

Reinforcement Learning Based Radiation Optimization at a Linear Accelerator

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Low energy linear accelerators can generate intense ultra-short THz pulses of coherent synchrotron radiation (CSR) by using chicanes and/or undulators to bend the path of the electron bunch. Additionally, potential users of the THz light might have particular requests for their experiments, which calls for a way to more flexibly tailor the emitted spectrum.

It's often a complex and time-consuming task to optimize the accelerator setting for maximal radiation outcome, as the input parameters are often correlated and the system response is non-linear.

In this contribution, we apply reinforcement learning techniques to optimize the linear accelerator FLUTE at KIT, with the goal to maximize its THz pulse generation. The agent is trained in a high-speed simplified simulation model. The utilization of domain randomization allows the pre-trained RL agent to generalize its policy to higher-fidelity simulations and different accelerator setups, indicating its potential for real-world tasks.

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