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AI-DRIVEN REAL-TIME OPTICS CONTROL SYSTEM TO ACHIEVE ABERRATION-FREE COHERENT WAVEFRONTS AT 4TH-GENERATION SYNCHROTRON RADIATION AND FREE ELECTRON LASER BEAMLINES



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INTRODUCTION: NEW CHALLENGES

fast and comprehensive analyses of materials and devices in real-time scenarios advancing speed and resolution in x-ray imaging and coherent techniques

4th Generation Synchrotron Radiation and FEL facilities

focused hard X-ray beams that exhibit minimal wavefront distortion, exceptional stability, and, in some cases, adjustable focal sizes



INTRODUCTION: NEW CHALLENGES







INTRODUCTION: OPTICAL ELEMENTS

Meticulously align optical components via high-precision actuators

Manufactured with a surface figure closely following an ideal mathematical shape

Stringent control over the vibrations and heat-induced deformations

Maintaining a coherent wavefront while suppressing undesired static distortions and dynamic disturbances

Repeatably align and focus the beam to match different sample and experiment requirements

Provide real-time correction in response to wavefront deformations



SOLUTIONS?

Adaptive Optics: Successful AO implementation requires high-precision components and sophisticated control systems (i.e. deformable mirrors, in-situ surface profilers, wavefront sensors, etc.), relies on the linearity, dynamics, and repeatability of the optics response to various actuator formats, including mechanical bending, piezoelectric bimorph. iterative control method based on linear response models could be slow to converge or inaccurate.

Automatic Alignment: Manual alignment and optimization of optical systems, even when limited to a few degrees of freedom, could fail to achieve an optimal configuration. On 4th generation optical systems, with numerous degree of freedom, manual approaches are considered inefficient and, in many cases, nearly impossible.

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PRELIMINARY STUDIES

Preliminary results: control of adaptive X-ray optics with piezo-bimorph actuators via a Neural Network-based, discrete-time model using random mirror shapes and interferometric measurements as training data





- Can we extend this methodology from using surface shapes to X-Ray wavefronts?
- Can we efficiently collect and store a proper number of accurate wavefront data?





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WAVEFRONT SENSOR



ML-DRIVEN SYSTEM

NN-driven predictive model

For any time *t*, the predicted wavefront property wp_{t+1} , at $t + \Delta t$, is expressed as a function of a history of *n* discrete-time set of voltages $v_{t-k} = \left[v_i^{actuator}\right]_{t-k}^{i=1...N_a}$ applied to the chosen N_a actuators at time $t - k \cdot \Delta t$ and corresponding obtained wavefront property wp_{t-k+1} at time $t - (k-1) \cdot \Delta t$, with $k = 0, 1 \dots n$ (0 = current time), given by

$$wp_{t+1} = f(wp_t, wp_{t-1}, \dots, wp_{t-n+1}, v_t, v_{t-1}, \dots, v_{t-n}).$$

The meaning of wp_{t+1} is that the model predicts the wavefront property spatial distribution one time step in the future given a finite history of wavefront property shapes and voltages, starting with its current shape, and applied set of voltages, going back to *n* time steps.

NN-driven actuators controller

The controller provides the succession of m set of voltages to be applied to the actuators every Δt seconds, by directly minimizing the non-convex objective function using Adam.

The cost function is given by

$$\{v\}^* = \arg\min_{\{v\}} \sum_{t=1}^m c_t \cdot \|wp_t - wp^*\|_2^2,$$

with initial conditions

$$wp_t = wp_0 \ \forall t \leq t_0, v_t = v_{0-1} \ \forall t \leq t_0$$

where wp^* is the desired wavefront property spatial distribution, and c_t coefficients are used to apply a weighted penalty to the prediction error at each time step.

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ML-DRIVEN SYSTEM FOR BIMORPH MIRROR

KB-mirror system at 28-ID-B IDEA beamline at the APS



Fully automated software framework for data collection, image processing, neural network training, neural network-driven controller, experiments and data analysis:

https://github.com/APS-XSD-OPT-Group/Bimorph_Mirror

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Preliminary study: Training and results in terms of resulting surface shape of the mirror vs applied voltages to the actuators

Operating conditions: Training on the wavefront speckle displacement and results in terms of absolute phase of the wavefront vs applied voltages to the actuators





ML-DRIVEN SYSTEM FOR BIMORPH MIRROR

Comparison with linear prediction model based on response functions

Preliminary Study: Measured response functions in terms of surface shape changes per 100 V changes on each piezo electrode.





Operating Conditions: Measured response functions in terms of (a) wavefront phase and (b) speckle displacement changes per 100 V changes on each piezo electrode





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Preliminary study: mean RMS errors between the measured and prescribed shapes are 1.44 nm after one step and 1.51 nm after 10 steps (20 seconds). The predictive performance (figure error rms) of the neural network is ~2.5 times better than the linear model across a full test dataset.



Operating Conditions: mean RMS errors between the measured and prescribed shapes in terms of phase error, projected on the surface of the mirror, corresponds to 1.8nm after one step, 2.0nm after 10 steps (20 seconds) and 2.1 nm after one minute. The predictive performance (phase error rms) of the neural network is ~2.4 times better than the linear model across a full test dataset.

THE SAME CONCEPT WORKS WITH X-RAYS AND WAVEFRONT SENSING, IN REAL OPERATING CONDITIONS OF A SYNCHROTRON BEAMLINE.



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Robustness: experiments repeated in two additional experimental sessions using the same model trained in the first session. In the two subsequent sessions, the entire optical system was rebuilt from scratch (same conditions for undulator source, white beam mirrors, slits, monochromator, KB mirrors, wavefront sensor, focal position)

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AI-DRIVEN AUTOFOCUSING SYSTEM: 34-ID BEAMLINE







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Motor Position [mm]



We developed an Object-Oriented framework to build the ultra-realistic simulation of the beamline, providing a software interface emulating the real controller of the beamline.

https://github.com/AI-ML-at-APS/AI-ML_Control_System





if self._simulation_mode:

factory_parameters, init_parameters = self._initialize_simulation_parameters(save_images,

hardware controller and corresponding digital twin of the focusing system using the same software interface every_n_images, use_denoised, add_noise, noise, percentage_fluctutation, calculate_over_noise, noise_threshold, layout)

else:

factory_parameters, init_parameters = self._initialize_hardware_parameters(save_images,

every_n_images, use_denoised, calculate_over_noise, noise_threshold, **kwargs) Completely transparent to Al agents

self._focusing_system = focusing_optics_factory_method(execution_mode=self._parameters.params.execution_mode,

implementor=self._parameters.params.implementor,

**factory_parameters)

self._focusing_system.initialize(**init_parameters)







Multi-Objective Bayesian optimization using Gaussian Processes provided the most promising results, in treating the the autofocusing problem as a is a "black-box" or "derivative-free" optimization problem, where we want to minimize a "loss function", in terms of a set of desired beam characteristics.

- Start with a focused beam
- Perturb the 8 motors randomly
- Feed the perturbed structure to the solver.
- Solver uses the digital twin to iteratively modify the motor value and access the generated beam profile.
- Use the centroid + FWHM as the loss (objective) function.

Initial Beam

Optimized Beam







AI-DRIVEN AUTOFOCUSING SYSTEM: 28-ID BEAMLINE

- We tested the autofocusing system by reproducing the 34-ID-C focusing system at the beamline 28-ID-B.
- The optimizer has been tested with several loss function combinations in terms of peak position, fwhm (minimum or target one) and peak intensity.
- Autofocusing was achieved in less than 100 iterations (potentially ~5-10 minutes, but depending on the motor drivers)



CHALLENGES AND CONSIDERATION

- If the overall goal of the experiment is to maintain a stable optical system through multiple runs of the autofocusing routine, then reusing the information acquired in one autoalignment run could accelerate future auto-alignments on the same optical system
- In a more sophisticated approach, we could exploit the idea of multi-fidelity optimization to create and dynamically update a complex GP-based (or NN-based) model of the optical system, then exploit this extra surrogate for accelerated optimization.
- It could be beneficial to add some known physical behavior (analytical formulas) to preinitialize the system before optimization.
- Directly measuring a submicron focal spot with a 2D detector is exceptionally challenging or even impossible: our single-shot wavefront sensing technique should also provide all the needed information in term of position, size and shape of the focal spot.





FUTURE WORK

- Study different libraries (Optuna vs Ax) of the Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization
- Study the effect of parallel separate optimization of vertical and horizontal directions
- Study other AI technologies (limitations and benefits):
 - NN-driven approach? Digital training data?
 - Reinforcement learning?
- Develop a full back-propagation routine for wavefront data analysis, to determine additional wavefront information (i.e.: 3D focus position, spot size at focus) and be completely independent by the beamline detectors.





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We require a common paradigm for all the beamlines where an optical setup capable of steadily maintaining the coherence properties of the radiation is enabling fast, accurate and new in-situ and in-operando studies.



A portable AI-driven optics control system, combining wavefront sensing, artificial intelligence and adaptive optics, capable of optimizing **AND** controlling the wavefront on coherent beamlines.



A PORTABLE, AI-DRIVEN OPTICS CONTROL SYSTEM

28-ID-B Beamline



WE NEED MORE PORTABLE WAVEFRONT SENSORS!







A PORTABLE AI-DRIVEN SYSTEM: AUTOALIGNMENT

Compact Wavefront Sensor



A PORTABLE ML-DRIVEN SYSTEM: WAVEFRONT CONTROL

Compact Wavefront Sensor





TOWARDS APS-U:D. Shu et al., Proc. SPIE 1112, 111120N (2019). DOI: 10.1117/12.2529384**THE ZOOM OPTICS FOR ATOMIC BEAMLINE**



High-Quality bendable mirrors, using flexural nanopositioning stage system







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A PORTABLE AI-DRIVEN SYSTEM FOR THE ZOOM OPTICS Compact





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A PORTABLE AI-DRIVEN SYSTEM FOR THE ZOOM OPTICS

- Any data-driven ML system needs consistency between the conditions when training data have been collected and when the predictions of the model are applied. In the case of a synchrotron beamline this translates into stability of the beam and the optical setup.
- The AI-driven optimizer, coupled and running in parallel with the ML-driven controller(s) of the adaptive optics, can also maintain the beam characteristics all along the ML life cycle (data collection, training, prediction)





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FULLY AUTOMATED AI-DRIVEN ZOOM OPTICS: PERSPECTIVES

PORTABLE AI-DRIVEN ZOOM OPTICS CONTROL



3D-ultra-high-resolution Bragg CDI studies of nanoscale in-situ electrochemical grain growth and dissolution, important across electrocatalysis, synthesis, and corrosion. In-situ experiments of dissolution and growth require a coherent, focused variable-spot beam to follow the size of the sample, changing on the scale of minutes, that the beamline optical system need to match.





TOWARDS OASYS1.4: SHADOW 4

a revised and optimized new version of Shadow, fully implemented in python

We are including all the lesson learned in developing the digital twins for the autofocusing system, while implementing SHADOW4 and its OASYS GUI, in collaboration with Manuel Sanchez del Rio at ESRF (FRA).

By using the powerful Object-Oriented framework for optical simulation and automatization tools of OASYS, we are closing the loop towards a fully **VISUAL** and **AUTOMATIC** creation of **DIGITAL TWINS** to be used for AI/ML studies/applications and FAST pre-configuration and test of our portable system.





CONCLUSIONS

- We successfully demonstrated the feasibility of a portable AI-driven optics control system, combining wavefront sensing, AI/ML and adaptive optics, capable of optimizing and controlling the beam shape and the wavefront on coherent beamlines
- We are now directed to deeply study the AI/ML technologies to improve and engineer our device to support APS-U beamline commissioning
- We are improving our wavefront sensing techniques to provide all the necessary beam properties to the optimization.
- We are also upgrading OASYS to automatically generate digital twins from the visual simulations





THANK YOU!



