

# What did we learn from Machine Learning?

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# Outline

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- I. Introduction to Machine Learning
  - *What is “Learning”?*
  - *Relevant concepts and definitions*
- II. Applications in Accelerator Physics
  - *Motivation*
  - *Examples*
- III. Experience with ML in optics measurements and corrections
- IV. Conclusions

# Part I. Introduction to Machine Learning

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# Relevant ML concepts and definitions

"... computer programs and algorithms that automatically **improve with experience by learning from examples** with respect to some class of task and performance measure, **without being explicitly programmed.**" \*

## Supervised Learning

- Input/output pairs available
- Make prediction for unknown input based on experience from given examples

Object detection in computer vision, speech recognition, predictive control

## Unsupervised Learning

- Only input data is given
- Learn structures and patterns

Anomaly detection, pattern recognition, clustering, dimensionality reduction

## Reinforcement Learning

- No training data
- Interact with an environment
- Trying to learn optimal sequences of decisions

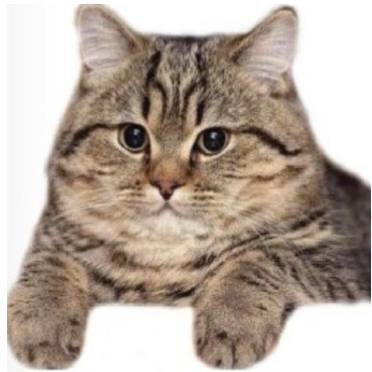
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# Supervised Learning

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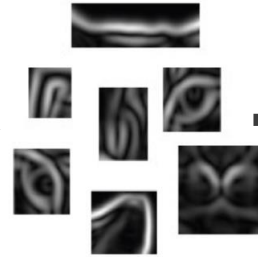
Data sample



2. *Preliminary processing*



Input Features



3. *Training, tuning, validation*



Model

4. *Prediction*

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Output  
(target variable)

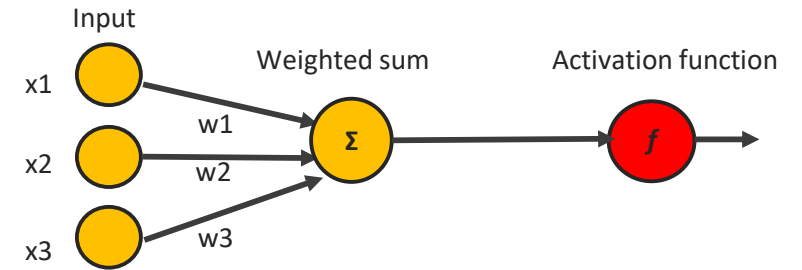


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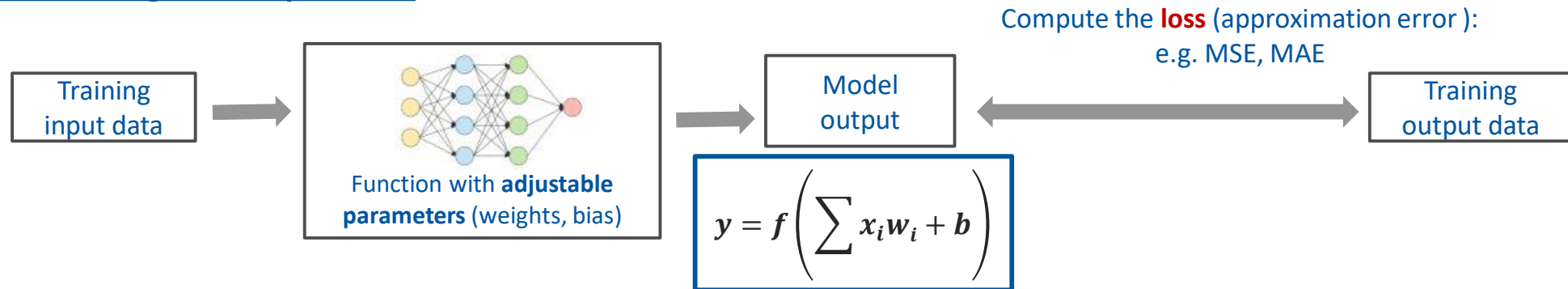
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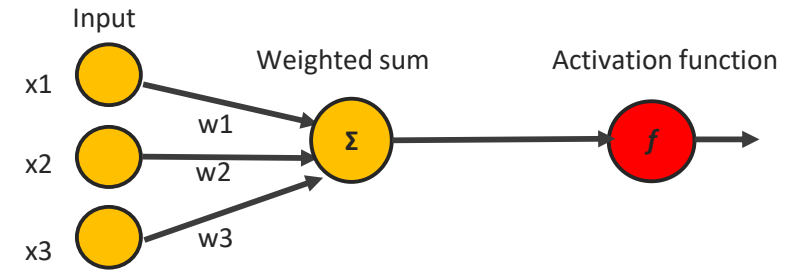
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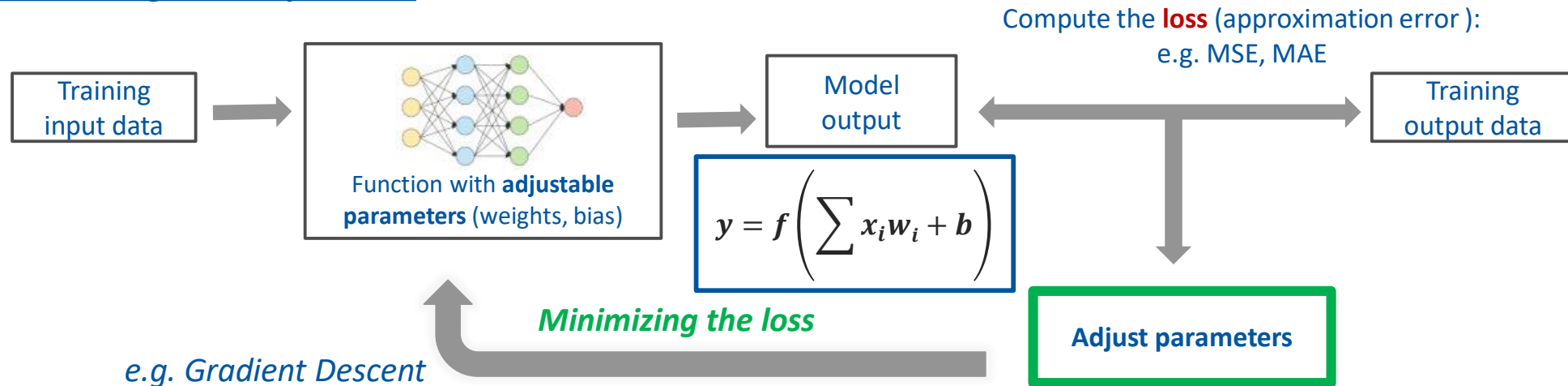
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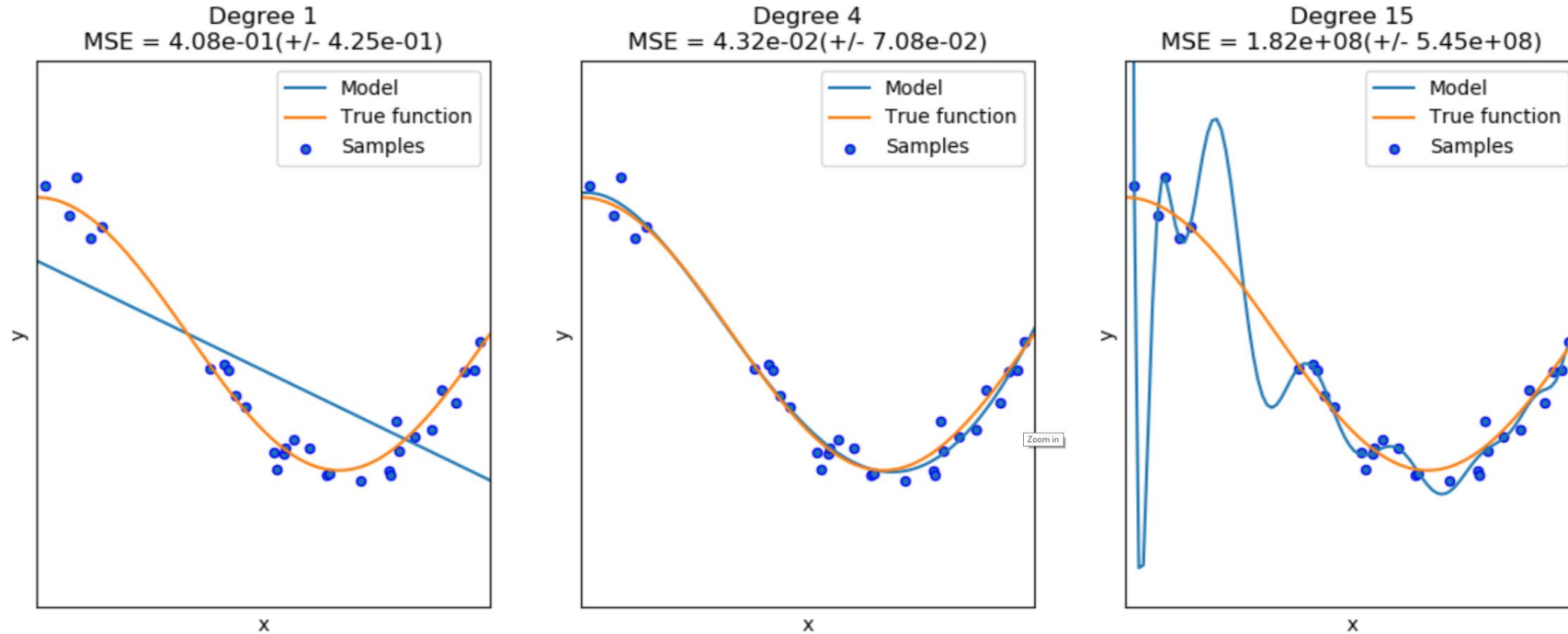
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# Training and generalization: no perfect model needed!



## Simple models underfit

- Derivate from data (high bias)
- Do not correspond to data structure (low variance)

We don't want „look up tables“

We don't want unreliable prediction

→ Bias-Variance tradeoff

## Complex models overfit

- Very low systematical deviation (low bias)
- Very sensitive to data (high variance)

# ML is more than Neural Networks...

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- **Regression and Classification Models:** *resolve correlation between input variables and dependent target variables*
  - Simple Linear Regression, **Multivariate Regression**, Logistic regression, Support Vector Machine
- **Dimensionality reduction techniques:** *reduce the number of independent variables (features) without significant decrease on prediction accuracy*
  - Independent Component Analysis, Principle Component Analysis, **Features Importance Analysis**
- **Decision Trees:** *split the input data based on a sequence of variables (thresholds) to estimate the target output value or to separate data points into regions*
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**Machine Learning is about **learning from the data**, not about application of a particular “intelligent” technique.**

# Part II. Application in Accelerator Physics

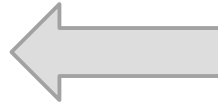
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# Motivation

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## Accelerators

Limitations of traditional optimization and modeling tools?



ML is a powerful tool for prediction and data analysis

**Which limitations can be solved by ML with reasonable effort?**

- How to deal with **previously unobservable** behavior?
- Required computational resources for **large** amount of optimization targets
- Objective functions, specific rules and thresholds **have to be known**

**Machine Learning methods can learn an arbitrary model from given examples without requiring explicit rules**

# Current areas of ML application

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Tuning  
Optimization  
Control

Virtual  
Diagnostics

Anomaly and Fault  
Detection

Surrogate and  
Predictive  
Modeling



# Tuning and Control

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- **Reinforcement Learning based feedback system to stabilize the beam dynamics and control instabilities.** [T. Boltz et al. “Feedback Design for Control of the Micro-Bunching Instability based on Reinforcement Learning”, *IPAC’19 (MOPGW017)*]
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- The widest application area since ML tools are naturally developed for automation/ control tasks,
- Becoming standard tools for operation.
- Various ML techniques can be applied to one problem – choice based on experience / already available frameworks,
- But also: one developed technique can be applied to several problems on different machines.

# Anomaly and Faults Detection

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- **Detection and classification of RF Cavity Faults using supervised models** *[A. Solopova et al. , "SRF Cavity Faults Classification Using Machine Learning at CEBAF", IPAC'19 ([TUXXPLM2](#))]*
- **Hierarchical Temporal Memory and Recurrent NNs applied to anomaly detection for sensor failures at HIPA, PSI**  
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- **Some operational examples**
- **Many studies under investigation**
- **Unsupervised learning can be used, without requiring large amount of data.**
- **Careful choice of data to perform the classification/ anomaly detection is crucial (feature engineering),**
- **Structured data logging can be very helpful.**

Faults

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- **Training of NN to predict vertical beam size at one position from multiple Insertion Device settings, allows to correct the beam size** [*S.C. Leemann, "Demonstration of Machine Learning-Based Model-Independent Stabilization of Source Properties in Synchrotron Light Sources", Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 194801 (2019)*]

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- **Training of** *Stabilization* **correct the** *Methods to*
  - **Neural Networks can be very useful to model non-linear tasks,**
  - **Also simpler linear models can be applied if the problem is known to be linear.**
  - **Different ML methods are investigated demonstrating good suitability for modeling tasks.**
  - **Wide application range from simulations to real time diagnostics.**

# Virtual Diagnostics

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- Virtual diagnostics tools mostly implemented using neural networks,
  - For image-based diagnostics: Convolutional Neural Networks (known to be very efficient in computer vision)
  - Simulation studies, but some methods also demonstrated on the machines.

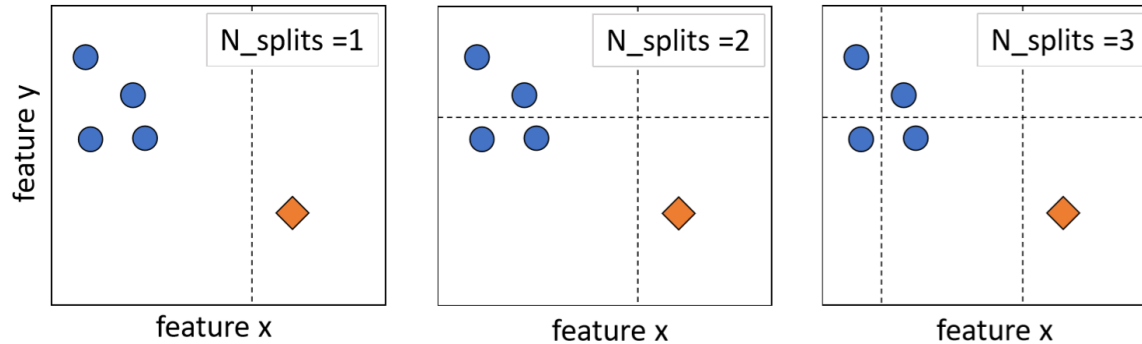


# Part II. Experience with ML in optics measurements and corrections

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# I. Detection of faulty BPMs

- Optics is reconstructed from Beam Position Monitors (BPM) signal which is denoised and cleaned using SVD and signal cuts.
  - Presence of remaining faulty signal can be observed only in the last analysis step – optics reconstructed from BPM signal → manual cleaning and repeating optics computation are required.
- How to detect as many faulty BPMs as possible before they appear as outliers in optics functions?
- **Unsupervised Learning using Isolation Forest (Ensemble of Decision Trees)**



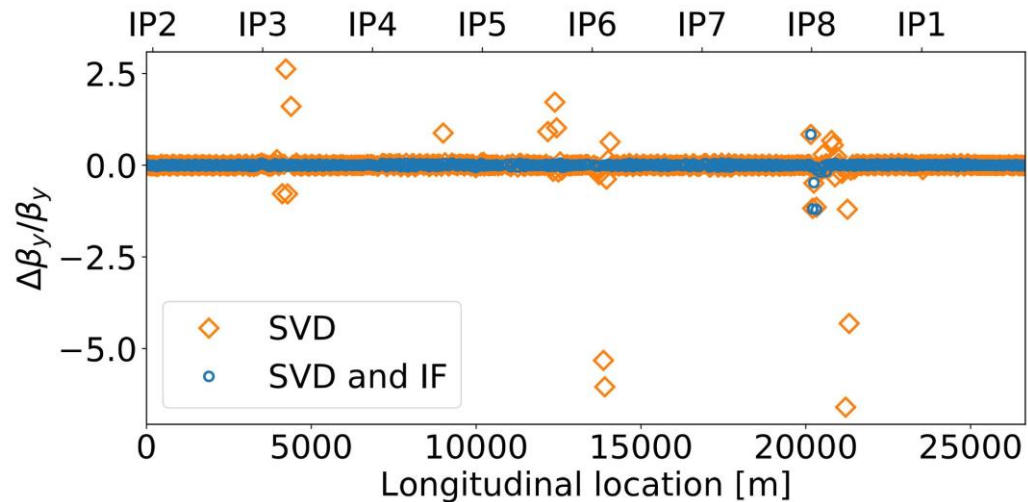
Conceptual illustration of Isolation Forest algorithm

- **Random splits aiming to “isolate” each point.**
- The less splits are needed, the more “anomalous”.
- Expected proportion of outliers is a parameter of the algorithm.

# I. Detection of faulty BPMs

Using harmonic properties of BPM turn-by-turn signal as input data and setting the expected proportion of anomalies in the data to 1%.

➤ **Isolation Forest detects most of the faulty BPMs remaining after the cleaning with traditional tools.**



IF-cleaning is based on the structures in given data  
→ **Ability to identify anomalies without predefined thresholds or rules.**

False identification of good BPMs as anomalies is possible  
→ **Choice of contamination parameter and interplay with other cleaning tools are carefully studied on simulations.**

- ✓ IF is fully integrated into optics measurements at LHC
- ✓ Successfully used in operation under different optics settings.

## II. Estimation of quadrupole errors

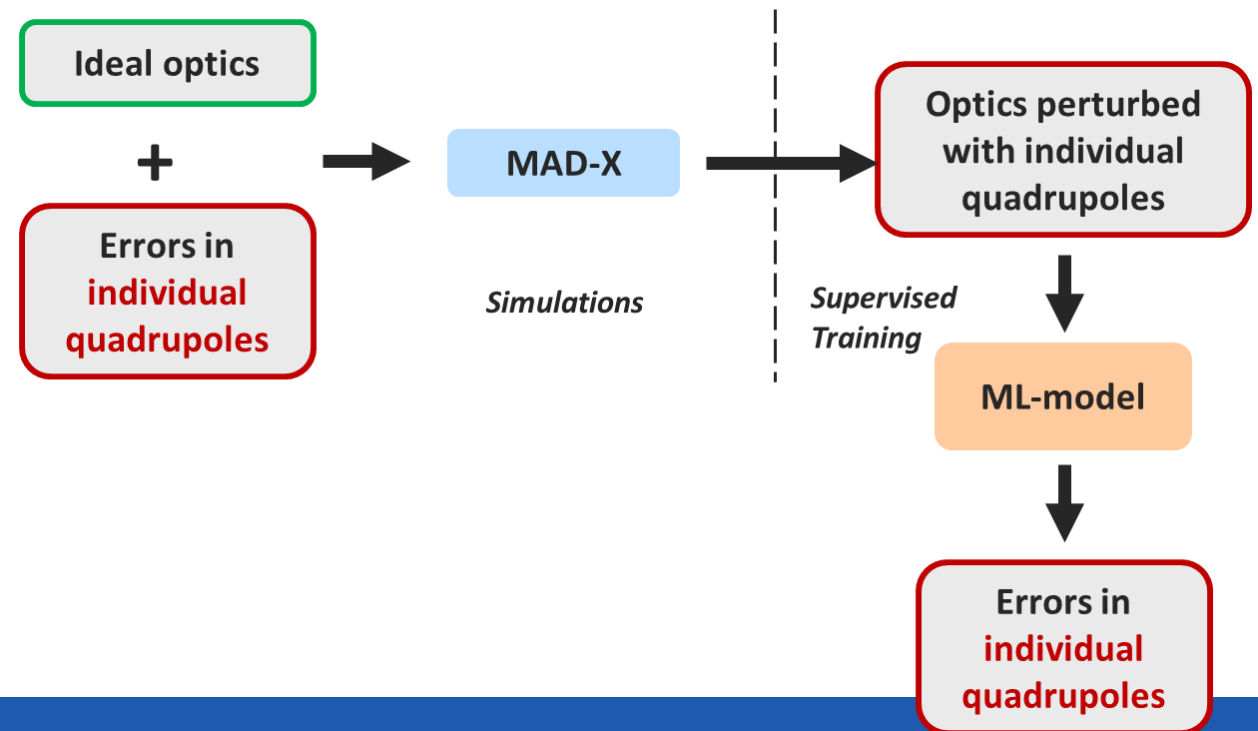
- Corrections aim to minimize the difference between the measured and design optics by changing the strength of corrector magnets – single quadrupoles and quadrupoles powered in circuits.

How to get the entire set of currently present magnet errors in one step?

→ Train **supervised regression model** to predict magnet errors from optics perturbations caused by these errors.

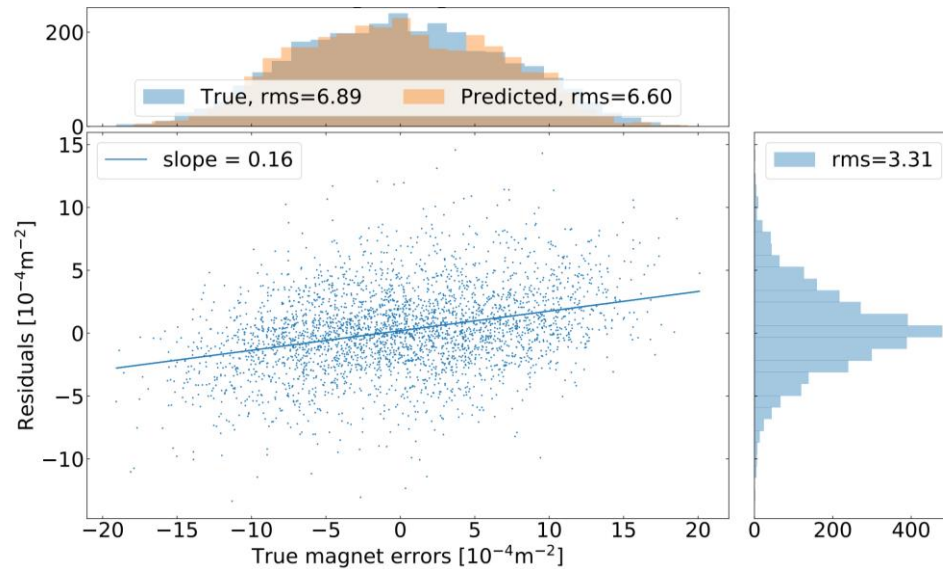
Training samples:

- **1256 target** variables
  - randomly assigned gradient errors in the **all** quadrupoles, **both** beams
- **3304 input** variables: simulated betatron phase advance, normalized dispersion at all BPMs,  $\beta$  at BPMs next to IPs.
  - Adding realistic noise estimated from the measurements.



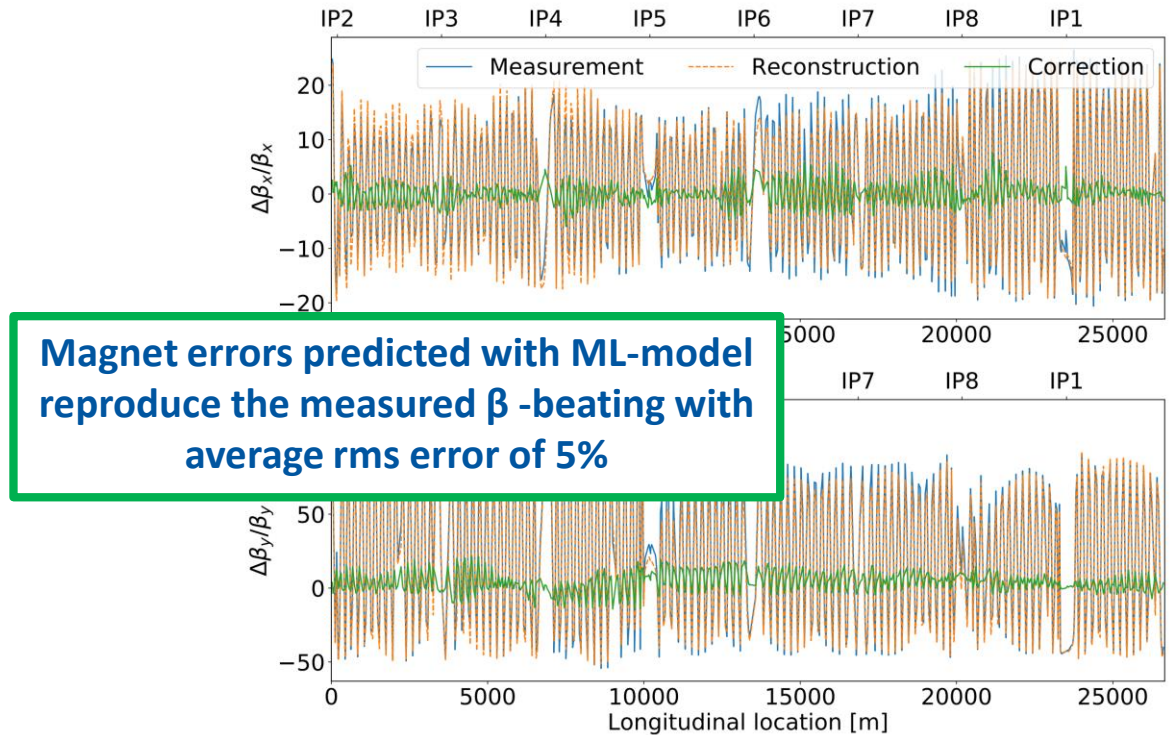
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- Linear regression with weights regularization (Ridge)
- 75 000 samples from **simulations** (80% training, 20% test)
- Systematic error of prediction **16%**, random error  $\sim 30\%$
- Verification on measurements data: provide LHC optics **measurement** as input to the trained model.
- Real individual magnet errors are unknown
  - Simulate optics perturbation with predicted errors
  - Compare to the measurement used as input.



Prediction of simulated individual magnet errors.

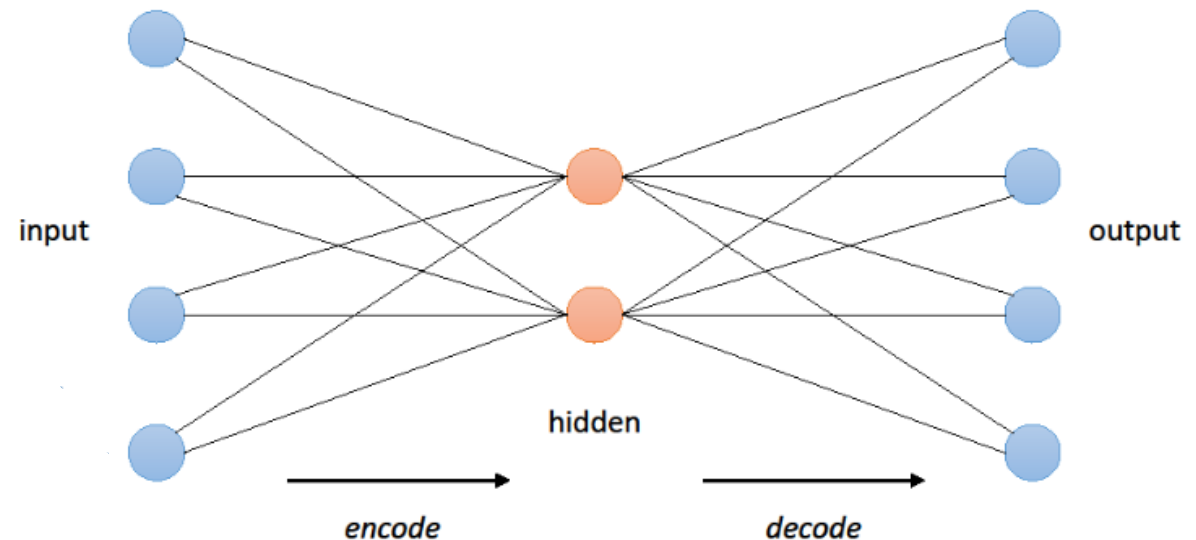
**Supervised Learning allows to determine realistic quadrupole errors directly from optics deviations.**



## II. Estimation of quadrupole errors

- Results on real data are less optimistic than simulations
  - **More realistic simulations of training data** by introducing more error sources.
- In some machine sections individual quadrupoles cannot be directly used for corrections – only circuits.
  - **Translate the predicted single magnets errors into correction settings.**
- Quality of prediction depends on **noise in the input data** and available BPMs:
  - **Autoencoder Neural Network to denoise and reconstruct phase measurements.**

First results on simulations:  
→ Noise is reduced by a factor of 2  
→ Phase advance measurements at simulated missing BPMs reconstructed with 1% accuracy.



# Part V. Conclusions

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# ML in accelerators: summary

Accelerator Problem	ML methods	Benefits	To be considered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automation of particular components</li> </ul>	Supervised techniques for classification: Decision Trees, SVR, Logistic Regression, NN	Saving operation time, reducing human intervention, preventing subjective decisions	Dedicated machine time usually required to collect training data and to fine tune developed methods.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online optimization of several targets which are coupled</li> <li>Unexpected drifts, continuous settings readjustment needed to maintain beam quality</li> </ul>	Reinforcement Learning, Bayesian optimization, Gaussian Process, Adaptive Feedback	Simultaneous optimization targeting several beam properties, automatically finding trade-off between optimization targets, allows faster tuning offering more user time.	Ensuring that all important properties are included as optimization targets.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detection of anomalies</li> </ul>	Unsupervised methods: clustering, ensembles of decision trees (e.g. Isolation Forest), supervised classification, Recurrent NN for time-series data.	Preventing faults before they appear, no need to define rules/ thresholds, no training is needed and can be directly applied on received data	In unsupervised methods, usually no “ground truth” is available → methods can be verified on simulations.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computationally heavy, slow simulations</li><li>• Reconstruct unknown properties from measurements</li></ul>	Supervised Regression models, NN for non-linear problems	Learning underlying physics directly from the data, faster execution	100% realistic simulations are not possible → the model performance will be as good as your data is.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduction of parameter space e.g. for optimization</li></ul>	Clustering, Feature Importance Analysis using Decision trees	Speed up of available methods, simpler defined problems, easier to interpret	Parameter selection and combination (feature engineering) can have significant impact on ML methods performance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Missing or too noisy data</li></ul>	Autoencoder NN	Robust models, data quality	Significant information should not be removed from the signal.

# Potentially useful, but not (widely) used yet

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*Some ideas...*

- **Transfer Learning**

- Train model on one problem domain, apply on another task after re-training,
- Data set required for re-training can be much smaller than data set used in initial training,
- Real-time application (e.g. re-training using data recorded in operation), possibility to take advantage from previous efforts.

- **Inverted Models**

- Train to predict a set of output targets from a set of input parameters.
- Invert the model and use the learned correlation to predict the “input” parameters from targets, e.g. to predict settings from desired beam properties.

- **Text processing**

- Logbooks contain a lot of unstructured information, which can be relevant to build automation/control ML tools.
- Extract relevant information automatically by analyzing text entries using e.g. Ontology Learning.
- Use extracted information to build models for machine components failures prediction, to automatize operation, etc.

# Conclusions

## Important to identify where ML can surpass traditional methods

- How much effort is needed to implement a ML solution? Is appropriate infrastructure for data acquisition available? Enough resources to perform the training?

### Universal Approximation Theorem

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Does not say how big the effort could be...

- Define a **narrow task** (optimization of specific parameters rather than the entire machine)
- **Performance measure** of selected model (beam size, pulse energy, ...)
- **Feature engineering** is highly important!
  
- Well structured data, extendable architecture of existing frameworks  
→ possibility for the integration of ML tools.
- Extremely helpful e.g. when no analytical solution is available, for rapidly changing systems, when no direct measurements are possible.



**Cat!**

Thank you for your attention!

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# Practical advice

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- Often data preprocessing is needed before any model can be applied: rescaling, feature engineering, denoising, outlier elimination
  - data visualization can help
- Start with simple models - increase complexity only if needed
- Estimate model generalization (split into training, test and validation sets)

## Frameworks to use:

- Prototyping, fast and easy implementation (very good documentation):  
<http://scikit-learn.org/>
- High-level package for Neural Networks: – <https://keras.io/>
- Deep Learning, specific complex model architectures:  
<https://www.tensorflow.org/>  
<http://deeplearning.net/software/theano/>
- Reinforcement Learning: OpenAI Gym <https://gym.openai.com/>