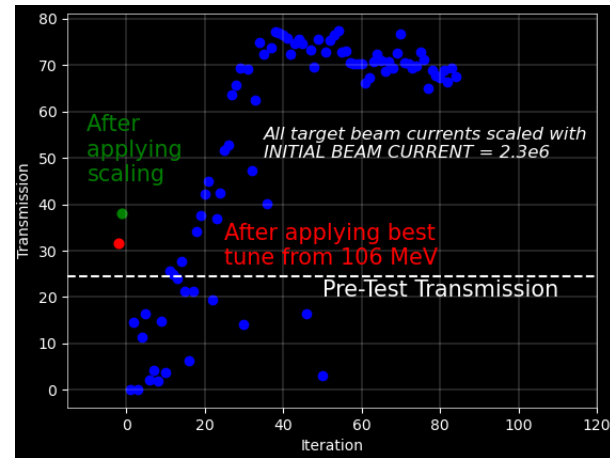
Iterations & Time: Best transmission \sim 85% in \sim 50 iterations x 8 sec \sim 7 min



106 MeV [Best Tune]



71 MeV [Trial 1]



71 MeV [Trial 2]

RECENT PROGRESS & HIGHLIGHTS - CARIBU



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THE CARIBU-MATIC PROJECT

AUTOMATION FOR THE TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE BEAMS FROM THE CARIBU/NUCARIBU SOURCE



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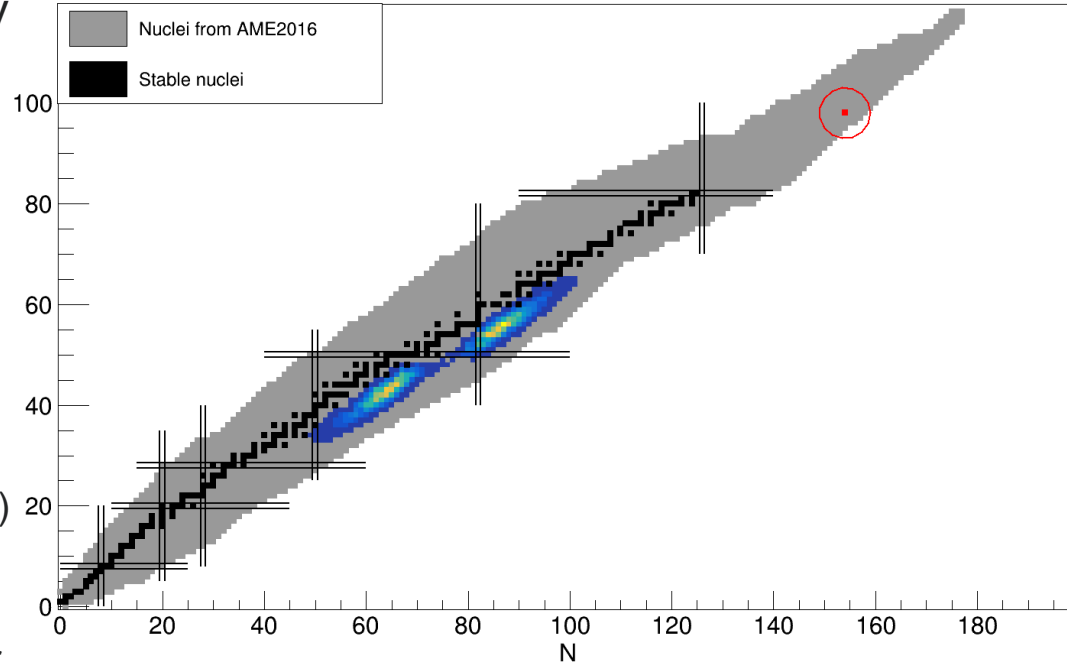
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WHAT IS CARIBU?

A radioactive ion source part of the ATLAS national user facility

- CARIBU provides beams of heavy ions made from ^{252}Cf fission fragments ($10^2 - 10^4$ pps, few keV/u)
- **nuCARIBU** - a major upgrade in progress to increase beam intensities via neutron induced fission
- Essential for ATLAS multi-user upgrade (post-accel. beams, 3-10 MeV/u)
- User statistics: in FY24, ATLAS enabled research directly impacting over 430 unique users (many come more than once per year, about 25 are students)



<https://www.anl.gov/atlas/caribu-beams>

SCIENCE ENABLED BY THE CARIBU SOURCE

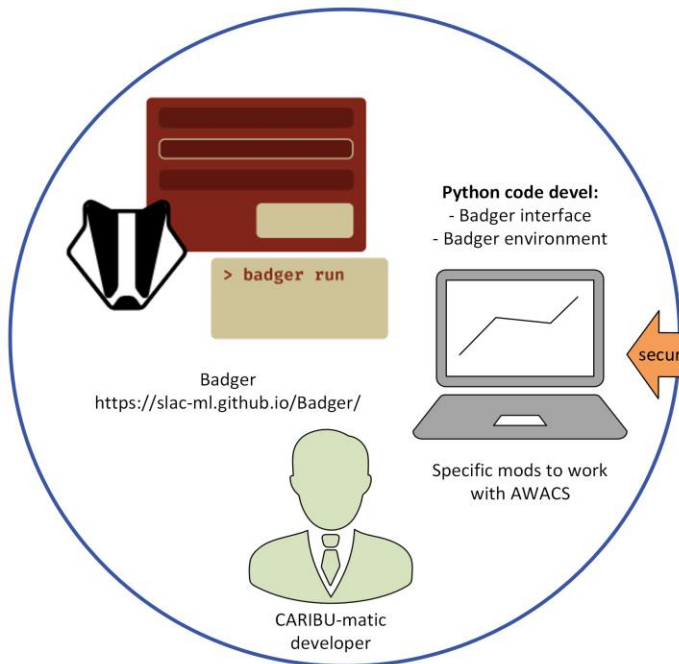
Selected highlights

- CARIBU beams enable a diverse user program that produces cutting-edge scientific publications with impact in the fields of:
 - nuclear structure
 - nuclear astrophysics
 - national nuclear security, and others
 - Selected publications include:
 - Mass measurements that help us better understand how the chemical elements were produced in stellar environments – Van Schelt et al. PRL 111, 061102 (2013)
 - First direct experimental evidence of a “pear-shaped” nucleus - Bucher et al. PRL 116, 112503 (2016)
 - First study of the $^{139}\text{Ba}(n,\gamma)^{140}\text{Ba}$ reaction to constrain the conditions for the astrophysical i process – Spyrou et al. PRL 132, 202701 182502 (2024)
- These state-of-the-art investigations are possible in part because the CARIBU staff scientists deliver close to 2500 hours (or about 100 days) of beam time per year to our users

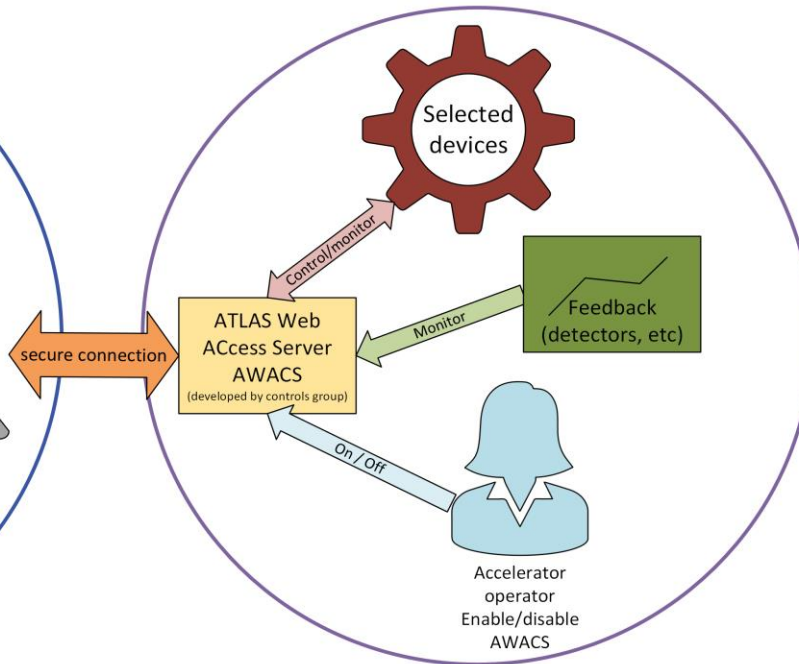
CARIBU-MATIC PROJECT

Our approach for secure radioactive beams tuning automation

Outside ATLAS network



Inside ATLAS network



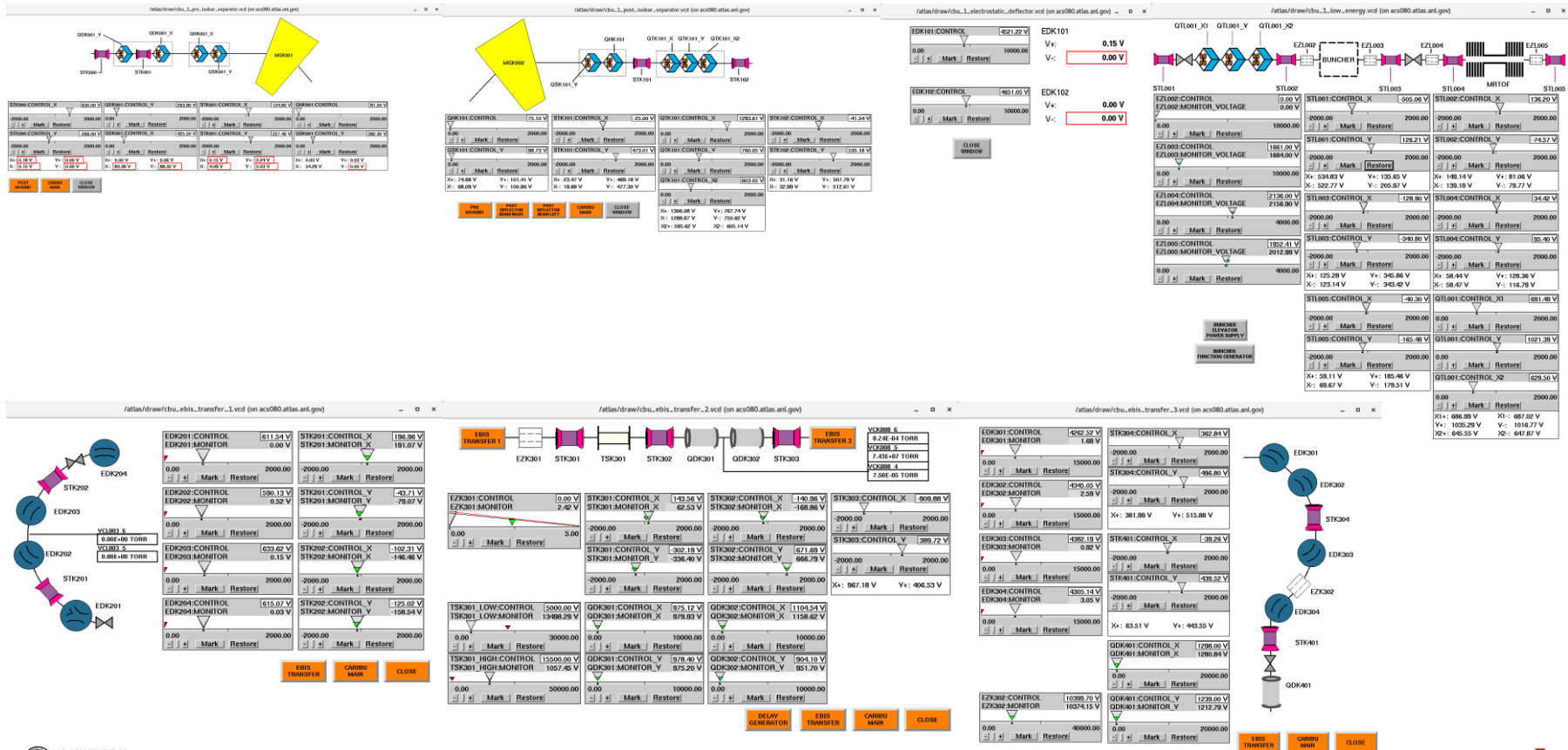
RECENT MILESTONES

- JUL/2024 FOUNDATIONAL WORK COMPLETED
- AUG/2024 CARIBU-MATIC LIVE OPTIMIZATION

TASK: IN A SINGLE SESSION, TRANSPORT
A RADIOACTIVE BEAM USING BAYESIAN
OPTIMIZATION (60+ CONTROL PARAMS)

CARIBU CONTROLS FOR THIS TEST

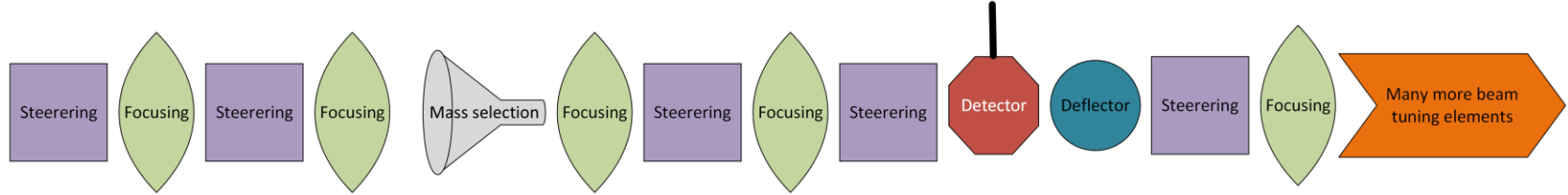
60+ control parameters to transport beam from start to finish



CARIBU CONTROLS – SIMPLIFIED VIEW

60+ control parameters to transport beam from start to finish

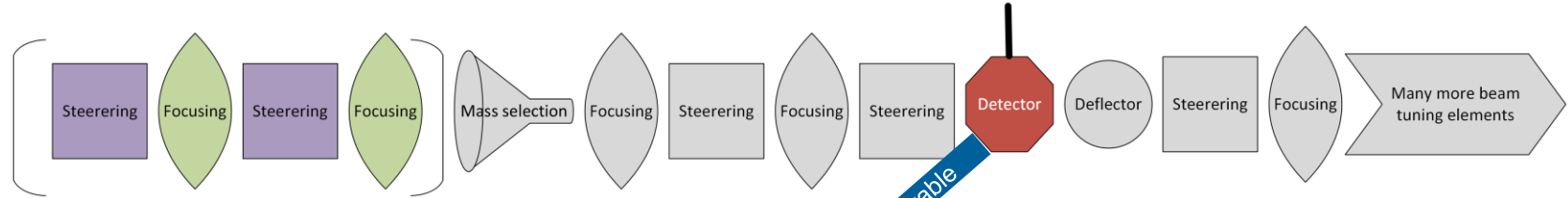
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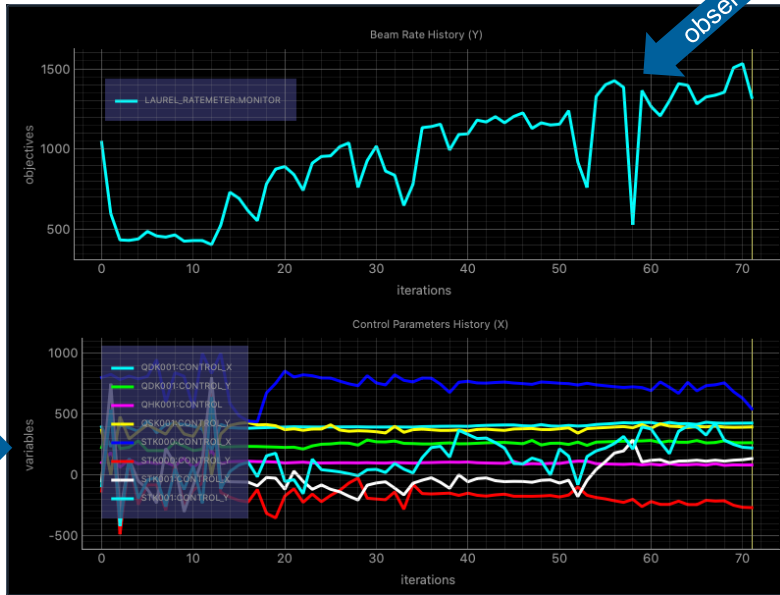
CARIBU CONTROLS – SIMPLIFIED VIEW

Splitting in sections, each with 10 or less control parameters

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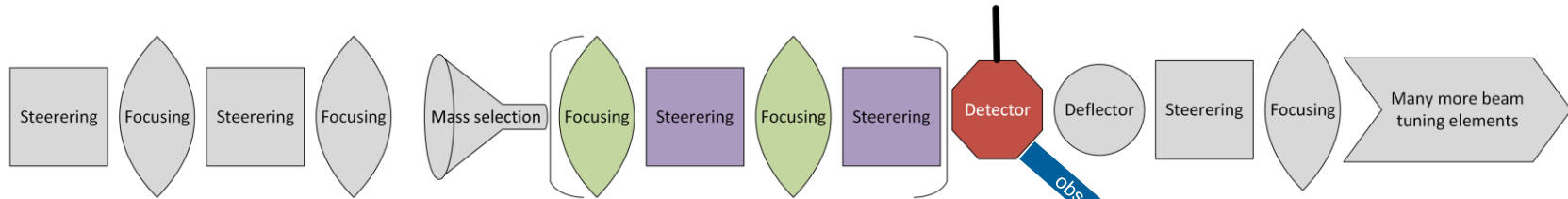
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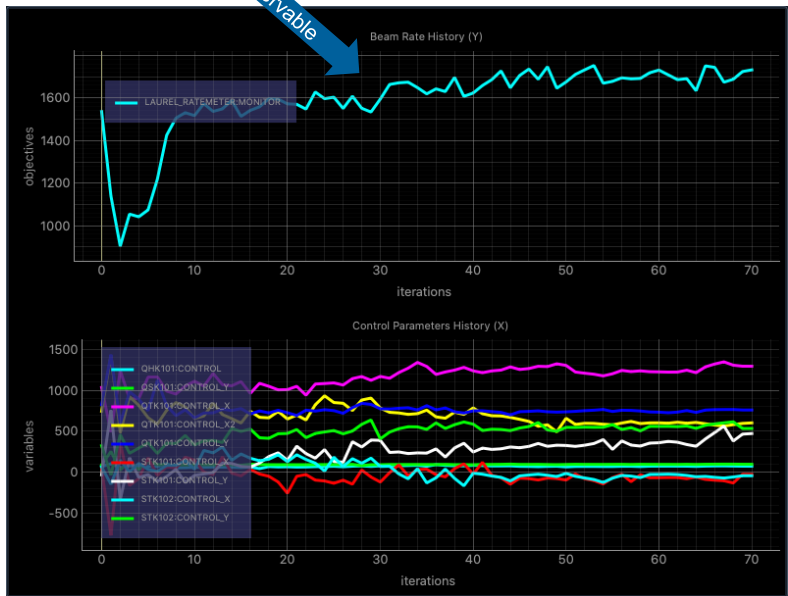
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8 control params



CARIBU-MATIC TEST RESULTS (NOT A SIMULATION)

Serial optimization of 60+ elements to transport radioactive beam

- **Transport efficiency**
 - 40% from first detector to last detector
 - On par with typical hand tune
- **Optimization time**
 - About 10-15 minutes per section
 - Comparable to hand tune approach

Next steps

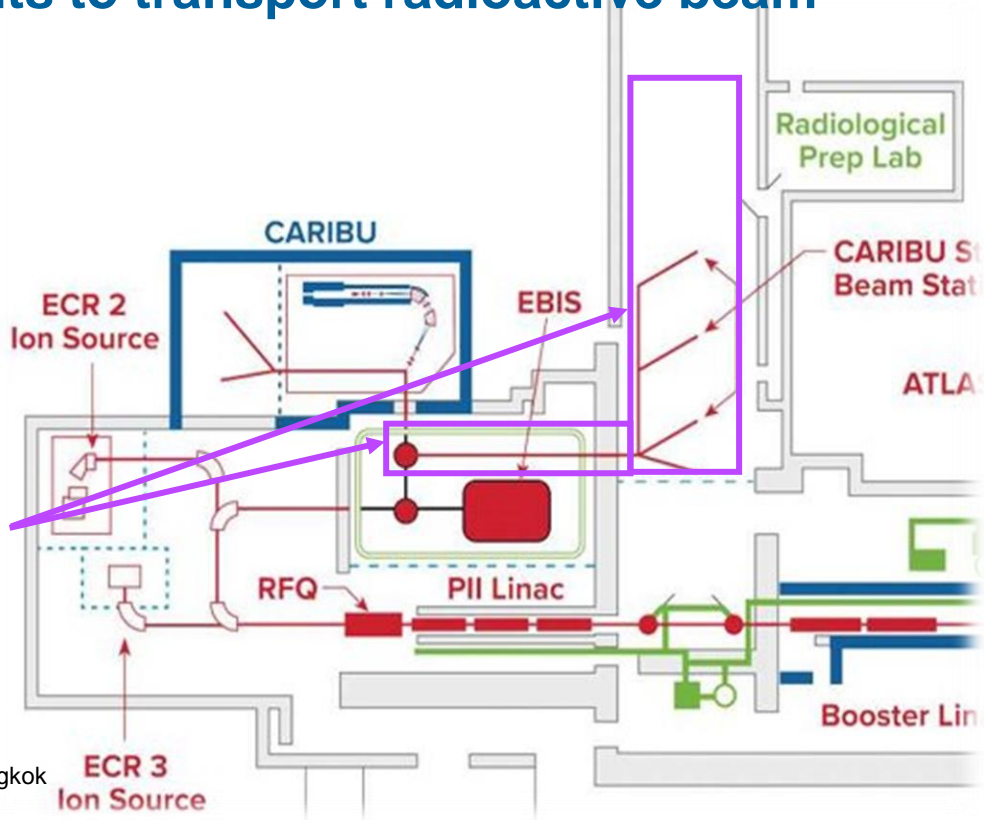
- Refine code
- Extend to **target stations** (100+ different elements)
- Automate multi-section optimization

Badger web sites and reference

<https://slac-ml.github.io/Badger/>

<https://github.com/SLAC-ML/Badger>

Zhang, Z., et al. "Badger: The missing optimizer in ACR", Proc. IPAC'22, Bangkok





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ORIGINAL PROJECT – PROGRESS & HIGHLIGHTS



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SUMMARY OF PROGRESS & HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ Automated data collection and two-way communication established
- ❑ **Bayesian Optimization (BO) successfully used for online beam tuning**
- ❑ Multi-Objective BO (MOBO) to optimize transmission and beam size
- ❑ AI-ML supporting the commissioning of a new beamline (AMIS)
- ❑ Transfer learning from one ion beam to another (BO)
- ❑ Transfer learning from simulation to online model (BO with DKL)
- ❑ **Reinforcement Learning (RL) for online beam tuning – Exp. Success**
- ❑ Good progress on the virtual machine model / physics model

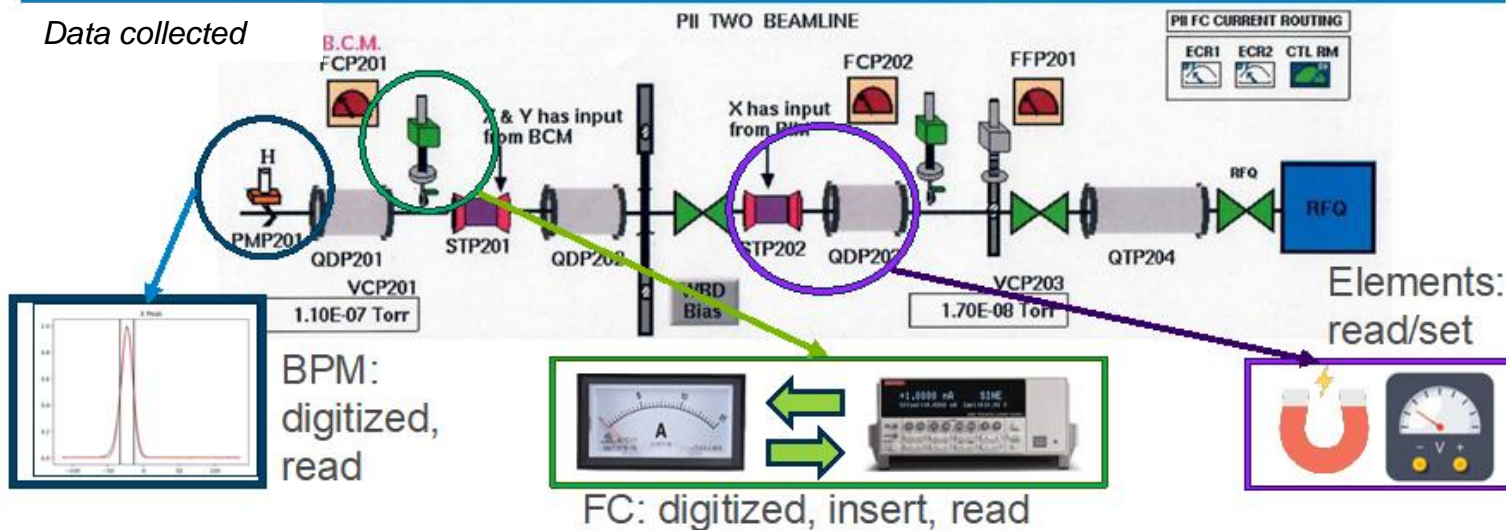
AUTOMATED DATA COLLECTION - ESTABLISHED

- ✓ Beam currents and beam profiles digitized
- ✓ A python interface developed to collect the data automatically



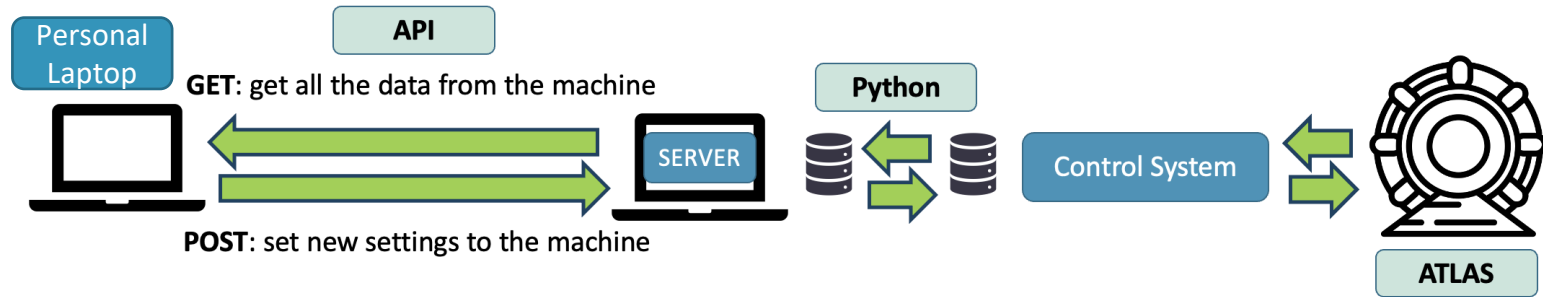
Schematic of data collection interface

Data collected



Now working on reducing acquisition time ...

ONLINE – INTERFACE WITH CONTROL SYSTEM

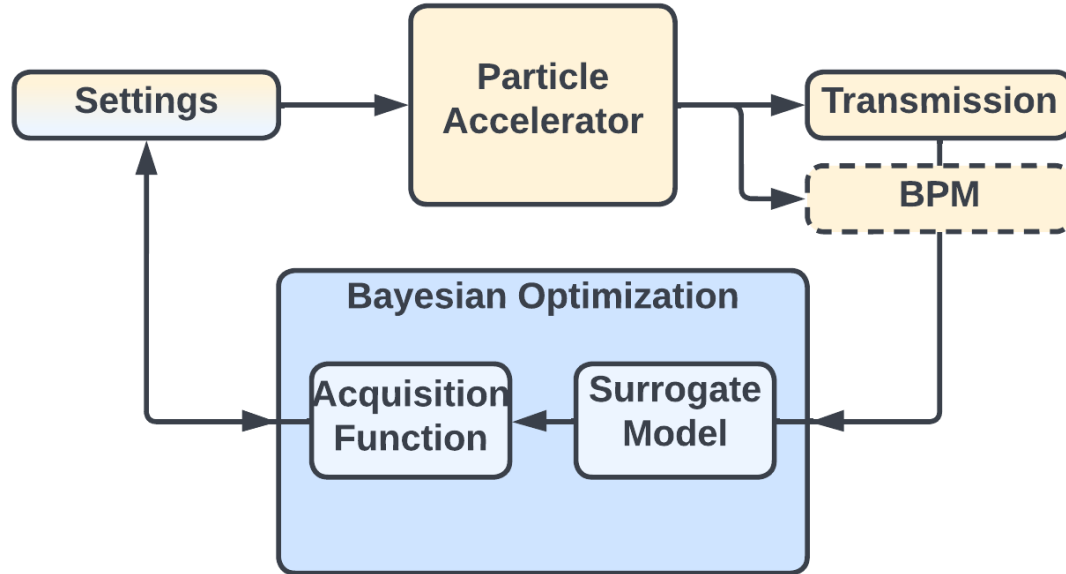


OFFLINE – INTERFACE WITH BEAM SIMULATION

- ✓ Python wrapper for TRACK (Simulation Code)
- ✓ Generation of simulation data
- ✓ Different conditions and inputs
- ✓ Integration with AI/ML modeling



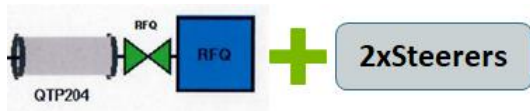
BAYESIAN OPTIMIZATION – A BRIEF DESCRIPTION



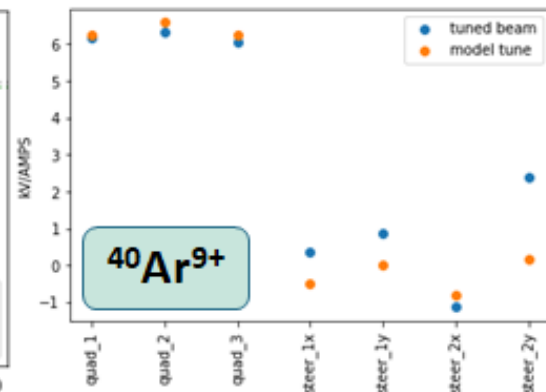
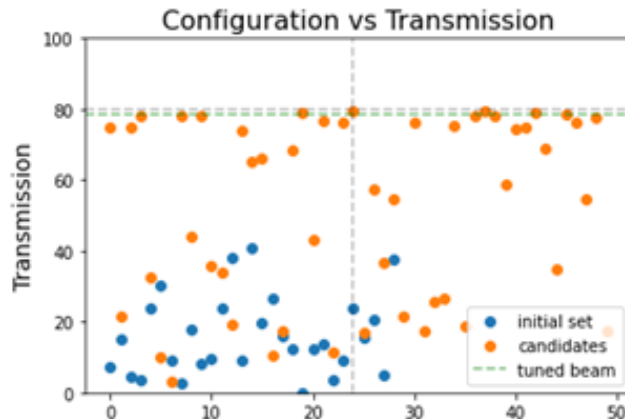
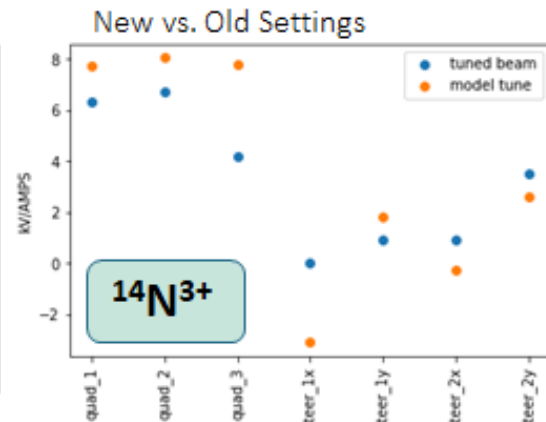
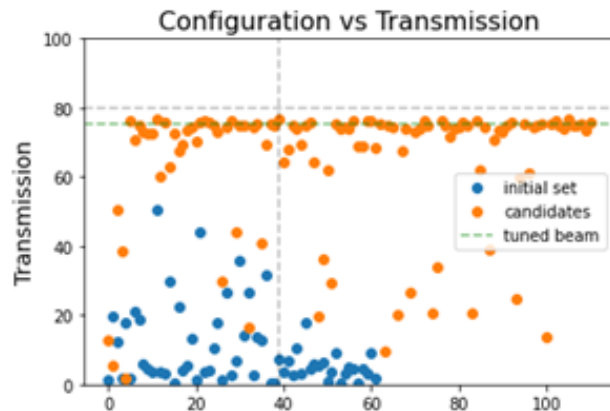
- ✓ **Surrogate Model**: A probabilistic model approximating the objective function [Gaussian Process with Radial Basis Function (RBF) Kernel and Gaussian likelihood]
- ✓ **Acquisition Function** tells the model where to query the system next for more likely improvement
- **Bayesian Optimization with Gaussian Processes** guides the model and gives a reliable estimate of uncertainty

BAYESIAN OPTIMIZATION USED IN ONLINE TUNING

Beamline under study



- 7 variable parameters (3 quadrupoles + 2x2 steerers)
- Optimization of beam transmission
- Case of $^{14}\text{N}^{3+}$: 29 historical + 33 random tunes
- Case of $^{40}\text{Ar}^{9+}$: 29 historical tunes

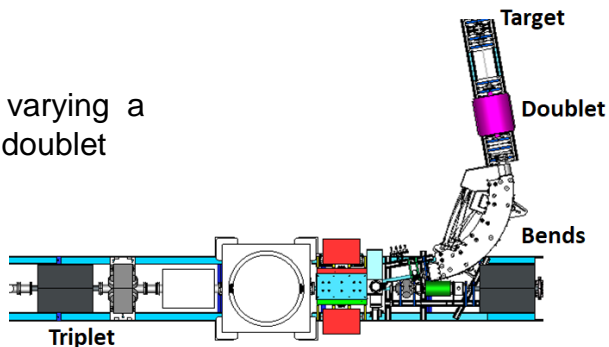


MULTI-OBJECTIVE BAYESIAN OPTIMIZATION

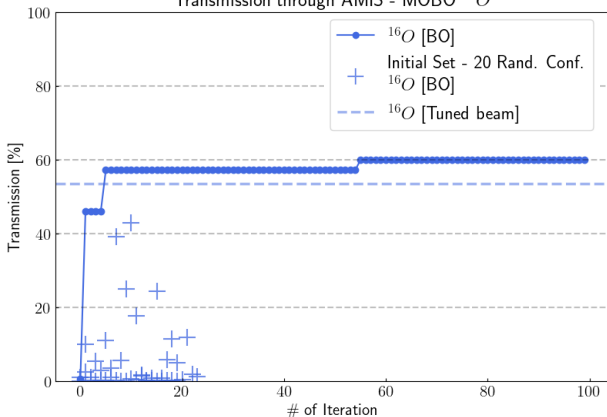
Multi-Objective Problem: Optimize transmission and beam profiles on target - Not easy for an operator!

Improving Beam Transmission & Improving Beam Profiles

AMIS line: varying a triplet and a doublet

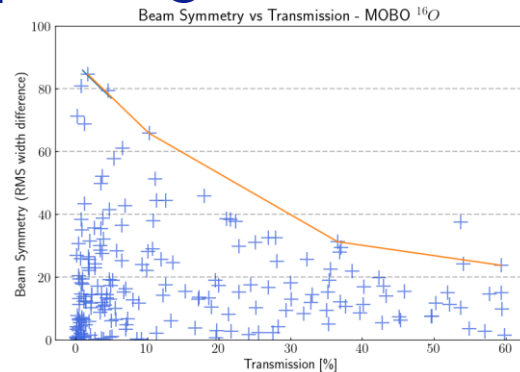


Transmission through AMIS - MOBO ^{16}O

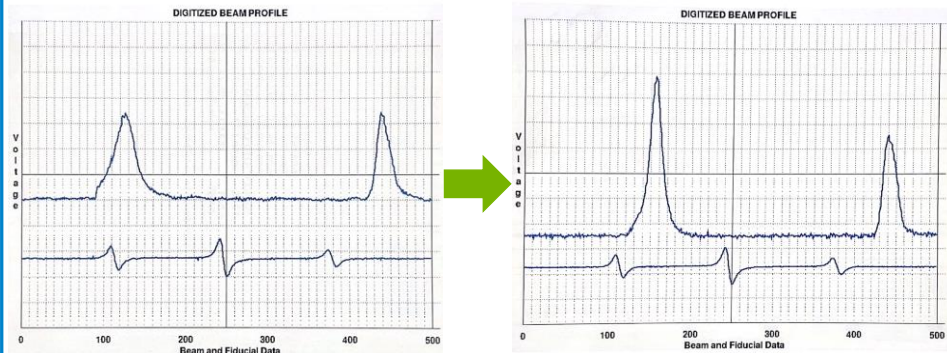


MOBO Results:
53 → 60%
Beam transmiss.

MOBO Results:
Pareto Front

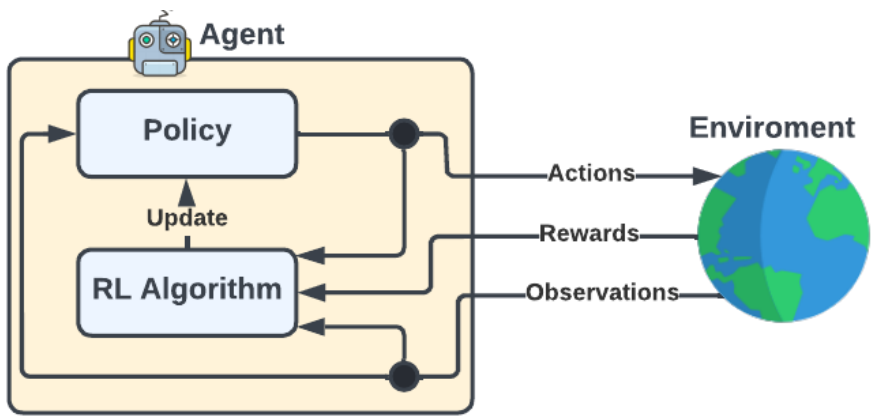


MOBO Results: More symmetric beam profiles

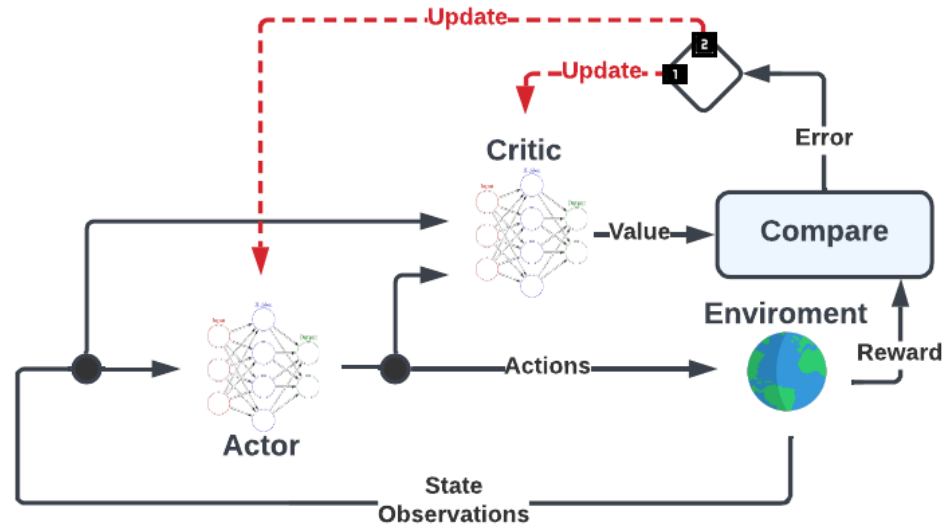


REINFORCEMENT LEARNING – A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Basic Concept



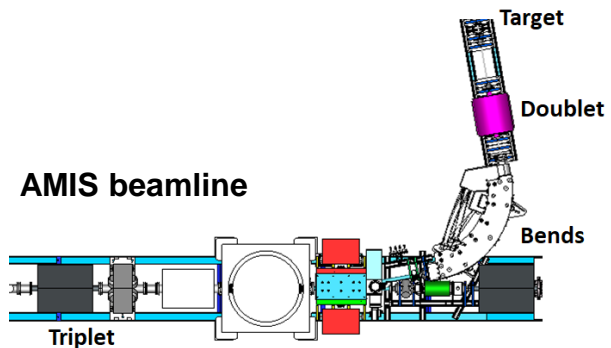
Implementation Example



- ✓ **Essence:** Learning from experience based on interaction with the environment
- ✓ **Action:** Varies the parameters/variables of the problem
- ✓ **Reward:** Measures the goal function to maximize/optimize
- ✓ **Policy:** How the process evolves/learns
- ✓ **Algorithm used:** Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG); Actor-Critic Approach

REINFORCEMENT LEARNING: FIRST EXP. SUCCESS

Beamline under study

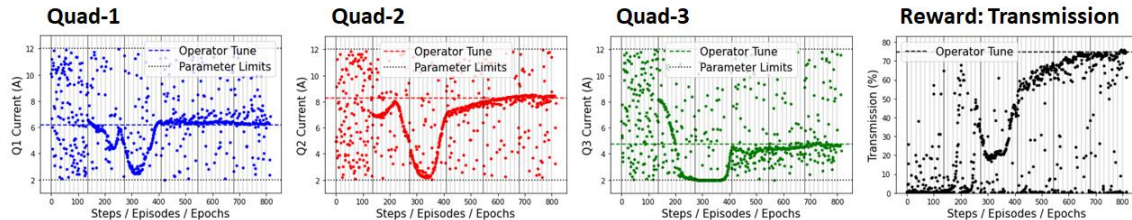


Objective: Maximize beam transmission

- Varying 3 magnetic quads
- Current limits: 2 – 12 Amps
- Max. Action: Full range

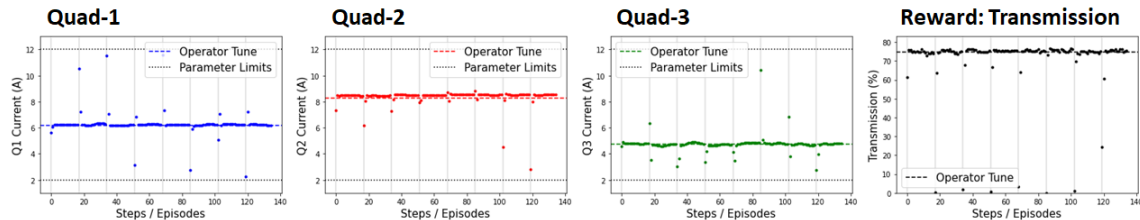
➤ RL is much slower than BO, requiring significantly more data → more iterations to train, but once trained, it takes fewer steps to converge to the best solution ...

Training - Online



➤ Training done in 816 total steps/evaluations (48 episodes)

Testing - Online

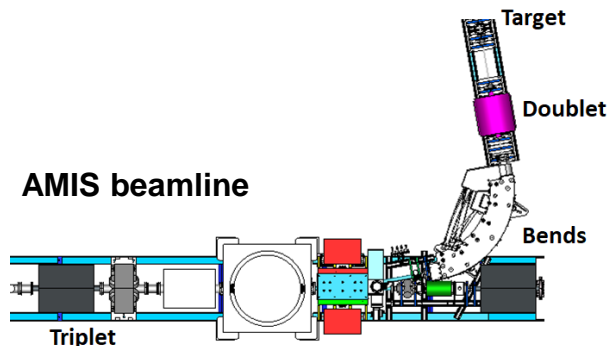


➤ Testing done for 8 episodes (16 steps/episode)

➤ Model converges in 2-3 steps, starting from random config.

REINFORCEMENT LEARNING: MORE PARAMETERS

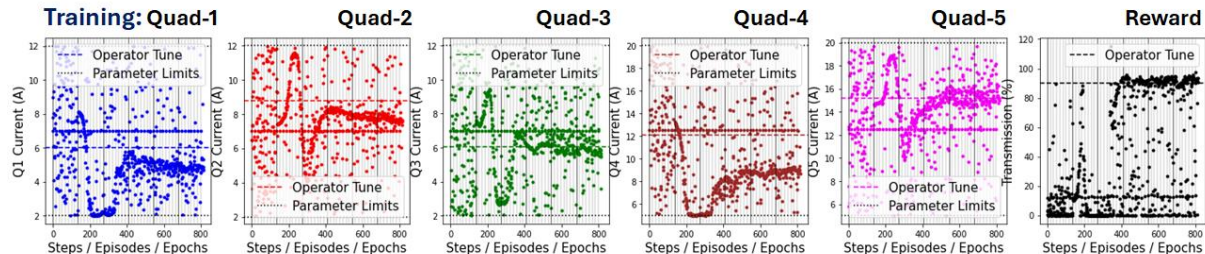
Beamline under study



Objective: Maximize beam transmission

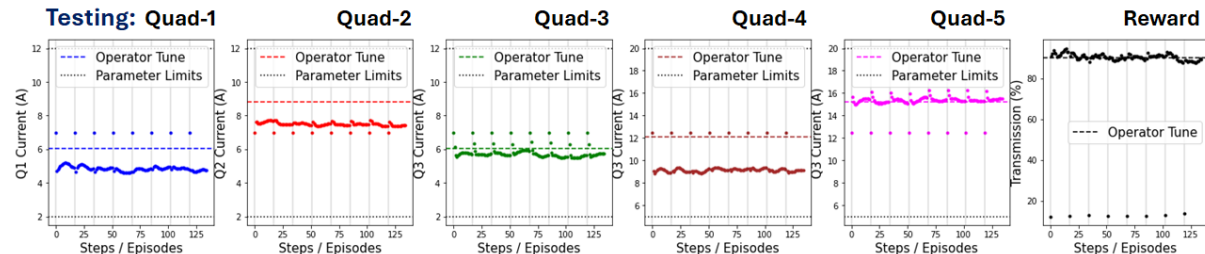
- Varying 5 magnetic quads
- Triplet 2–12 A, Doublet 5-15 A
- Max. Action: Full range

Training - Online



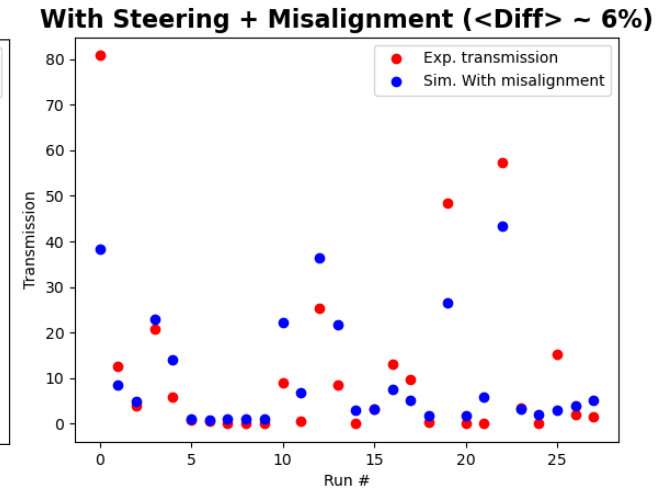
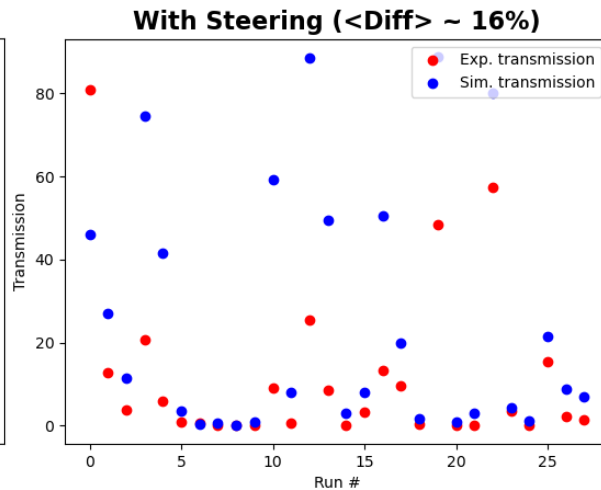
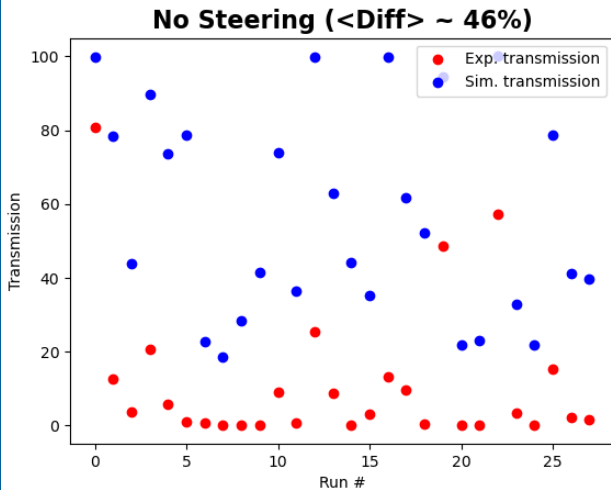
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- Model converges in 2-3 steps, starting from same config.

PROGRESS ON THE VIRTUAL MACHINE MODEL



- ✓ In order to develop a realistic virtual machine model, we need first to improve the predictability of the physics model based on beam dynamics simulations (using TRACK code)
- ✓ Significant improvement was realized by adding steering effects, using steerers settings
- ✓ Further improvement achieved by adding misalignment effects, obtained using BO inference
- ✓ Adding information about the initial beam distribution should close the gap even further
- ✓ Once the agreement is $\sim 1\%$, a surrogate model will be developed based on the simulations



MORE SLIDES



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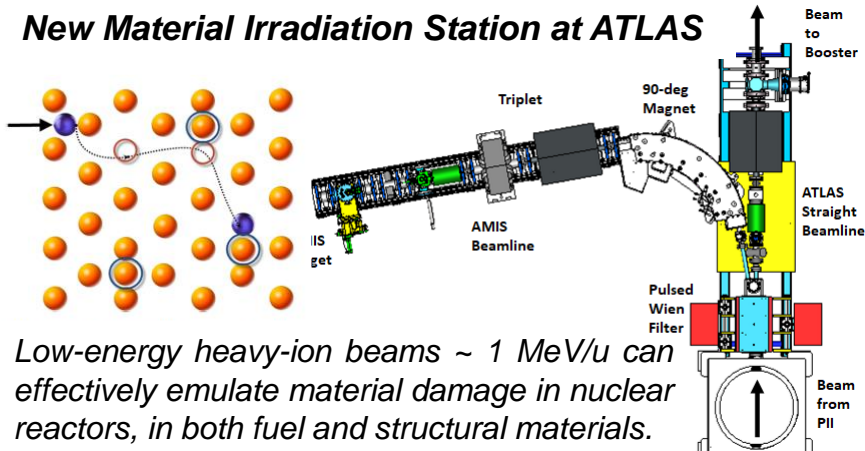
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AI/ML SUPPORTING AMIS LINE COMMISSIONING

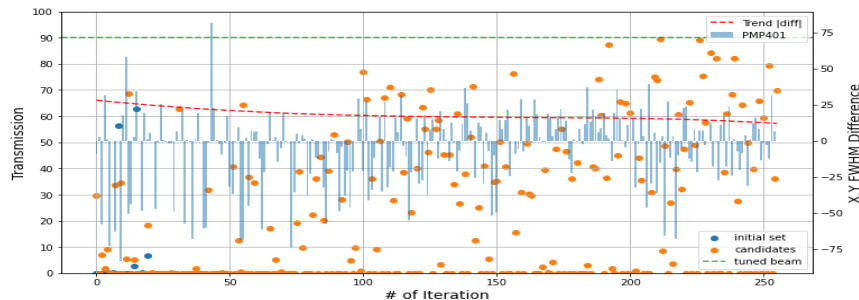
New Material Irradiation Station at ATLAS



Low-energy heavy-ion beams ~ 1 MeV/u can effectively emulate material damage in nuclear reactors, in both fuel and structural materials.

Improving Beam Profiles

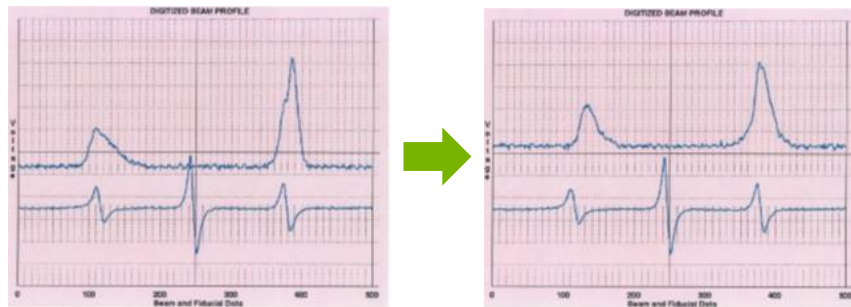
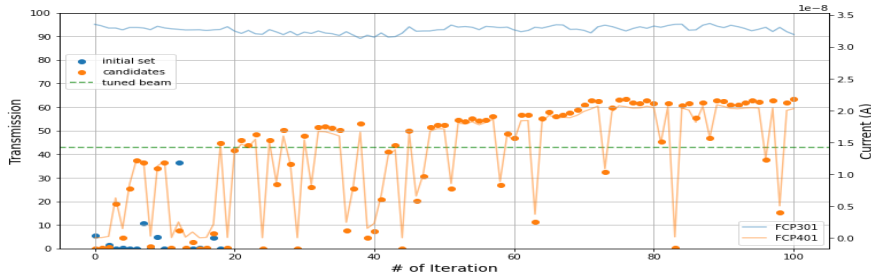
Problem: Produce symmetric beam profiles by varying a triplet and a steerer [BO]



Training online, slow convergence but steady progress. Competition between nice profiles and beam transmission!

Improving Beam Transmission

Problem: Maximize beam transmission by varying a triplet, two dipoles and two steerers [BO]; **Results:** 40 \rightarrow 70%



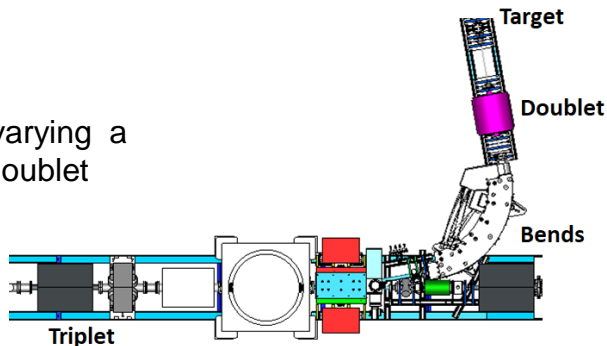
Very encouraging first results!

TRANSFER LEARNING FROM ^{16}O TO ^{22}Ne - BO

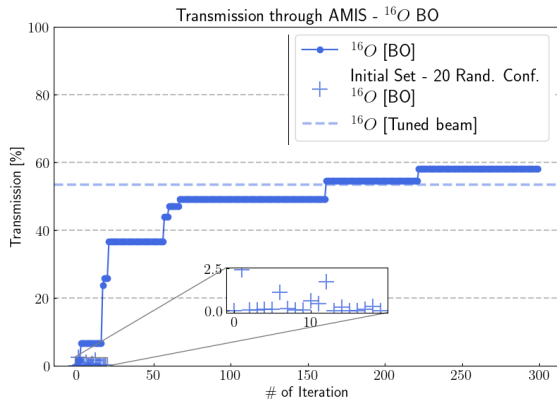
Goal: Train a model using one beam then transfer it to tune another beam → Faster switching and tuning

Training model on ^{16}O

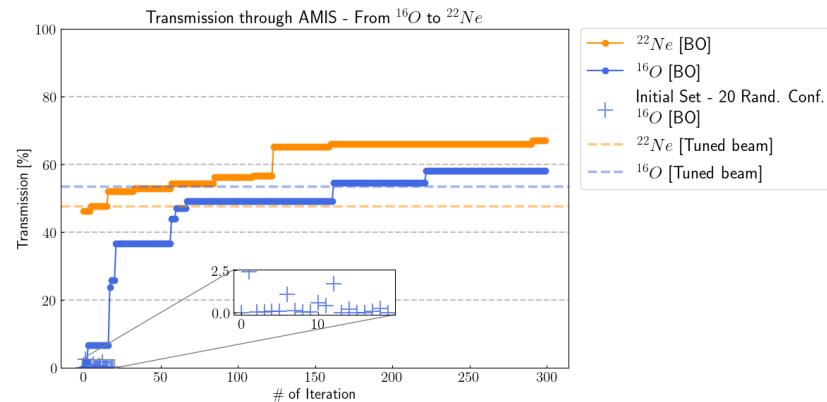
AMIS line: varying a triplet and a doublet



BO Training:
Over 300 iterations
53 → ~ 60% Beam transmiss.
Model saved & exported



Applying same model to ^{22}Ne



16O Model loaded for 22Ne: Initial transmission improved in 7 iterations: 48 → 55 %

With more training for 22Ne: 48 → 67%

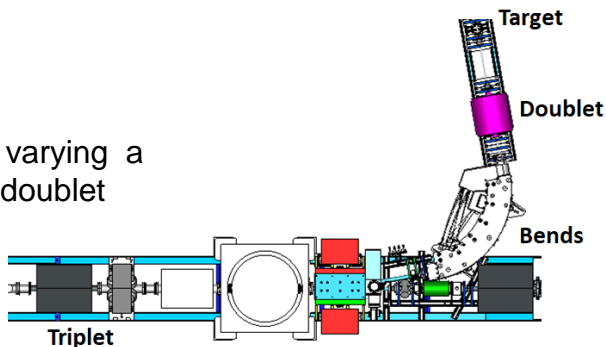
Scaling was applied from 16O to 22Ne, re-tuning is often needed because of different initial beam distributions

TRANSFER LEARNING FROM SIMULATION TO ONLINE

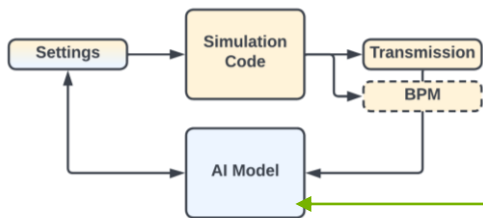
Goal: Train a model using simulations then use it for online tuning → Less training & faster convergence online

Method: Deep kernel learning (DKL) to combine the representational power of neural networks with the reliable uncertainty estimates of Gaussian processes.

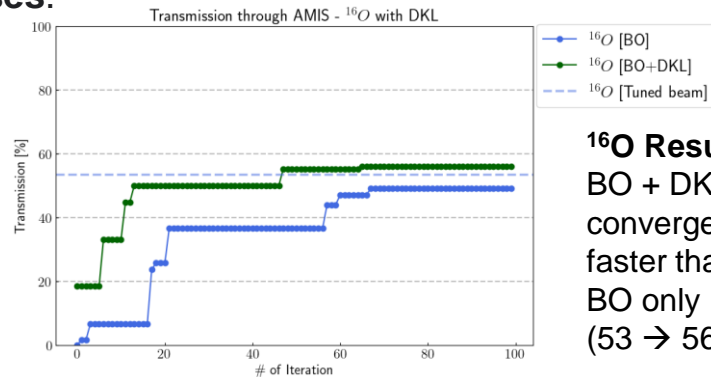
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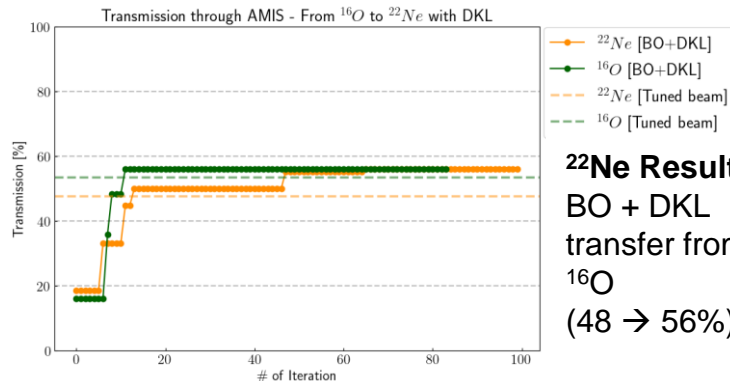
AMIS Line: Maximize beam transmission by varying a triplet [BO+DKL]



NN trained offline with TRACK simulations [4k training set /1k evaluation set]



^{16}O Results:
BO + DKL converges faster than BO only (53 → 56%)

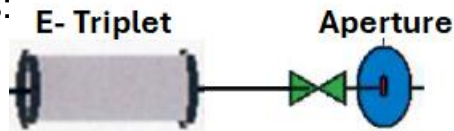


^{22}Ne Results:
BO + DKL transfer from ^{16}O (48 → 56%)

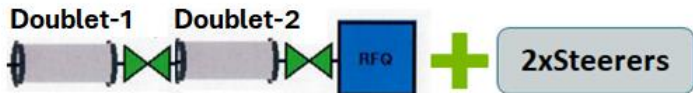
REINFORCEMENT LEARNING: FIRST ATTEMPT...

Simulation Case

- ✓ Focusing the beam through an aperture using an electrostatic triplet (3 Quadrupoles)
- ✓ Voltage limites:
2 – 10 kV
- ✓ Max. action:
+/- 0.25 kV

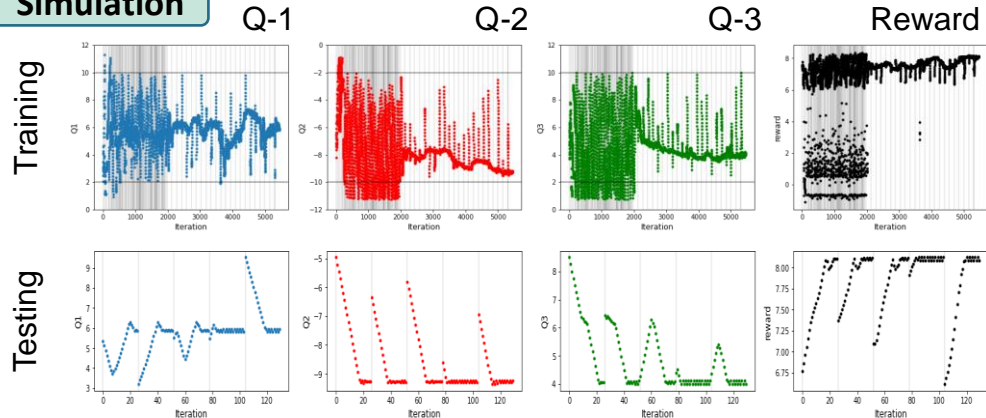


Actual Experiment

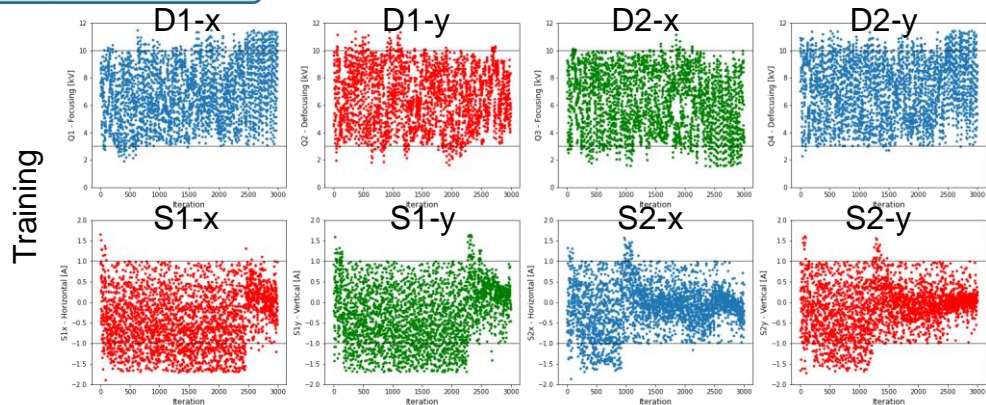


- ✓ Maximizing beam transmission using 2 doublets (4 quads) and 2x2 steerers
- ✓ Electrostatic Quadrupoles :
 - 2 kV to 10 kV
 - Max action +/- 0.25 kV
- ✓ Steering Magnets:
 - -1 A to 1 A
 - Max action +/- 0.25 A

Simulation



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