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# Advanced Modeling of Beam Physics and Performance Optimization for Nuclear Physics Colliders

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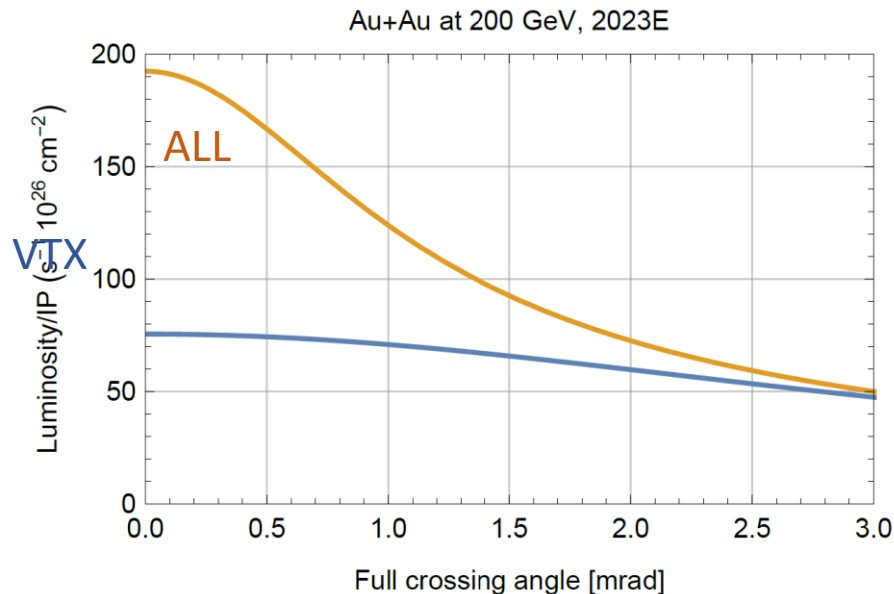
# Luminosity Optimization Needed at the New RHIC Detector



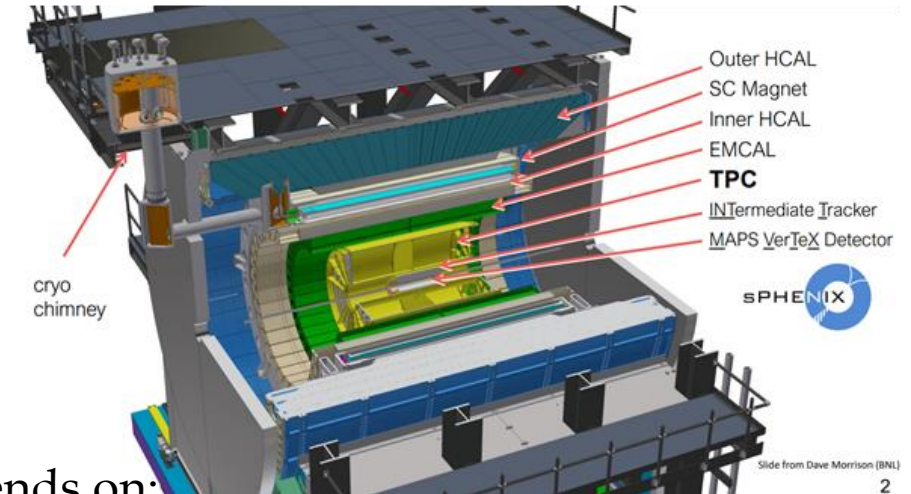
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- New jet detector sPHENIX was commissioned in 2024.
- Physics study needs higher luminosity.
  - VTX (+/-10 cm)
  - Crossing angle (2mrad)
  - S/N - Background



Courtesy of W. Fischer



Luminosity depends on:

- Global Parameters:

1. Orbit (Dipole)
2. Tune (Quadrupole),
3. Chromaticity (Sextuple)
4. Octupole
5. RF cavity

- Local (IR8) Parameters:

1. Beta\*
2. S\* (more sensitive than head on)
3. Short Bunch length via 56 MHz

Cavity

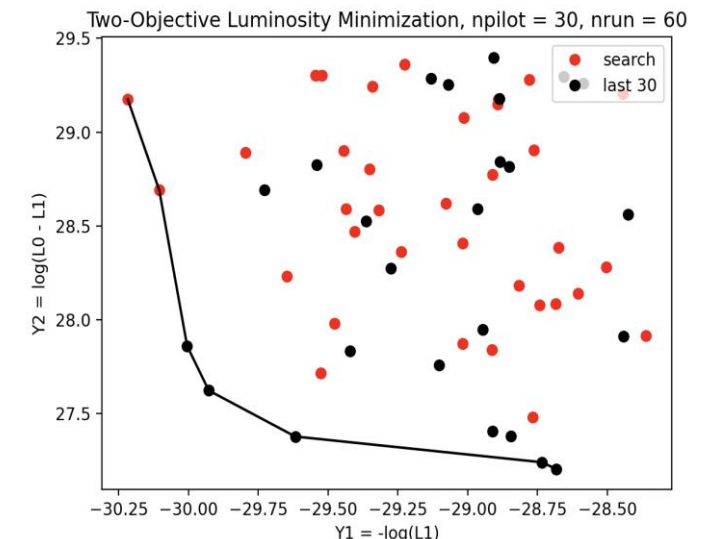
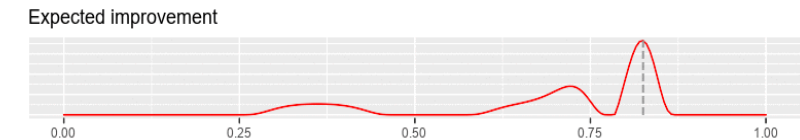
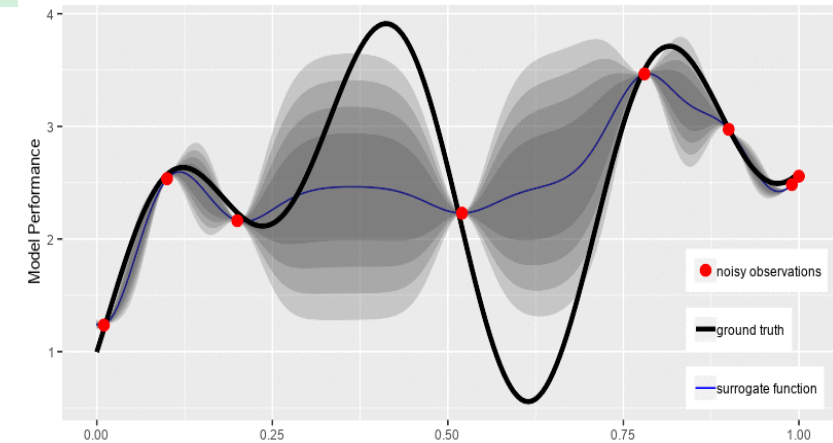
# Bayesian Optimization: A Model Based Black-Box Method



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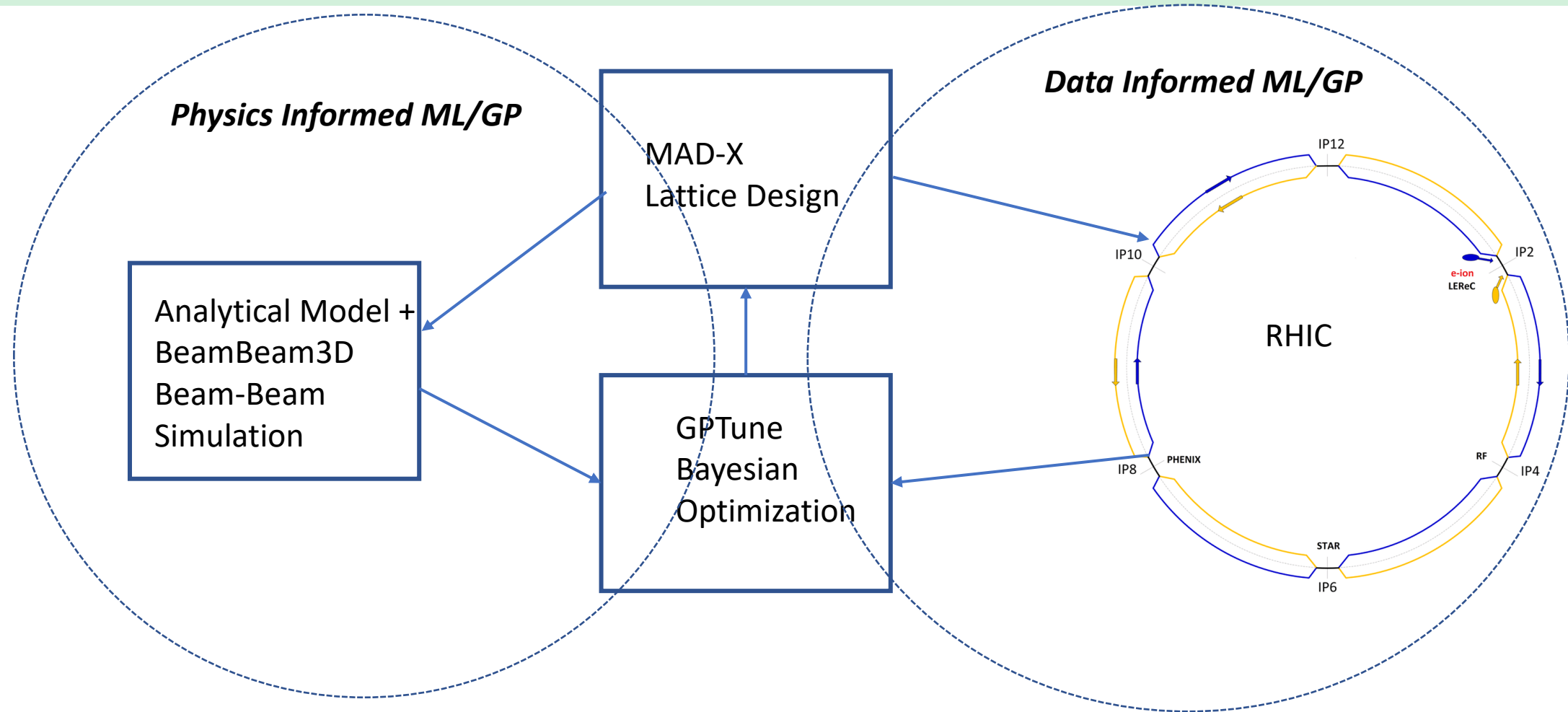
- GPTune: Gaussian Processes Tuning
  - **Bayesian Optimization**: Find an accurate model using the least amount of samples
  - Initial samples → search samples
    - **Acquisition function**: used for searching the next sample based on how uncertain we are
- 2D Simulation example with luminosity:
  - Objective 1: maximize luminosity inside
  - Objective 2: minimize luminosity outside
  - Parameters:
    - $\beta_x^*, \beta_y^*$ : Focusing at IP
    - $\phi_c$ : Crossing angle
    - $\sigma_z$ : longitudinal bunch length
  - Red: Initial random sample of parameters
  - Black: GPTune's search for more optimal parameters
  - **Pareto front**: optimal set solutions
    - Cannot improve one objective without sacrificing the other



# Advanced Modeling Framework for RHIC Lum. Optimization

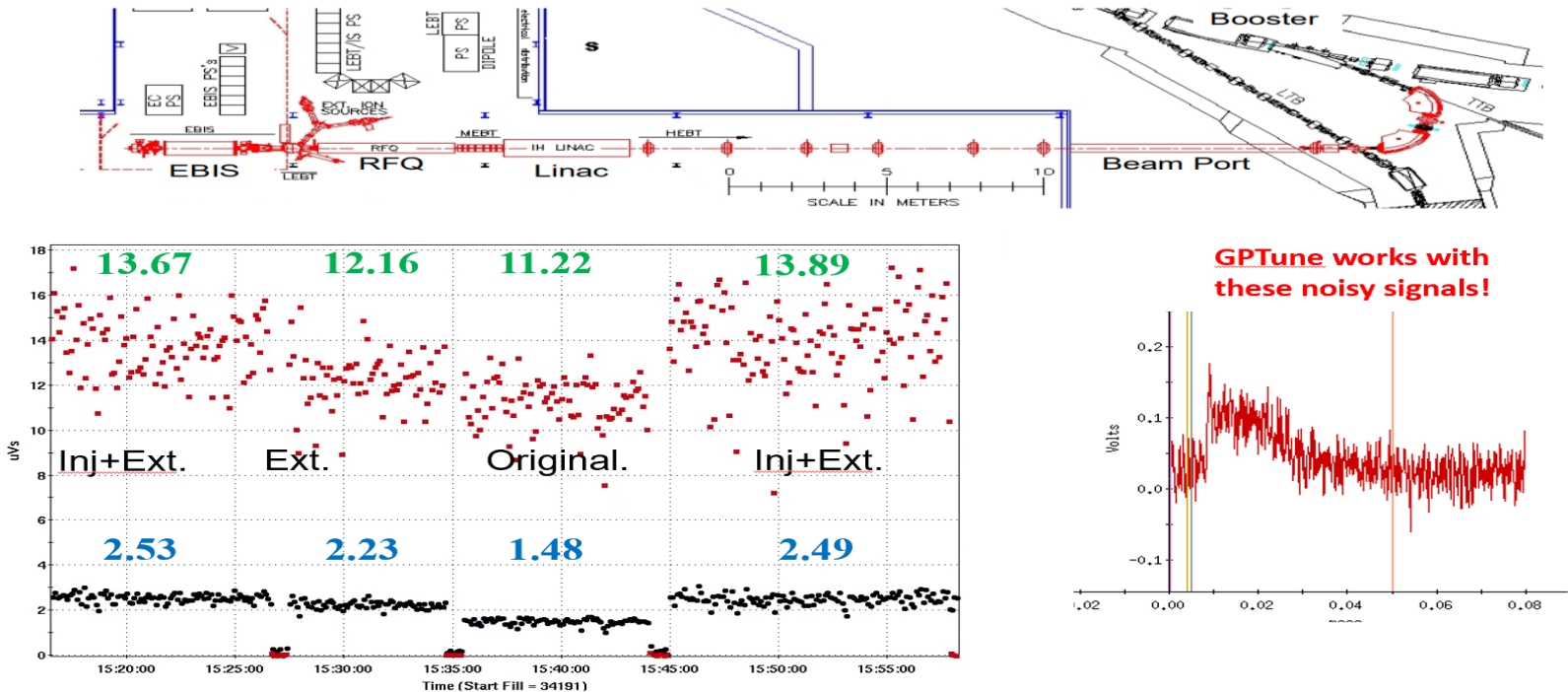


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- Transfer learning improves the BO performance in RHIC luminosity optimization by the GP model trained by the physics simulation.

# Online Bayesian Optimization Improves EBIS Performance



Intensity detector	Original	Ext. optimized with xf14	Gain	+ Inj. Optimized with FC96	Total Gain
xf14 (uVs)	1.48	2.23	42~50%	2.53/2.49	68~71%
fc96 (uVs)	11.22	12.61	8.4%	13.67/13.89	22-24%

# Online Optimization of Luminosity in RHIC



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- Optimize the luminosity by correcting its loss of **geometric overlap due to beam optics mismatch**.
- There are **17 tuning quadrupoles** at interaction region, most of them are independent and with tight tuning range.
- There are 4 targeting objectives (beta waists and its locations). In order not to disturb the optics function outside the interaction region and IBS rate in the entire ring, additional 9 constraints have to be satisfied.
- **It is not safe and inefficient to use optimizer (GPTune) directly on all 17 quadrupole knobs, instead, GPTune controls the change of  $s^*$  and use model to calculate correct quadrupole settings. (Dimension Reduction)**

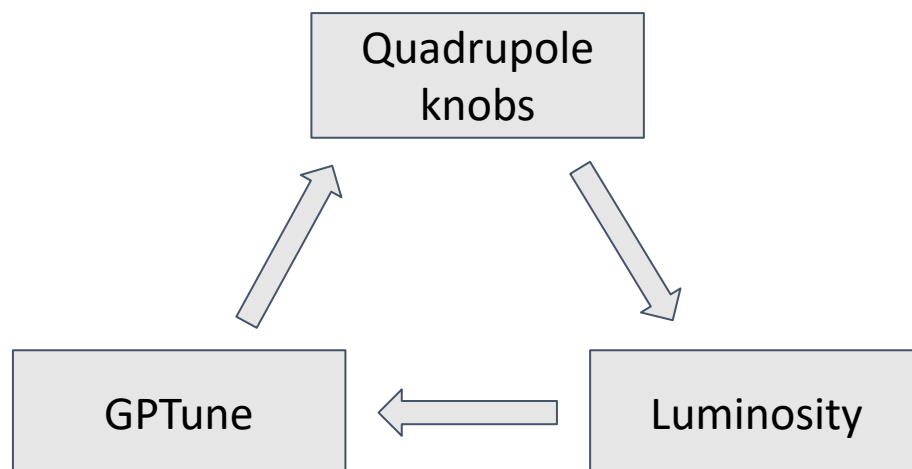
	@ IR boundary (6+0)			@IP (1+4)			Global (2+0)
Constraints	$\beta_{x/y}$	$\alpha_{x/y}$	$\eta, \eta'$			$\eta$	$\nu_{x/y}$
targets				$\beta_{x/y}^*$	$s_{x/y}^*$		



# Online RHIC Optimization Diagram



## Brute Force Method



### Brute Force Method

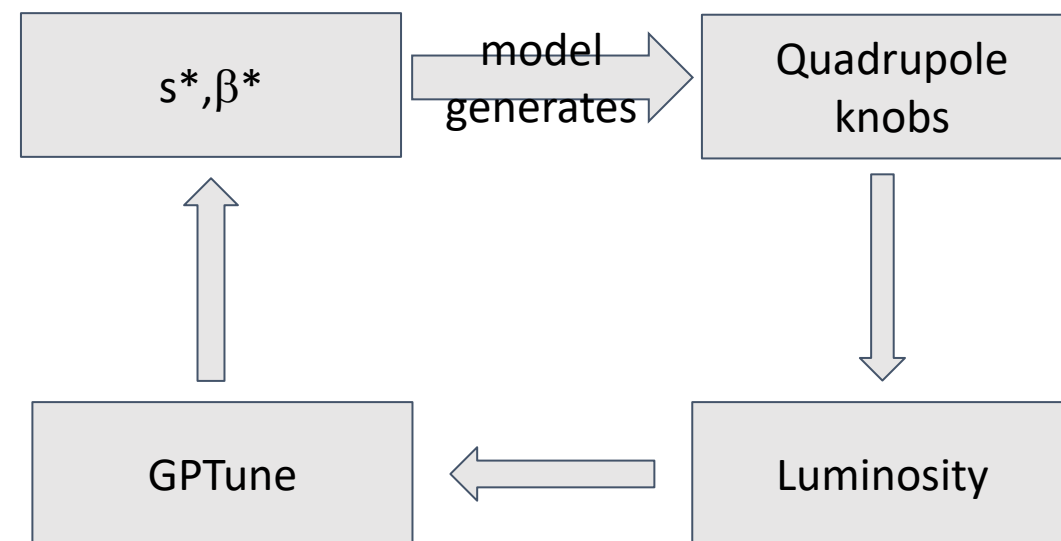
#### Pros:

- direct acting on the targeting objective (simple implementation)

#### Cons:

- Not safe in experiment
- Change global RHIC accelerator parameters
- High dimension

## Model Based Method in this Project



### Model Based Method

#### Pros:

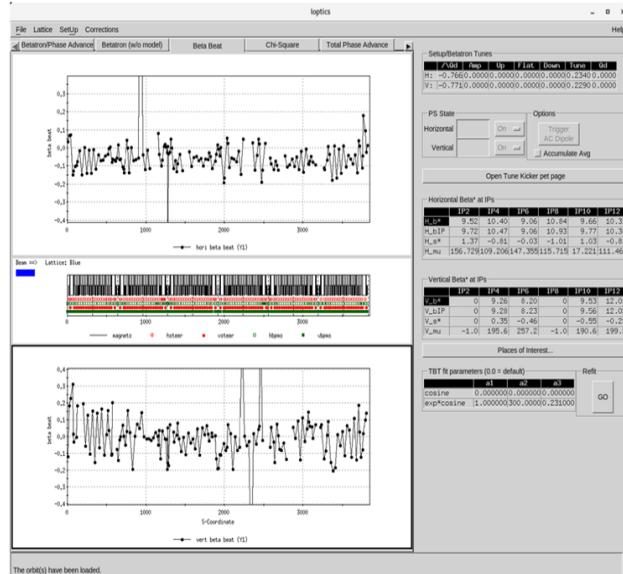
- lower dimension
- Guaranteed safe outside IR region

#### Cons:

- potential mismatch between model prediction and real settings



# Experimental challenges



Base line measurement:  $s^*x = -0.81\text{m}$ ,  $s^*y = 0.28\text{m}$

Intend to move  $s^*x \rightarrow 0.5\text{m}$ :  $s^*x = -1.30\text{m}$ ,  $s^*y = -0.48$

Intend to move  $s^*x \rightarrow -0.5\text{m}$ :  $s^*x = -1.09\text{m}$ ,  $s^*y = -0.40$

Intend back to base line1:  $s^*x = -1.62\text{m}$ ,  $s^*y = -0.28\text{m}$

Intend back to base line2:  $s^*x = -0.89\text{m}$ ,  $s^*y = -0.20\text{m}$

- Experimentally apply GPTune with transverse  $s^*$  as the parameter using MAD-X matching
- **Found out that the measured  $s^*$  values differ from intended  $s^*$  movement**
- Need to improve control and measurement of linear optics

Total integrated luminosity  $\rightarrow$  ZDC rate (real time)  
Current Vertex luminosity  $\rightarrow$  minutes delays

56 MHz Cavity is not in operation  $\rightarrow$  Bunch is long  
 $\rightarrow$  The gain of luminosity is only a few percent



Only use ZDC rate as optimization goal



Need alternative way show the effectiveness

# Improved Optics Tuning Method



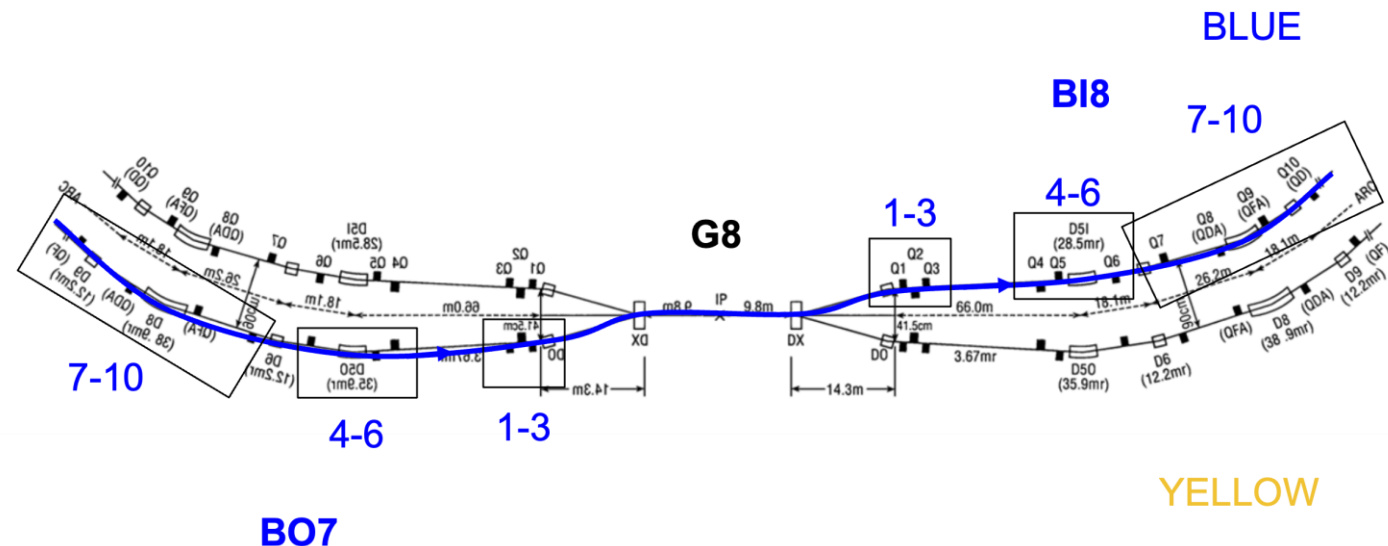
- **Optics response matrix (B):** creates a linear relationship between the power supply and the optics
  - Invert to obtain required change in currents, 12 constrains; 17 variables
  - Use null space to optimize specific constraints
    - Power supply limits
    - Beta function at Horizontal IR8 Collimator (for safety)
  - Translate current changes into magnet strength settings for the Control Room

$$\text{Optics } \Delta O = B \Delta I \text{ Current}$$

Response

$$\Delta I = B^{-1} \Delta O - \text{null}(B)C$$

- Adjust C to satisfy current limits.



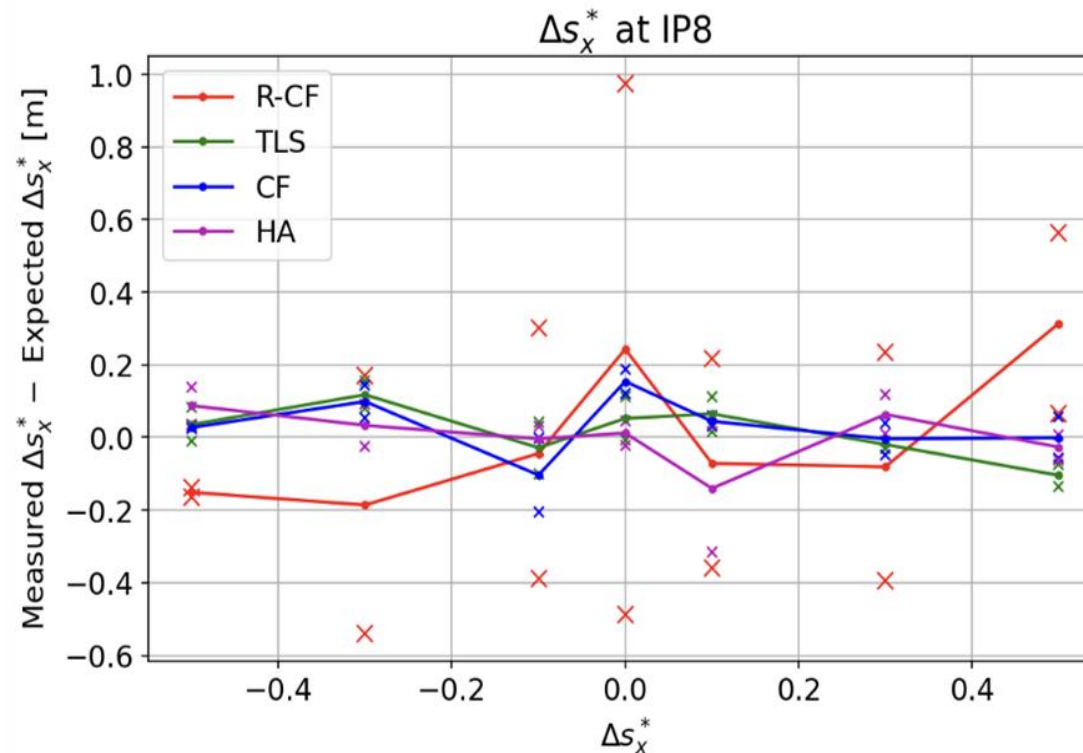
# More reliable IR optics modification achieved



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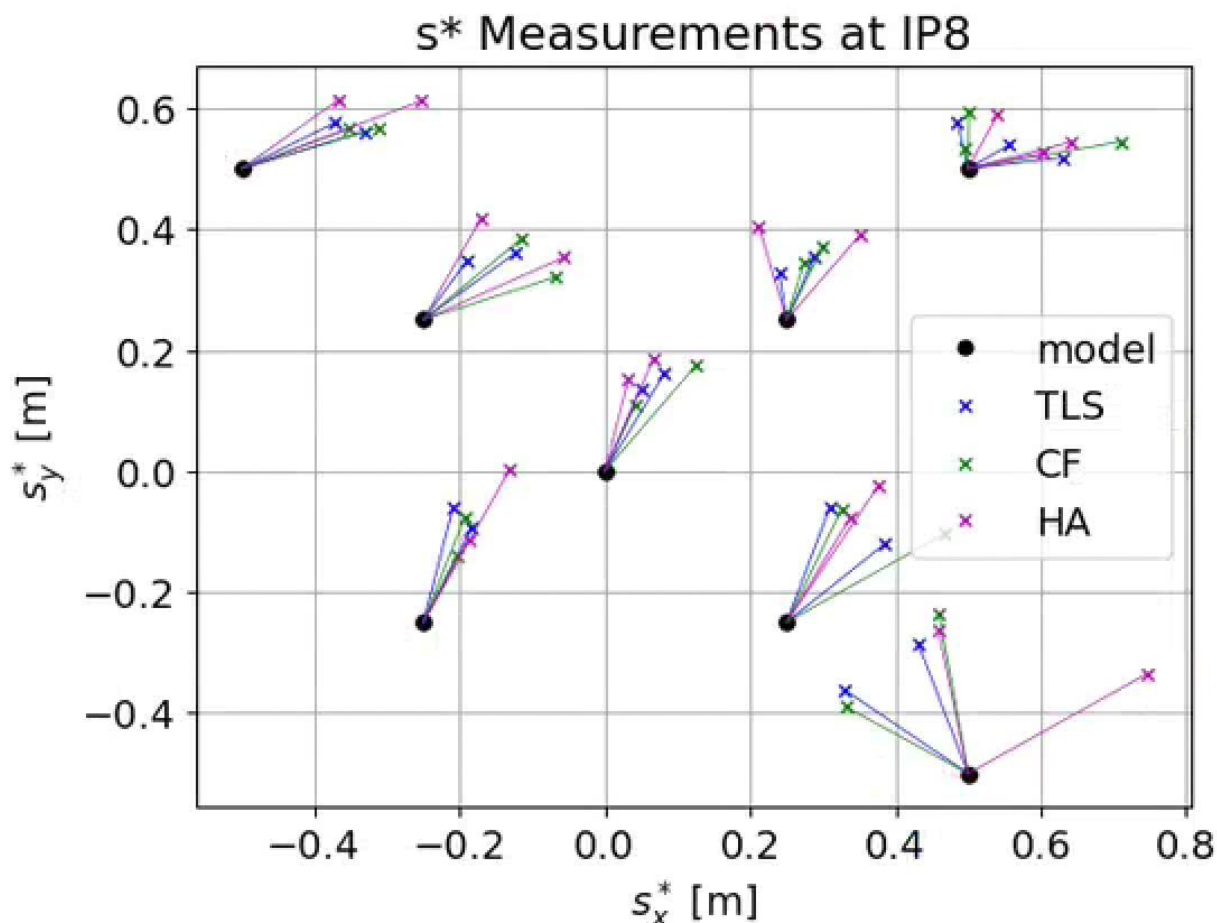


- Moved  $s_x^*$  from  $[-.5, .5]$  m using ORM, collect two TBT measurements
- Multiple data analysis method TLS, CF (curve-fitting method), HA (Harmonic Analysis, and R-CF (current RHIC loptics method)
- Measurement produces more accurate and consistent results than RHIC method when compared to the model. **Beam loss not affect during tuning, READY FOR TEST**

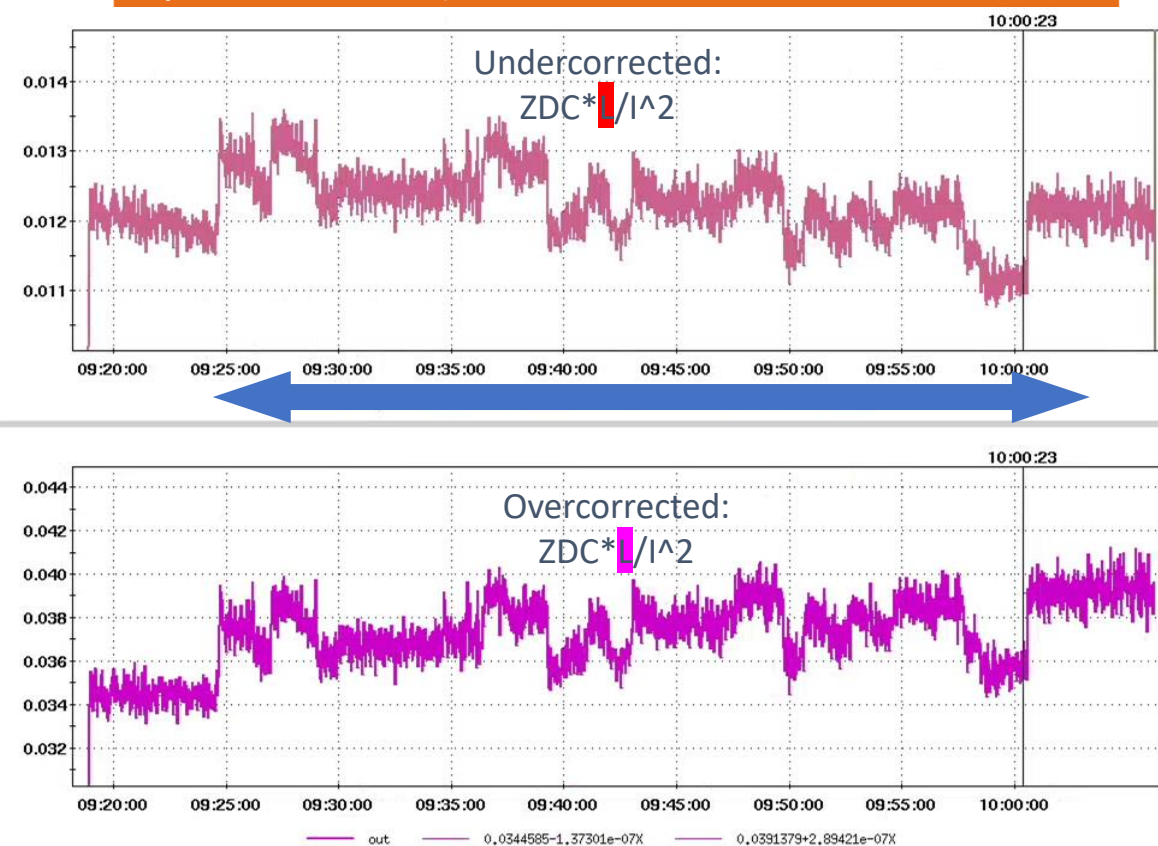


# First Test 10/15, Run 25

Confirm the  $s^*$  movements, show a systematic shift of 0.1m-0.2m (model vs. machine)

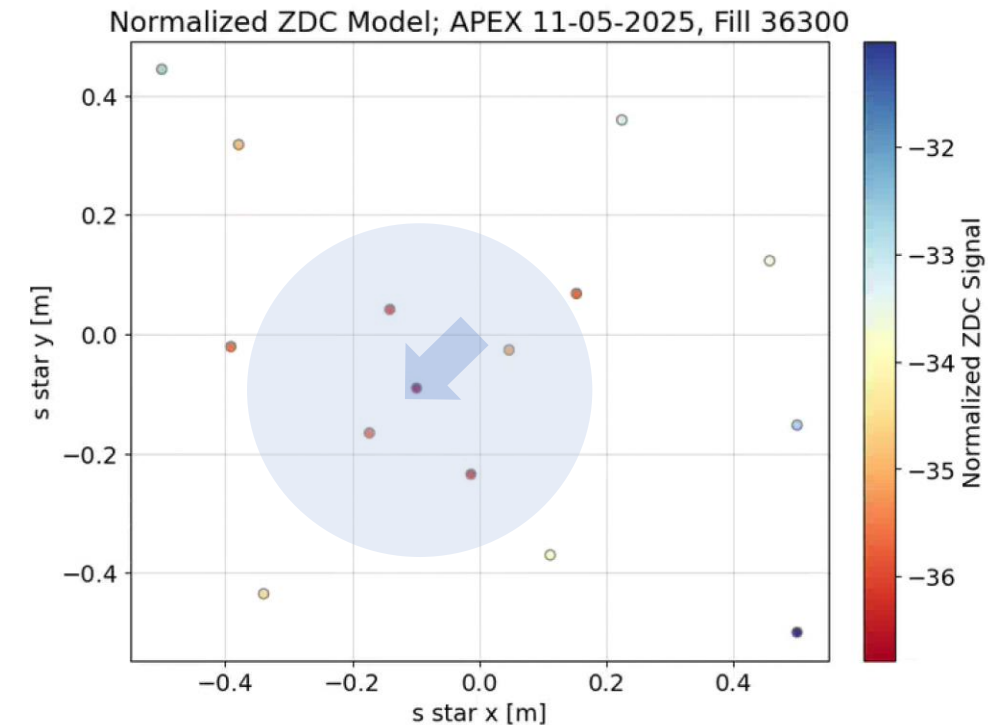
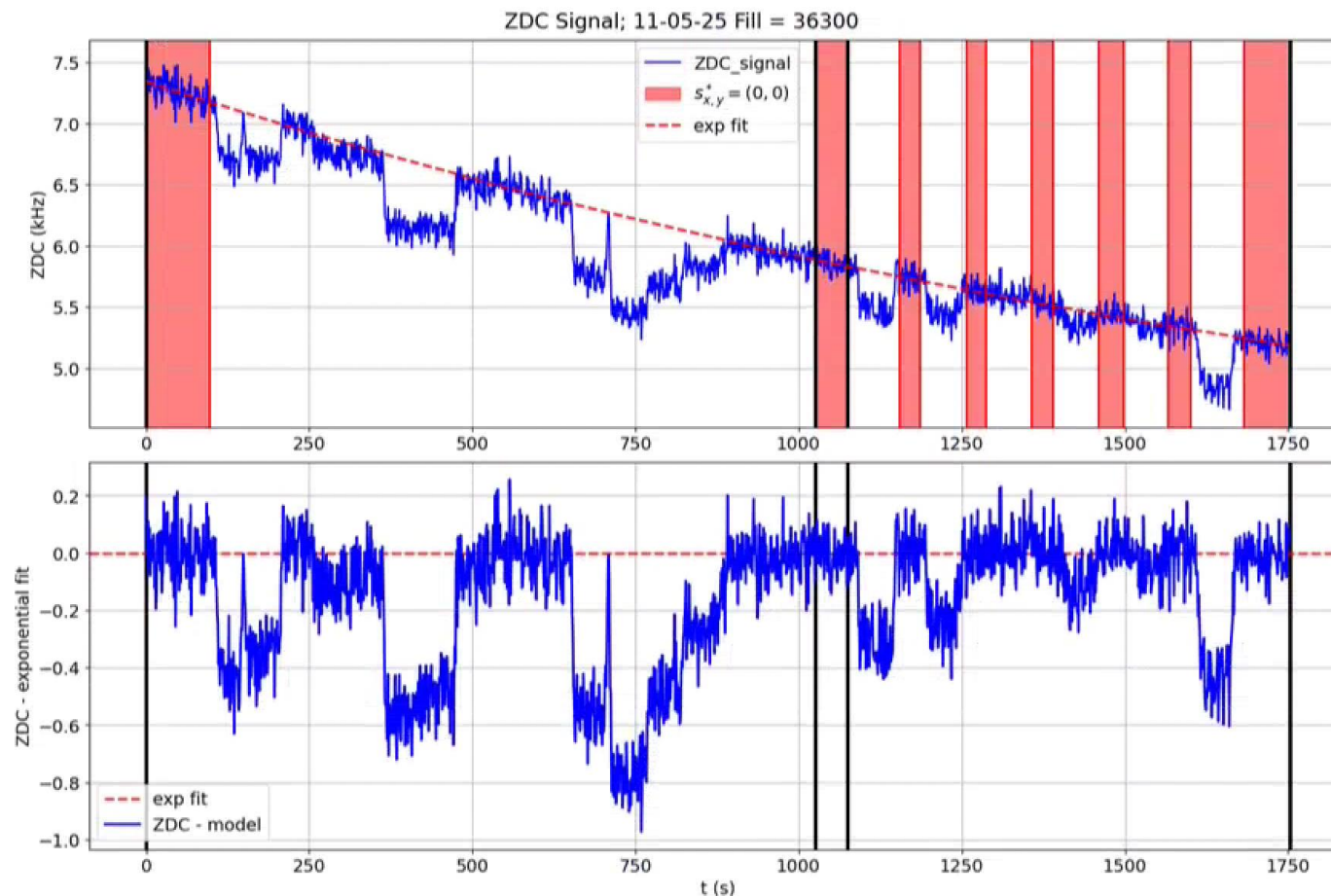


Time limited, we start optimization routine right after  $s^*$  movement, (start from sub-optimum case)



# Second Test 11/5 Run 25

We start from the optimum setting of  $s^*$  (according to the model) and reset our change to revisit the 'base line'



Statistical trend on the shift of model  $s^*$ .  
Agree with the measurement



# Project Goals and Achievements



- Develop an advanced modeling framework based on first-principle physical simulations, lattice models and the state-of-the-art machine learning methods.
  - Achieved
- Apply this framework to the performance improvement of the RHIC experiments (sPHENIX).
  - Achieved within experimental limitations
- Train and educate early career researchers.
  - Achieved,
    - Yi-kai Kan (Postdoc in this project, now active member of EIC)
    - Will Fung (Currently 3<sup>rd</sup> year graduate student, gain model/experiment experience, continue working at BNL on related topics)

# Summary of expenditures by fiscal year (FY):



	FY22 (\$k)	FY23 (\$k)	Totals (\$k)
a) Funds allocated	490	490	980
b) Actual costs to date	490	476	966



# Summary



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- Demonstrated **consistent control** in changing  $\Delta s^*_{x/y}$  between  $[-.5, .5]$ m without beam quality degradation.
- Demonstrated **stable and Bayesian Optimization (BO)** using pseudo knobs, corresponds to the available optimization knobs and beam quality.
- **Successfully restore luminosity** from sub-optimal settings and found many 'equally good' settings which agrees with our optics measurement.
- Encouraging combination of **physics model and AI algorithm**
- **Gain confidence and ready in optimizing the vertex luminosity** when the corresponding lumi signal is ready for BO optimizer.
- The development is expected to be **crucial for EIC** operation due to 10x reduction in the vertical beta function of both beams.



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*Thank You!*