Deep Learning for LIGO's Lock Acquisition

Machine Learning for non-linear dynamic controls.

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We have **Optical Signals** which are a **non-linear, non-unique** mapping of the **positions.**





Inverting The Problem: given only the *optical signal* can we predict the positions of the mirrors?





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We can make solutions unique linearly adjust all positions to a specific range!









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Wrap data







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ML Model



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Problem: These are NOT real motions of the mirrors.

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Problem: These are NOT real motions of the mirrors. We need to unwrap them.

We use the a Kalman Filter.

Imagine we had **position** AND **velocity** of the mirrors.



























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We need uncertainties for each measurement modeled as Gaussians to then multiply distributions together.



















How do we naturally produce uncertainties with Neural Nets?



Standard Dev $[\sigma]$



How do we naturally predict **velocities**?

Velocity

Position



Velocity





Signals



Okay now let's combine everything together!



This took **9 hours** to run. We need to shrink this down to **90 sec...**

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Interpretable

- Lots of physics baked in
- Uncertainties!!
- Well understood controls
- Well understood Kalman Filter
- Did I mention we have uncertainties?



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Warning: Exploratory section not super well documented but cool nonetheless :)



































Actor and Critic setup.

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Summary

State-estimator

- Developed probabilistic ML model for Position, Velocity est. and Kalman Filter
- Developed fast C version of models

Reinforcement Learning

- Demonstrated under certain situations DDPG could potentially solve control problem

Next Steps

- Apply our technique to locking the mirrors
- Exploring further our RL experiments!

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