

# On-line Optimization of European XFEL with OCELOT

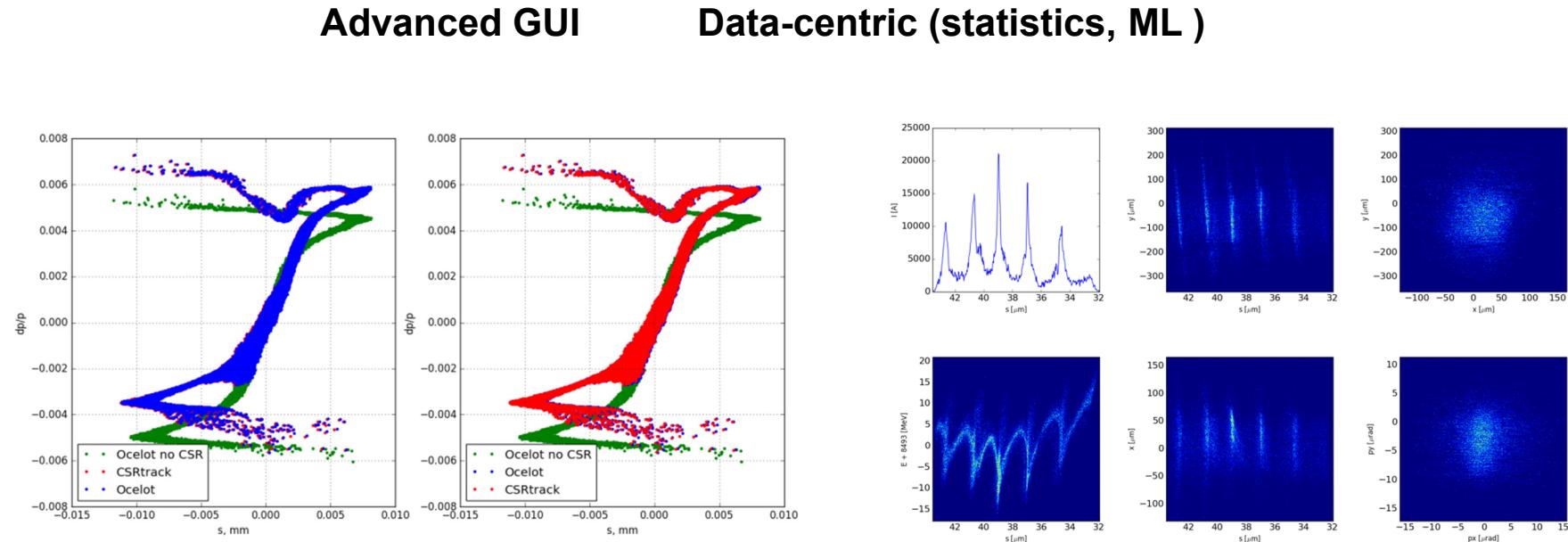


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# OCELOT concept

- Started as simulation project (Undulator radiation, FEL) at European XFEL
- FELs are notorious for difficulty in model-to-measurement comparison (short pulse length, small emittances, synchronization - diagnostics non-trivial) and need of manual retuning. This puts a limit on the merit of simulations (such as taper optimization).
- Branched into more on-line control-oriented development
- Resulting concept of generic simulation/controls framework/library, featuring

**Electron beam physics models    X-ray physics models    On-line Controls**



# OCELOT technical concept

- Everything in python. Focus on simplicity
  - No API to other languages
  - Everything is a python object, no (additional) input language, no parsing, no data standards, free serialization. Implement only physics
  - Parsers however easily implementable (included ELEGANT, MAD-X, GENESIS)
- Abundant numerical libraries
  - *Numpy, scipy, matplotlib, mpi4py*
  - *Scikit-learn* for machine learning
- Not a standalone application but a python library + a set of tools
- Code optimized when possible, but simplicity and usability has priority over speed
- Modular physics process architecture (concept similar to *Geant4*)
- Open source

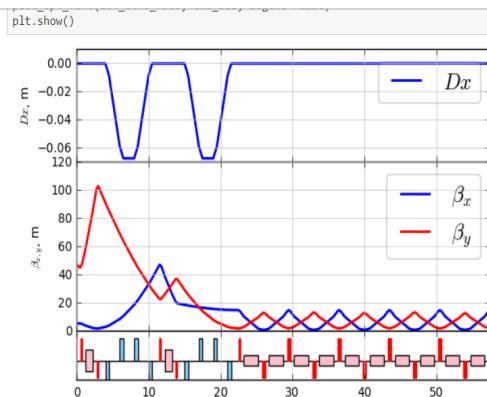


# OCELOT details

- Single-particle electron optics
- Beam dynamics in linacs
  - Wakes, CSR, Space charge
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> order tracking
- X-ray optics
  - Fourier optics
  - Dynamic diffraction (Bragg)
- Synchrotron radiation
  - UR/SR solvers
- FEL calculations
  - Integrates Genesis
- Controls interface and optimization tools

- Tutorials on <https://github.com/ocelot-collab/ocelot>:
  - [Tutorial N1. Linear optics. Web version.](#)
  - [Tutorial N2. Tracking. Web version.](#)
  - [Tutorial N3. Space Charge. Web version.](#)
  - [Tutorial N4. Wakefields. Web version.](#)
  - [Tutorial N5. CSR. Web version.](#)
  - [Tutorial N6. RF Coupler Kick. Web version.](#)
  - [Tutorial N7. Lattice design. Web version.](#)

Jupyter  
nbviewer



## Step 3. Matching section

```
In [9]: Q1 = Quadrupole(l=0.3, k1=1)
Q2 = Quadrupole(l=0.3, k1=1)
Q3 = Quadrupole(l=0.3, k1=1)
Q4 = Quadrupole(l=0.3, k1=1)

m1 = Marker()
m2 = Marker()
dm = Drift(l=1.5)
match_sec = (m1, dm, Q1, dm, Q2, dm, Q3, dm, Q4, dm, m2)

lat_m = MagneticLattice(match_sec[::-1])
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On GitHub <https://github.com/ocelot-collab/ocelot>

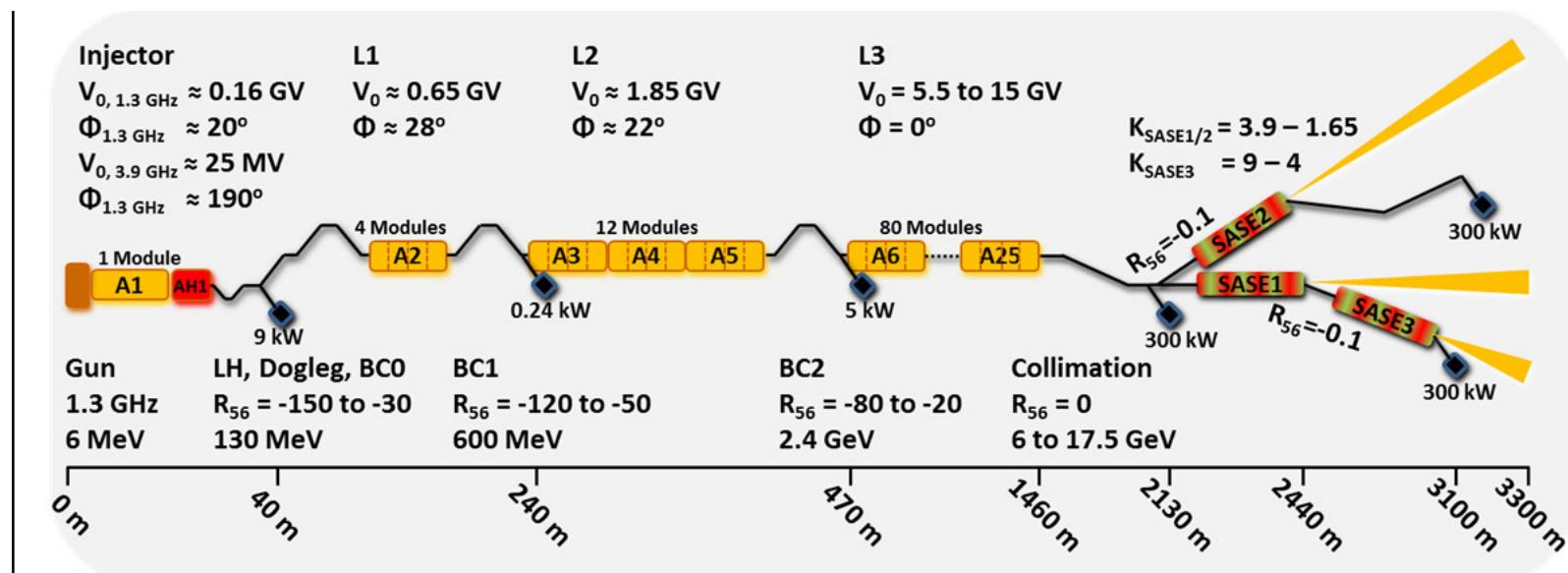
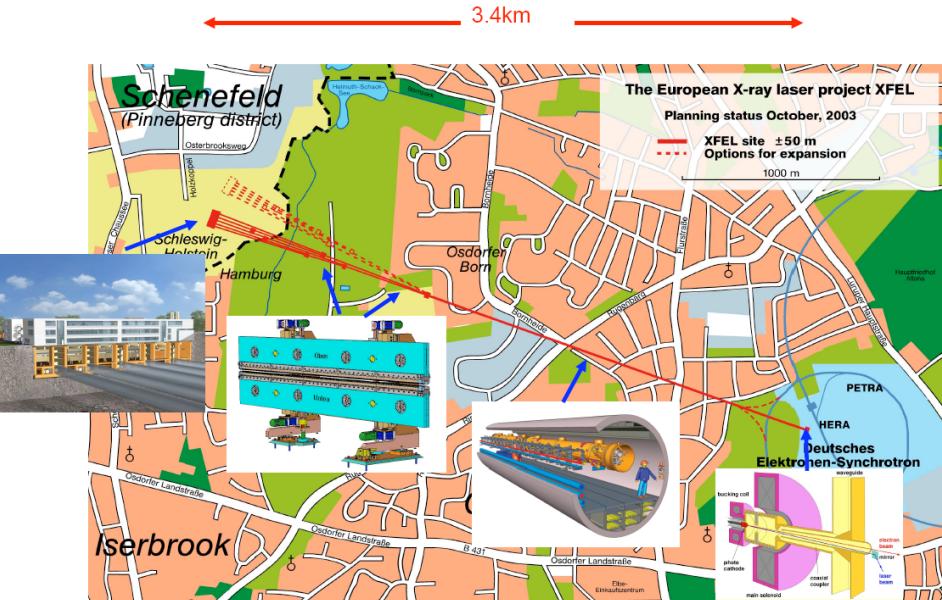
I. Agapov et al., NIM A. 768 2014



# The European XFEL in a nutshell

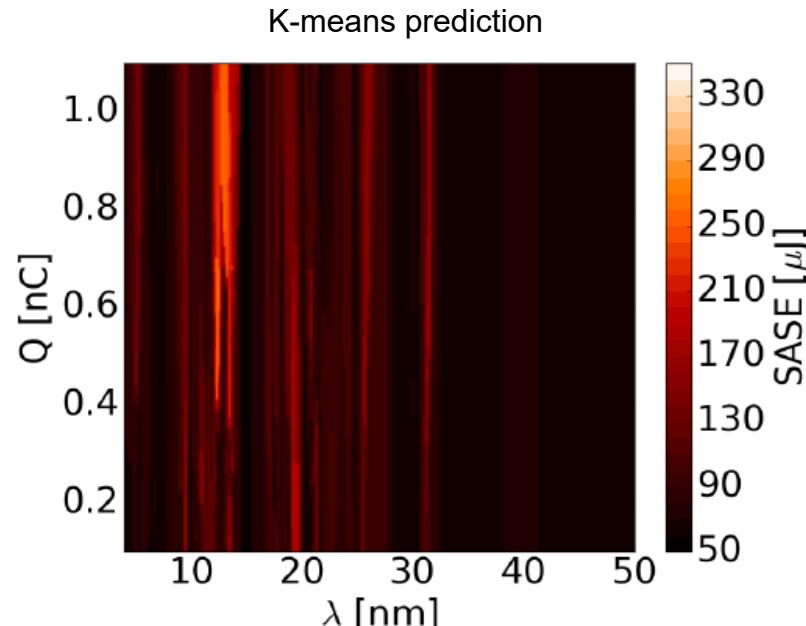
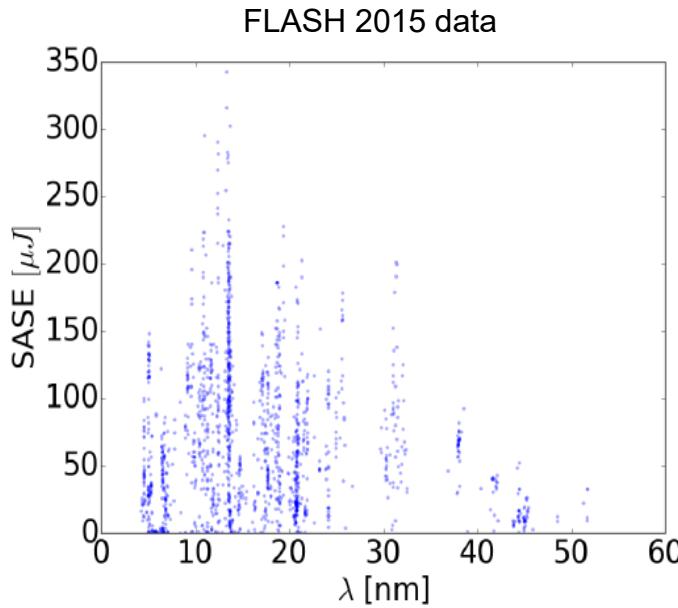
## Driven by superconducting linac

- Pulse repetition rate                                    10 Hz
- Pulse length    600 ms
- #bunches per pulse                                    2700 -
- Bunch length (compressed)                            2-180 fs (FWHM)
- Bunch charge    0.02-1 nC
- Slice emittance                                        0.4-1.0 mm mrad
- Slice energy spread                                    4-2 MeV



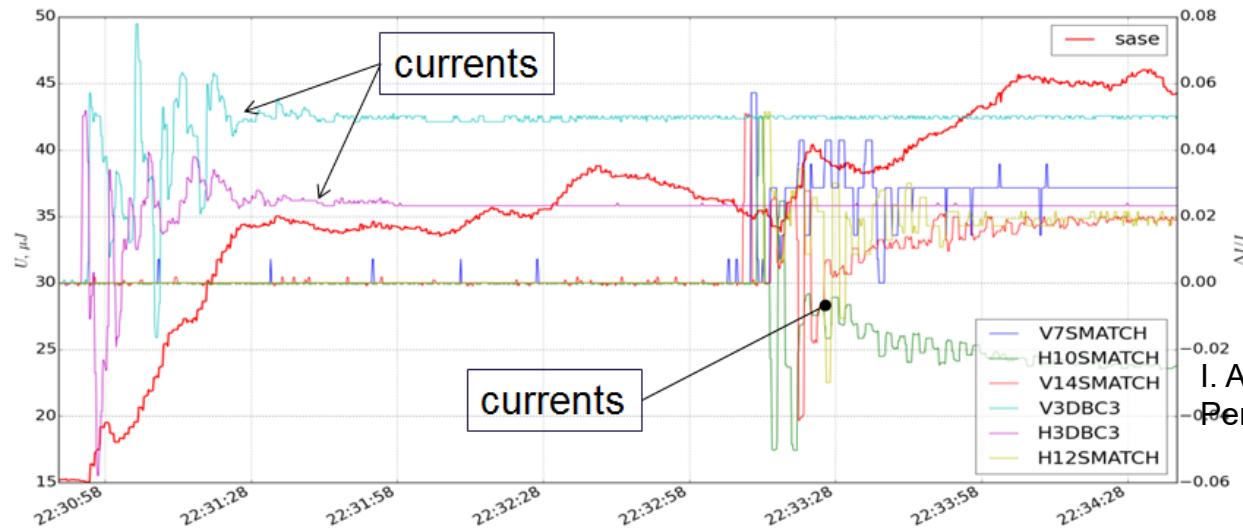
# Optimization and tuning

- Even when major technical systems work well, getting close-to-design photon pulse parameters requires manual fine-tuning
- Tuning done with the gun, linac RF voltages and phases, orbit, optics, undulator gaps, phase shifters, ....
- Hundreds of free tuning parameters
- Requires time and expertise, and the results varies depending on operator, time investment and machine conditions
- With increasing complexity and pressure on availability, more automation needed



# Optimizer - FLASH

- Undulator orbit, optics matching and compression tweaked empirically at FLASH for SASE tuning
- Implemented a tool that optimizes SASE with a set of actuators with a functional minimization instead of manually
- Major difficulty: parameter setup (signal averaging, device boundaries) and error handling (hardware and software hiccups)

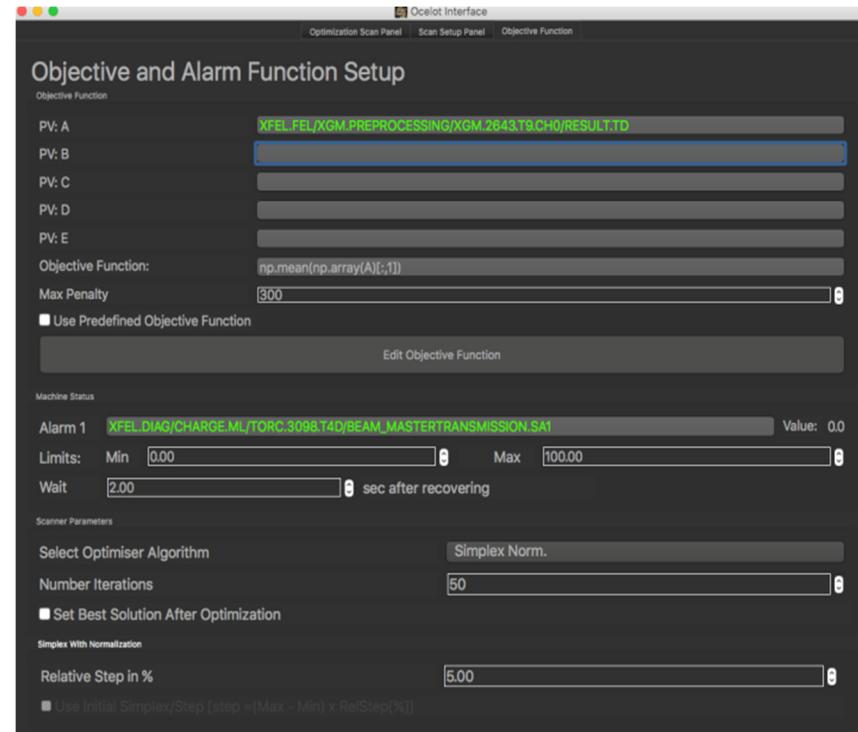
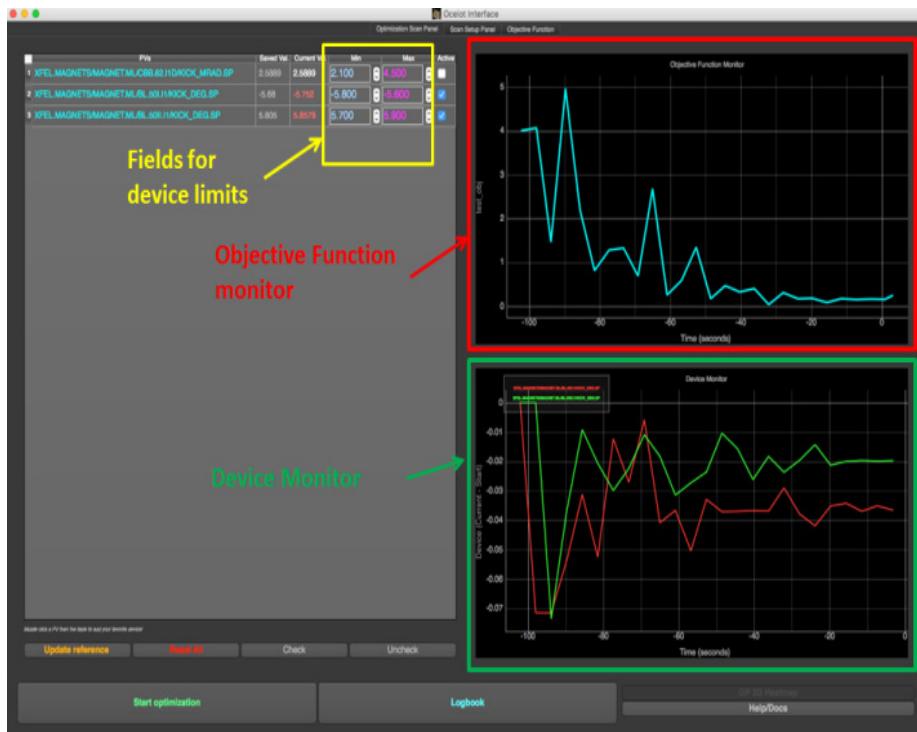


Example with 4 correctors  
 $\lambda = 10.4 \text{ nm}$

I. Agapov et al. Statistical Optimization of FEL Performance. IPAC15.

# Generic optimizer - XFEL.EU

- Sequence of actions / decision tree implemented initially
- However development shifted towards making the tool more universal and useful for ad-hoc tasks (important for commissioning)
- Concentrated on single actions and developed generic GUI
- Deployed for European XFEL



# Dispersion correction - XFEL.EU

## Alternative to response-matrix-based correction



Dispersion compensation from I1D dump magnet  
(compensation with one actuator)



# Beam losses and orbit - XFEL.EU

Minimization of the beam losses and keeping reasonable orbit in the TLD

**Status:** Preparation for undulator BBA: Transport beam to T4D at 6 GeV  
**News:** First Lasing in SASE1 in the night from May 2nd to May 3rd

Logbook entry: [XFELelog/data/2017/13/29.03\\_n](#)  
30.03.2017 01:56      **OCELOT Optimization**

after hour of the steering the beam in Dump to rid of BLM alarms we used Optimizer with BLMs signals as a target function (see below) and got transmission without BLM alarms

```
obj func: A : BLM.2112.TLD/SIGNAL.TD
obj func: B : BLM.2117.TLD/SIGNAL.TD
obj func: C : BHM.U.2122.TLD/SIGNAL.TD
obj func: D : BHM.R.2122.TLD/SIGNAL.TD
obj func: E : BHM.L.2122.TLD/SIGNAL.TD
obj func: expr: -(np.max(np.array(A)[:,1]) + np.max(np.array(B)[:,1])+ np.max(np.array(C)[:,1])+ np.max(np.array(D)[:,1]))
dev      : CFX.1894.TL/KICK_MRAD.SP  0.128220755283 --> 0.138468939487
dev      : CFY.1910.TL/KICK_MRAD.SP -0.015373917147 --> -0.0287091451133
iterations : 29
delay    : 1.9000000000000004
START-->STOP : -1.77062509954 --> -1.8136251159
```

**Digital Interface**

Commission Event Panel   Beam Setup Panel   Objective Function

Time (seconds)

Device Monitor

Source Current (Amp)

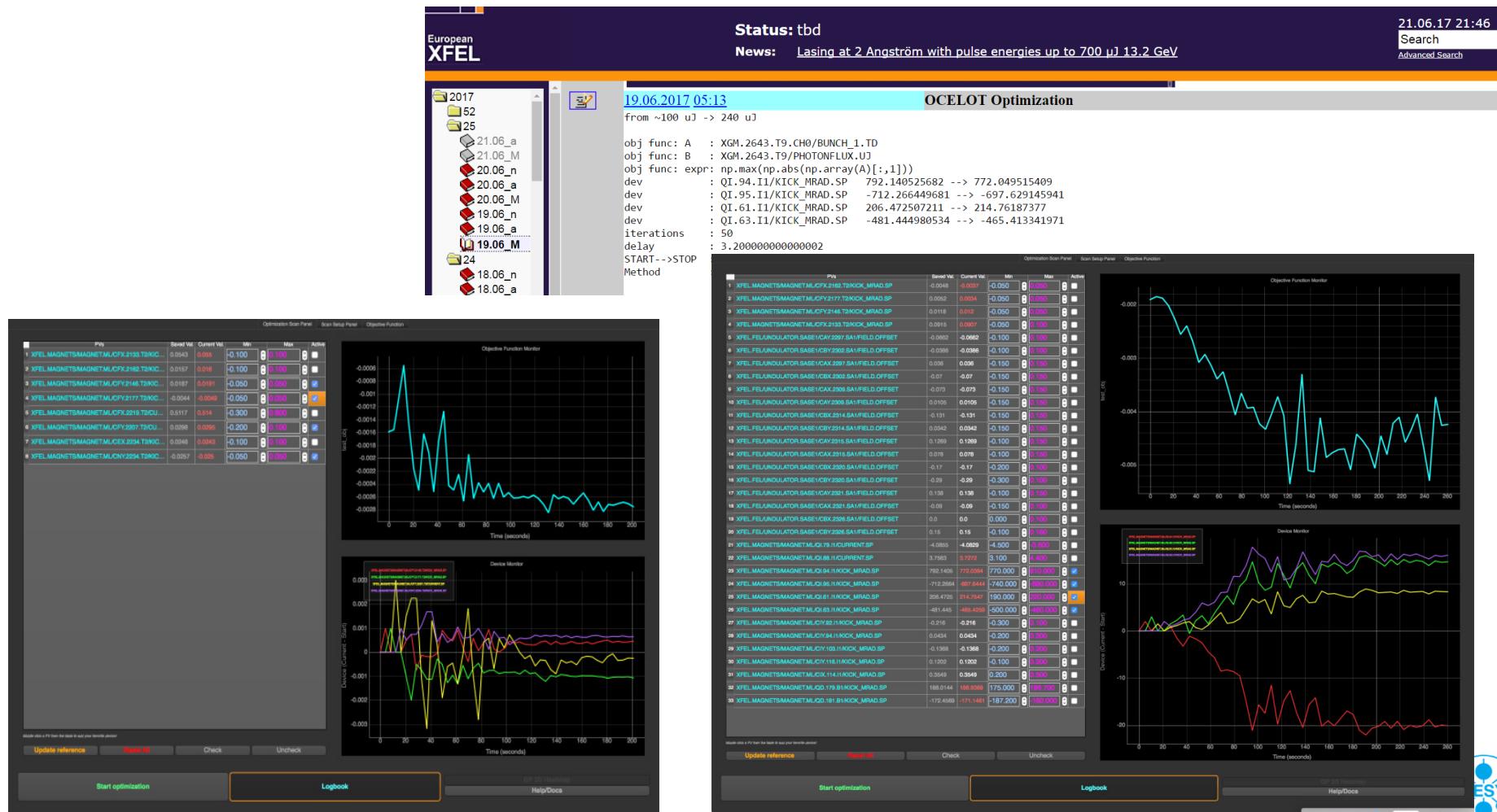
Start optimization   Logbook   Help/Doc



The screenshot shows the XFELelog digital interface. On the left is a file tree for 2017, with a 'Logbook' icon highlighted. Below it is a sidebar with links like 'View Current', 'Hide Untagged', etc. The main area displays a logbook entry for March 30, 2017, at 01:56, titled 'OCELOT Optimization'. It details the optimization process, including objective functions, device parameters, and iteration counts. Two plots are shown: 'Objective Function Monitor' (a line graph of the objective function value over time) and 'Device Monitor' (a line graph of source current over time for various devices). At the bottom are buttons for 'Start optimization', 'Logbook', and 'Help/Doc'.

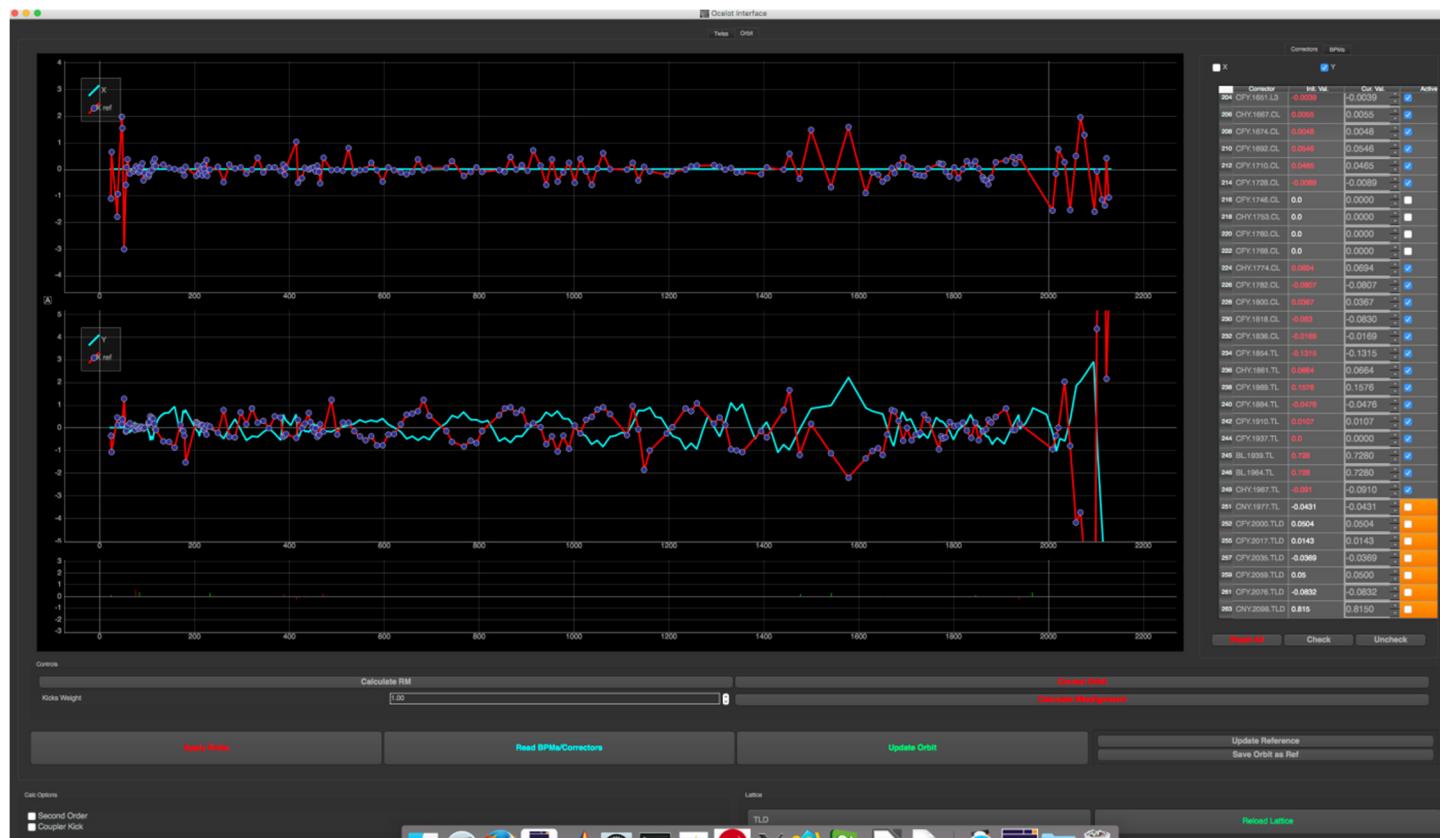
# SASE optimization - XFEL.EU

- Example: 4 quads in the Injector DogLeg SASE level was increased from 100 uJ up to 240 uJ
- Routinely used with 4 launch steerers



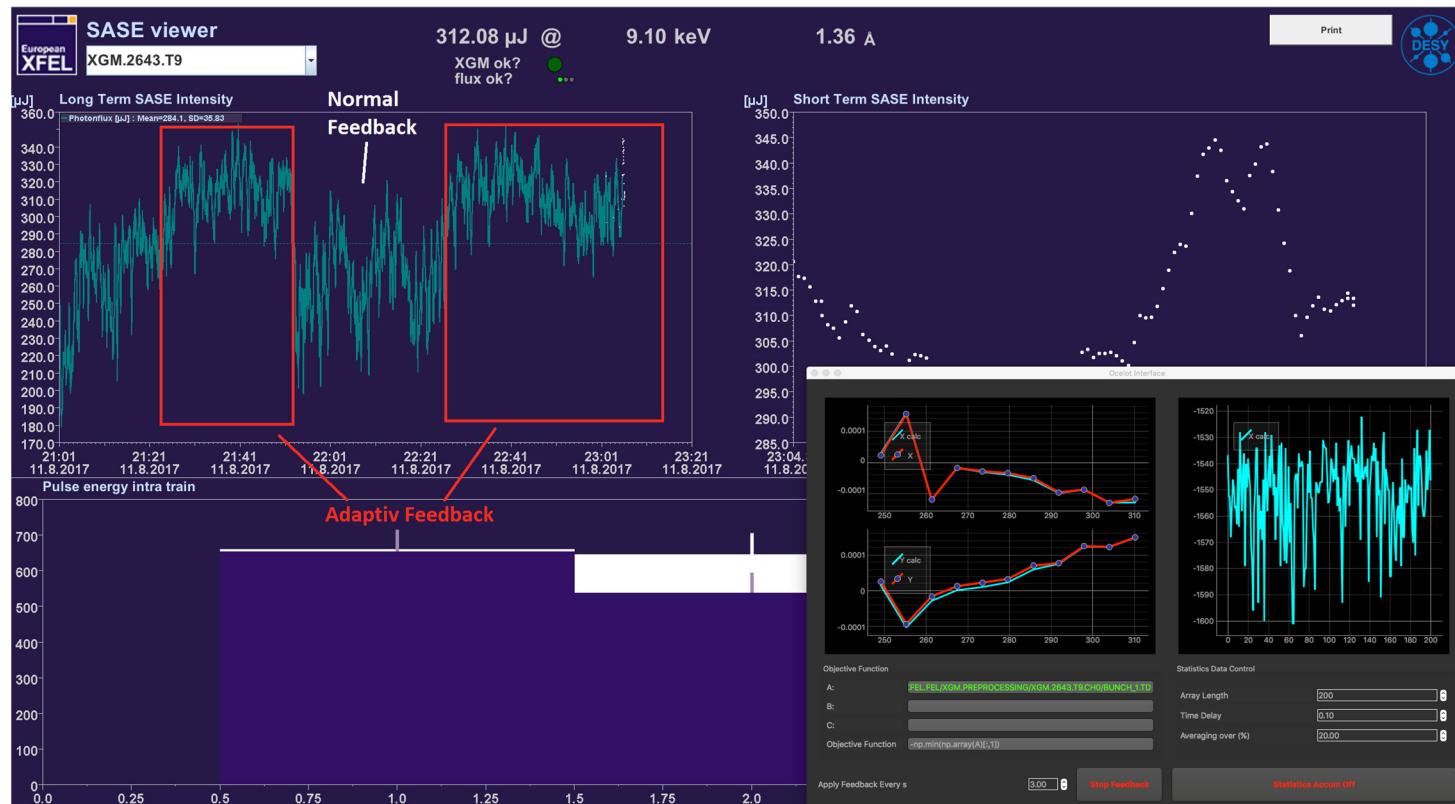
# OCELOT orbit correction tool - XFEL.EU

- OCELOT electron optics model for XFEL in place, tools using response matrices can be implemented in the same framework
- Response-matrix (SVD) tool for orbit and dispersion correction implemented and in operation



# Adaptive feedback - XFEL.EU

- Optimizer cannot be effectively used during beam delivery
- Implemented “adaptive feedback”: Average orbits with best SASE and correct orbit to that value (SVD)
- Works great during user operation



Idea from: G. Gaio, M. Lonza, Automatic FEL Optimization at FERMI, Proc. of ICALEPCS2015

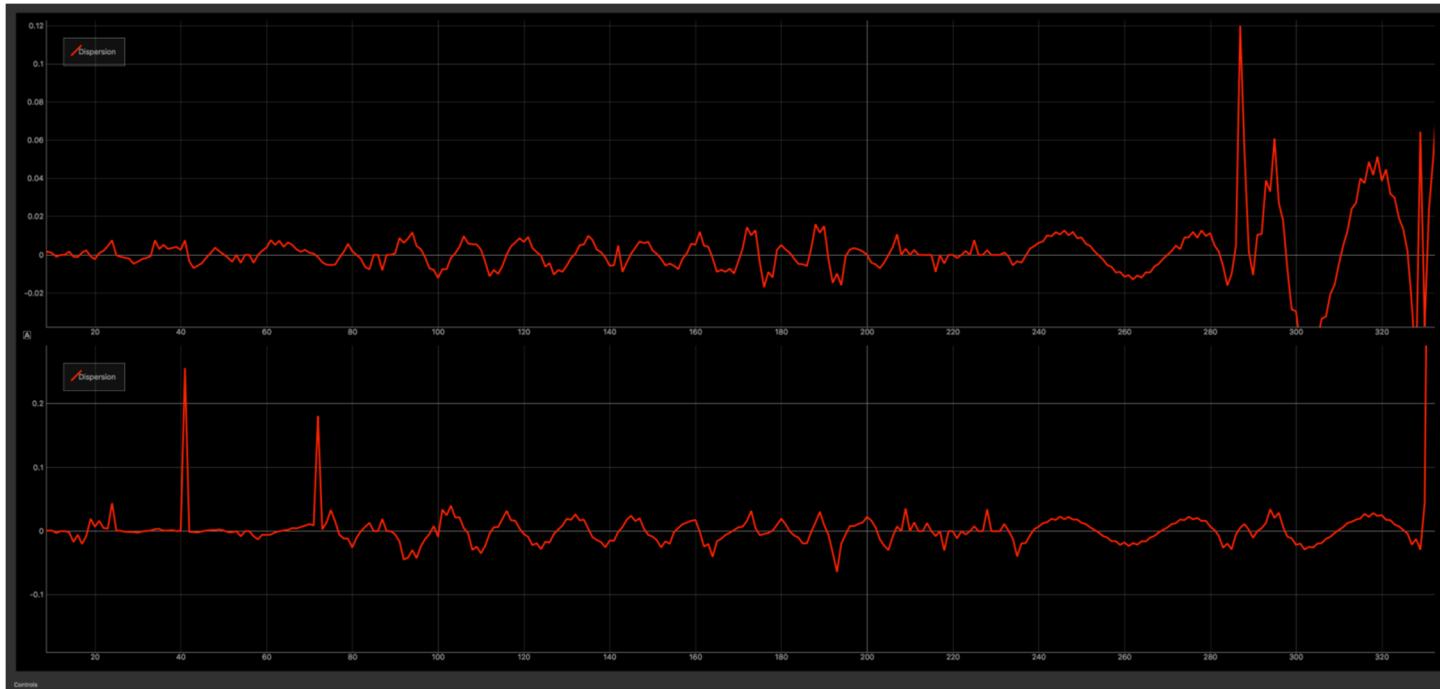
# OCELOT on-line model - XFEL.EU

- Read machine parameters (quadrupoles and cavities) and measured beta-functions at a screen (I1, BC1, BC2), compute optics
- Change settings in flight simulator mode
- Possibilities of using such tool for tuning being explored



# Correlation tool – XFEL.EU

- In the spirit of data-centric software suite
- Real-time correlations give machine parameters such as dispersion, coupling etc.

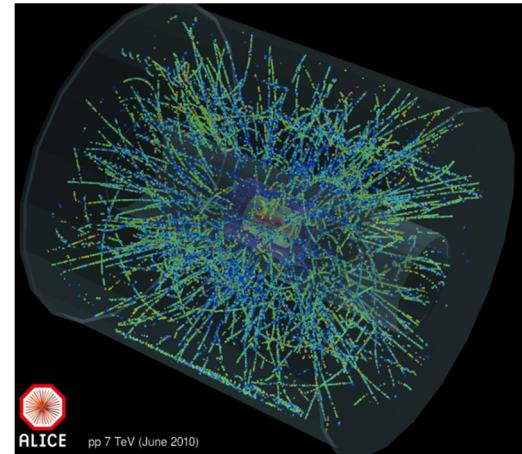


Horizontal  
dispersion

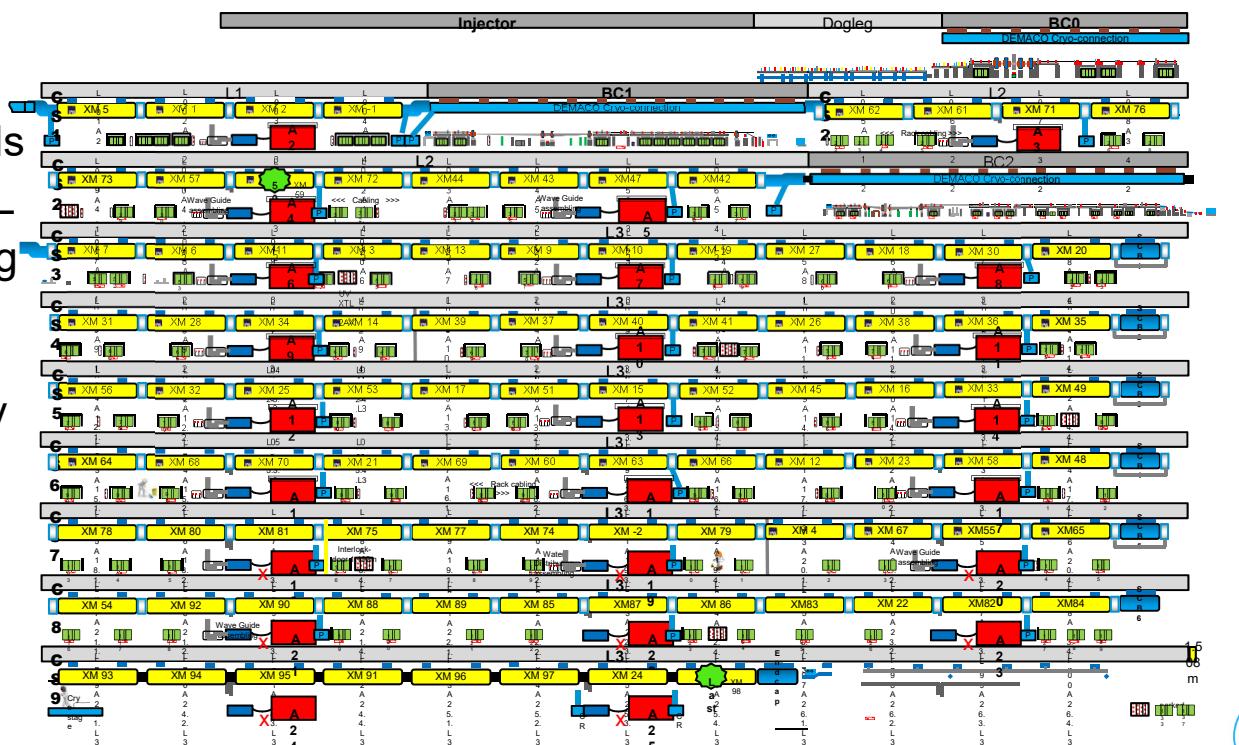
Vertical  
dispersion

# Dealing with data complexity

- ML tools have been long used in astronomy and HEP for pattern recognition/classification problems (data rates prohibitive for visual inspection)



- Boosting advanced data handling/ML techniques tools in accelerator controls for machines like the XFEL is important due to growing complexity
  - Failure prediction probably most natural application
  - Possibilities of using such methods for tuning being explored



# Conclusion and Outlook

- Empirical optimization methods successfully used for European XFEL commissioning and operation
- Corresponding software tools in place, open source and available through OCELOT
- Challenges to reach full tuning automation include
  - Exploiting beam physics models to restrict search space
  - Exploiting statistics and machine learning

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