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# Machine Learning Techniques for Optics Measurements and Corrections

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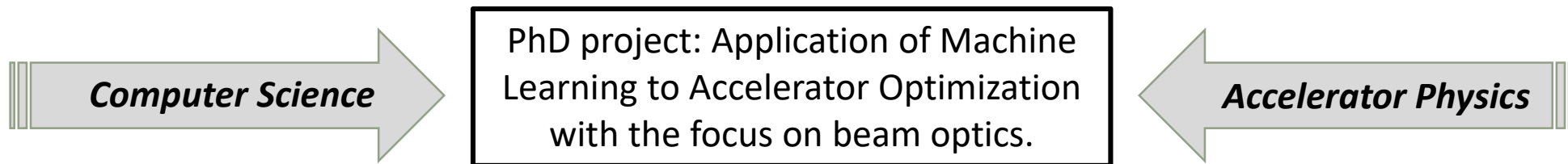
# I. Introduction

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# About myself

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- PhD Student at CERN working on Machine Learning techniques for beam optics studies at the LHC.
- B.Sc. in Business Informatics
- M.Sc. in Computer Science, specialization **Interactive Intelligent Systems** (University of Applied Sciences Karlsruhe, Germany)
- Technical Student at CERN, LHC Optics measurements and corrections team:
  - Responsible for Java GUIs used in the LHC control
  - Idea of solving **Beam Optics** related problems using Machine Learning
- Master's Thesis: "Evaluation of Machine Learning methods for optics measurements and corrections at the LHC"



# 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**

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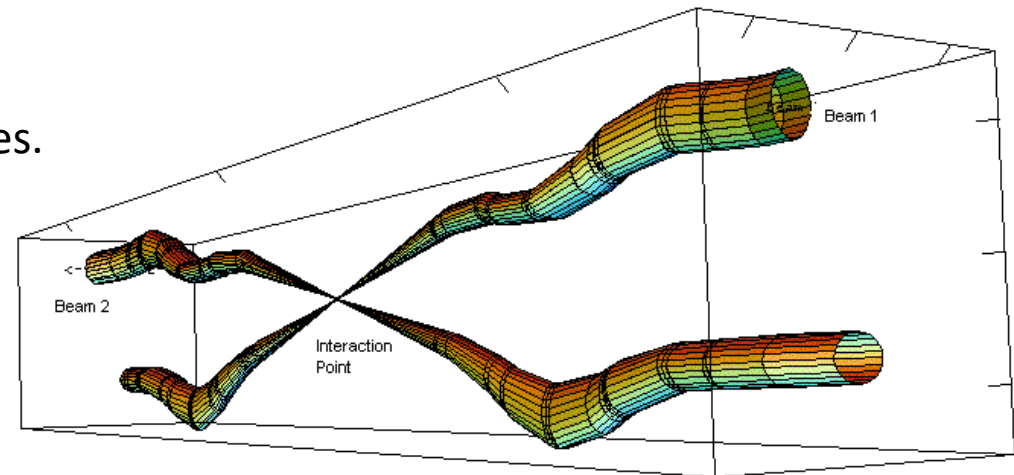
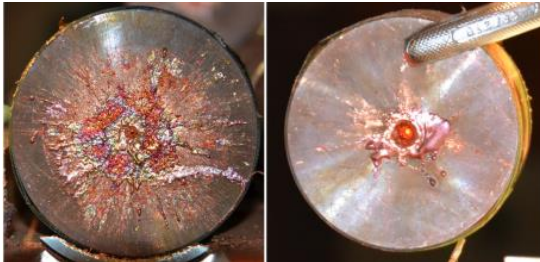
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## Beam optics control:

- Magnetic errors and misalignments change **beam size** - optics
- Adjust **magnetic strengths** – optics corrections.

## Importance of beam optics control:

- **Collision rate** depends on the beam size
- Beam optics imperfections can lead to **machine safety** issues.



Relative beam sizes around IP1 (Atlas) in collision

# Where are the limitations of traditional techniques?

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- ❖ **Instrumentation faults** lead to unreliable optics measurements
  - How to **detect faulty Beam Position Monitors** and discard them from analysis before they cause erroneous computation of optics functions?
- ❖ Optics corrections algorithms aim to **compensate the measured optics deviations** from design
  - What are the actual currently present **magnetic errors**?
- ❖ Advanced techniques for computation of optics functions require **additional measurements and operational time**
  - How to obtain advanced analysis **from available measurements**?
- ❖ **Noise** in the measured optics functions
  - How to **reduce the noise** without removing valuable information?
- ❖ **Missing data points** due to the presence of faulty BPMs
  - How to **reconstruct** the missing data?

# I. Detection of faulty Beam Position Monitors

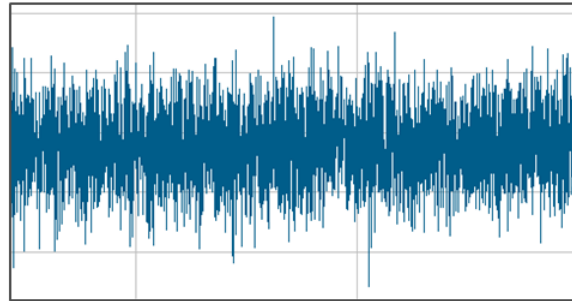
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# Detection of faulty Beam Position Monitors

## Optics measurements in the LHC

BPMs record the turn-by-turn data measuring the oscillations of the excited beam

*BPM turn-by-turn readings*

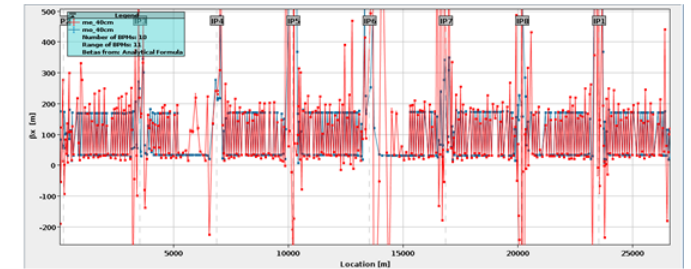


Calculate optics functions (beta-beating, dispersion, etc.) based on **harmonic analysis of BPMs signal**



+ data cleaning

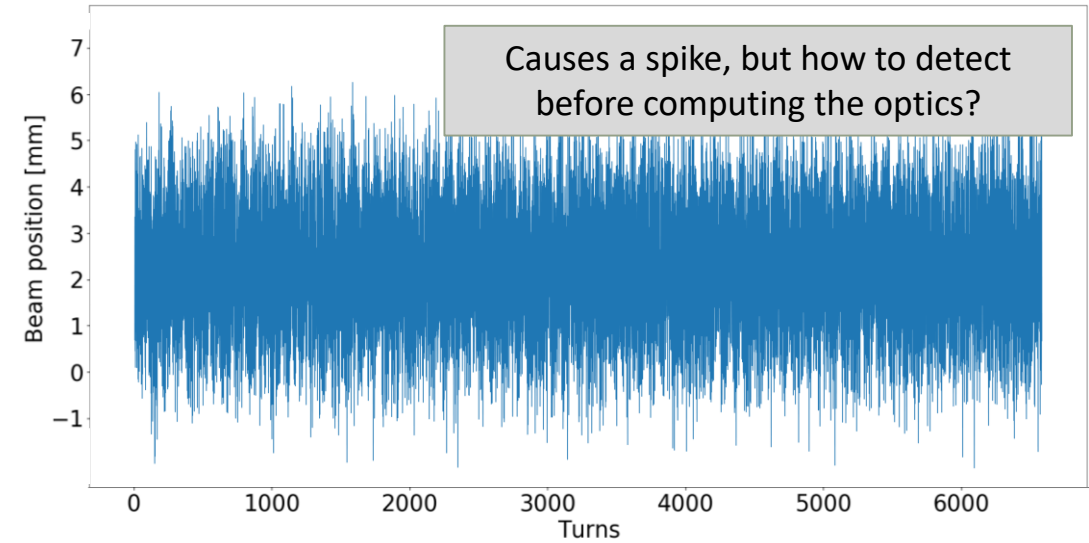
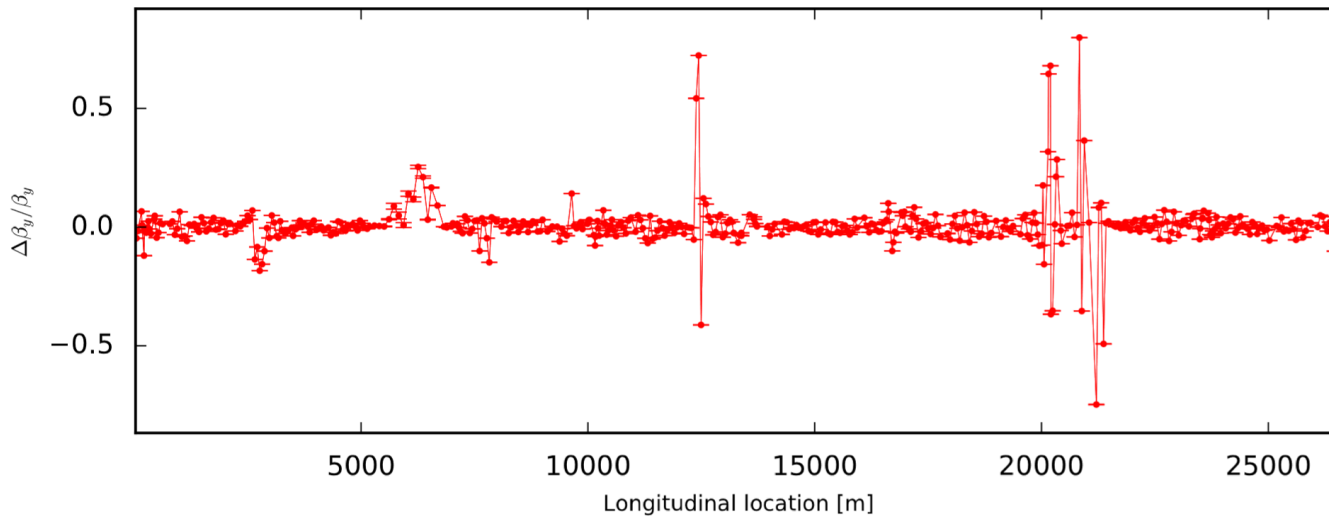
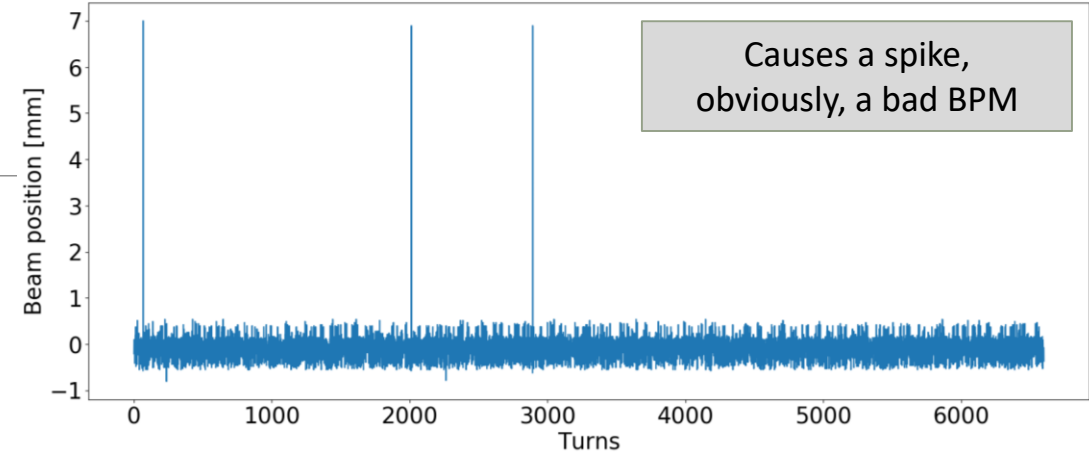
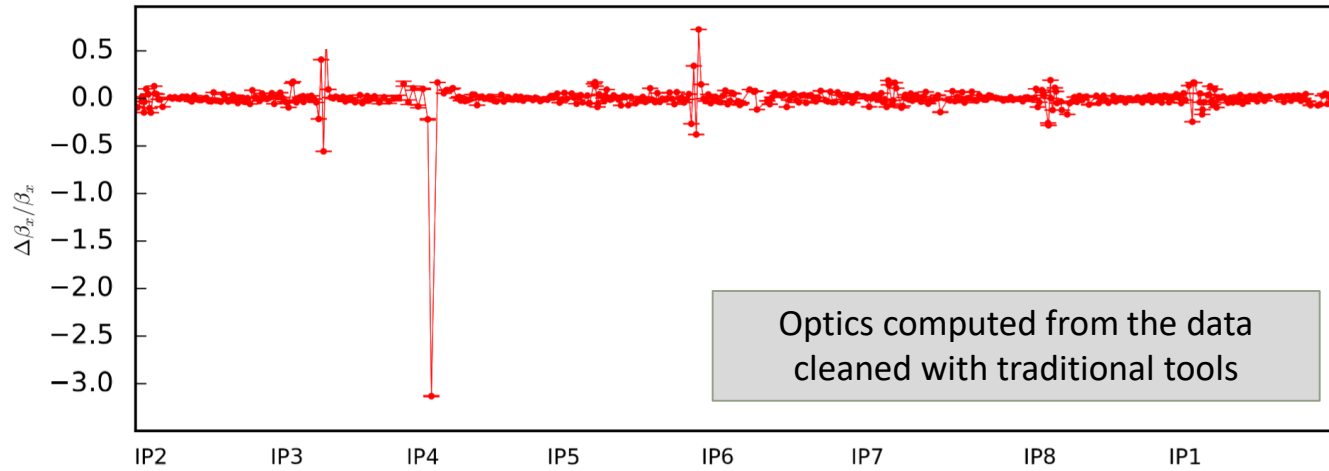
*Computed optics*



- Previously available techniques:  
BPM data cleaning based on Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) + signal cuts with predefined thresholds.
- Unphysical values still can be observed after cleaning with available tools: presence of faulty BPMs
  - Define outliers, manual cleaning of BPM signal, re-analyse the optics.
  - Important to detect as many faulty BPMs as possible **before** computing the optics

→ ML as an alternative solution to improve the analysis.

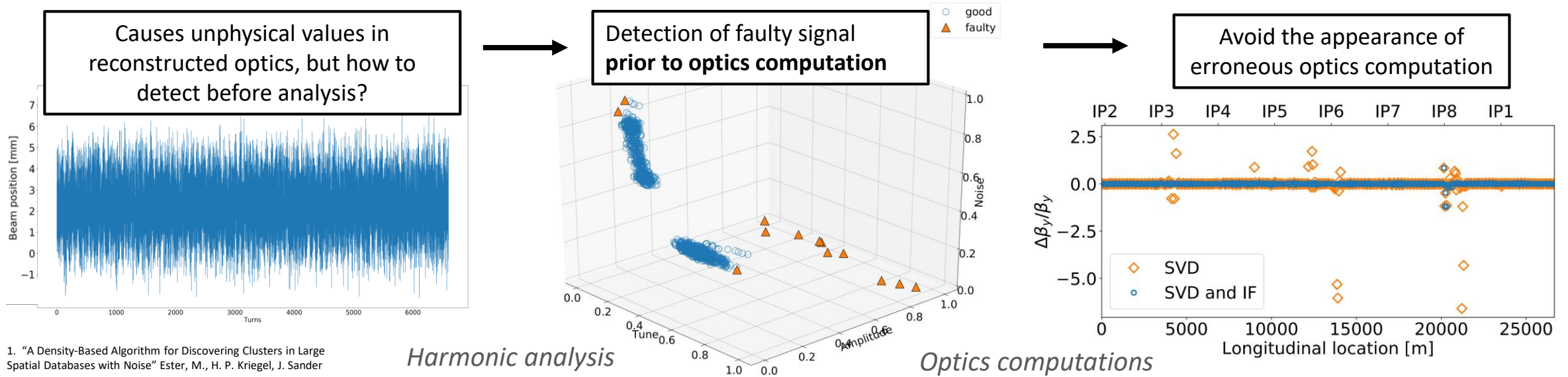
# Outliers in the optics computed from harmonic analysis of BPM signal



# Detection of faulty BPMs using unsupervised learning

**General Idea:** Since actual malfunctioning BPMs are unknown, we consider the **appearance of non-physical outliers** in reconstructed optics as **artifact of bad BPMs**.

- We do not want to replicate current results, so no training data set (input-output pairs) is available  
→ **Unsupervised Learning**
- Assuming most of the BPMs measure correctly, the bad BPMs should appear as **anomaly**  
→ **Anomaly detection techniques**
- Applied clustering algorithms: DBSCAN[1], Local Outlier Factor[2], anomaly detection using **Isolation Forest**[3] implemented with *Scikit-Learn*.



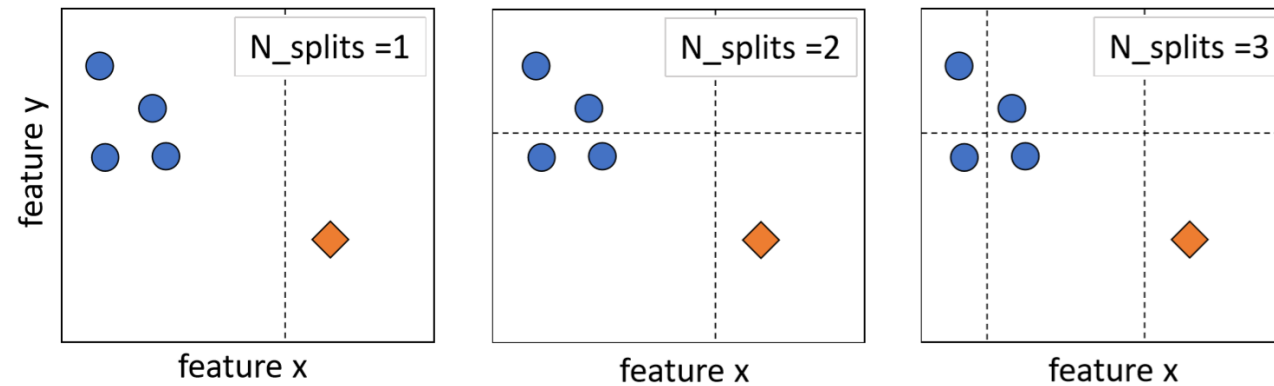
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3. Liu, Fei Tony, Ting, Kai Ming and Zhou, Zhi-Hua. "Isolation forest." Data Mining, 2008. ICDM'08.

# Isolation Forest (IF)

- Forest consists of several **decision trees**
- **Random splits aiming to “isolate” each point**
- The less splits are needed, the more “anomalous”
- **Contamination factor**: fraction of anomalies to be expected in the given data



*Conceptual illustration of Isolation Forest algorithm*

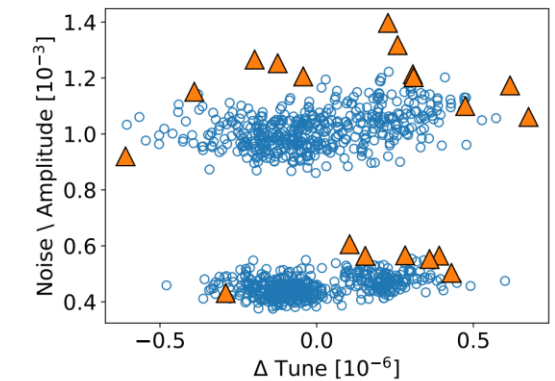
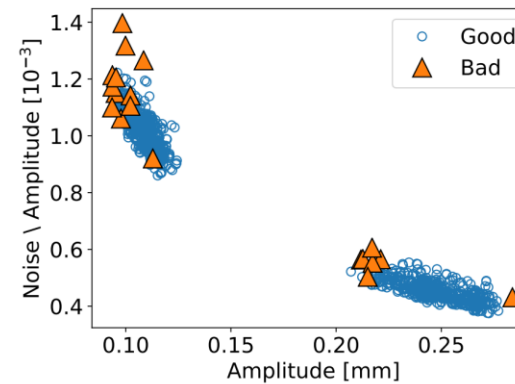
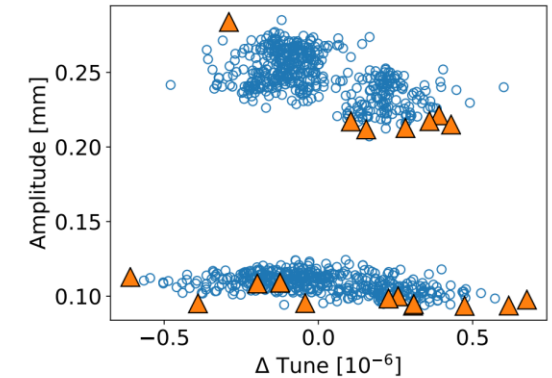
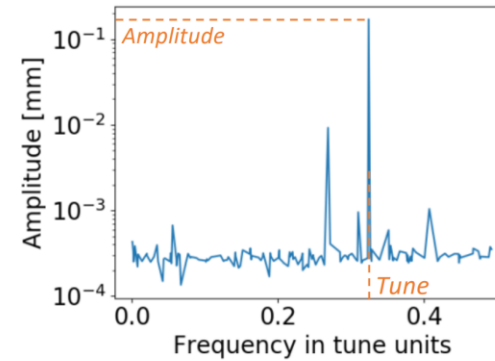
# BPM signal properties as input features

## Harmonic properties of BPM turn-by-turn signal

- Betatron tune (main frequency)
- Amplitude
- Noise to amplitude ratio

## Contamination factor

- First obtained from measurement statistics
- Refined on simulations introducing expected BPM faults.



*Input features and 2D-projection of anomaly detection in BPM data.*



# Unsupervised learning: how to verify the results?

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**No prior knowledge** about which BPMs will produce faulty signal in acquired turn-by-turn data.

→ Simulate faults\*: **bad BPMs are known**, cleaning results can be verified

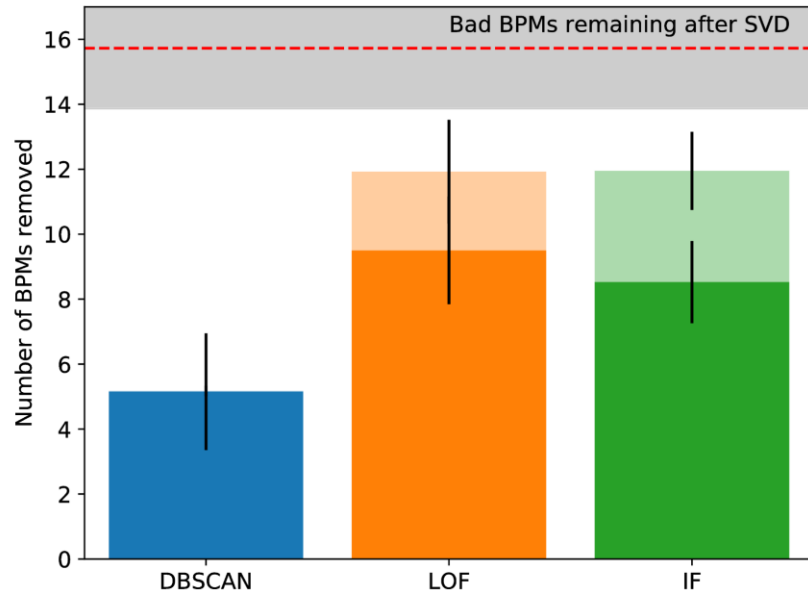
*\*Simulated data is used **only to verify** the algorithm, there is **no “training”**.*

Simulations setup:

- Around 5.5% per plane are faulty considering the statistics from the past measurements in 2018 (SVD detected bad BPMs + remaining outliers in the optics)
  - Generate ideal turn-by-turn signal with Gaussian background noise 0.1mm
  - Add signal perturbation **related to known faults** to 5.5% randomly chosen BPMs.
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- Compare clustering algorithms
  - Fine tuning of IF algorithm
  - Verify results on a larger data set

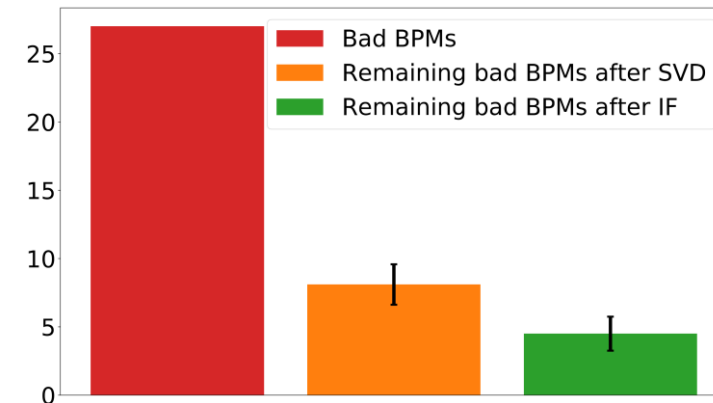
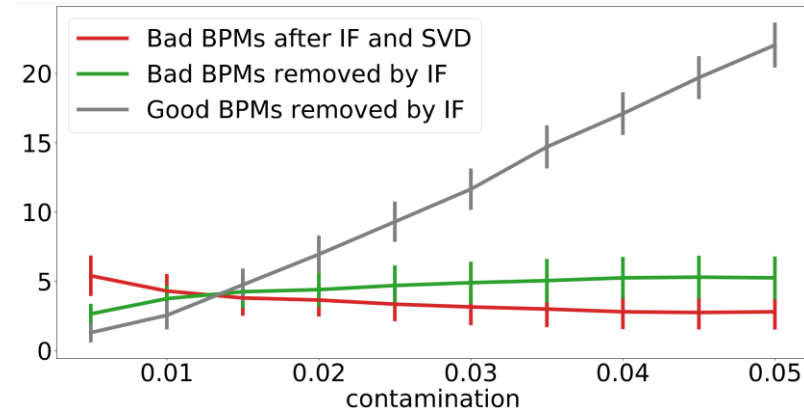
# Faulty BPMs detection: simulation study

- Comparing different suitable techniques:  
The presence of a single faulty BPM has more significant negative impact on the optics computation than the absence of a good BPM  
→ IF is preferred method for the LHC.



- Averaged results over 100 simulations

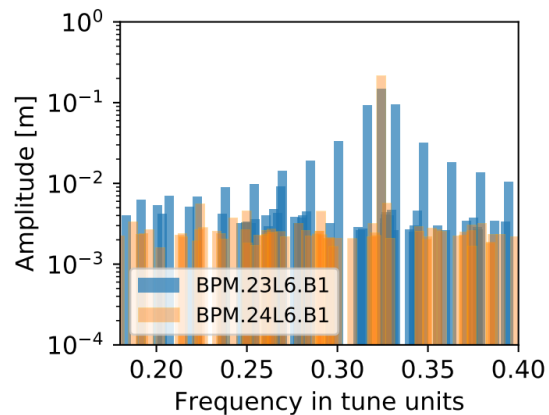
- Tuning of IF-algorithm **after finding optimal settings for SVD-cleaning**:  
→ Trade-off between eliminating bad BPMs and removing good BPMs as side effect by setting the expected contamination rate



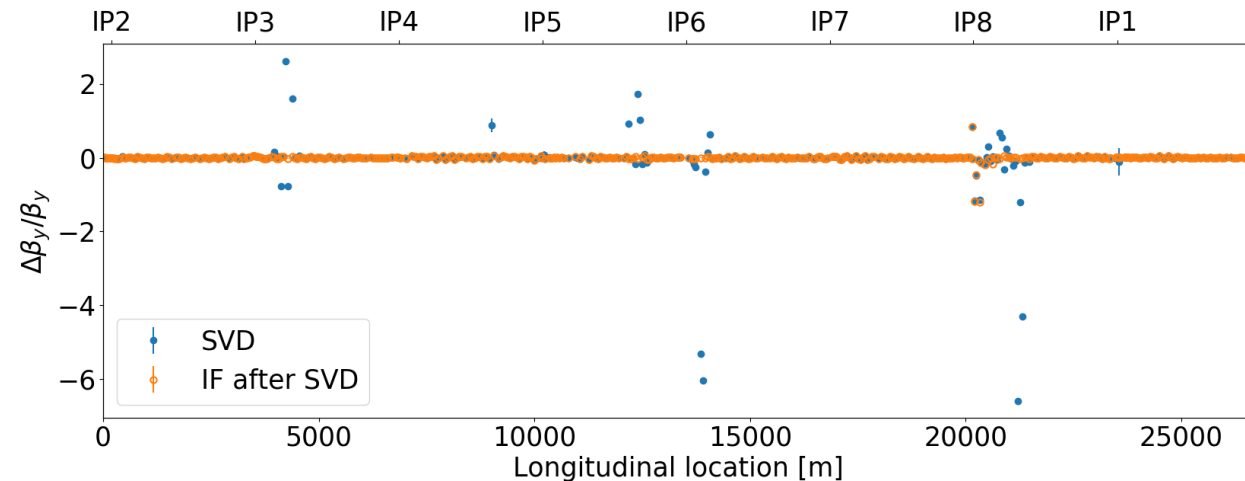
# IF in the LHC operation: detecting unknown failures

- Some artifacts in the signal are known to be related to BPM failures (manual cleaning would time consuming, but potentially possible).
- **How to deal with unknown failure modes?**

*Several BPMs with unusual pattern in the spectra indicating a new failure mode*



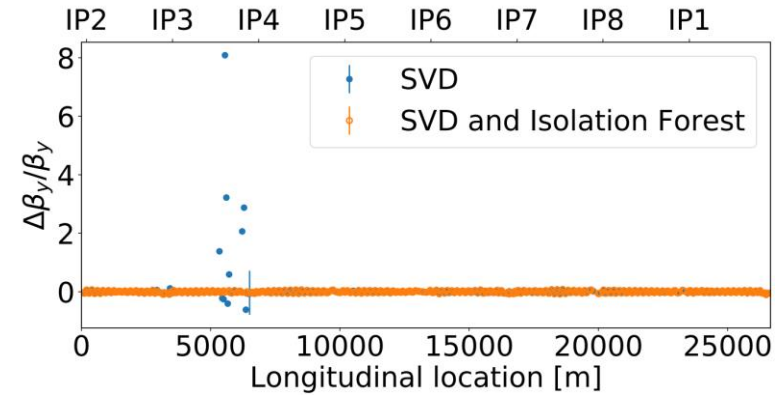
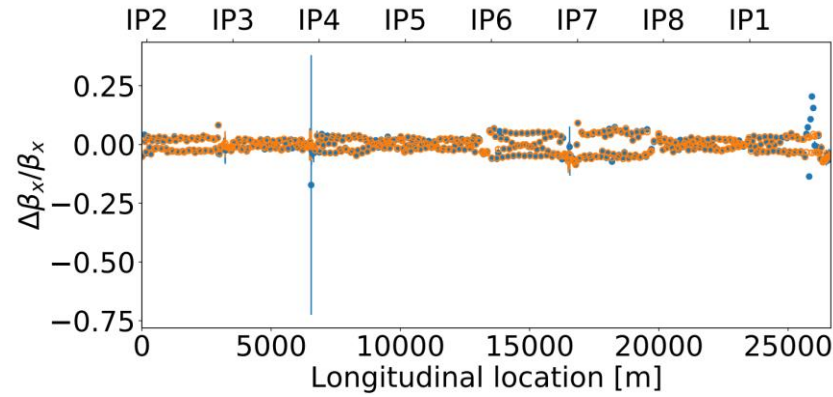
*First observed in: "Analysis of tune modulations in the LHC", D.W. Wolf  
Related to BPM failure: L. Malina, "Noise and stabilities",  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/859128/>*



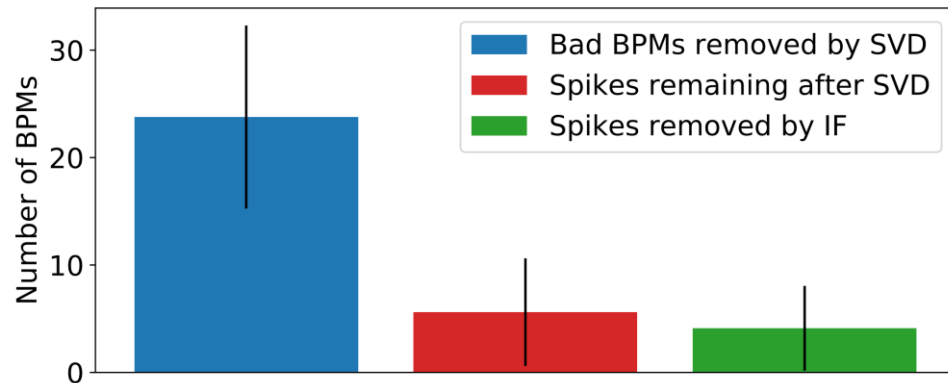
Since IF is based on the structures in given data  
➤ **Ability to identify previously unknown failures**

# IF in the LHC operation: $\beta$ -beating computed from cleaned BPM data

- Optics computation using the data cleaned with traditional techniques only vs. additionally applying IF



*Reduction of non-physical outliers in beta-beating, summary of measurements in 2018.*



✓ IF is **fully integrated** into optics measurements at LHC

✓ **Successfully used during beam commissioning and machine developments** in 2018 under different optics settings.

*Detection of faulty beam position monitors using unsupervised learning*  
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## II. Estimation of magnetic errors

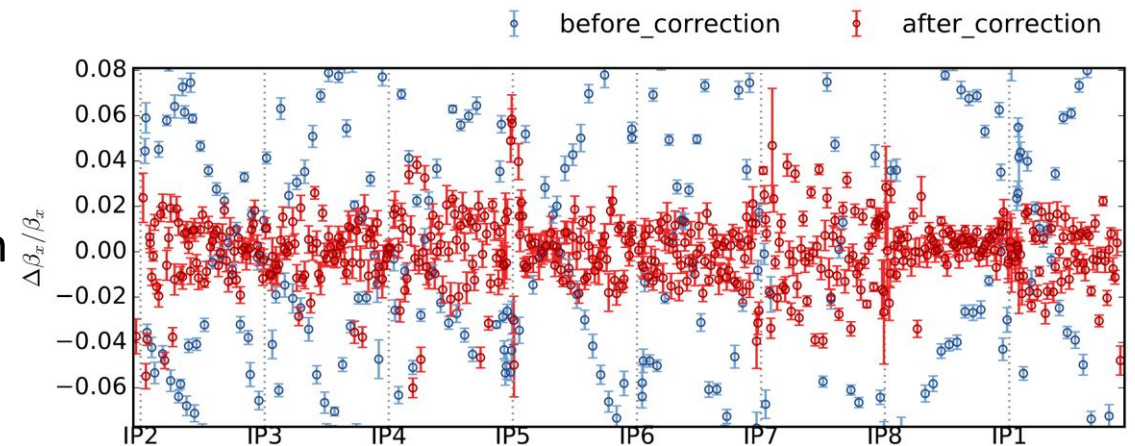
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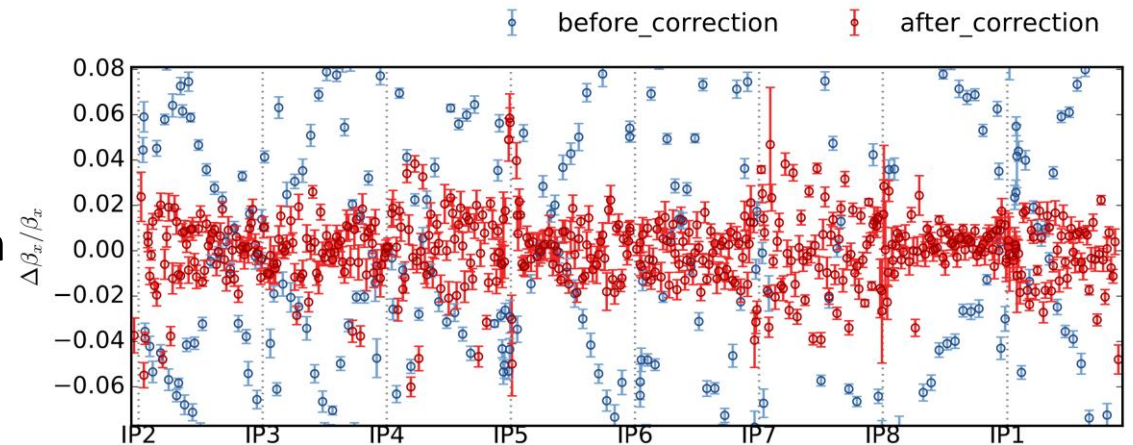
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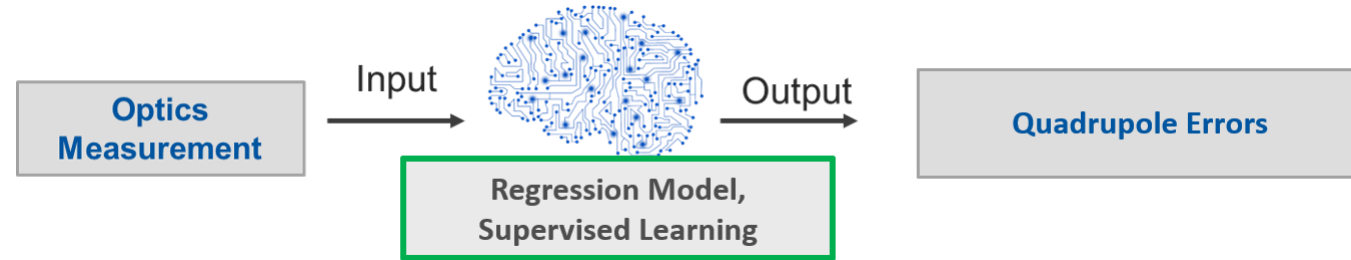
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  - How to determine the whole set of errors for both beams **simultaneously**?

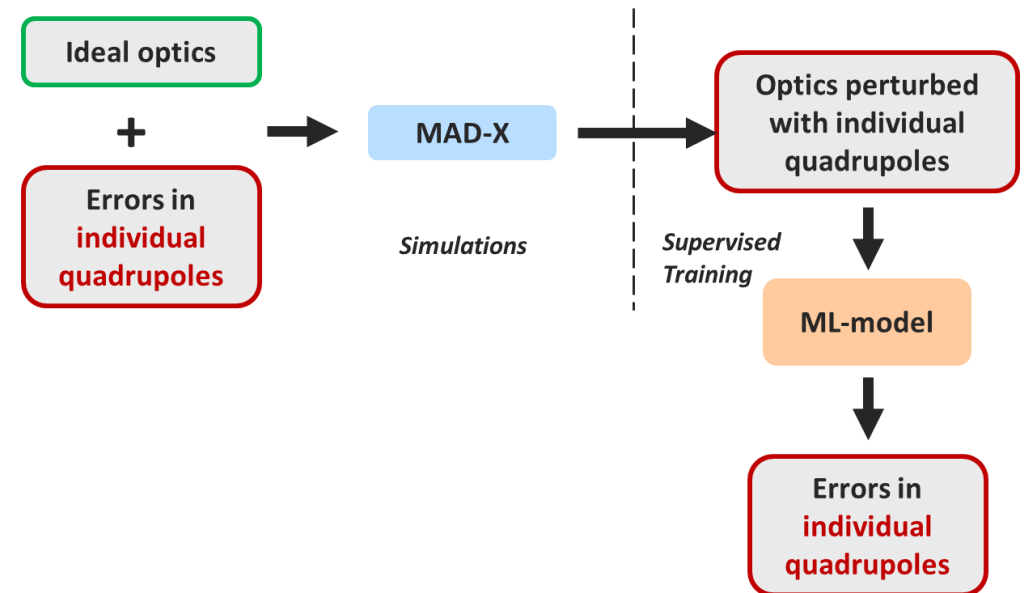


**Supervised Learning & multivariate regression**

# General concept



- Train **supervised regression model** to predict magnet errors from optics perturbations caused by these errors.
- Large dataset is needed in order to train a regression model: **simulations!**
- **Correlations** between magnetic errors and optics deviations from design can be **learned by ML-model**.





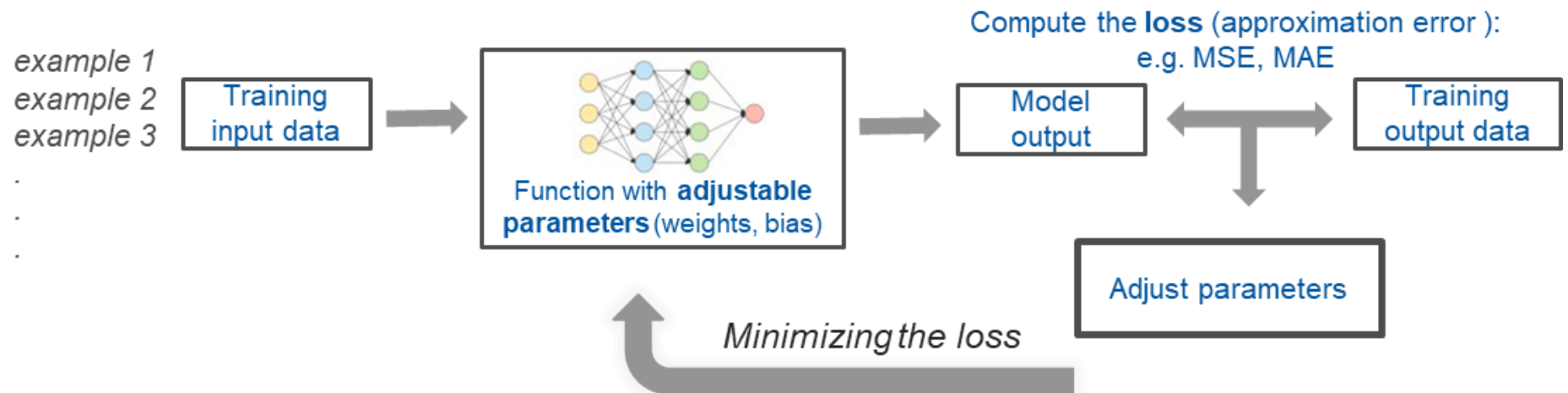
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## Supervised Learning

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

Predictive modeling, object recognition, medical diagnosis, fraud detection

- Fitting data with (complex) functions
- Mathematical models **learned from data** to describe **relationships** between variables in the system
- Learning = **estimate statistical model** from training data to make **predictions on new data**.



# Linear Regression model as predictor

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Linear model for *input*  $X$ , *output*  $Y$  - pairs,  $i$  – number of pairs (training samples), with *weights*  $w$ :

$$f(X, w) = w^T X$$

Residual sum of squares as **loss function** for model optimization:

$$L(w) = \sum_i (Y_i - f(X_i; w))^2$$

Find **new weights** minimizing the Loss function:

$$w^* = \arg \min_w L(w)$$

## Update weights for each incoming input/output pair

- Generalized model explaining relationship between input and output variables in **all training samples**.
- Test the model on unseen validation data.
- How to improve the predictive power of the model?

# Weights update regularization & bagging

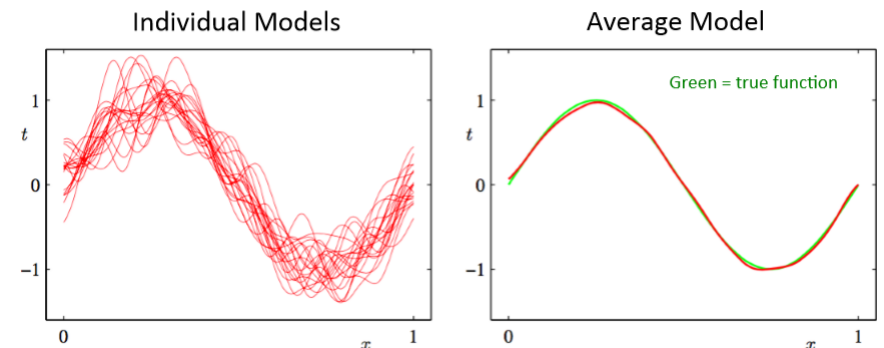
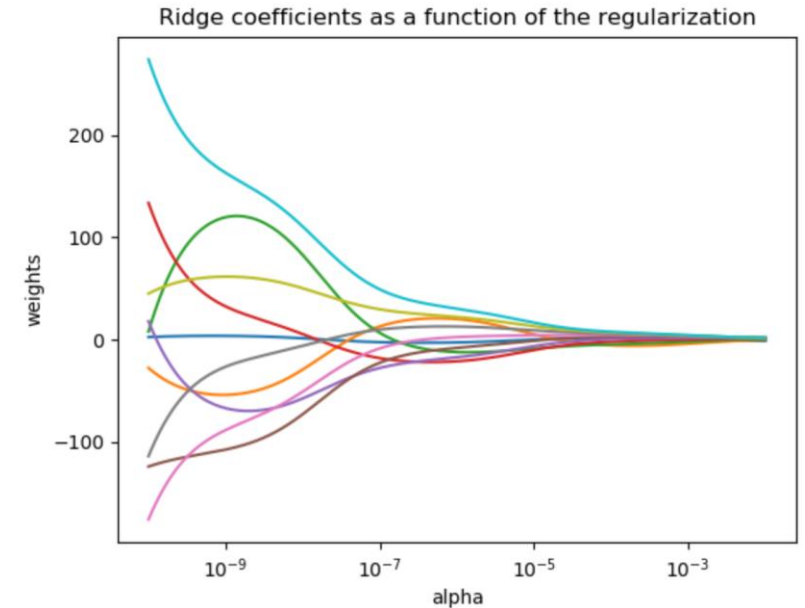
Too much “flexibility” in weights update can lead to *overfitting*

→ **Regularization** places constraints on the model parameters

- Trading some bias to reduce model variance
- Using **L2-norm**:  $\Omega(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_i w_i^2$ , adding the constraint  $\alpha\Omega(\mathbf{w})$  to the weights update rule: **Ridge Regression**
- The larger the value of  $\alpha$ , the stronger the shrinkage and thus the coefficients become more robust.

→ **Bagging**: Bootstrap Aggregating: reduce variance of the model, without increasing systematic error of prediction:

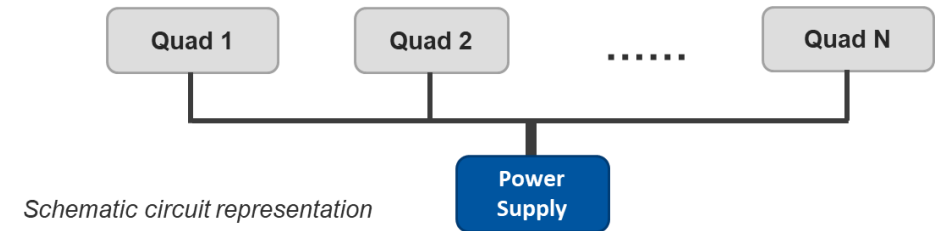
- Ensemble of slightly different models
- Train a separate model on a subset of training data
- Average output of each predictor for the final output.



[Bishop, “Pattern Recognition”]

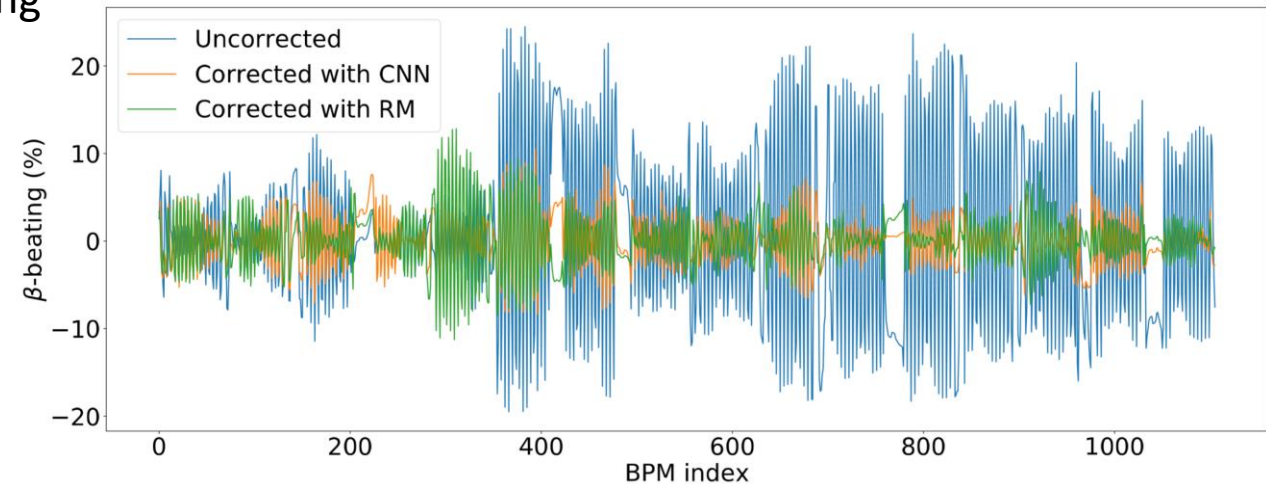
# Simplified studies: optics deviations caused by circuits errors

- **Training** data: perturb the optics by changing the strength in the **circuits (quadrupoles powered in series)**
- **Validation**: simulations perturbed with errors in **individual quadrupoles**



**Different algorithms are compared:** Orthogonal Matching Pursuit, Random Forest, Convolutional Neural Network:

- Similar results
- Linear Regression as baseline model:
  - easier to interpret,
  - faster to train,
  - mostly linear effects are present in simulations.
- Increasing the complexity of simulations step by step by adding additional error sources, exploring limitations of regression models.



→ *Correction results using Convolutional Neural Network are similar to Response Matrix.*

# Data generation and model training

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## Training samples generated using MAD-X:

- Using nominal optics settings corresponding to settings used in uncorrected machine
- Assigned magnetic errors: quadrupolar field errors, longitudinal displacement of quadrupoles, transverse misalignment of sextupoles, dipole field errors



**Realistic training data to make adequate prediction from measurements.**

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

## Selected model:

- Scikit-Learn implementation of Ridge Regression
- Bagging-estimator (combining 10 Ridge Regression – models, with regularization parameter  $\alpha=0.001$ )
- 80000 training samples (divided into training and test sets)

# How to evaluate trained models?

- “**ML point of view**”: compare predicted magnet errors with corresponding true values.

Figures of merit:  $MAE(y, \hat{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i|$        $R^2(y, \hat{y}) = 1 - \frac{Var\{y - \hat{y}\}}{Var\{y\}}$

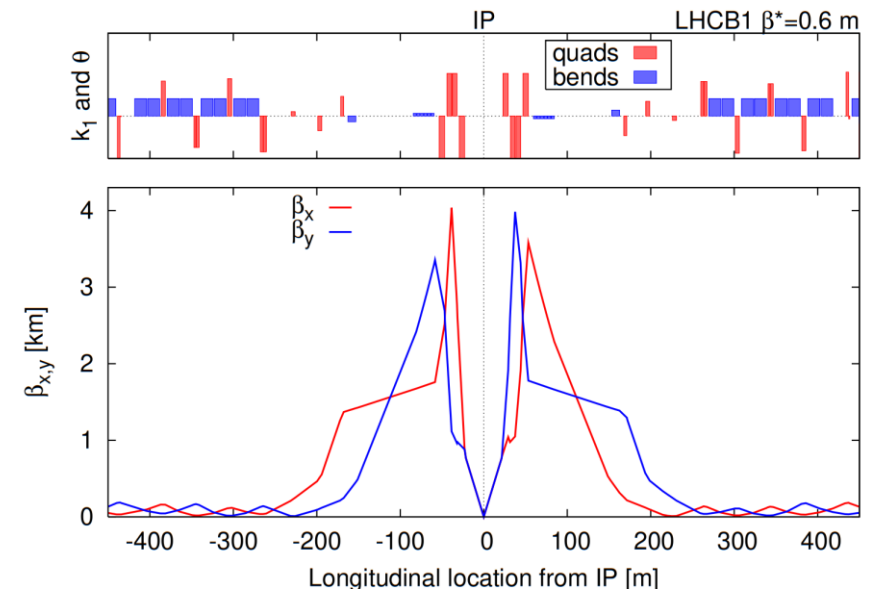
- **In terms of optics:**

ML-model input: **optics** perturbed with magnet errors to be predicted

ML- model output: **magnet errors** estimated from optics perturbations

How well can be reconstructed?

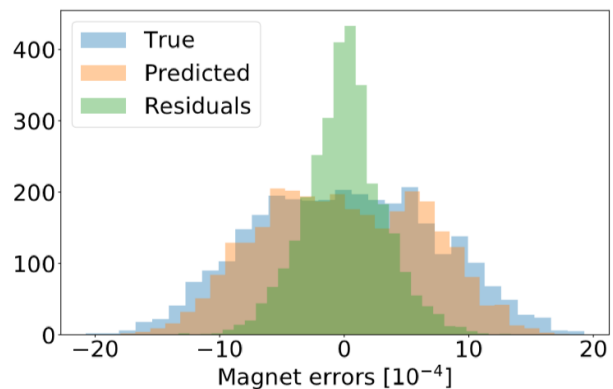
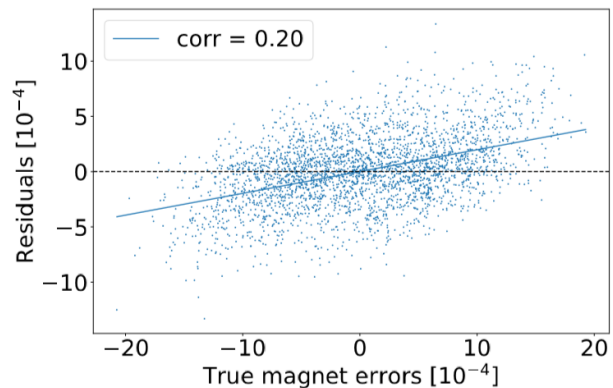
- Evaluating **triplet (quadrupoles next to Interaction Points)** and arcs magnet errors prediction separately:
  - local correction of the triplet is the most challenging part.
  - generates largest optics perturbations
  - translation of individual errors in the triplets into correction settings.



# Results on simulations: errors of prediction

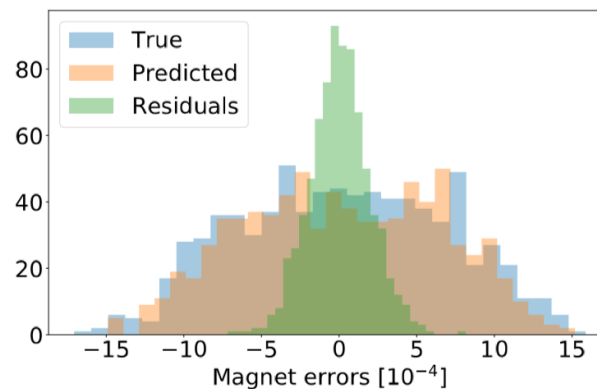
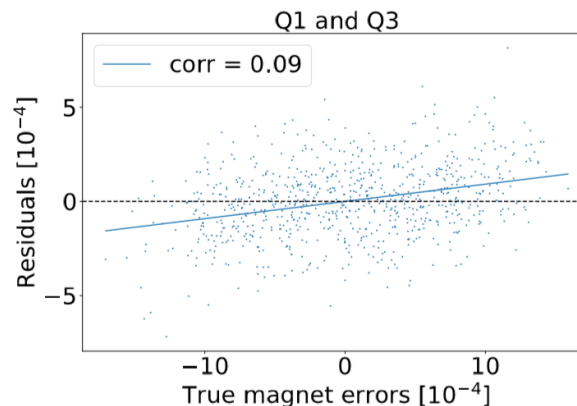
## ➤ Comparison between true simulated and predicted errors

*Field errors in individual magnets around Interaction Points*

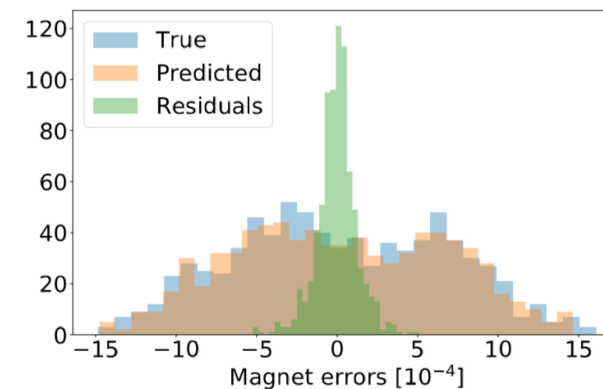
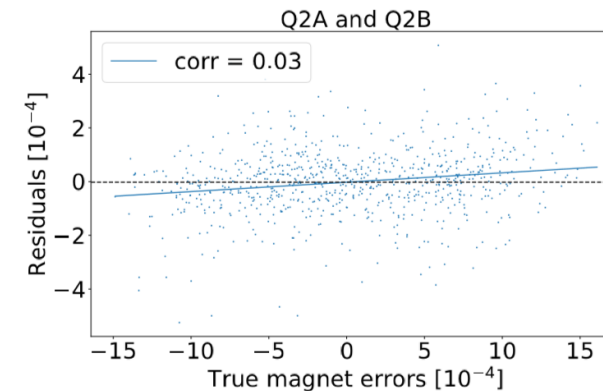


systematic prediction error (bias) → 19%,  
random error (variance) ~ 30%.

*Combining individual quadrupole errors according to the powering scheme in the LHC*



5% systematic prediction error



1% systematic prediction error

# Results on simulations: comparing resulting optics errors

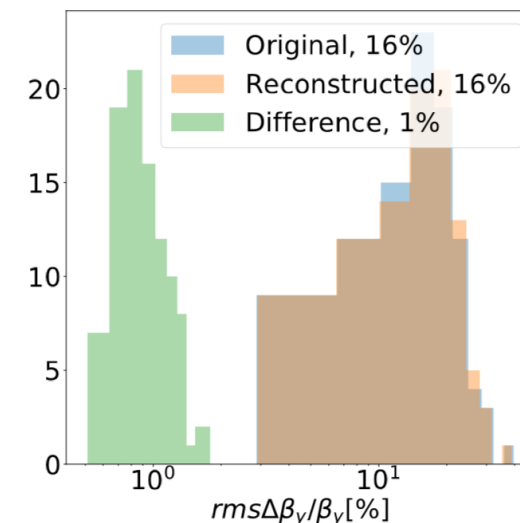
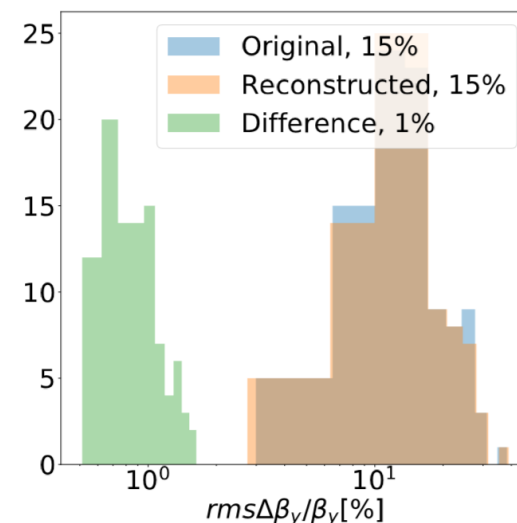
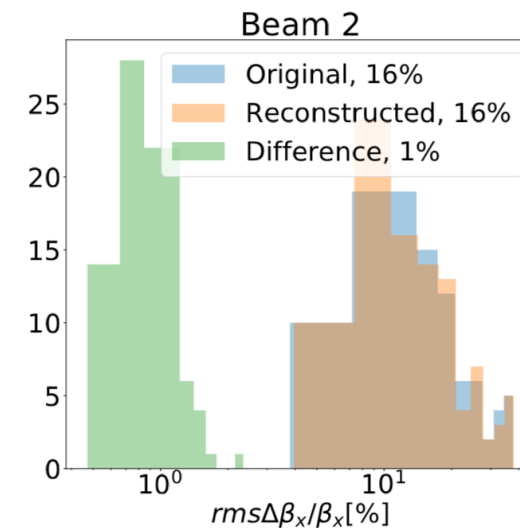
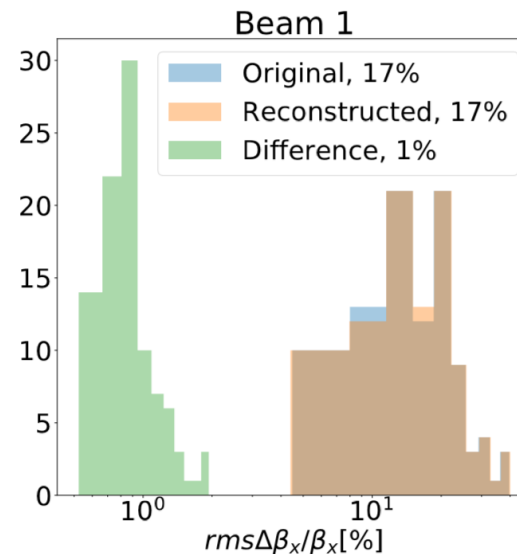
Ideal optics +  
**simulated errors** = perturbed optics



Difference  
 $\Delta\beta/\beta_{mdl}$ ?

Ideal optics +  
**predicted errors** = reconstructed optics

→ Very good agreement between the optics simulated with true magnetic errors and simulations generated with the errors predicted by the model.



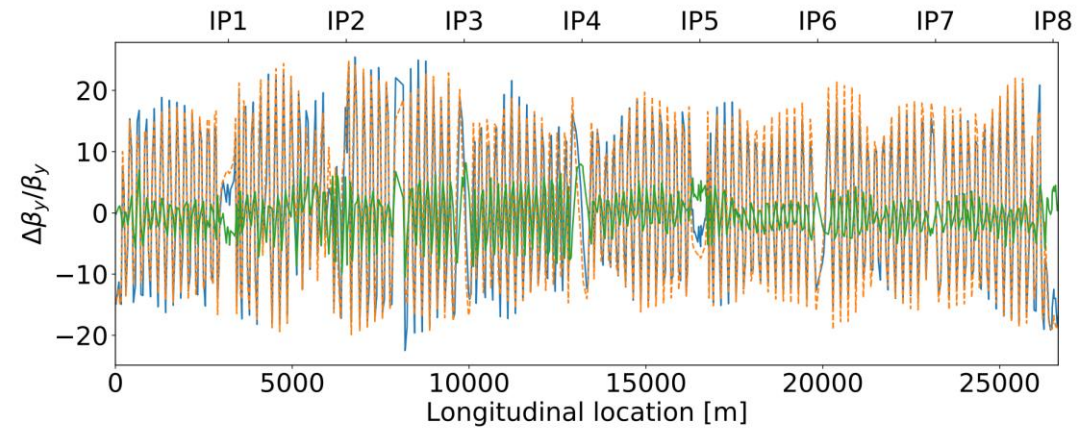
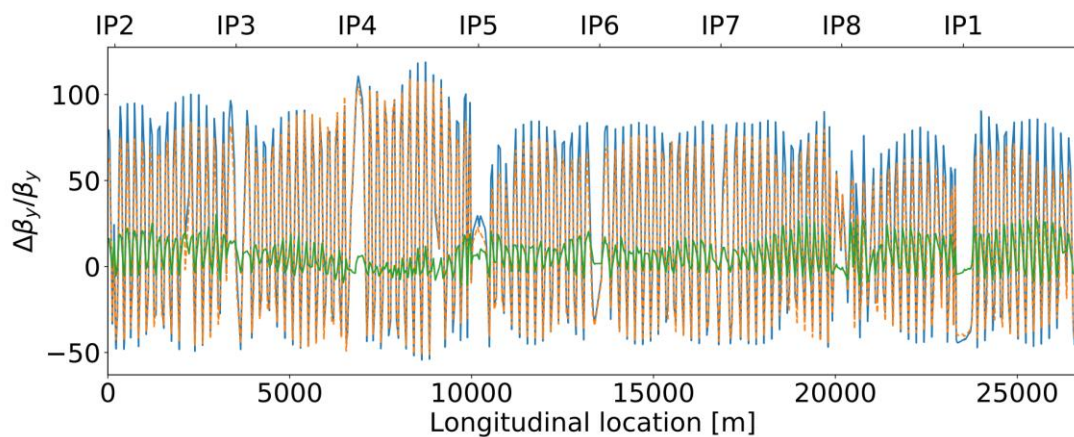
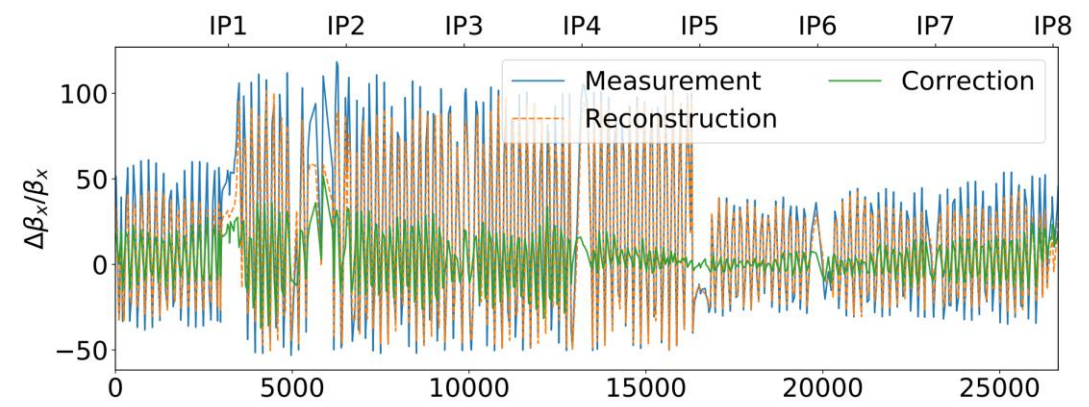
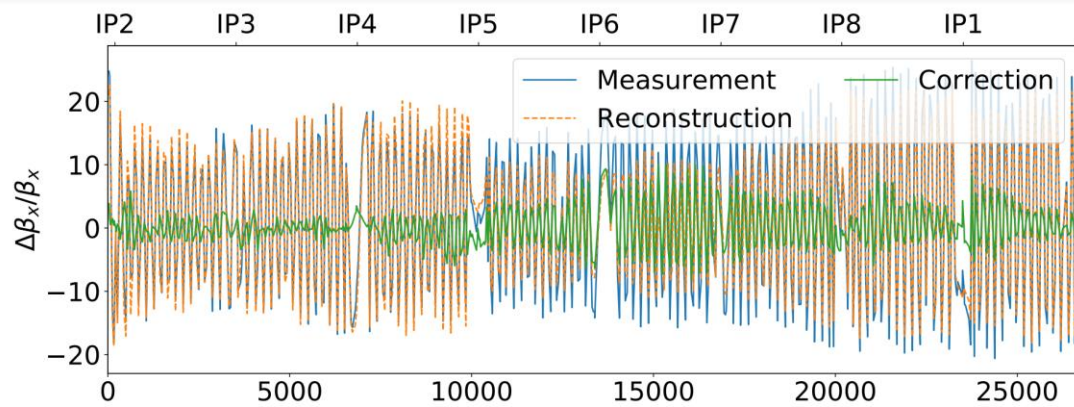


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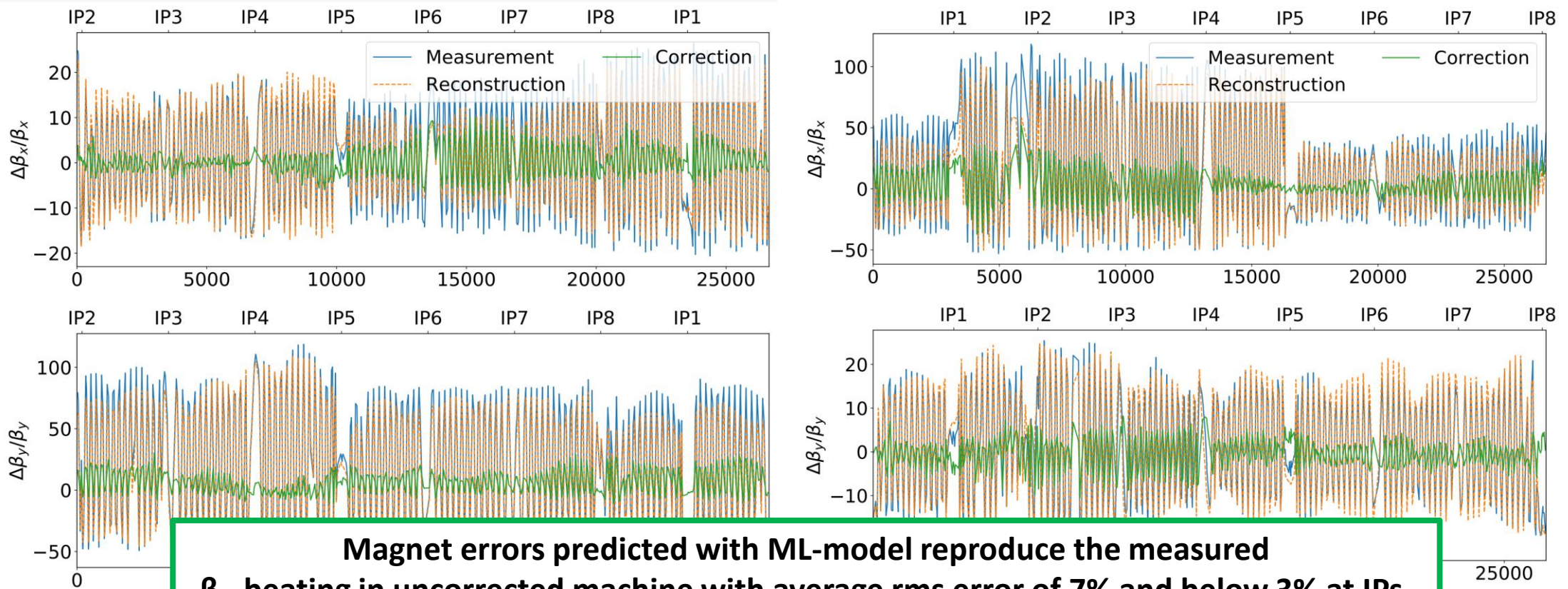


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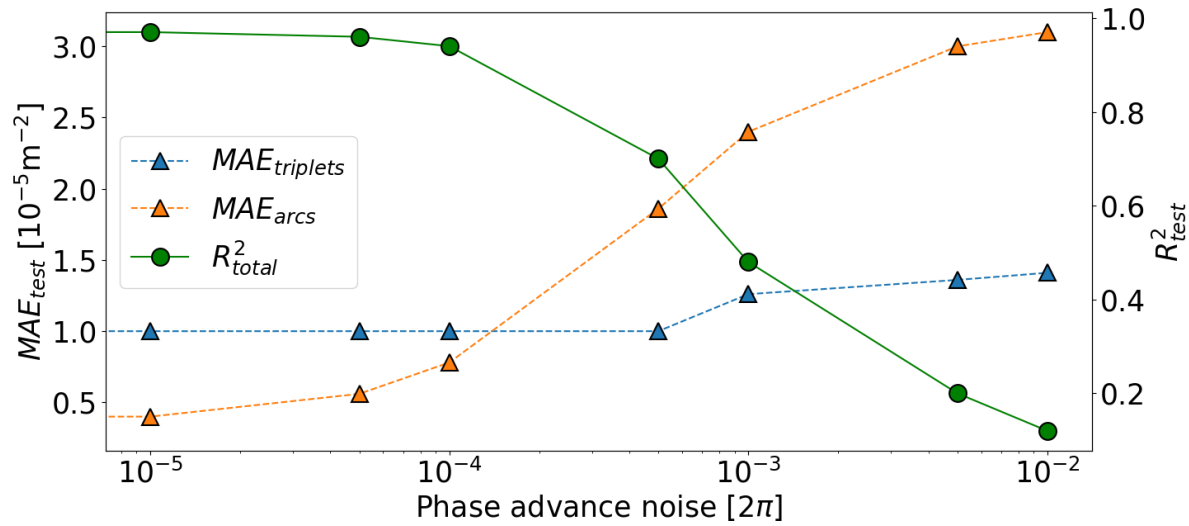
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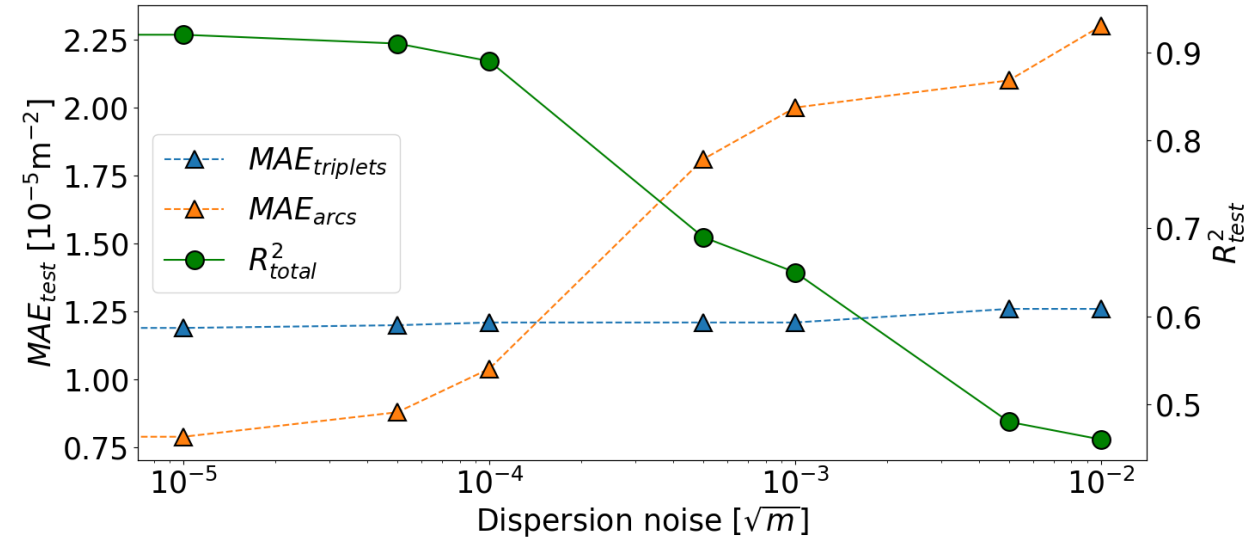


# Effect of the noise

Model scores depending on the **phase advance noise** (other input features are not used)



Model scores depending on the **dispersion noise**, phase advance noise is unchanged



- Prediction of magnetic errors in the arcs sections suffers from the presence of noise
- Simulations in the absence of noise: very high ML-model scores
- Increasing prediction quality possible with more precise measurements of optics functions used as regression model input.

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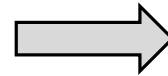
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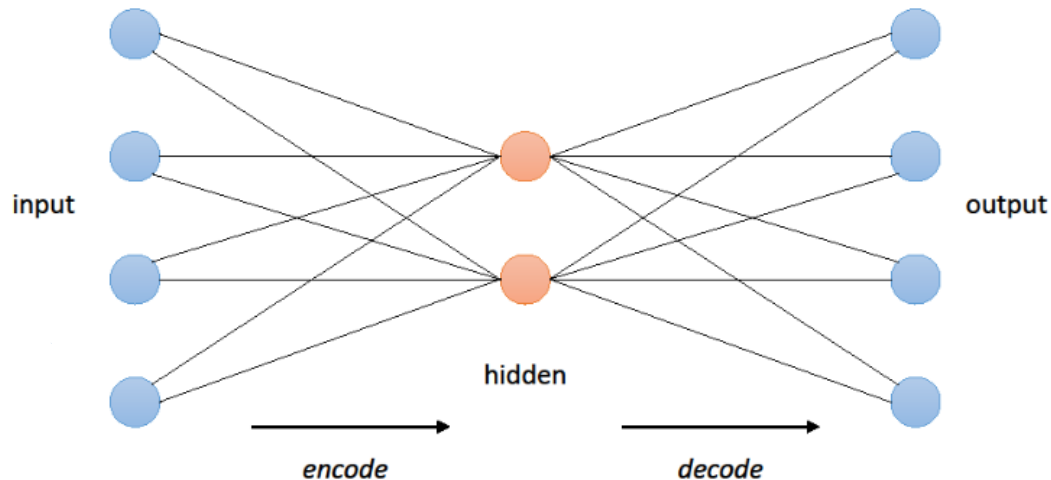


## Denoising Autoencoder

- A special neural network designed to reproduce given input as output of the network
- **Neural Network: approximation of non-linear functions**

### Applications:

- Denoising of data
- Dimensionality reduction
- Generative modeling
- Supervised and unsupervised learning



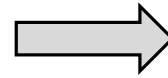
Encoder: **compressing** the input data to lower dimensions

Decoder: **reconstructing** the data into original input.

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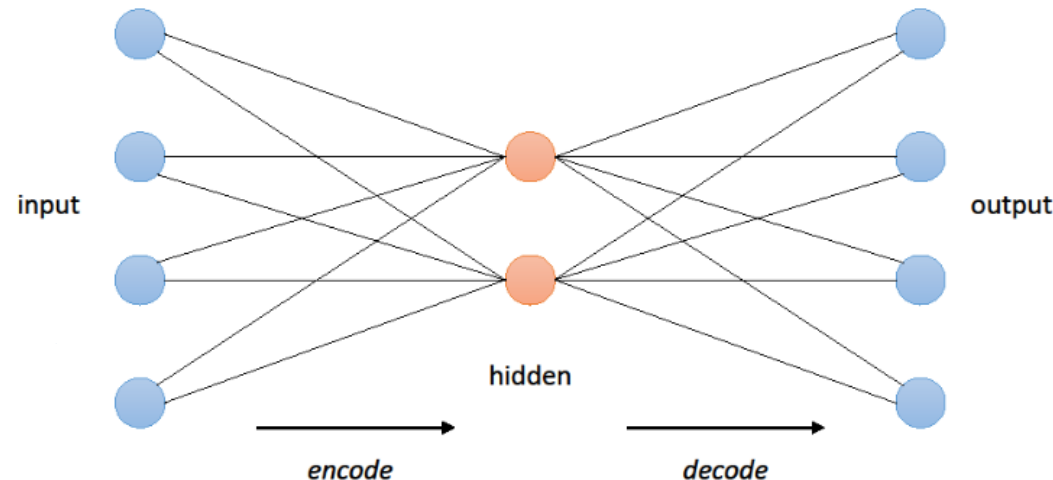
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Simulated optics observable  
+ noise  
- observation at few locations

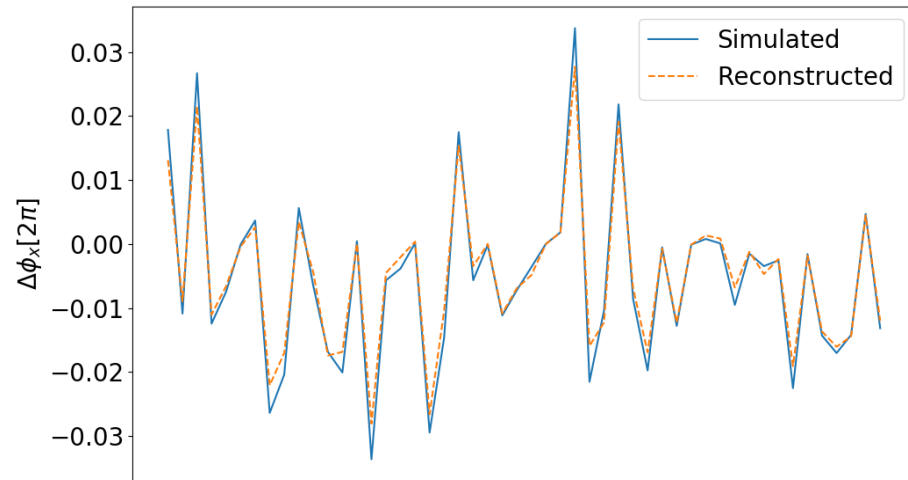


Original full set of  
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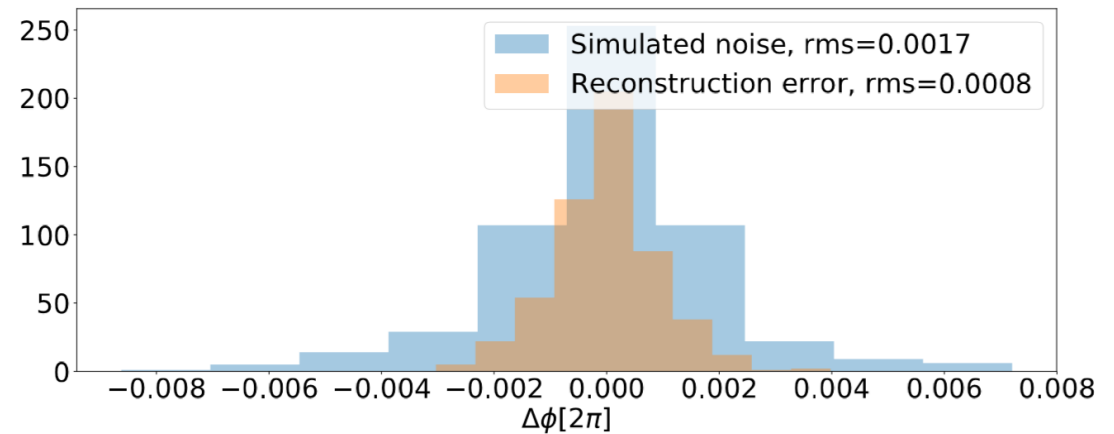
# Reconstruction and denoising of phase advance deviations

- Input: simulated phase advance deviations given noise and replacing 10% of values with 0 (faulty BPMs)
- Output: original simulated phase advance deviations
- Autoencoder with 4 hidden layers, 10000 samples

*Reconstruction of missing values in a validation sample*



- ✓ **Missing BPMs:** possibility to obtain reliable estimation of the phase advance deviations at the location of faulty BPMs.

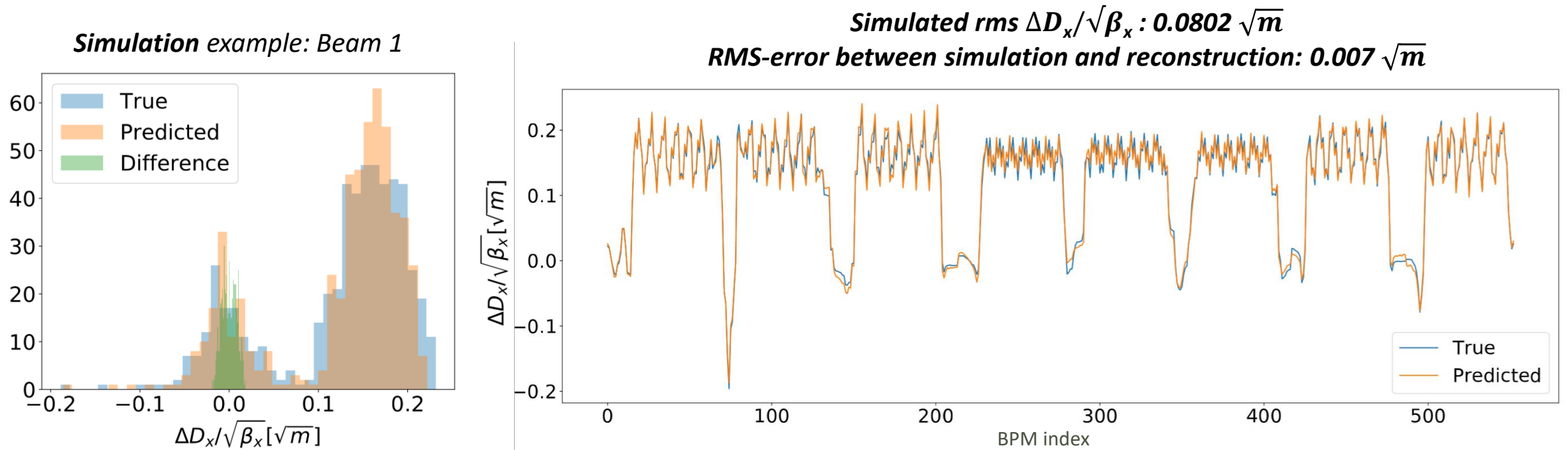


- ✓ **Full set of phase advance deviations:** reconstruction error is by factor 2 smaller than simulated realistic noise.



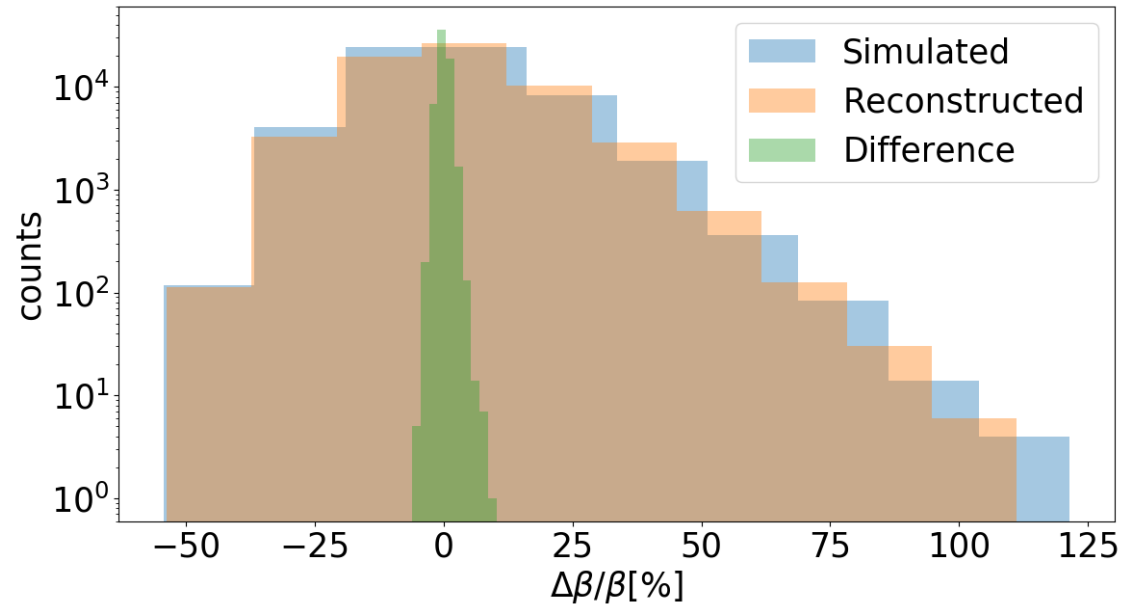
# Reconstruction of normalized dispersion from phase advance deviations

- **Input:** simulated phase advance deviations given noise
- **Output:** normalized dispersion  $\Delta D_x / \sqrt{\beta_x}$
- Using **linear regression model:** Ridge Regression, 10 000 samples



# Reconstruction of $\beta$ from phase advance deviations

**Simulation:** summary of 1000 seeds



- **Input:** simulated phase advance deviations given noise (beam 1 and 2, horizontal and vertical planes)
- **Output:**  $\Delta\beta$  errors at 2 BPMs left and right from IPs 1, 2, 5 and 8 (32 variables in total)
- Ridge Regression, 10 000 training samples

➤ Reconstruction error:  $\frac{\beta_{\text{simulated}} - \beta_{\text{reconstructed}}}{\beta_{\text{simulated}}} = 1\%$

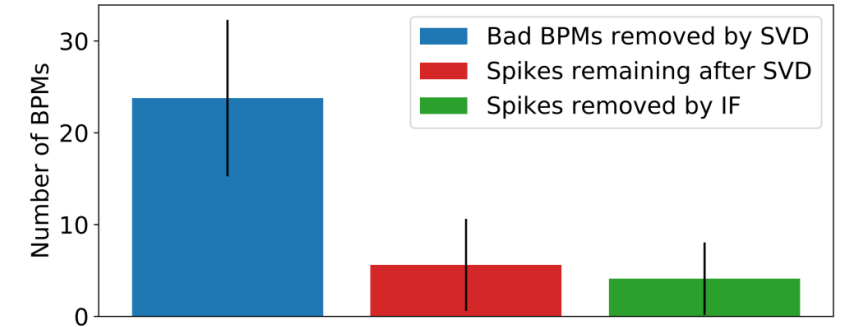
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- **Detection of faulty BPMs:**

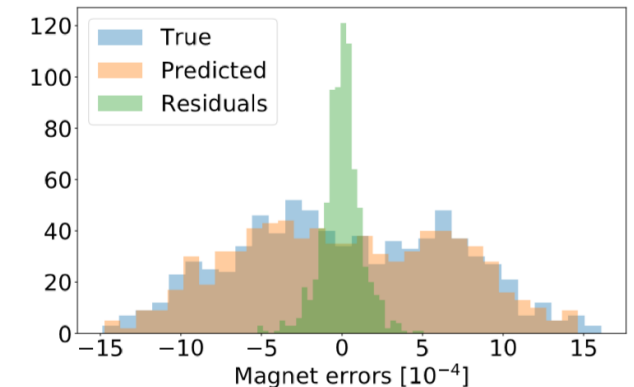
- Predefined rules and thresholds are not sufficient to identify faulty BPMs.
- ✓ Unsupervised Learning based cleaning technique became **fully operational** standard part of optics analysis
- ✓ Identified previously unknown bad BPMs efficiently in 2018 **without human intervention**.

- **Estimation of magnet errors and optics reconstruction:**

- Optics corrections today are done in two steps (local and global).
- ✓ ML-models allow to **predict all quadrupole errors** for both beams simultaneously, local and global errors in one step
- ✓ Promising results on simulations and experimental data, especially for **optics corrections in Interaction Regions** (1 - 5% systematic error)
- Current limitations:
  - Linear error sources in training simulations
  - Prediction of arc magnet errors highly depends on the noise in the measured optics observables.



*Summary of measurements in 2018, nearly all unphysical outliers can be removed by IF*

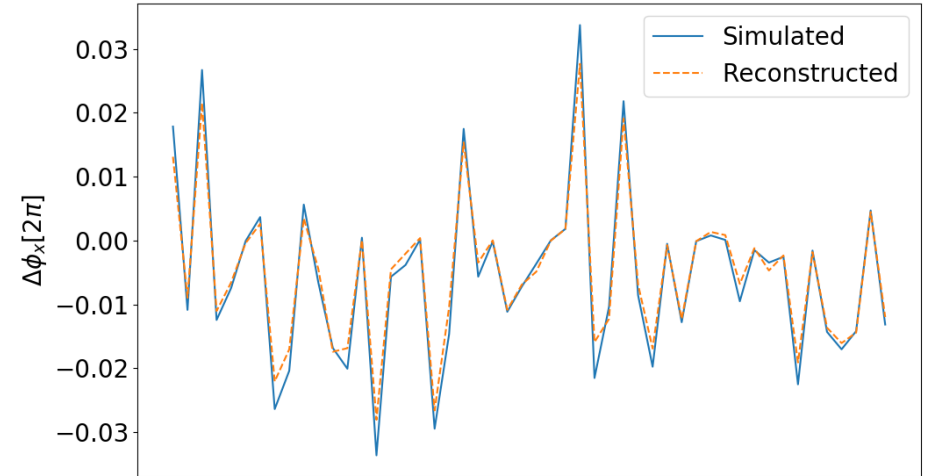


*Residual error for a correlated group of triplet quadrupoles*

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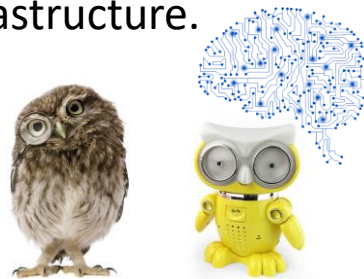
- **Denoising and reconstruction of missing data:**

- ✓ Successfully demonstrated on simulations the possibility **reduce noise** of phase advance measurements using autoencoder
- ✓ **Reconstruction of missing features** for the magnet errors prediction → re-training on available data is not needed
- ✓ Linear regression models to reconstruct optics observables from phase advance deviations
- ✓ Providing **optics functions estimates**, when time costly measurements techniques cannot be performed



- **Outlook:**

- Optics-independent model: mixed training set of simulations generated using different nominal optics settings
- Correction knobs from predicted individual errors
- Integration into operational LHC software infrastructure.



*Thank you very much for your attention!*

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