

# Machine Learning Applications for Performance Improvement and Developing Future Storage Ring Light Sources

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# 2 Recent Examples for Application of ML to Storage Ring Light Sources

## Improving Operational Performance

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### Demonstration of Machine Learning-Based Model-Independent Stabilization of Source Properties in Synchrotron Light Sources

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Synchrotron light sources, arguably among the most powerful tools of modern scientific discovery, are presently undergoing a major transformation to provide orders of magnitude higher brightness and transverse coherence enabling the most demanding experiments. In these experiments, overall source stability will soon be limited by achievable levels of electron beam size stability, presently on the order of several microns, which is still 1–2 orders of magnitude larger than already demonstrated stability of source position and current. Until now source size stabilization has been achieved through corrections based on a combination of static predetermined physics models and lengthy calibration measurements, periodically repeated to counteract drift in the accelerator and instrumentation. We now demonstrate for the first time how the application of machine learning allows for a physics- and model-independent stabilization of source size relying only on previously existing instrumentation. Such feed-forward correction based on a neural network that can be continuously online retrained achieves source size stability as low as 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  (0.4% rms), which results in overall source stability approaching the subpercent noise floor of the most sensitive experiments.

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**Introduction.**—Synchrotron radiation sources, specifically third-generation storage ring light sources, have been tremendously successful tools of scientific discovery since the early 1990s [1]. As these facilities mature, a new era of fourth-generation storage rings (4GSRs) based on *diffraction-limited storage rings* (DLSRs) [2–8] is being ushered in. These sources will increase average brightness by 2–3 orders of magnitude while also delivering high degrees of transverse coherence, for the first time even for x rays. High coherent flux will enable scientists to understand material compositions and dynamics ranging in length from microns to nanometers and in time from minutes to nanoseconds. The most notable and direct result of the new beam properties will impact two techniques in particular. Ptychography [9] will take direct advantage of an increase in coherent flux to decrease measurement times by orders of magnitude. This will allow for the collection of complex 3D chemical maps with unprecedented resolution and will lead to deeper understanding of electrochemical systems such as batteries and fuel cells. The measurement of dynamics and kinetics to study chemical systems is another category that will be directly impacted by the new sources. An emerging technique to study this is x-ray photon correlation spectroscopy (XPCS) [10]. Ptychography as

well as XPCS rely heavily on high beam stability over extended periods of time.

To large extent the success of storage ring light sources lies in their stability, resulting in constant position, angle, and intensity of radiation delivered at a tunable wavelength with narrow width. In order to maintain constant intensity, a combination of top-off injection (maintaining constant beam current) [11,12] and precise control over source position and size is required. In third-generation light sources (GGLSs) the latter usually called for transverse beam size stability within 10% of the rms electron beam size [13,14]. Now, however, first experiments at these sources are starting to show limitations arising from such levels of source size control and it is evident that DLSRs, operating at much smaller source sizes, will call for significantly tighter control over source size stability in order to exploit ultrahigh brightness and transverse coherence.

**State-of-the-art stabilization effort and its limitations.**—A typical example for the aforementioned source size stabilization challenge is shown in Fig. 1. The vertical electron beam size as measured at diagnostic beam line 3.1 [15] of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's Advanced Light Source (ALS) is displayed during a typical user run. While the horizontal beam size remains constant (spikes observed in both planes at the same time are

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## Designing Future Storage Rings

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#### ABSTRACT

Fourth-generation storage rings enabled by multi-bend achromat lattices are being inaugurated worldwide and many more are planned for the next decade. These sources deliver stable ultra-high brightness radiation with unmatched levels of transverse coherence by virtue of their highly advanced magnetic lattices. Optimization of these challenging and strongly nonlinear lattices with many degrees of freedom bounded by extensive sets of constraints and multiple often conflicting optimization goals is highly demanding and requires application of the most advanced numerical tools available to the community. While multi-objective genetic algorithms have been very successful in supporting these optimization efforts, the algorithms suffer from a fundamental limitation of their stochastic nature: an exceedingly vast number of candidate lattices, most of which eventually are rejected, has to be fully evaluated. This comes at immense computational cost and thus drives excessive runtime despite use of large supercomputing clusters. We therefore propose to employ deep learning techniques and iterative retraining of neural networks to massively accelerate such lattice evaluation, thereby allowing lattice optimization to rely on far fewer a priori assumptions, open up to larger search ranges, and include right from the start and in parallel multiple error distributions to find truly global optima, all while completing a full optimization campaign in weeks rather than months. In this paper we present the neural network designs, the deep learning approach, iterative retraining procedures, and demonstrate how these machine learning techniques can be incorporated into existing state-of-the-art optimization workflows with only minimal changes applied to the optimization pipeline itself and none at all to the employed tracking codes.

#### 1. Introduction

Storage-ring based synchrotron light sources around the world are presently undergoing a massive transformation. Pioneered in MAX IV [1], the multi-bend achromat (MBA) [2] lattice has ushered in the era of 4th-generation storage rings (4GSRs): a class of ring-based light sources capable of delivering stable ultra-high brightness diffraction-limited synchrotron radiation with a high degree of transverse coherence simultaneously to dozens of beamlines. The MBA lattice—presently foreseen by almost every new source and upgrade project—is composed of many small-aperture magnets with high field gradients capable of providing the strong focusing necessary to achieve ultrahigh emittance. This strong focusing reduces the dispersion and drives the natural chromaticity in the lattice. Combined, this calls for very strong sextupoles leading to highly nonlinear lattices exhibiting limited dynamic aperture (DA) and momentum aperture (MA) compared to those of 3rd-generation light sources. Apart from the many engineering difficulties in the design of a 4GSR, the beam physics and lattice optimization itself present a significant challenge due to the large

number of magnets that need to be tuned in a multi-variate and multi-objective optimization process. Apart from lattice design expertise, this usually calls for the most advanced numerical and analytical resources available to the community.

Multi-objective genetic algorithms (MOGA) [3] have proven to be one of the most successful and commonly used tools for the optimization of modern light source lattices [4–6]. Multiple variants of MOGA are available, among which the Pareto-based algorithm NSGA-II is the most popular [7,8]. Optimization of an MBA lattice with MOGA is highly non-trivial since ultra-high brightness, lifetime, and injection efficiency are usually in direct competition and a suitable trade-off needs to be carefully established, taking into account an exceedingly large number of constraints. While MOGA is extremely well equipped to undertake such optimization, it suffers from the fundamental limitation that—as a stochastic process—it requires a vast number of candidate lattices to be evaluated. Nonlinear lattice evaluation based on many-particle tracking is very CPU-expensive and nevertheless, almost all evaluated lattices are eventually rejected by MOGA. This weakness,

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# Part 1: ML Improving Performance of an Operational Storage Ring

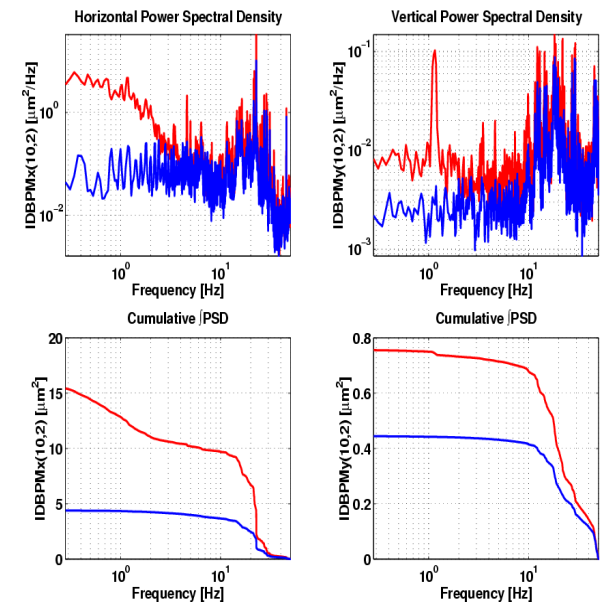
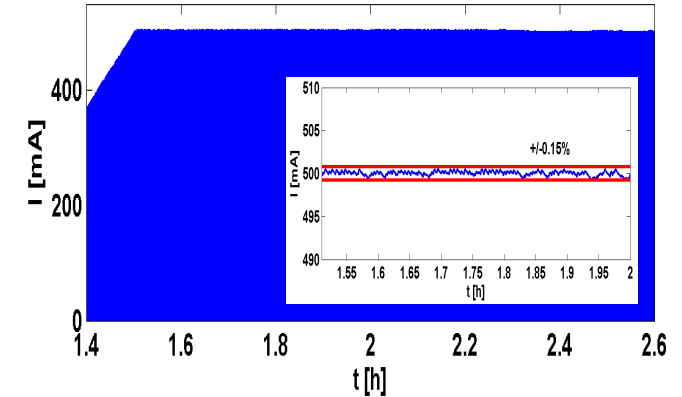
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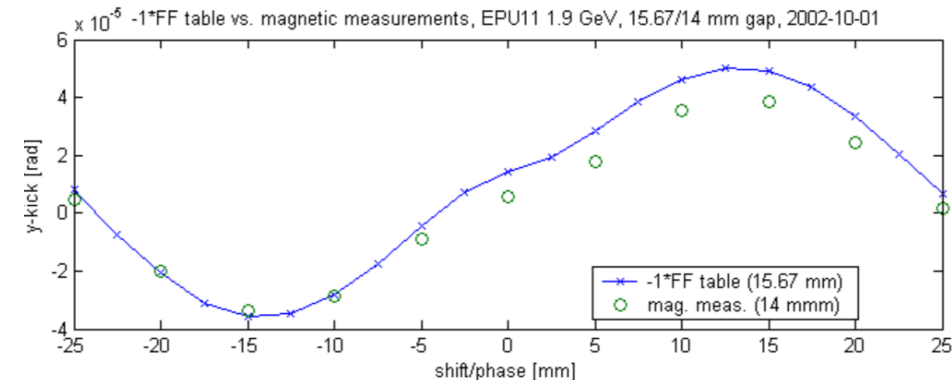
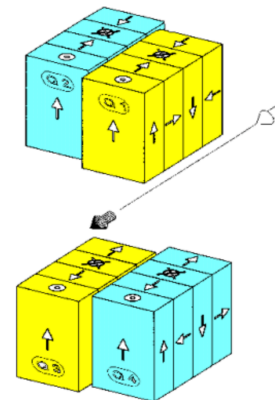
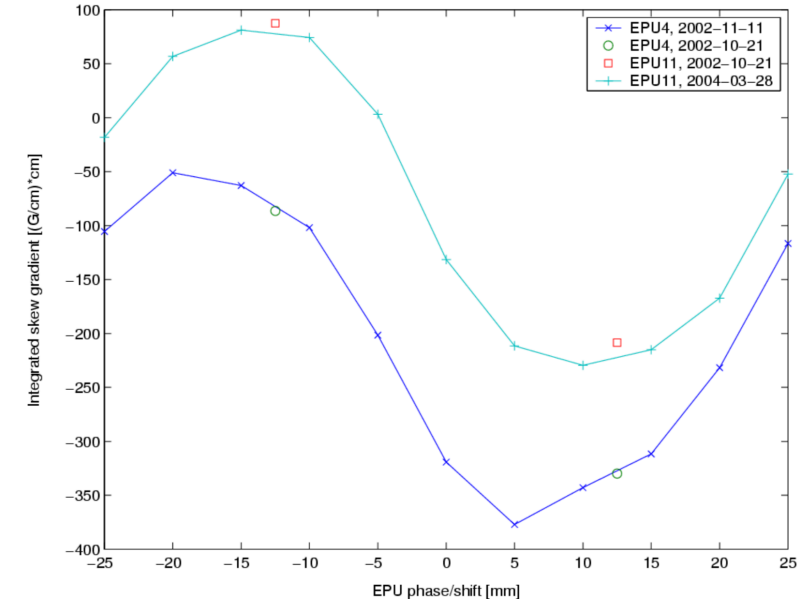
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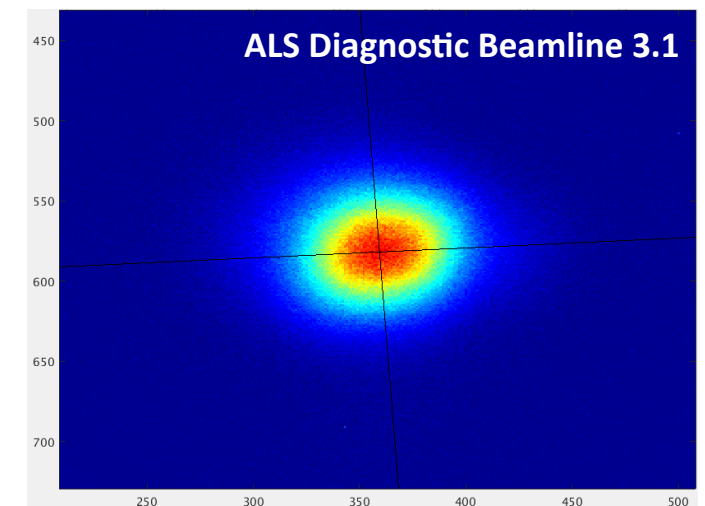
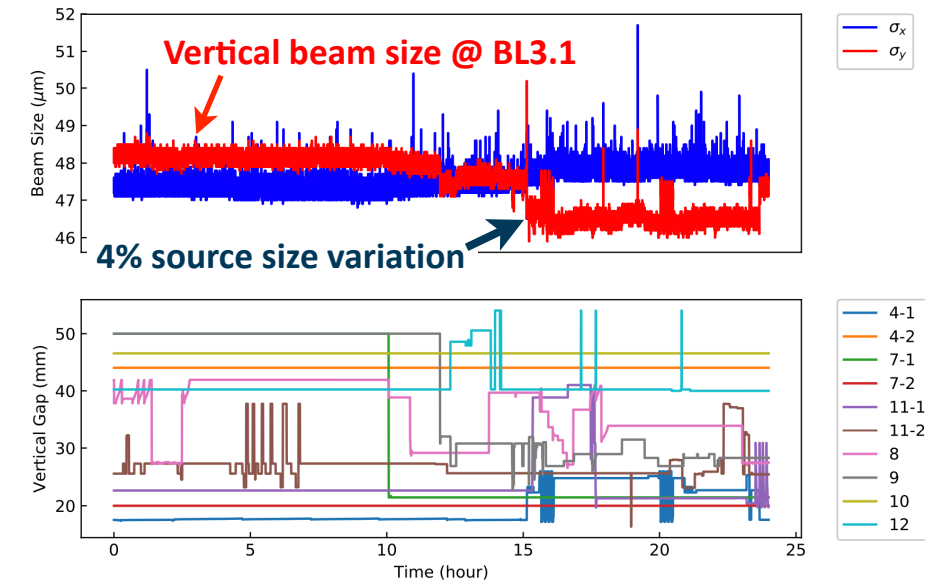
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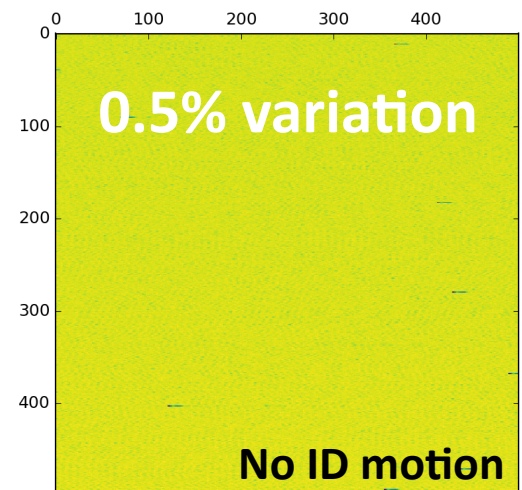
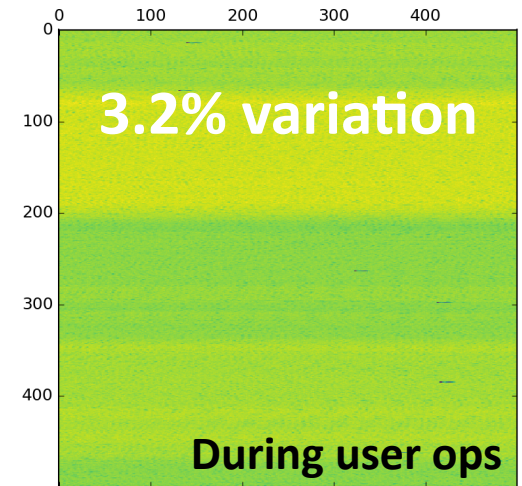
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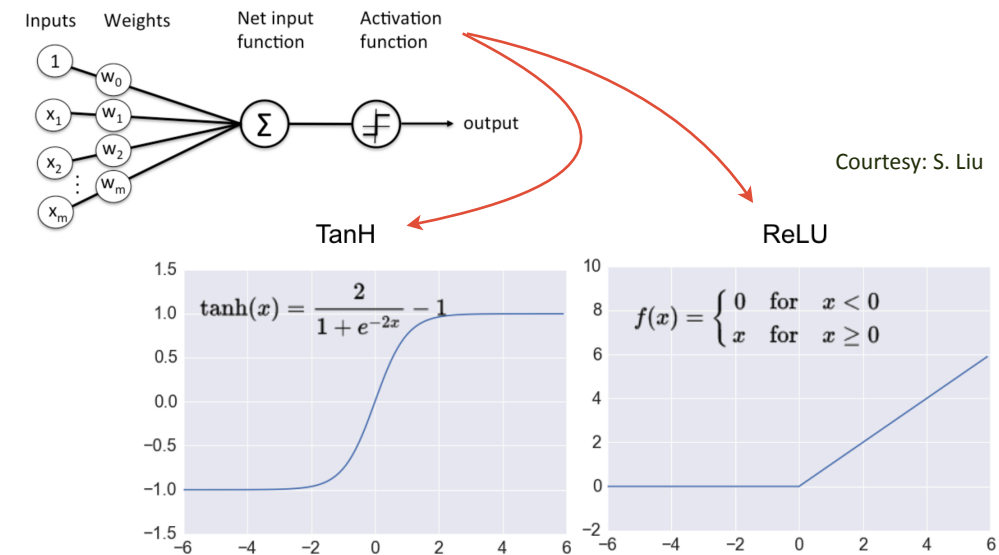
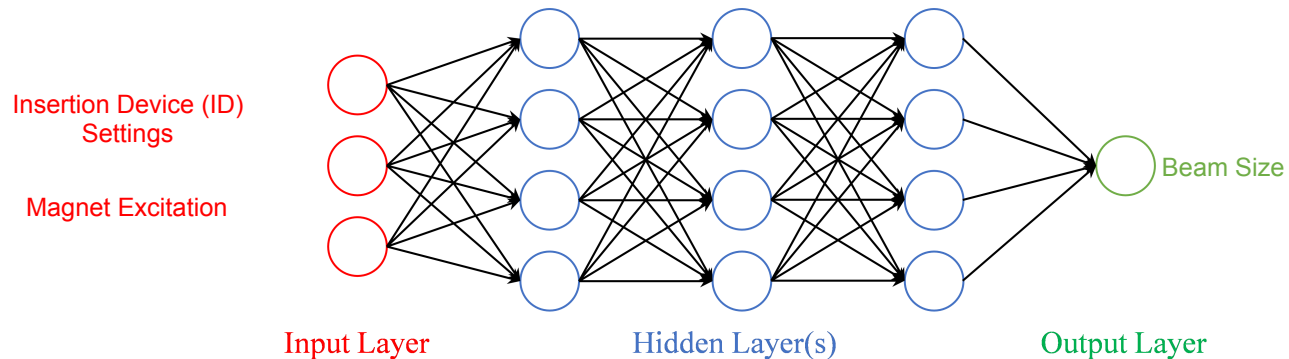
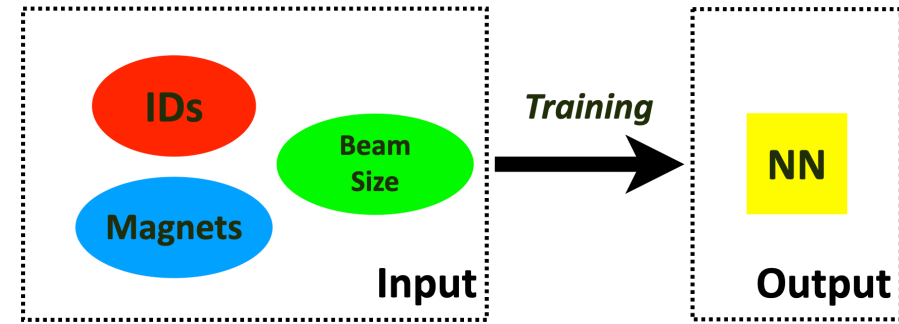
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- Resulting level of performance has started to become a **limitation** at most demanding experiments
- Expected to become a serious issue in 4<sup>th</sup>-generation sources, eg. **DLSRs** with **STXM**, **XPCS**, **ptychography**, etc.

## STXM @ ALS Beamline 5.3.2.2



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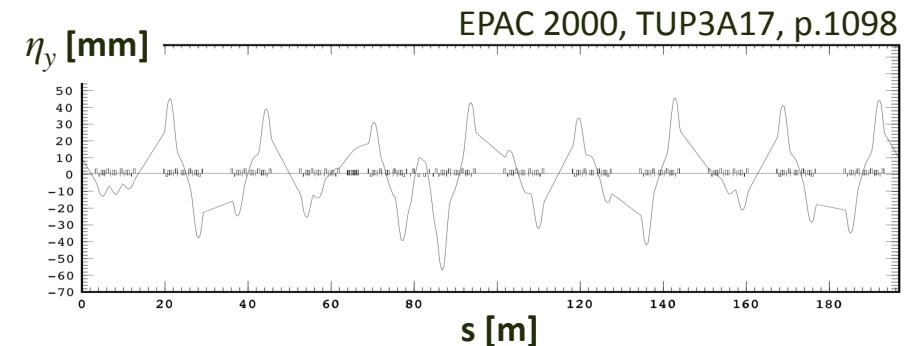
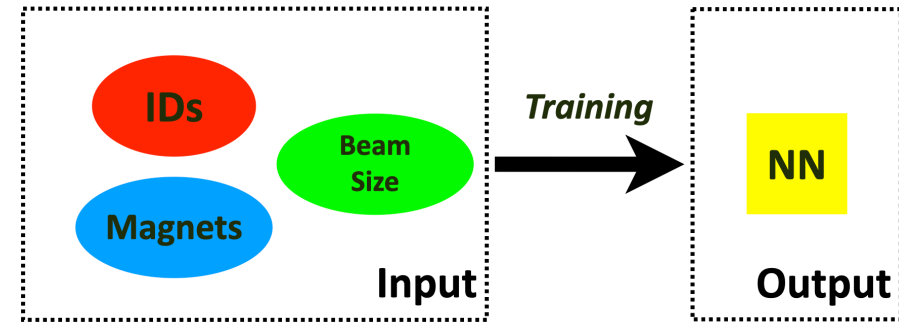
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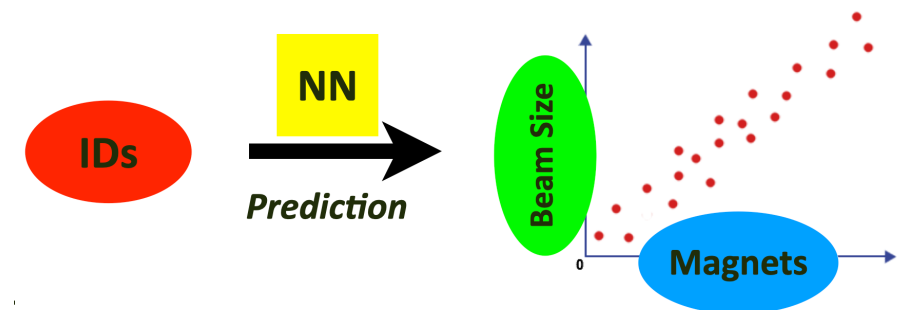
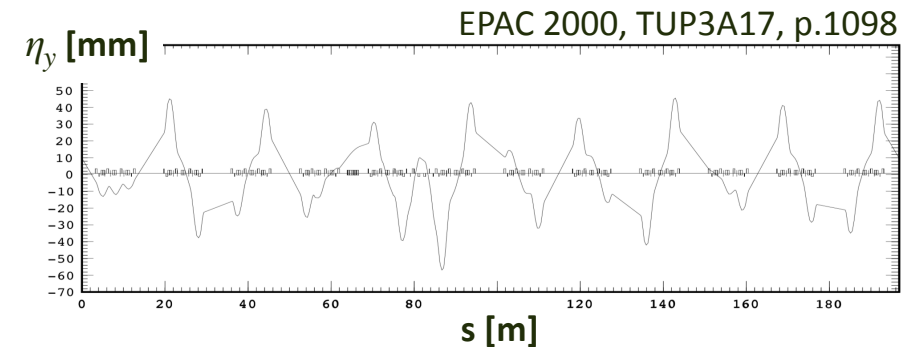
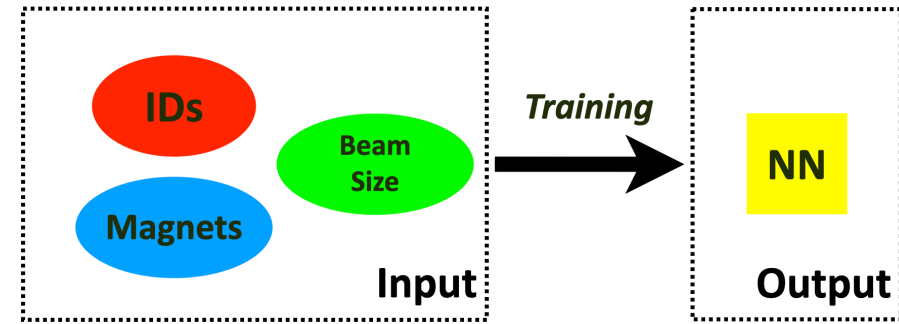
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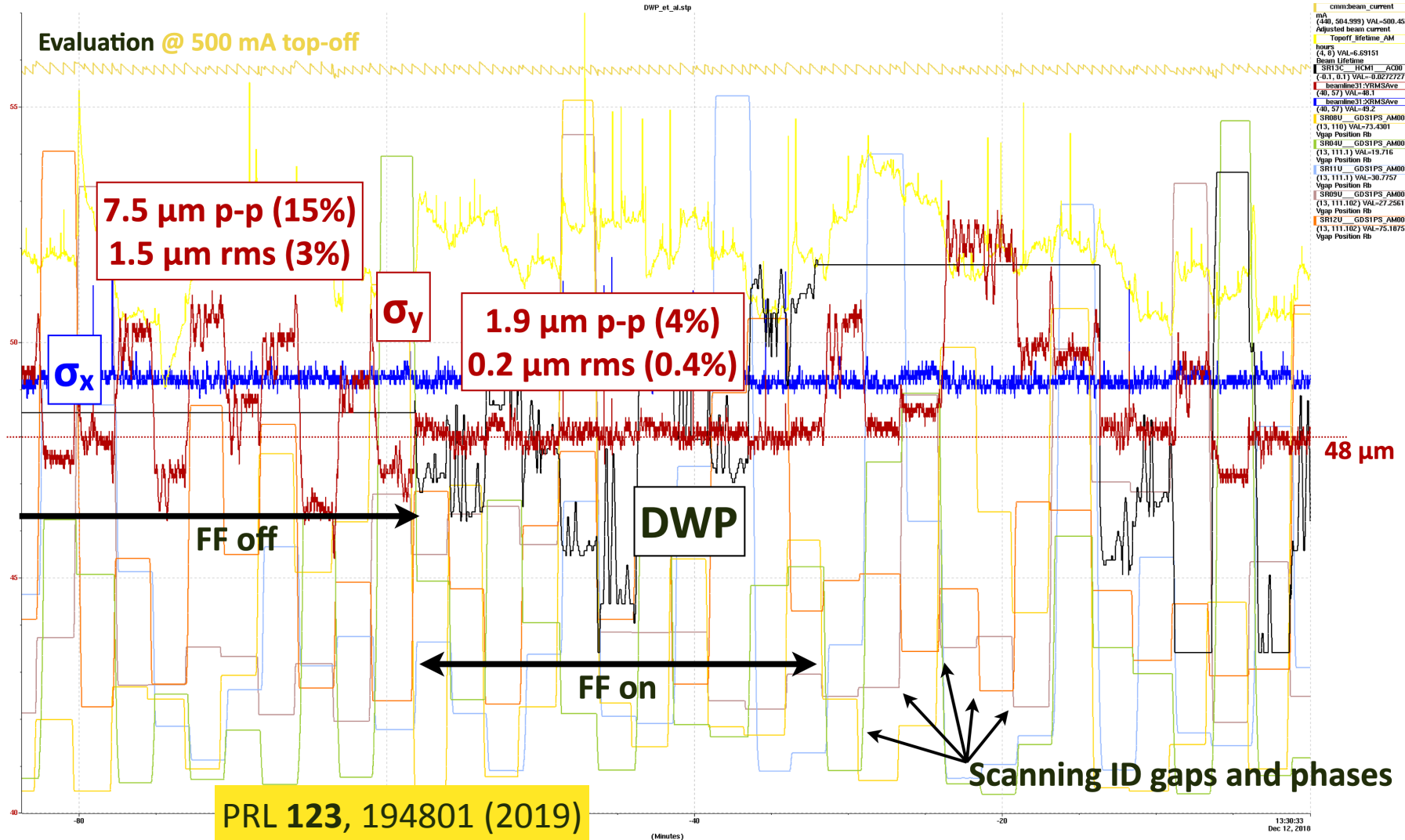
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- These NN predictions can serve as a **dynamic lookup**
- If such a lookup is incorporated into the accelerator control system as a **feed forward (FF)**, we can stabilize the **electron beam source size** over prolonged periods of time (**online retraining** exploited to mitigate machine drift)



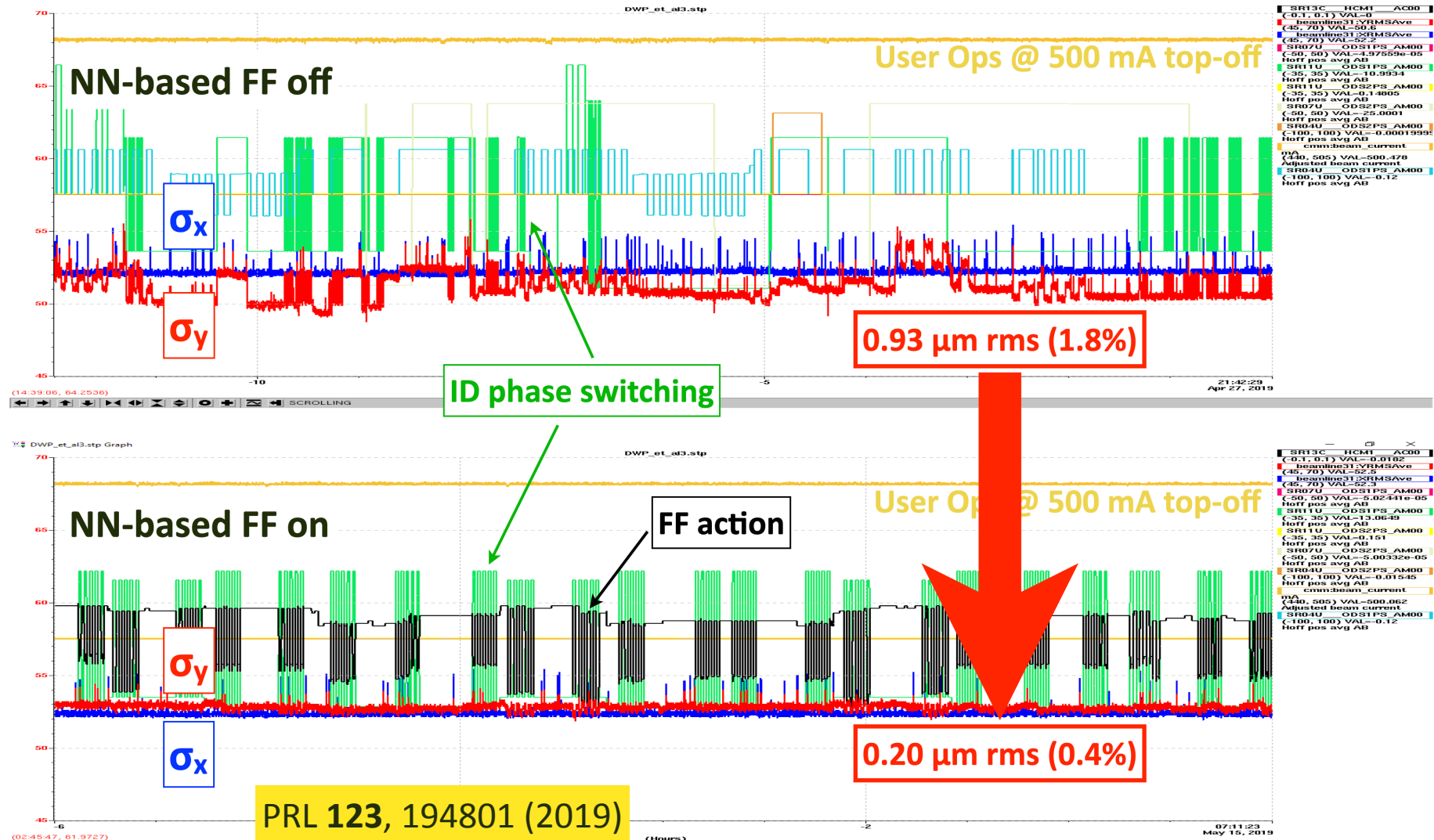
# Simulating NN-based ID FF During Physics Shift

- Scanned various ID configurations and skew excitations (DWP) to record initial training data
- Training fully-connected 3-layer NN (128-64-32) required  $\approx 15$ min on single core
- NN-based ID FF turned on while continuing to scan ID configurations  $\rightarrow$  verify stabilization



# NN-based ID FF Off vs. On During User Ops

- During user ops NN-based ID FF running at  $\approx 3$  Hz in addition to of all other conventional FBs and FFs
- Observed roughly 5-fold reduction of V rms source size motion at diagnostics BL
- Online retraining of the NN (using data acquired with FF engaged during user ops)  $\rightarrow$  capture ID configurations not observed during initial training

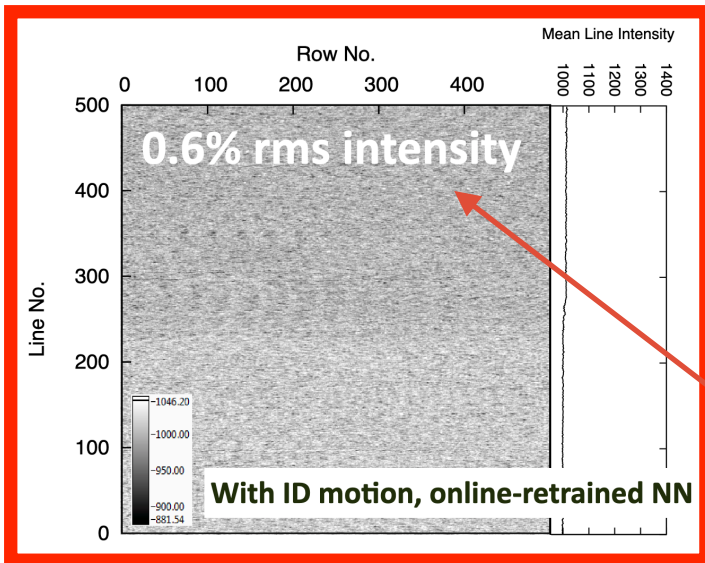


# Stabilization Confirmed at Most Sensitive Experiment

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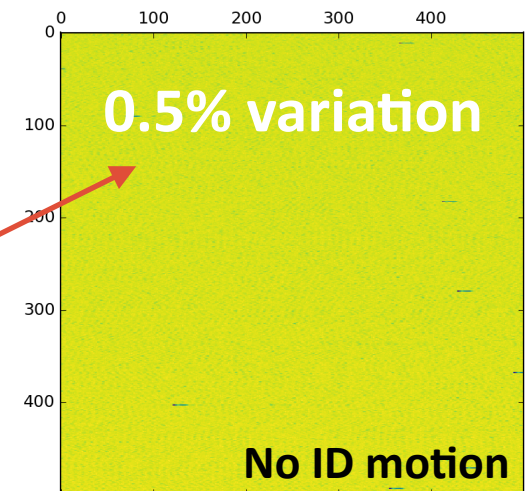
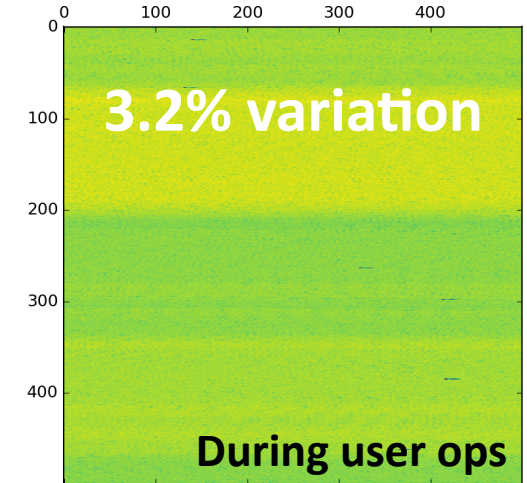
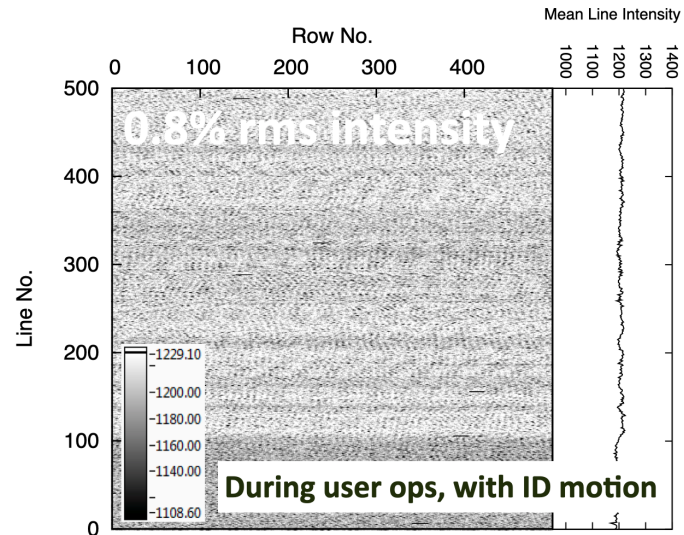
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Online Retraining



Noise reduced to almost floor level

NN-based ID FF on



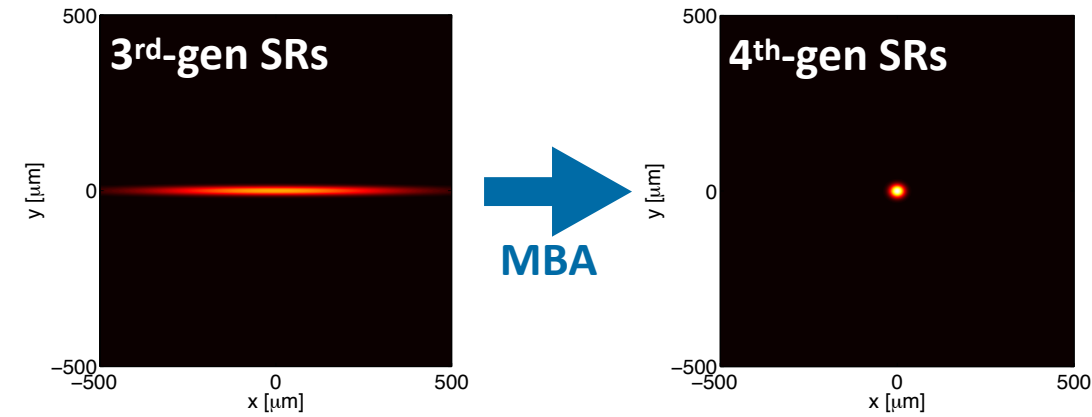
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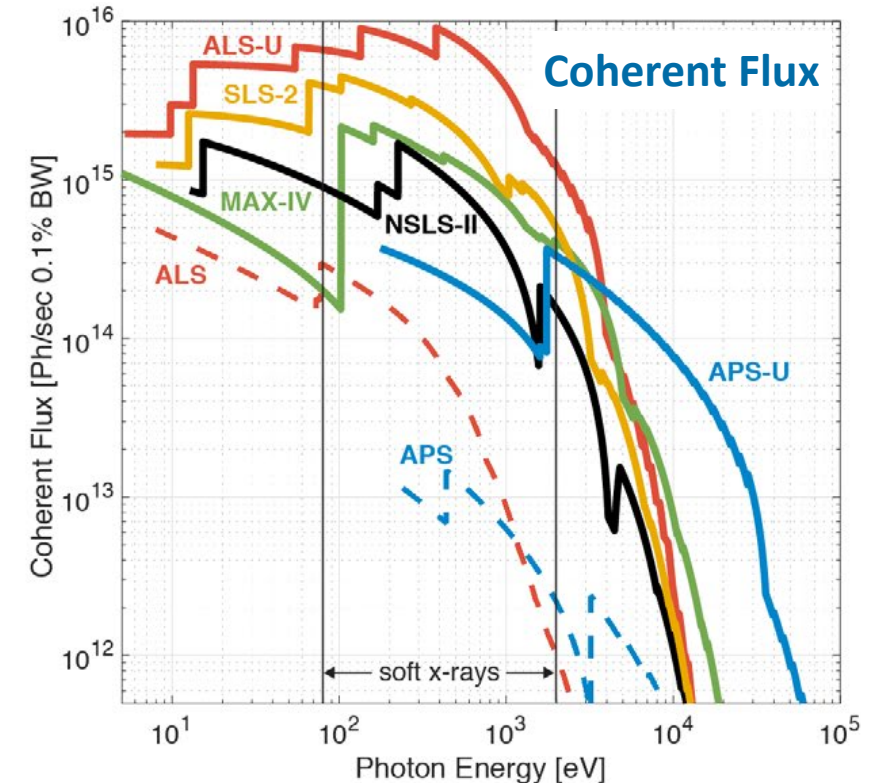
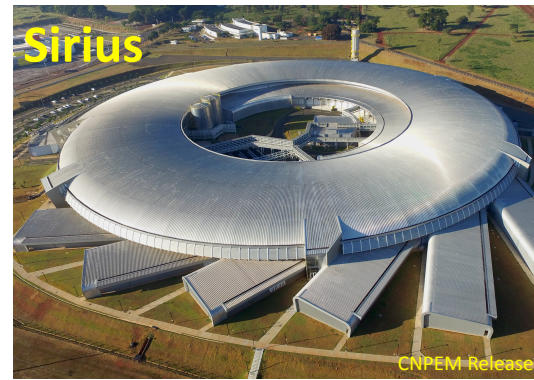


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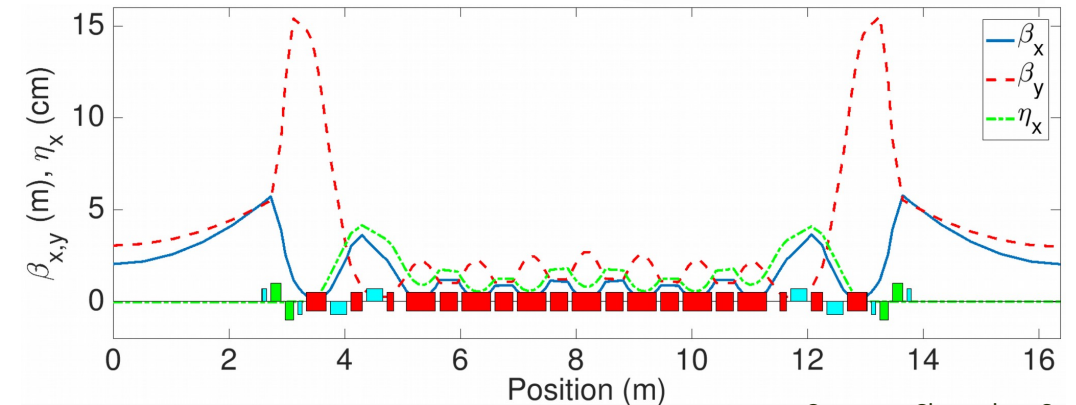
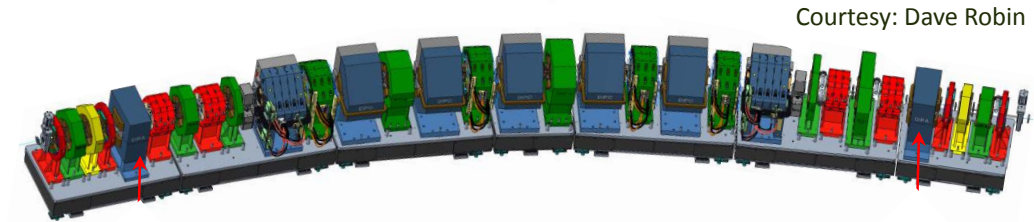
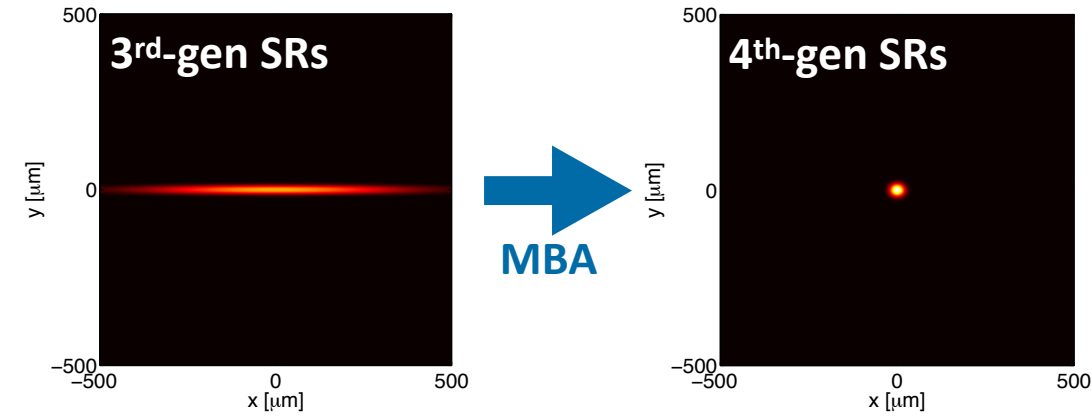


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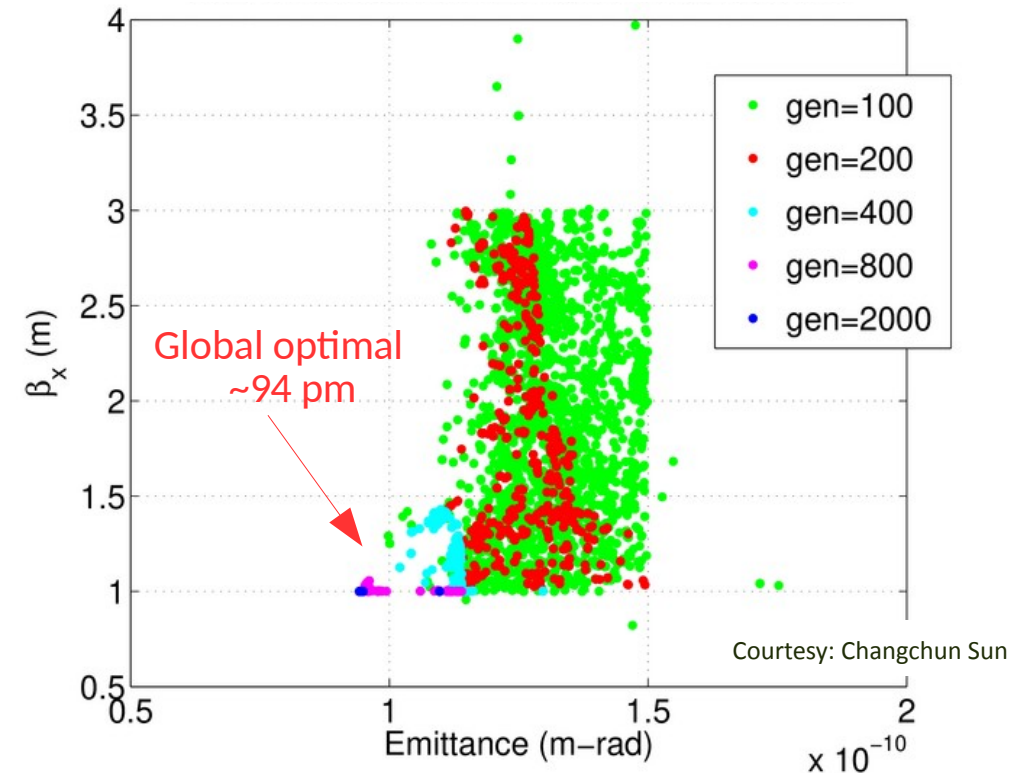
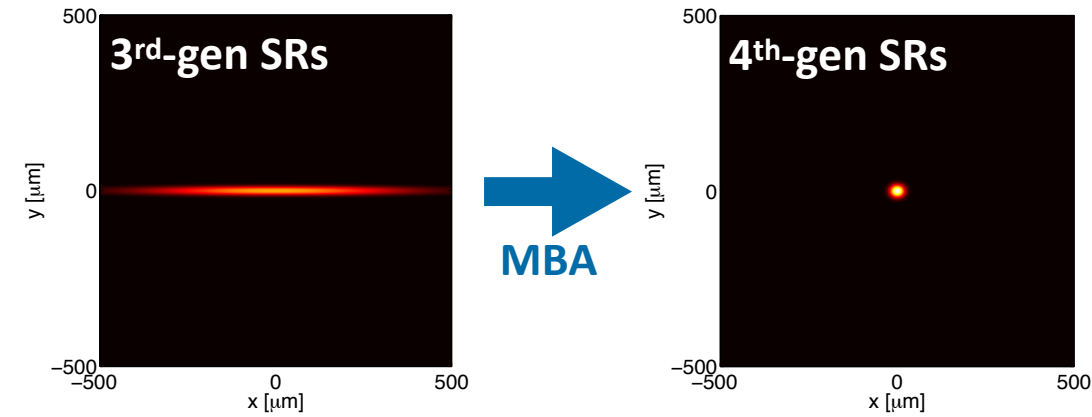
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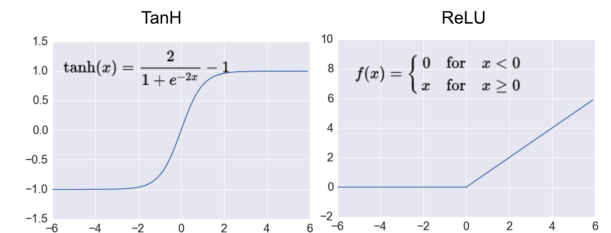
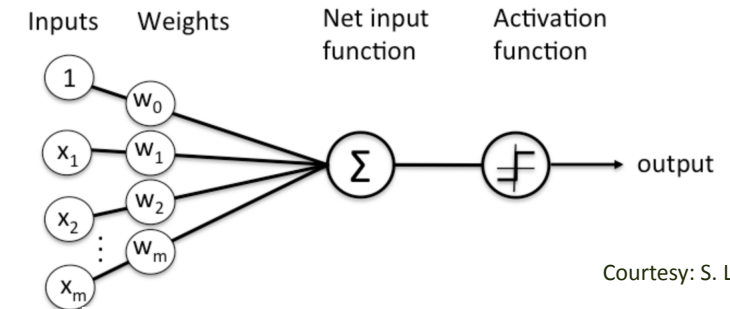
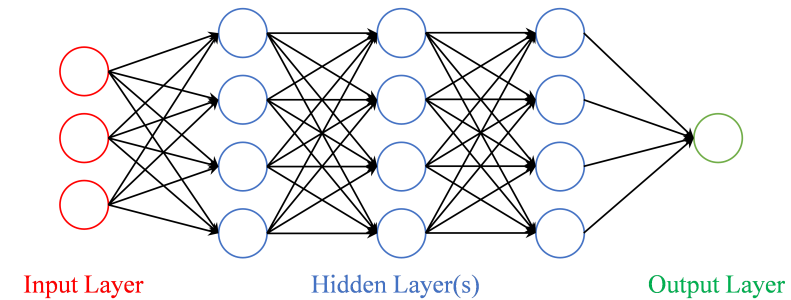
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- **Multi-objective genetic algorithms (MOGA)** are highly successful at such optimization & have become tool of choice
- However, stochastic nature is **inherent weakness**
- Do not want to artificially limit DoF, search ranges, or make many initial assumptions about attractive solutions → *so what can we do?*



# Improving MOGA: ML to the Rescue

- ML can be employed to render **neural networks (NNs)** → surrogate models used in lieu of computationally expensive evaluation
- Lattice candidate evaluation becomes near instantaneous
- Aim to speed up MOGA without modifying MOGA/tracking tools or existing workflows & without sacrificing **physics fidelity**
- Previous attempts [1-3] have focused on various aspects, but we set out with a different emphasis:
  - Direct optimization of relevant physics quantities ( $\epsilon_0$ , DA, MA)
  - Combined linear/nonlinear optimization involving all free parameters (quadrupoles & sextupoles)



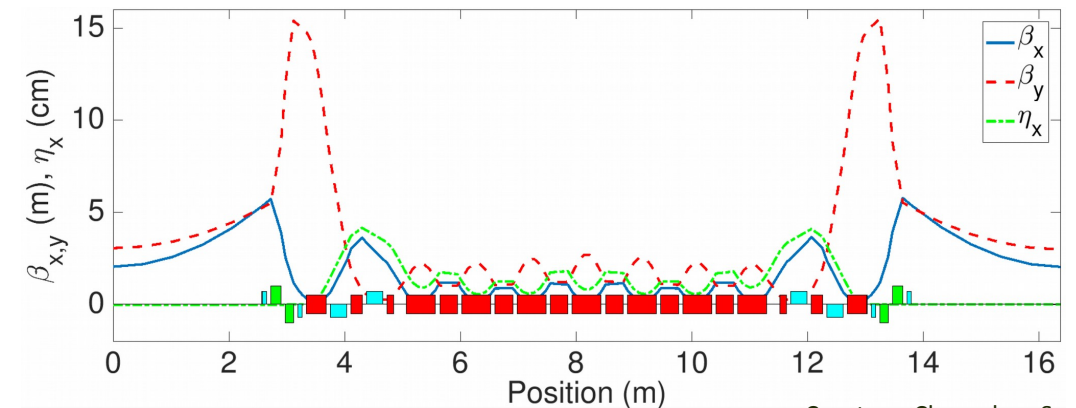
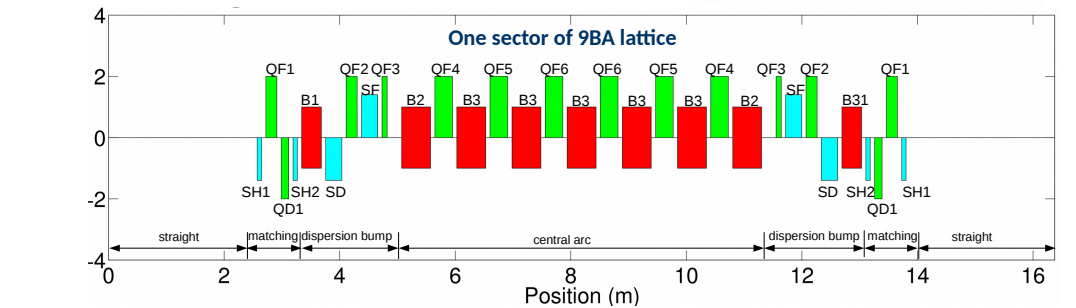
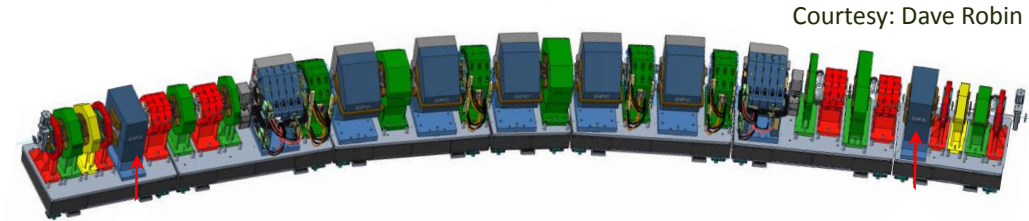
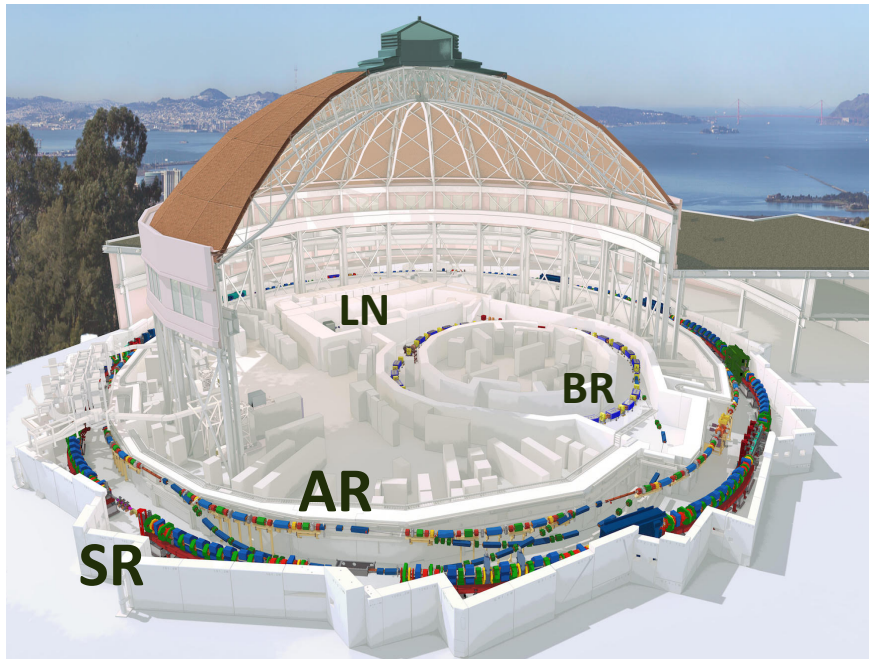
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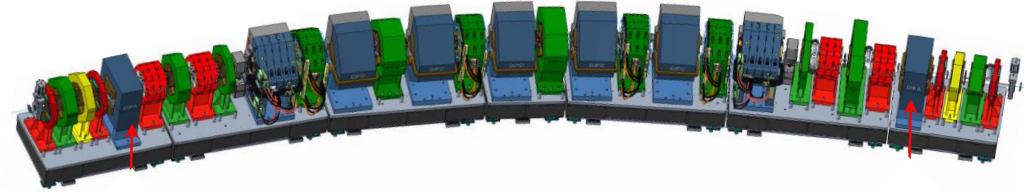
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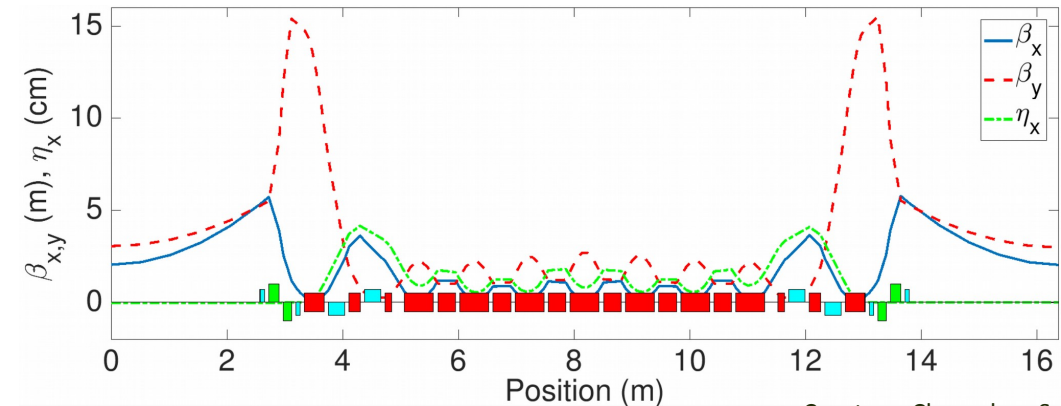
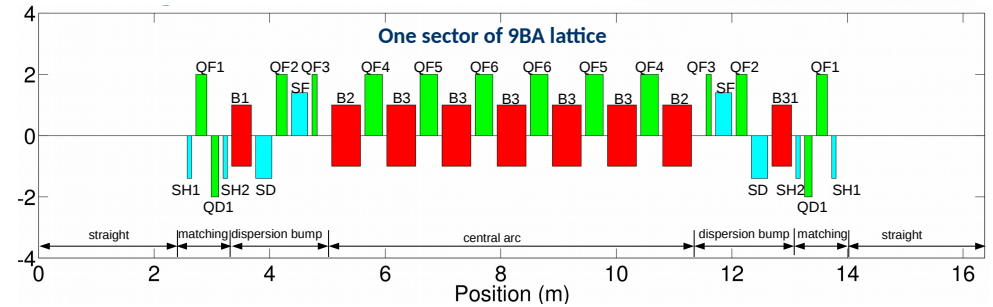
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- MOGA (@ 2<sup>nd</sup> stage): 9 quads, 4 sextupoles  $\rightarrow$  **11 free knobs**
- $\approx 15$  magnet/lattice constraints on top of quadrupole ranges (from 1<sup>st</sup> stage)
- **Objectives:**  $\epsilon_0$ , MA, and on-momentum DA (total diff. rate)

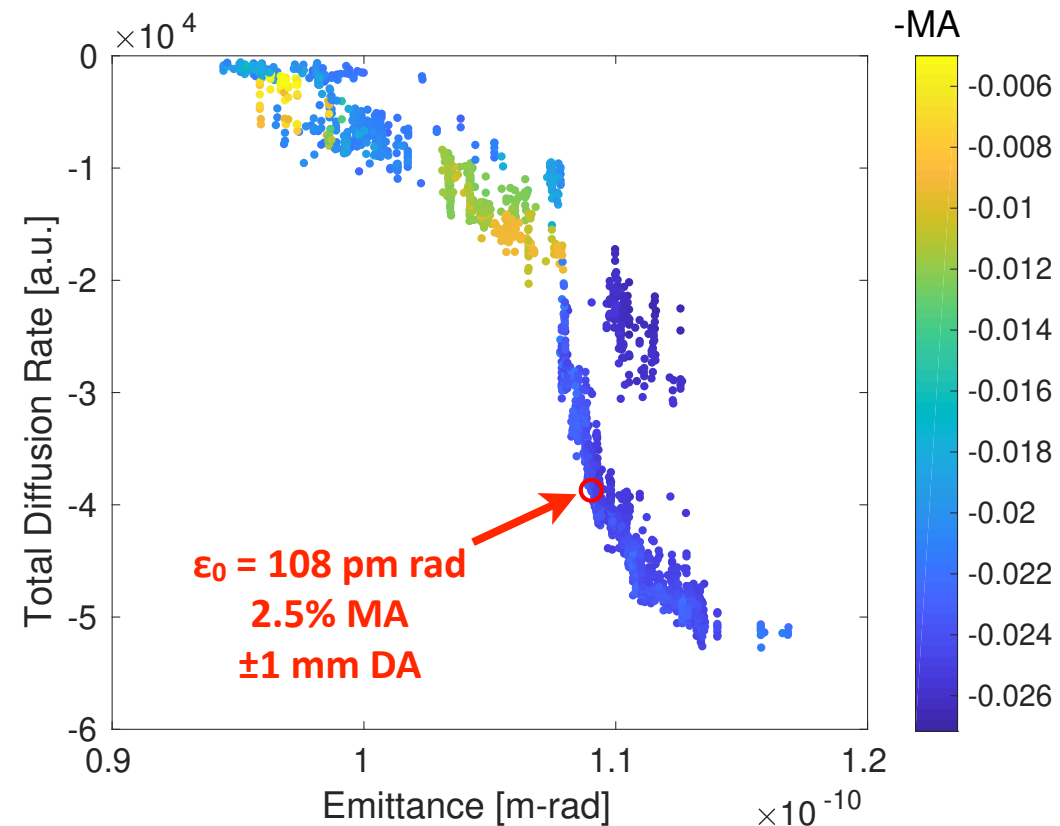


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Natural emittance	$\epsilon_0 < 155$ pm rad
Maximum beta	$\beta_{x,y} < 30$ m
Maximum dispersion	$\eta_x < 15$ cm
Fractional tunes	$0.1 < \nu_{x,y} < 0.4$
Dispersion at center of straight	$ \eta_x^*  < 1$ mm
Beta at center of straight	$1 \text{ m} < \beta_{x,y}^* < 5 \text{ m}$
Beta in central arc bends (B3)	$\beta_{x,y}^{B3} < 4 \text{ m}$
Fractional tune difference	$ \nu_x - \nu_y  < 0.01$
Chromatic sextupole strength (SF, SD)	$b_2 < 900 \text{ m}^{-3}$

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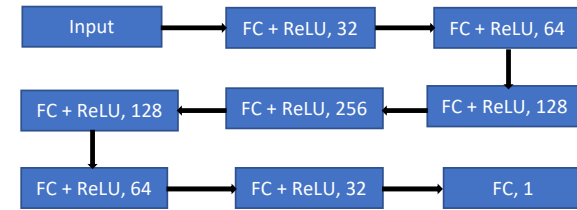
- **ALS-U storage ring (SR)** calls for a challenging 9BA to achieve  $\approx 75$  pm rad (round beam) at 2 GeV in 200-m tunnel  $\rightarrow$  diffraction limited @ 1.2 keV (1 nm)
- 9BA lattice becomes very dense & has strained optics
- MOGA (@ 2<sup>nd</sup> stage): 9 quads, 4 sextupoles  $\rightarrow$  **11 free knobs**
- $\approx 15$  magnet/lattice constraints on top of quadrupole ranges (from 1<sup>st</sup> stage)
- **Objectives:**  $\epsilon_0$ , MA, and on-momentum DA (total diff. rate)
- Highly staged **MOGA** approach resulted in
  - $\pm 1$  mm DA (on-axis swap-out injection with AR)
  - $\approx 1$  hr lifetime (with 3HCs)
  - ...but required *months of CPU time* on large clusters



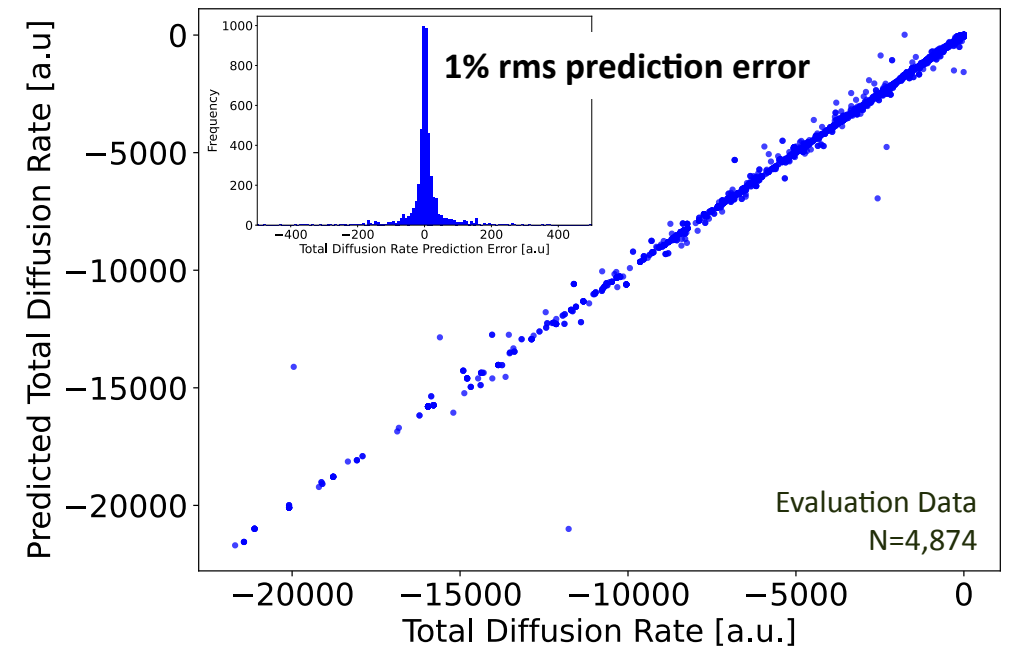
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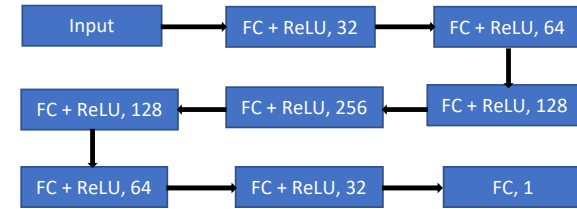


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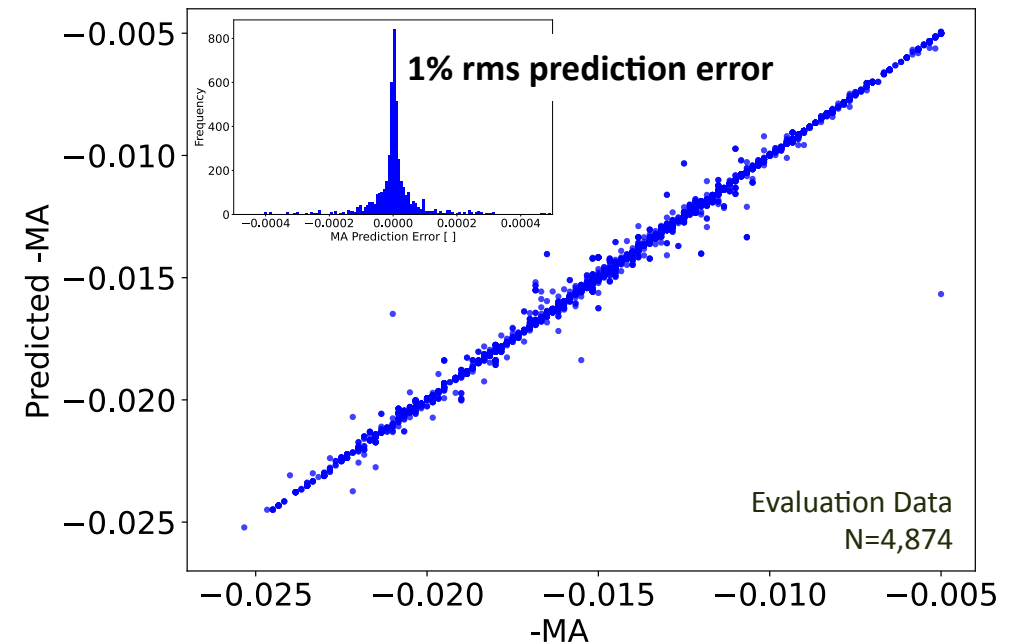


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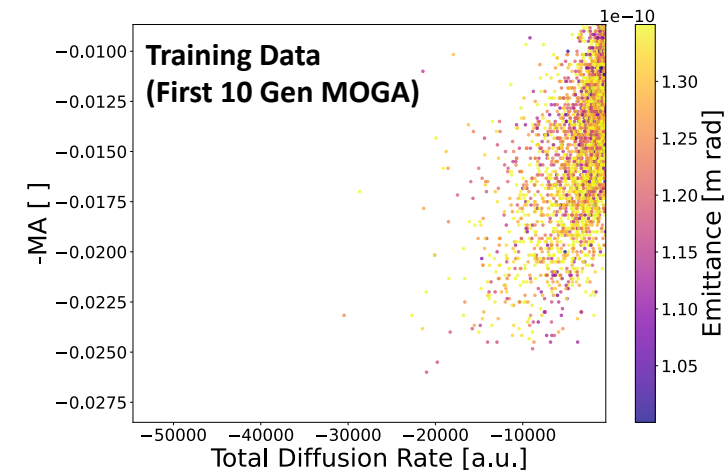
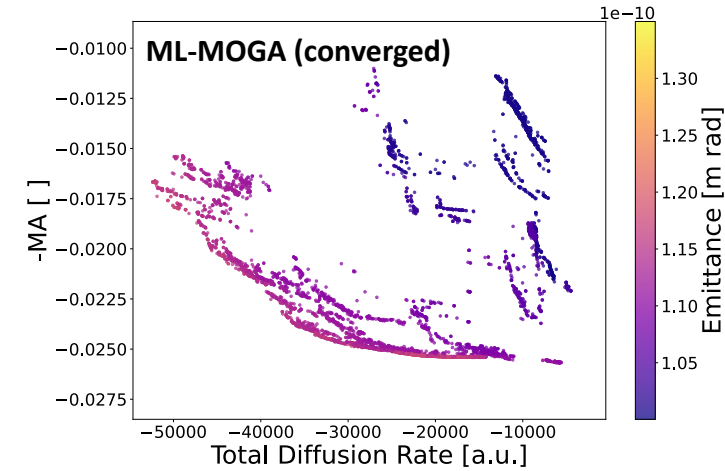
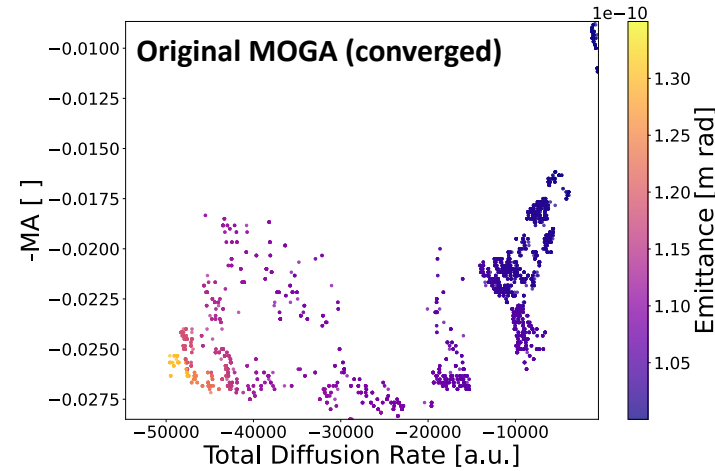


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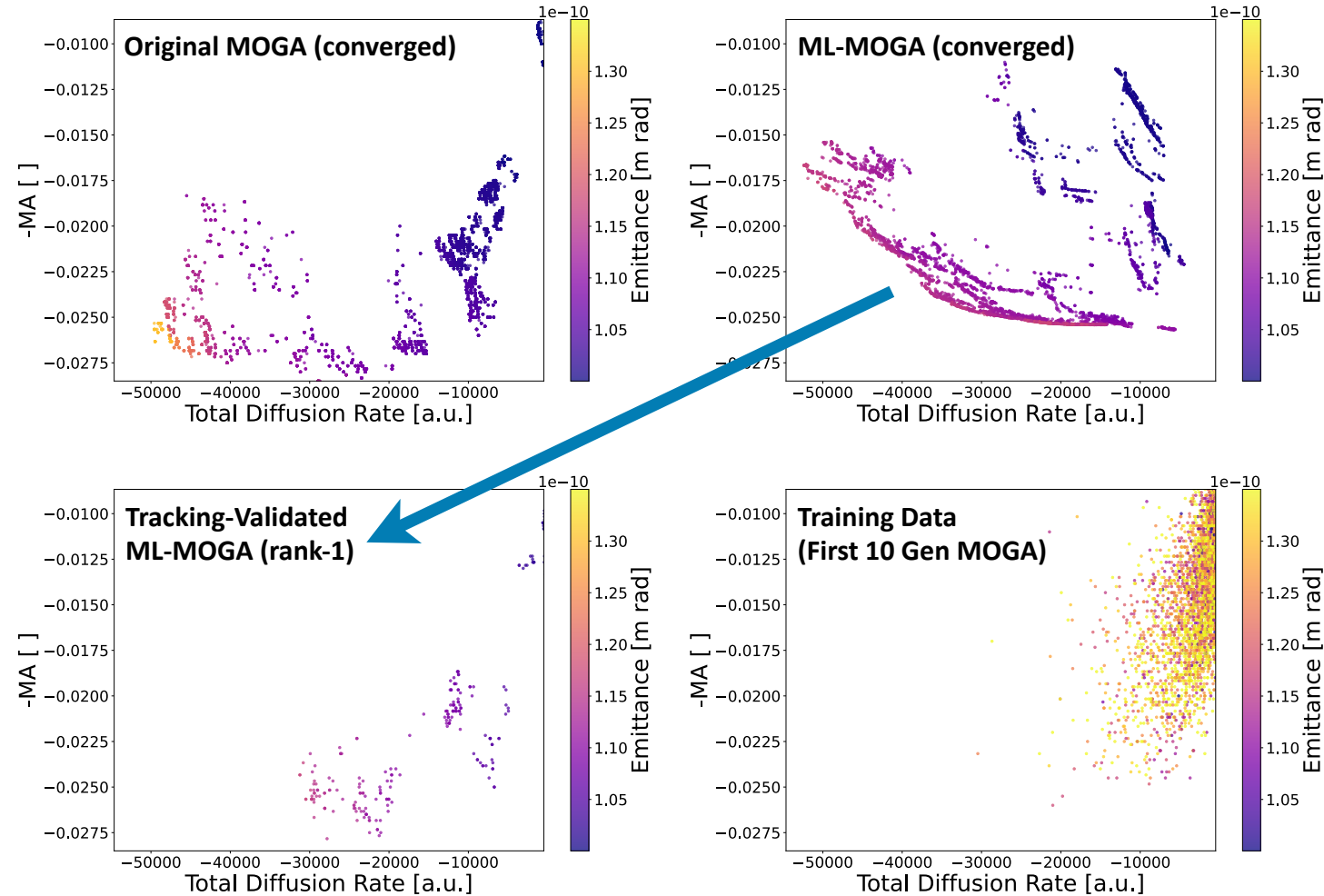
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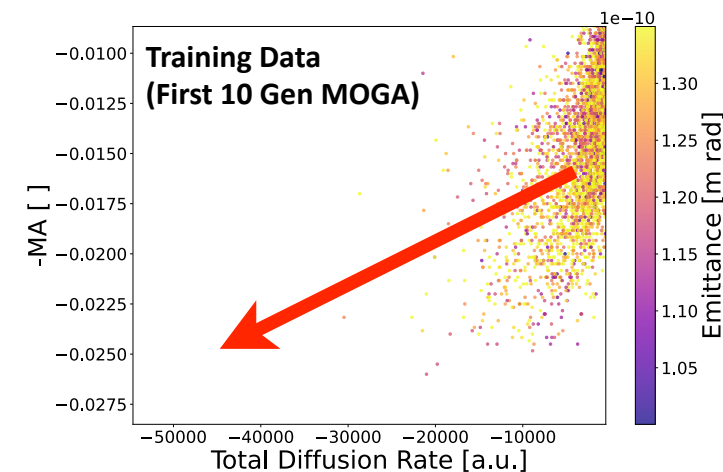
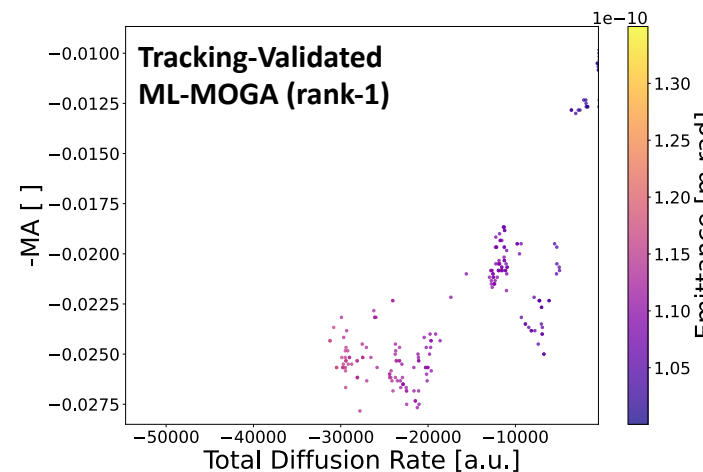
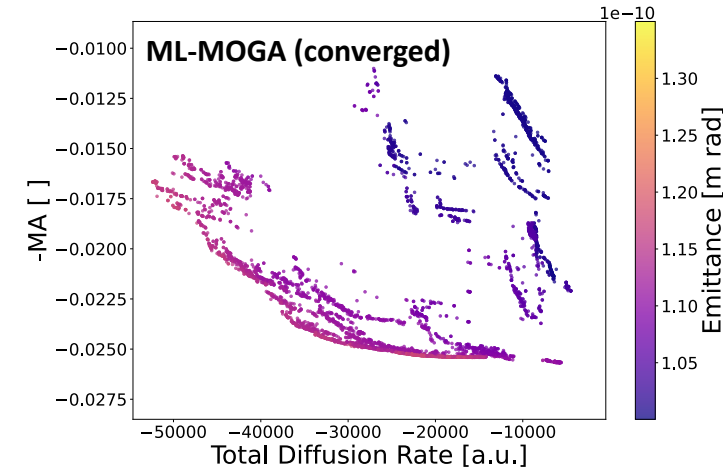
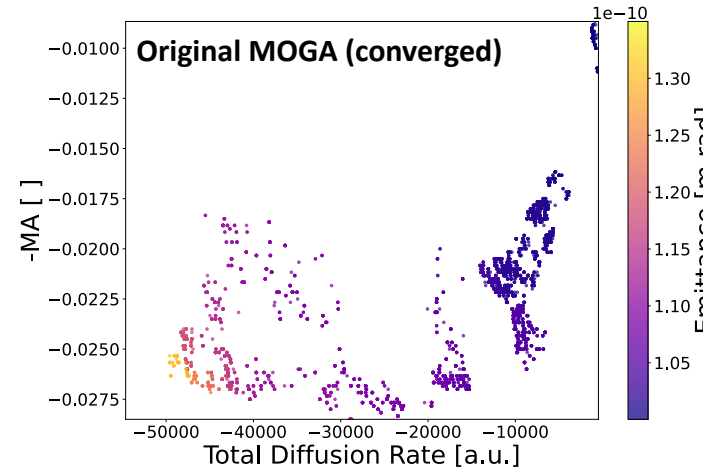
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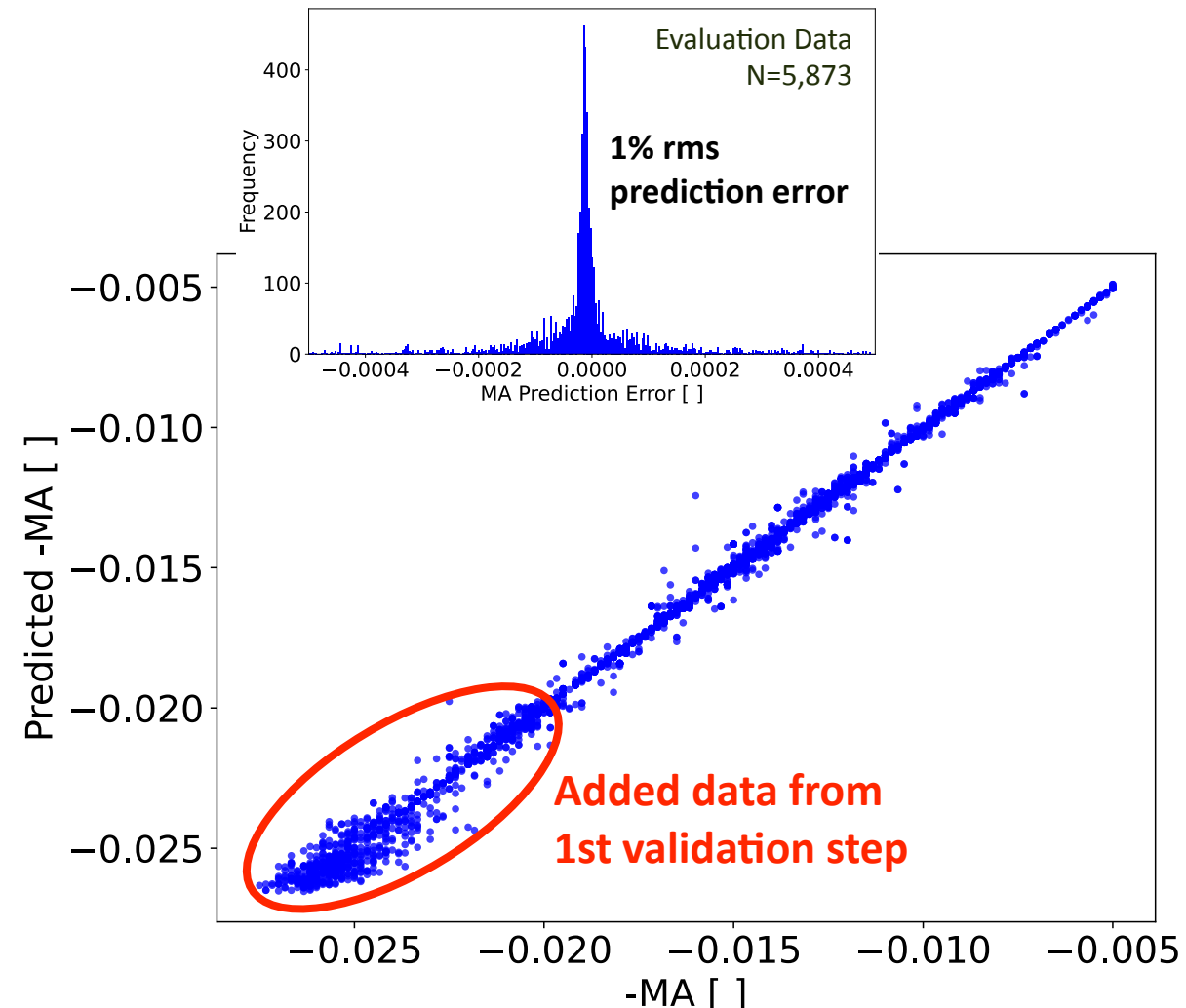
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- Want to **retrain DNNs** with an improved resampling of input space as in [5], ...
- ...but here for a many-dimensional input space **without making any assumptions** on smoothness of distributions



[5] A. Edelen, N. Neveu, M. Frey, et al., PRAB **23** 044601, 2020.

# Iterative Retraining Improves ML-MOGA

- **Retraining DNNs** with tracking validation data is computationally inexpensive & makes **no assumptions** on distributions
- Retrained DNN is used for next run starting with inputs from final gen of last run → **Iterate** this ML-validation-retraining process until ML-MOGA results reach the true Pareto-optimal front
- *But when is that?*
  - How do we know our predictions have become accurate enough and our ML-MOGA derived Pareto front is the actual **Pareto front**?
  - Minimizing no. of additional required iterations is crucial to maintaining **large overall speedup**



# Distance Metrics & Convergence

- Introduce two distance metrics for **input & objective space**
- Euclidean norms normalized in each variable → single unit-free relative **measure for movement of distribution** in input/objective space
- Metrics inform us about:
  - MOGA can be considered truly converged once  $\delta_{i,o}(m+1) \approx \delta_{i,o}(m)$
  - when there is no more added benefit from an additional retraining iteration, i.e. process fully converged once  $\Delta_f \rightarrow 0$
- Model-independent metrics → full **automation**

**Input Space**

$$\delta_i(m) = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{\sum_{l=1}^N \left( \frac{a_{jl}^{(m)} - a_{kl}^{(m-1)}}{c_l} \right)^2}$$

Gen  $m$   
 Dimensions of input space  $N$   
 Pop size  $n$   
 Input  $l$  of child  $j$  at gen  $m$   
 Parameter range for input  $l$

**Objective Space**

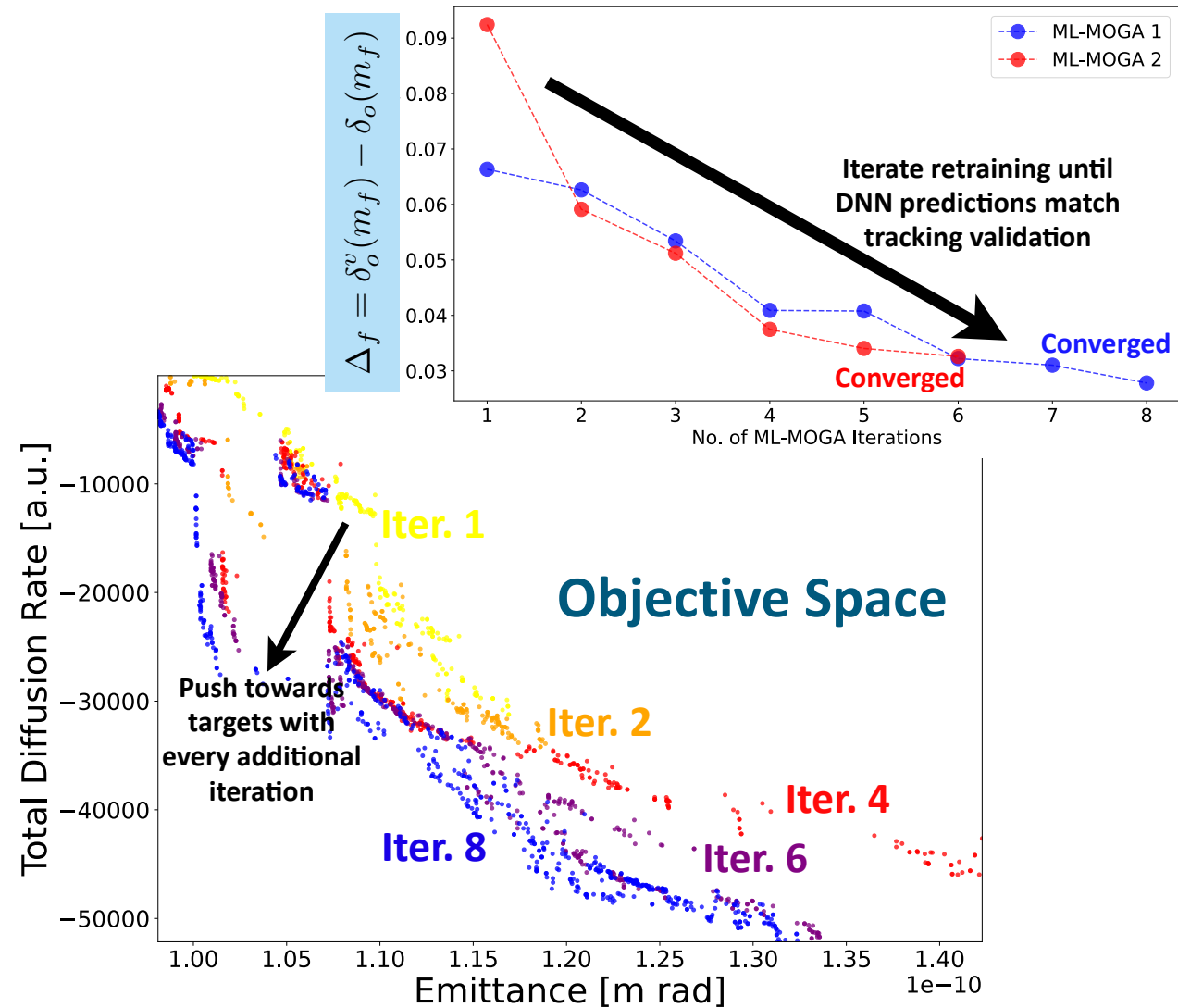
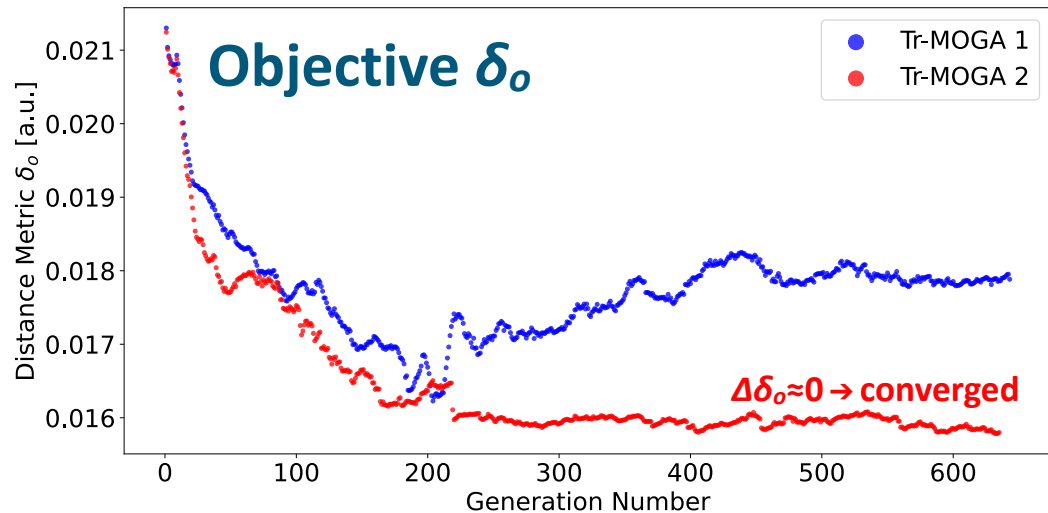
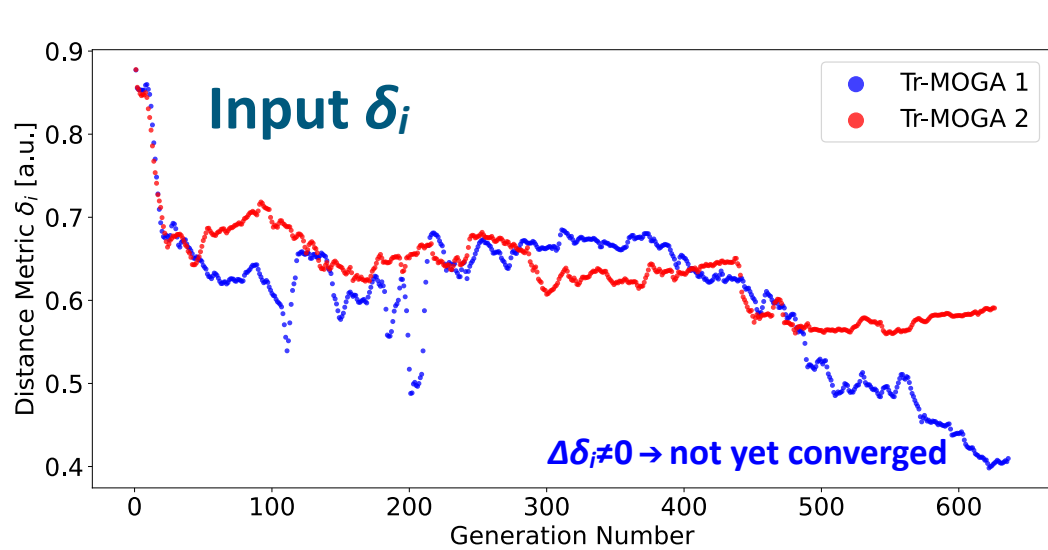
$$\delta_o(m) = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n \left[ \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{mj} - \varepsilon_0}{\varepsilon_0} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{D_{mj} - D_0}{D_0} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{M_{mj} - M_0}{M_0} \right)^2 \right]}$$

$\varepsilon_0$  of child  $j$  at gen  $m$   
 DA of child  $j$  at gen  $m$   
 MA of child  $j$  at gen  $m$   
 Reference Values  $\{\varepsilon_0, D_0, M_0\}$

$$\Delta_f = \delta_o^v(m_f) - \delta_o(m_f)$$

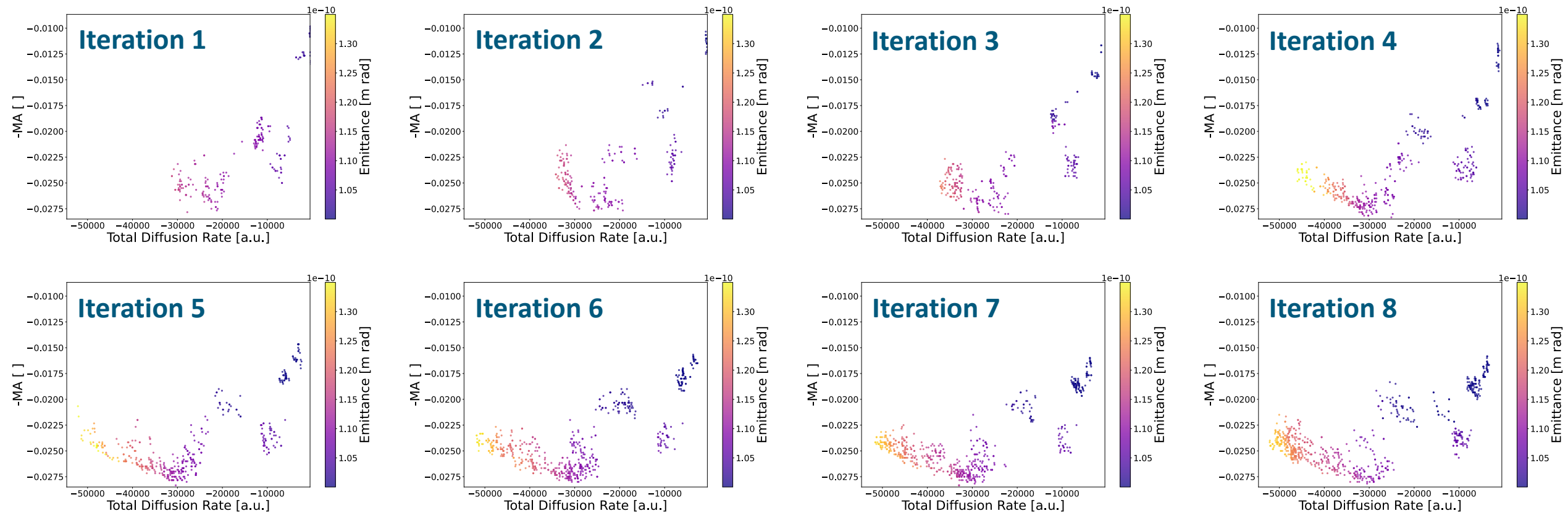
Tracking Validated  $\delta_o$   
 Final gen  $m_f$

# Distance Metrics & Convergence (cont.)



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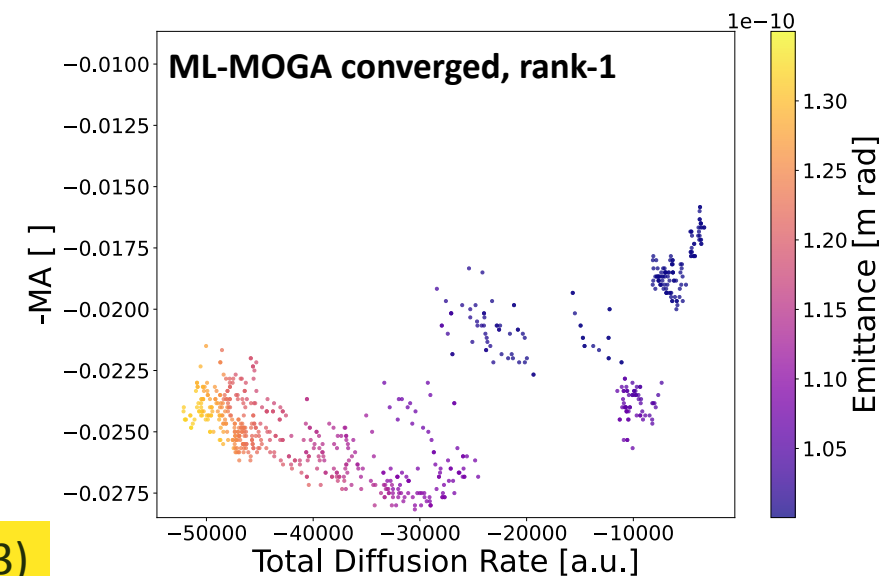
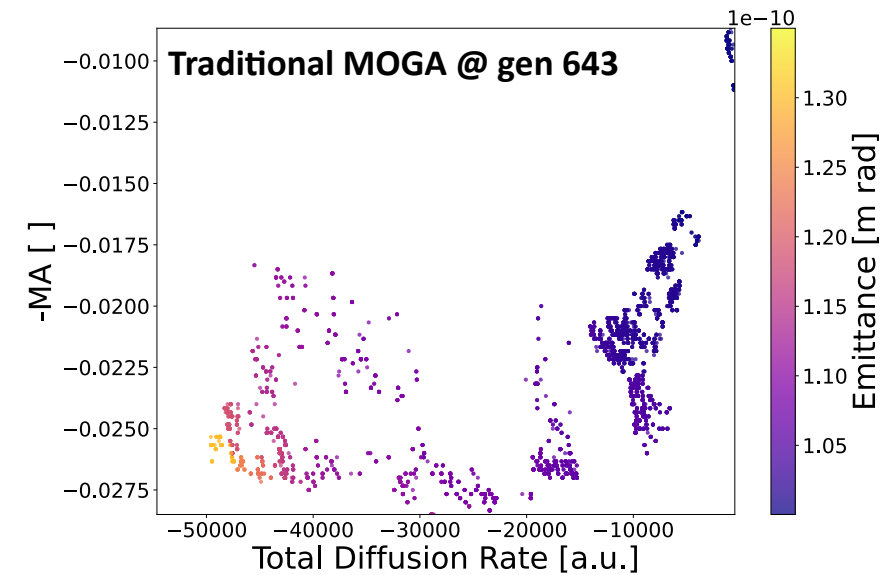
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- Once fully converged, **ML-MOGA inputs & objectives match** those of traditional MOGA to within “noise floor” (MOGA stochastics)
- Overall **speedup** is roughly a factor 40 (incl. training & re-training effort)
- Only **very minor modifications required** to existing MOGA workflow/tools
- Convergence defined in **model-independent** way → can adapt to other optimization problems
- Potential to **fully automate** entire optimization campaign & **optimize in parallel** from the start for many error seeds is highly attractive → derive truly *global* optimum

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## Questions?

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