



# LEIR: Optimizations with ML

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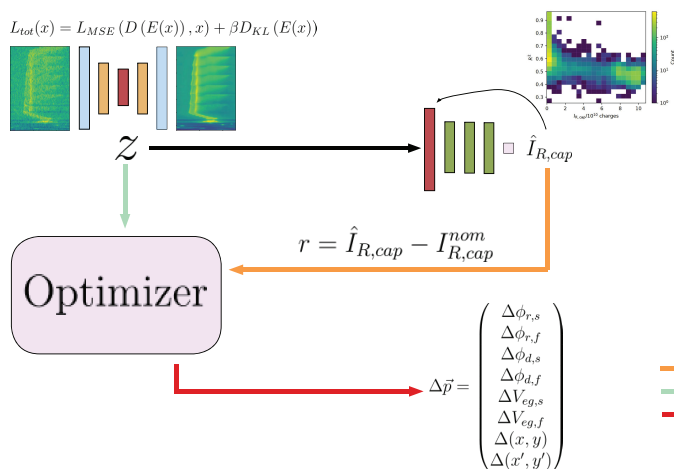
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## Challenges of LEIR injection

- Injection efficiency into LEIR severely depends on energy distribution of the incoming pulses from LINAC3
  - Accumulation of several pulses with multi turn injection using 6D phase-space painting
  - Cool and drag in momentum space the beam already circulating in LEIR
- Stripping foil has a limited lifespan and degrades over time
  - Impacts the mean ion energy and changes the energy distribution width
  - Decreases the injection efficiency over time and needs to be compensated manually
- We aim to develop both stateful and black-box optimizers for maintaining desired intensity in LEIR

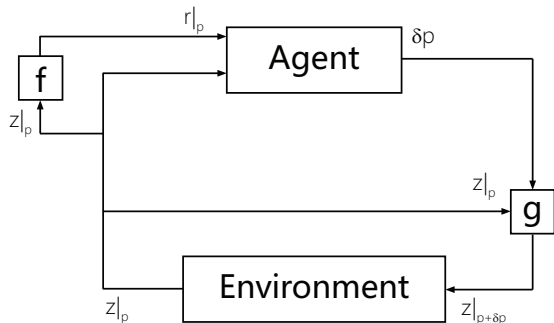
# Stateful optimization of injected beam intensity



- Training a VAE of longitudinal schottky spectra to obtain encoded latent vector  $\mathbf{z}$
- Optimizer observes encoding of schottky spectra  $\mathbf{z}$  and intensity reading from the BCT
- Optimizer modifies relevant parameters for improving the intensity



## Offline training of an RL agent on the surrogate model



Two models are used for the training :

- Reward model :  $f(\mathbf{z}|_p) = r|_p$
- Transition model :  $g(\mathbf{z}|_p, \delta \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{z}|_{p+\delta \mathbf{p}}$

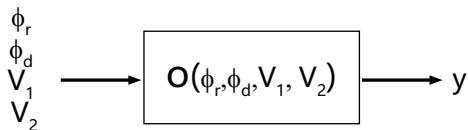
Loss used for training transition model:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L = & \|g(\mathbf{z}|_p, \delta \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{z}|_{p+\delta \mathbf{p}}\| \\
 & + \gamma_1 \|g(g(\mathbf{z}|_p, \delta \mathbf{p}), -\delta \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{z}|_p\| \\
 & + \gamma_2 \|g(\mathbf{z}|_{p+\delta \mathbf{p}}, -\delta \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{z}|_p\| \\
 & + \gamma_3 \|g(\mathbf{z}|_p, 0) - \mathbf{z}|_p\| \\
 & + \gamma_4 \|g(\mathbf{z}|_{p+\delta \mathbf{p}}, 0) - \mathbf{z}|_{p+\delta \mathbf{p}}\|
 \end{aligned}$$

→ Still needs to be tested online and evaluate quality of simulation-to-reality transfer

# Black-box optimization of LEIR intensity (1)

Goal: Maximize or minimize objective function



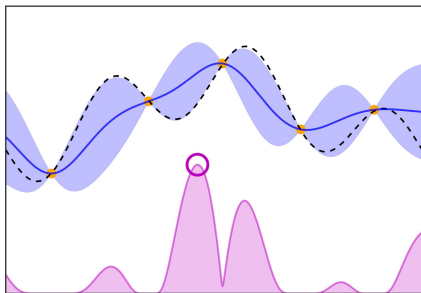
- Black box (no closed form, no gradients)
- Non-convex and multi-modal
- Noisy measurements ( $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 0.1)$ )
- Expensive evaluations (limited number of cycles)

Local optimization tools not suitable:

- Often requires gradients
- Easily get trapped in local minima for high dimensional problems
- Not graceful when handling measurement noise
- Not sample efficient enough

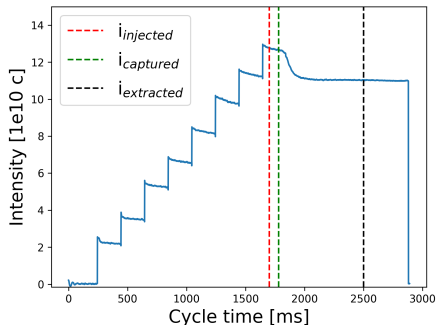
## Black-box optimization of LEIR intensity (2)

Toy maximization example of Bayesian Optimization in 1D with 5 data points:



- Build a probabilistic proxy model for the objective using outcomes of past experiments as training data
- Optimize cheap proxy function to determine where to evaluate the true objective next
- Standard proxy: Gaussian process

# Intensity optimization in LEIR ring



- Objective function modeled by Gaussian Process
- Used acquisition function  $a_{UCB}(x; \beta) = \mu(x) + \sqrt{\beta}\sigma(x)$
- 10 initial samples with Sobol sequence and 10 with  $a_{PE}(x) = \sigma(x)$

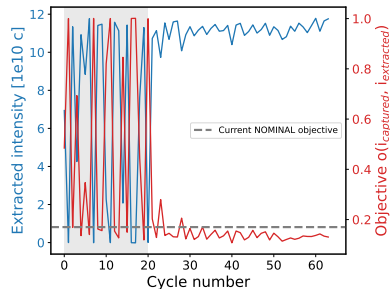
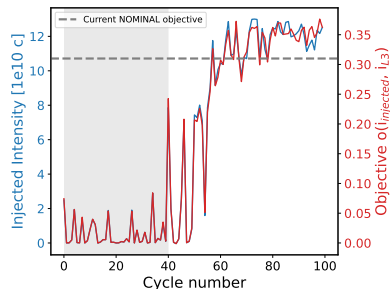
Maximizing objective:

$$o(i_{injected}, i_{L3}) = \frac{i_{injected}}{i_{L3}} = \frac{i_{injected}}{\sum_{j=1}^8 i_j}$$

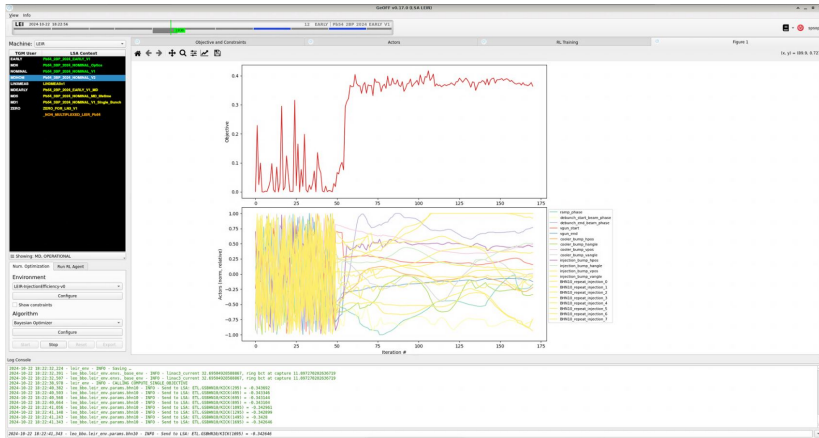
Minimizing objective:

$$o(i_{captured}, i_{extracted}) = \frac{i_{captured} - i_{extracted}}{i_{captured}}$$

- Injection optimization changing Ramping and Debunching cavity phases, cooler and injection bump, e-gun voltage and BHN10
- Capture optimization changing  $f_{rev}$ , e-gun voltage, sextupole and skew sextupole current



# Operational Black-box optimization with GeoFF support



- Build the black-box optimizers to be used with GeoFF operationally
- Works both for injection and RF capture optimization



## 2024 data collection

- Recorded all optimization and exploration cycles in 2024 making up to  $\approx 40'000$  injections with high variety of stripping foil age (Making  $\approx 50'000$  samples with 2023 run).
- Recorded both EARLY and NOMINAL cycles.
- Used full possible range of parameters in both exploration and optimization runs.
- Large quantities of data enables pre-training of larger and more complex models in the future.

## 2025 Planning

- Stateful and black-box optimization during oxygen run on parallel MD cycle. Might prioritize black-box due to longer cooling times. (Week 20-24 depending on beam commissioning)
- Stateful and black-box optimization during lead run on parallel MD cycle. Having a stateful autopilot running constantly on a separate cycle for assisting optimization on NOMINAL cycle (Week 36-50)
- Test Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization to optimize both injected intensity and RF capture at the same time.
- Test functional Bayesian Optimization in Oxygen and Lead run.

**Thank you for your attention**

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