

Applied Machine Learning for gamma-neutron discrimination: studies

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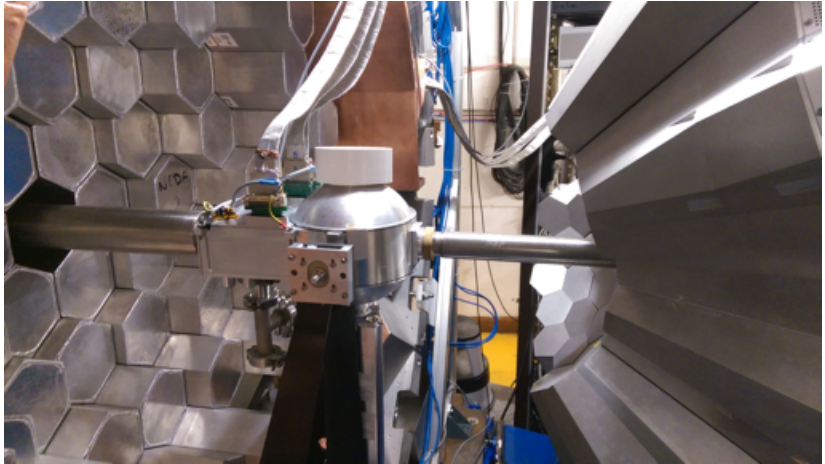


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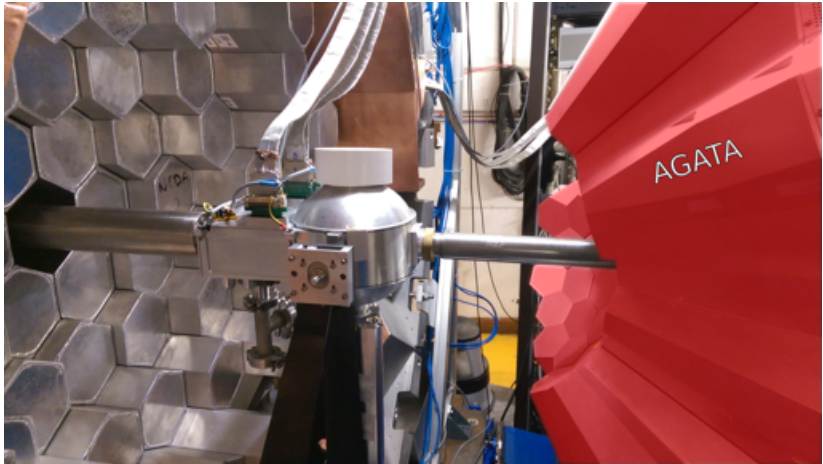


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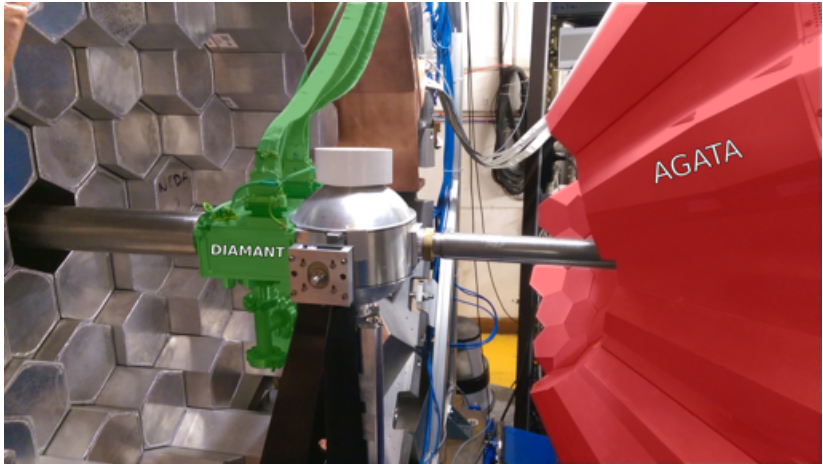
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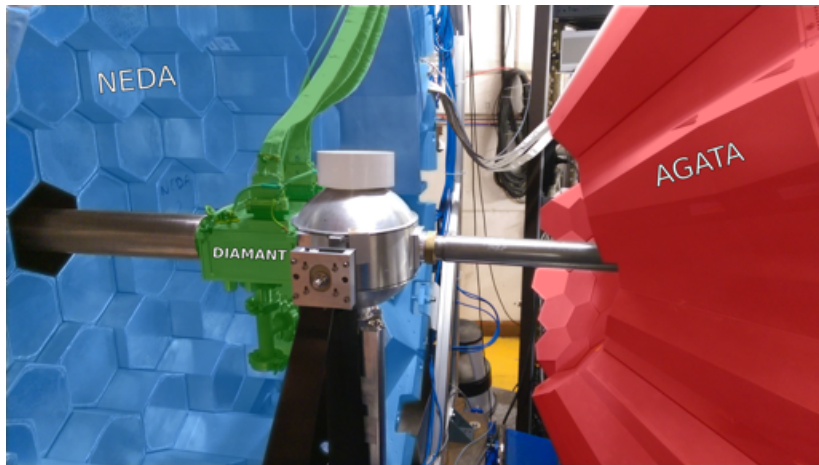
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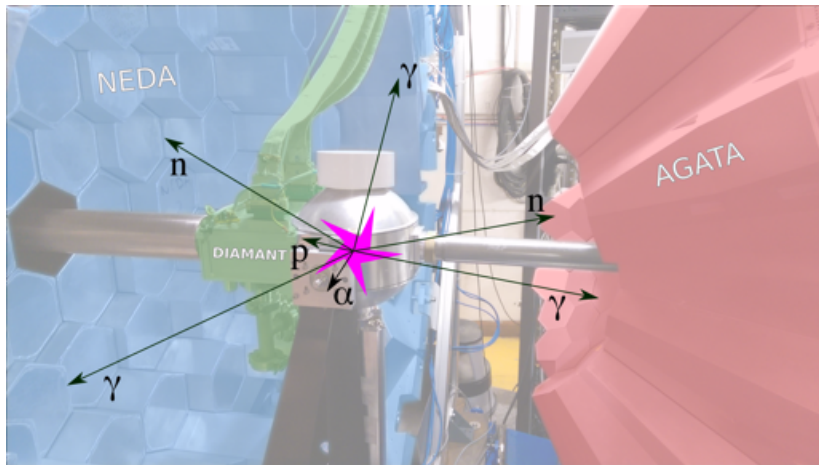
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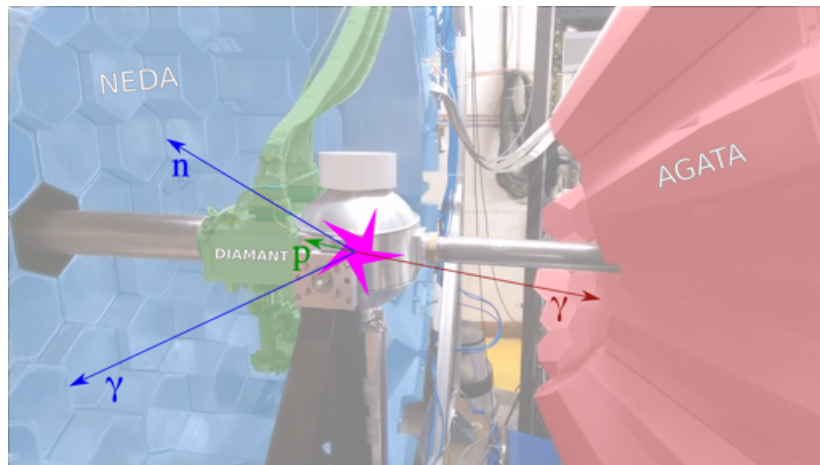
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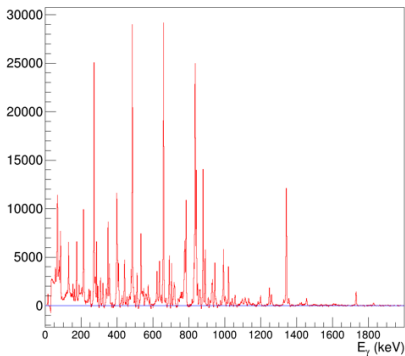
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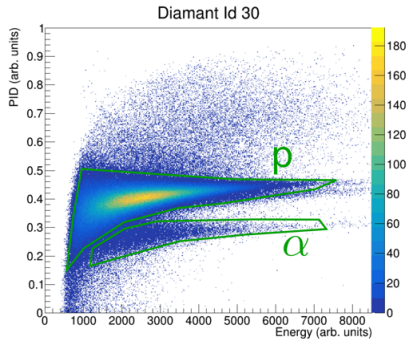
AGATA

- 30 Germanium crystals, 36 segments per crystal
- γ detector array



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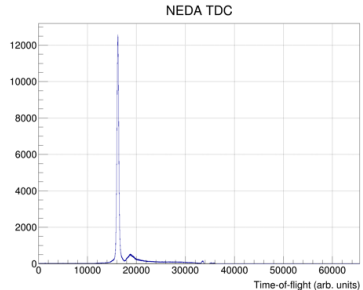
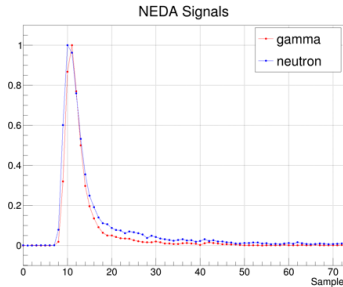
- 60 scintillators
- proton and α filter



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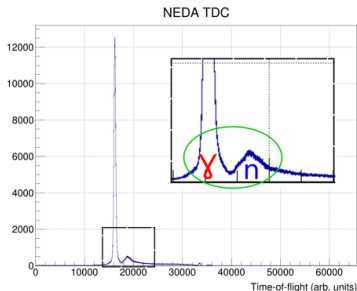
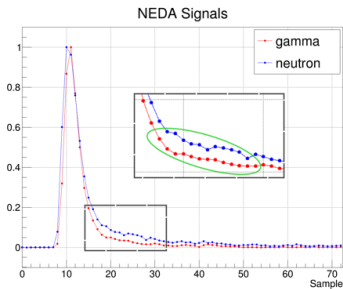
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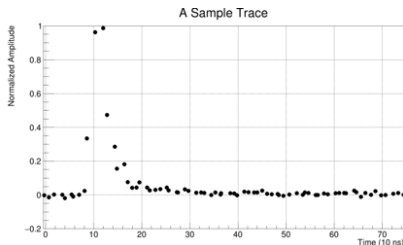


⇒ n - γ discrimination is based on:

- Signal: n slow component $>$ γ slow component
- TDC: n time-of-flight $>$ γ time-of-flight

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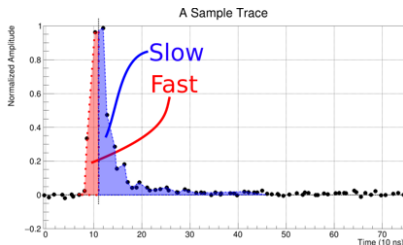
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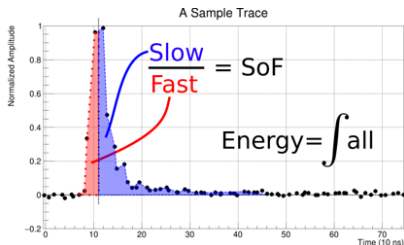
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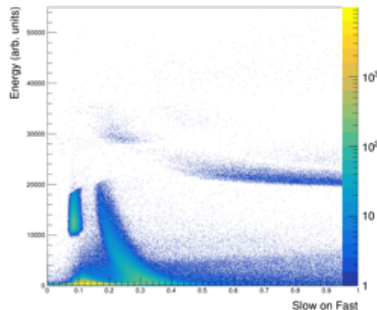
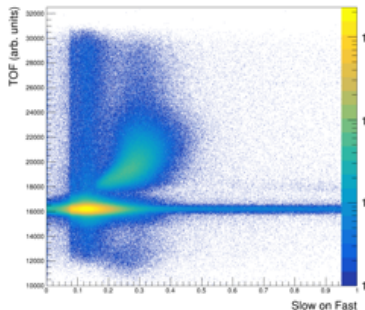
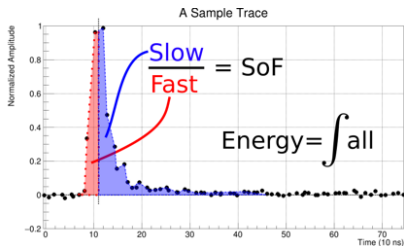
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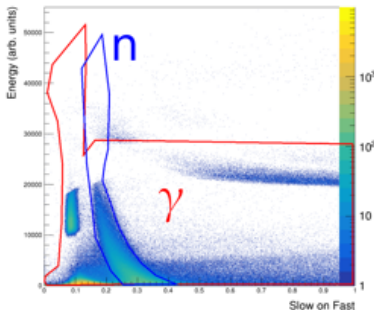
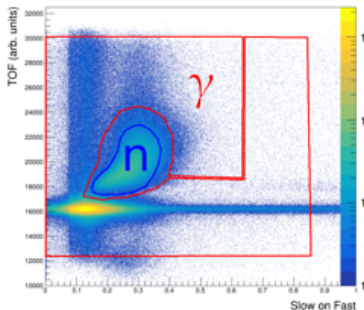
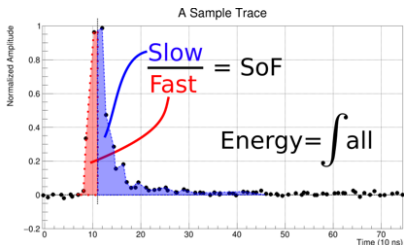
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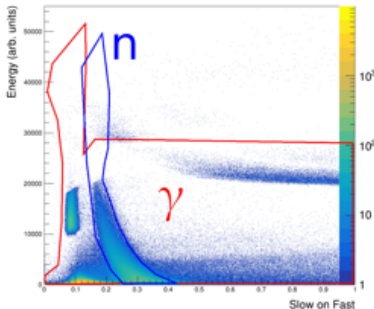
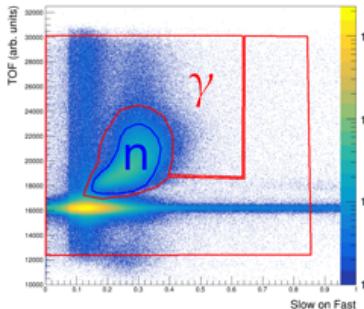
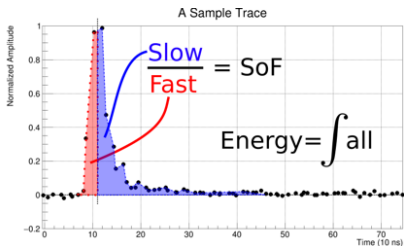
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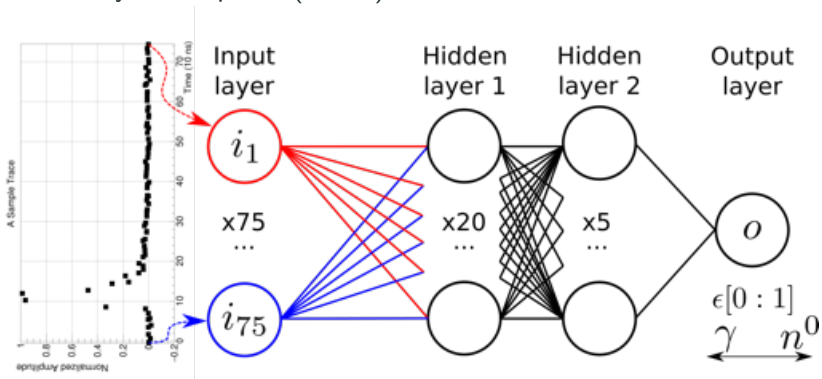
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- Mislabel rate? Flexibility?



Previous collaboration work

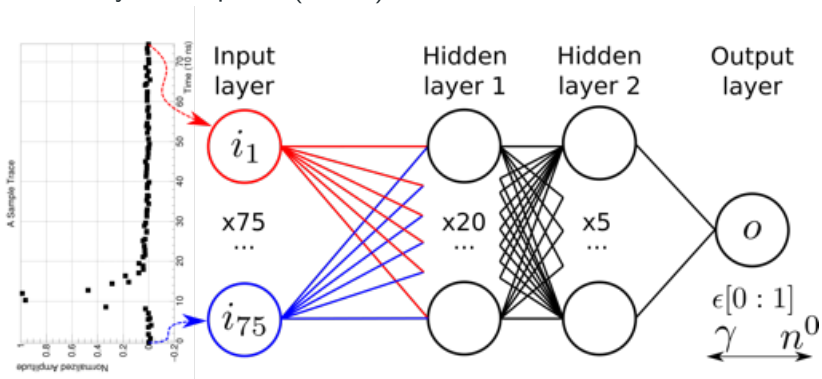
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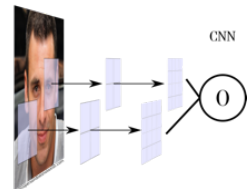
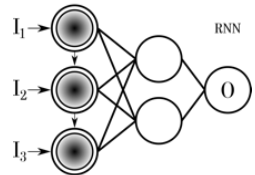
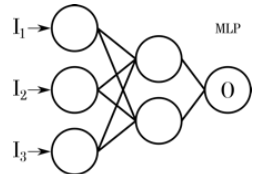


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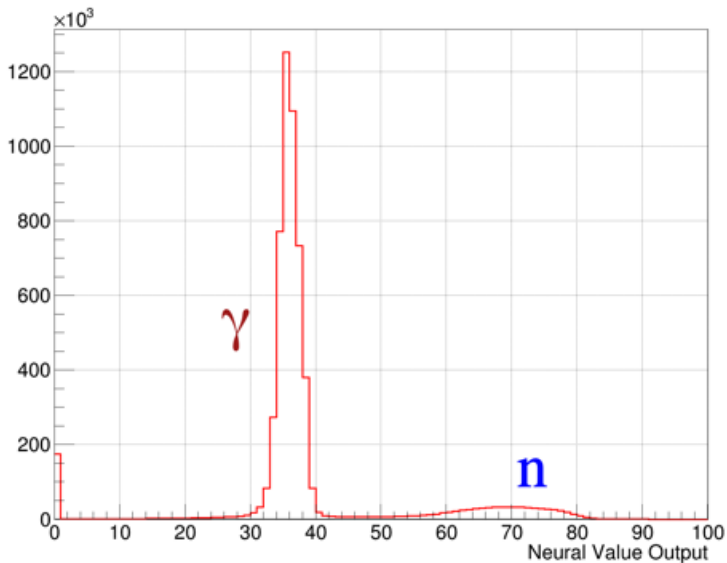
⇒ Interesting results, but online incompatible & what about other NN?

Investigated Neural Networks

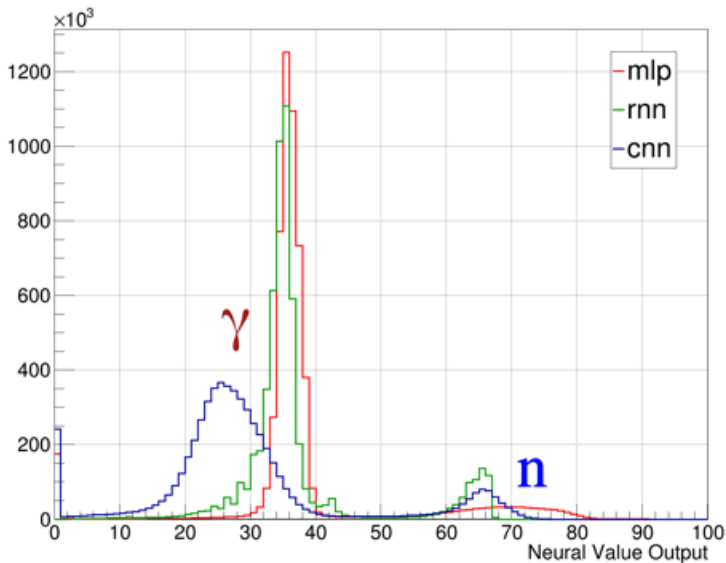
- Input layer = 75 neurons
 - First 73 signal samples
 - Energy
 - Time-of-flight
- Three architectures
 1. MLP: MultiLayer Perceptron
The classical reference
 2. RNN: Recurrent Neural Network
Ideal for time series
 3. CNN: Convolutionnal Neural Network
Image recognition
- Output layer = 1 neuron
 - A value in $[(\gamma)0; 100(n)]$

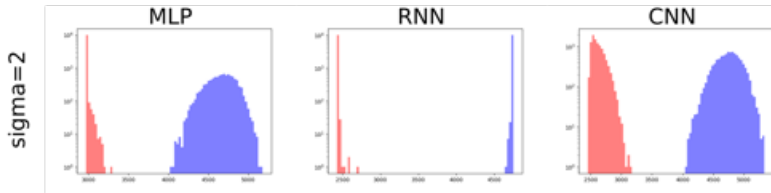
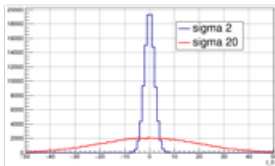


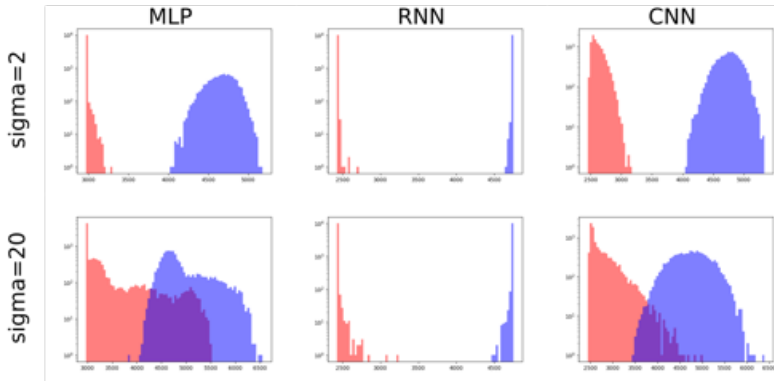
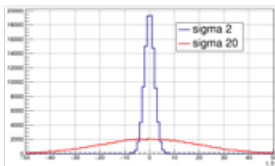
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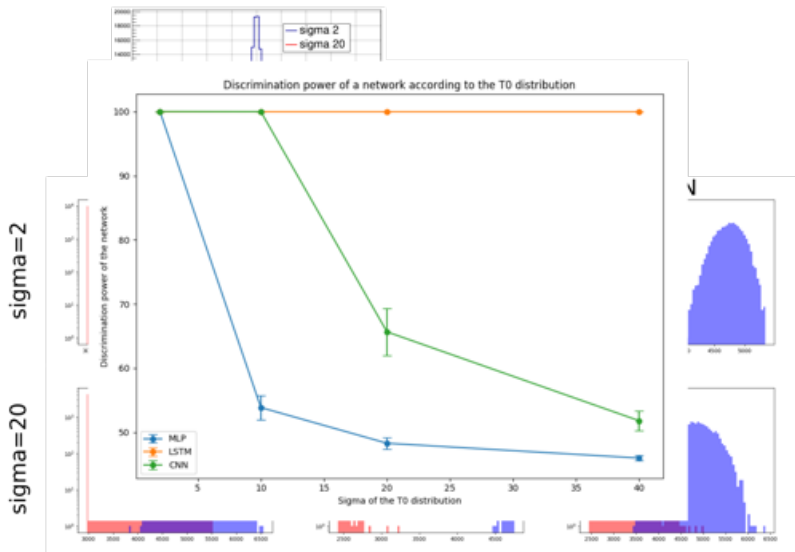


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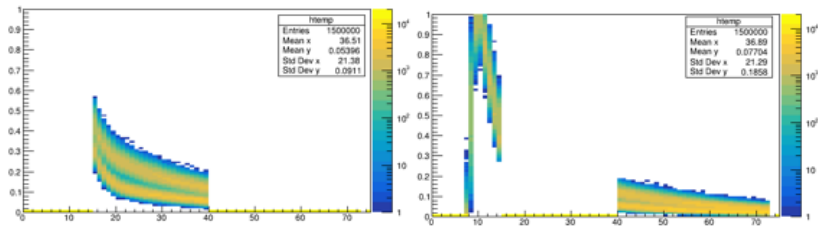
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RNN resilient!



Truncated signal

MLP can work with part of the signal:



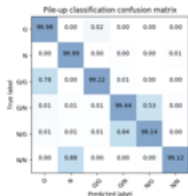
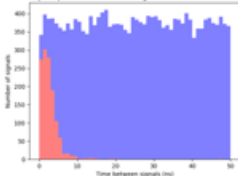
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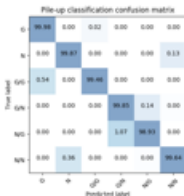
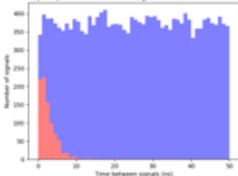
- Done using simulated signals

MLP

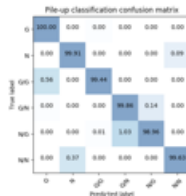
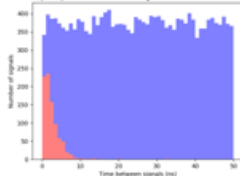
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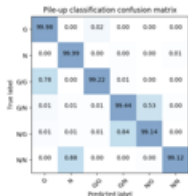
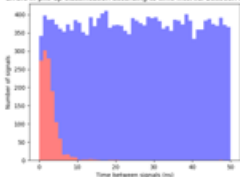


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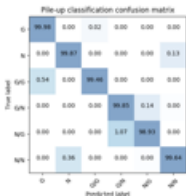
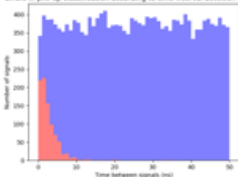
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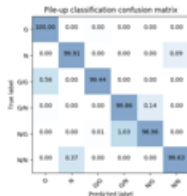
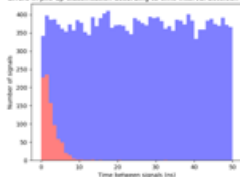
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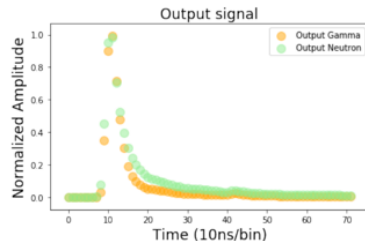
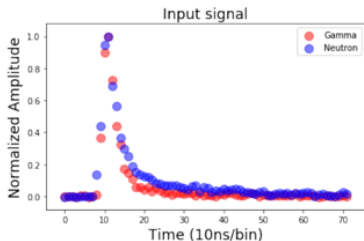
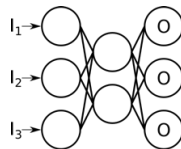
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⇒ Works nicely, but signals need to be at least slightly separated

Related study: autoencoder

- Unsupervised learning
- Size of bottleneck? 4 required here.
⇒ Linked with signal formula?
- Usages:
 - Noise suppression
 - Data compression



Work of K. Zougagh

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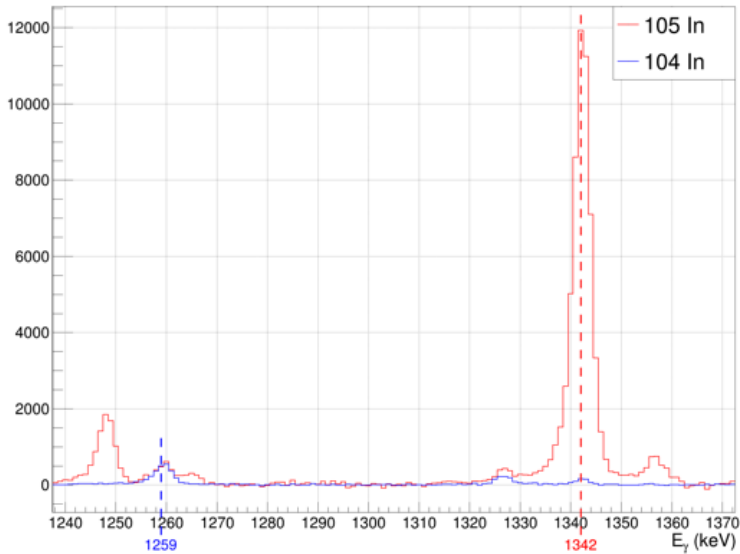
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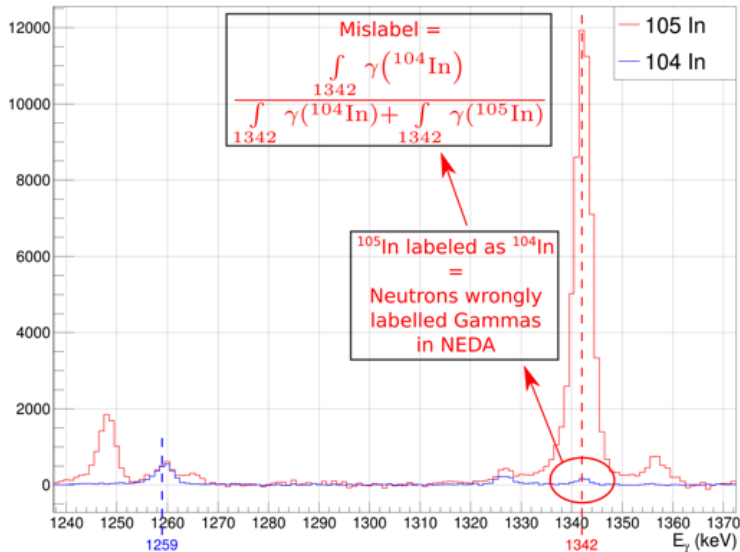
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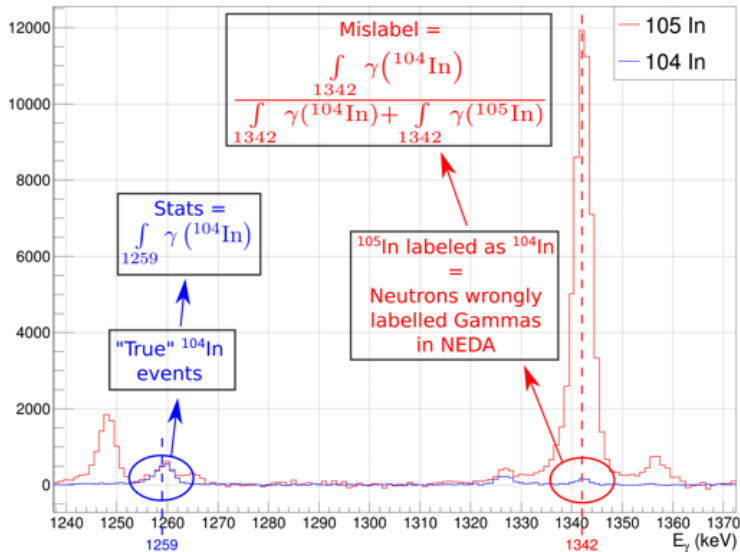
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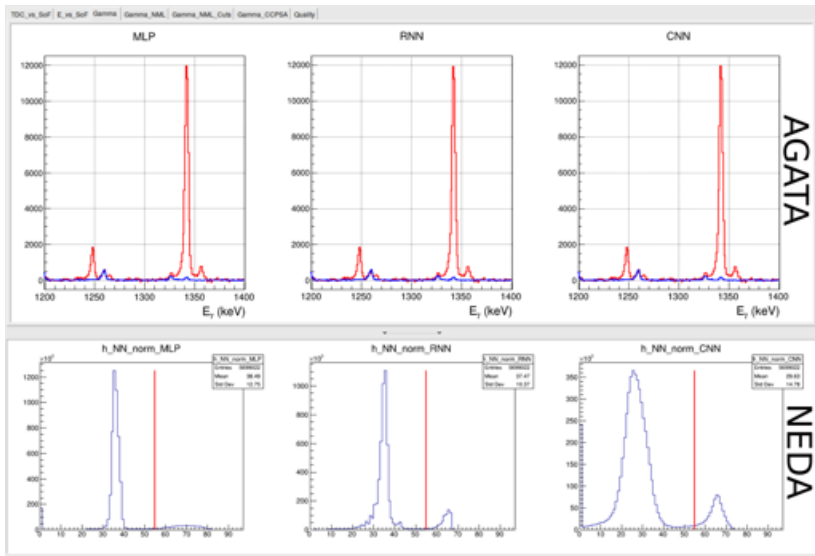
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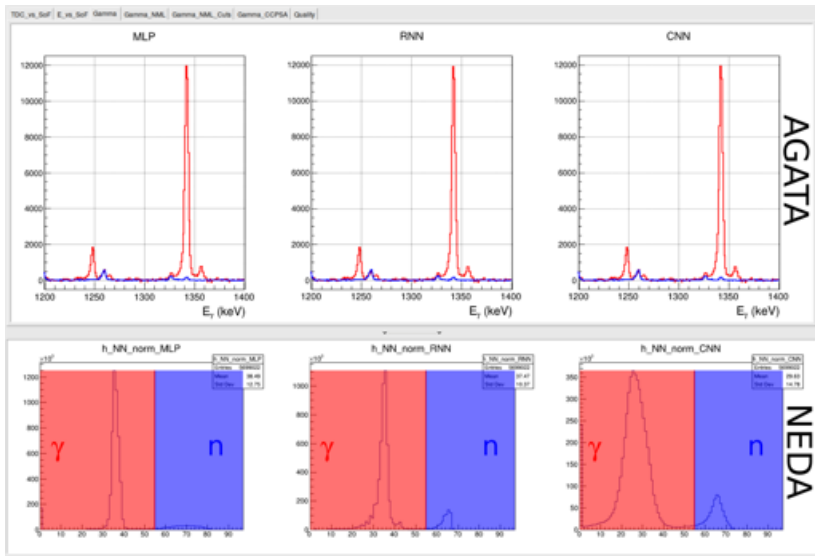


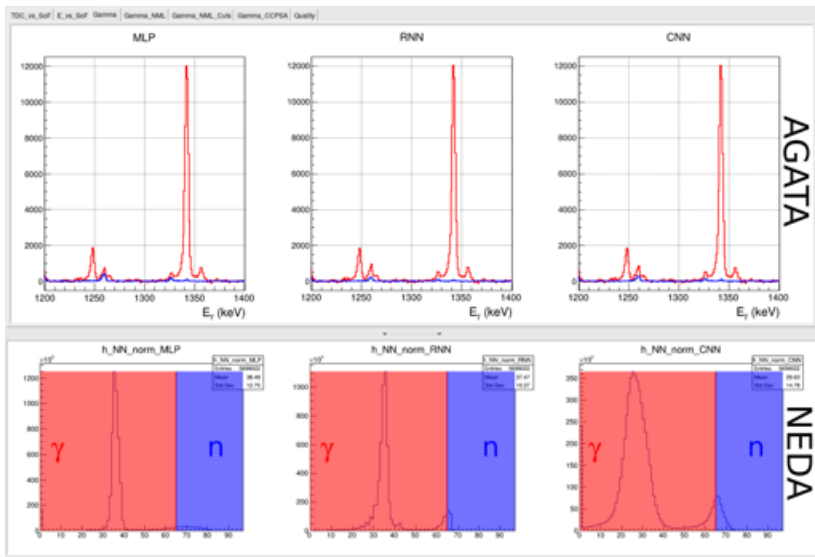
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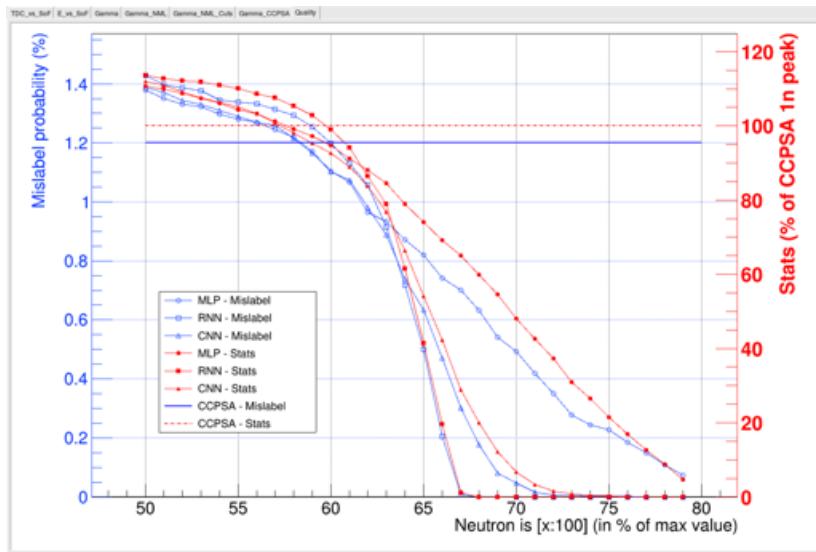


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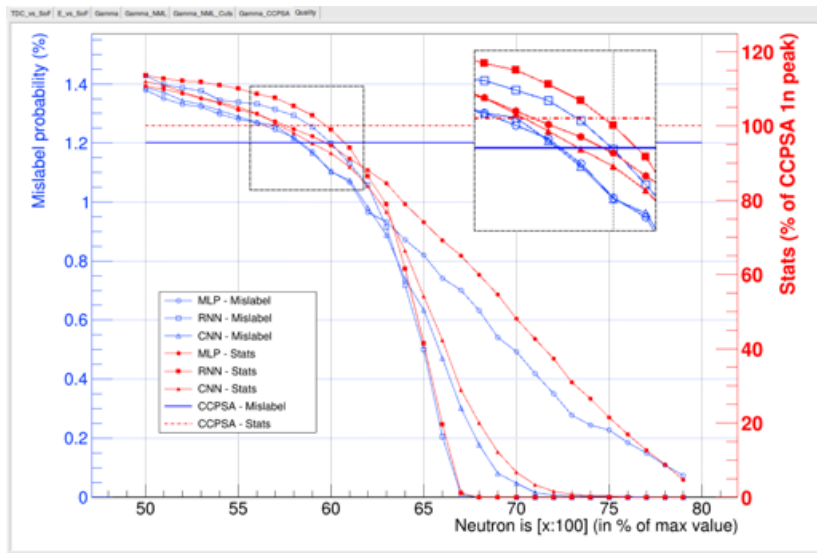
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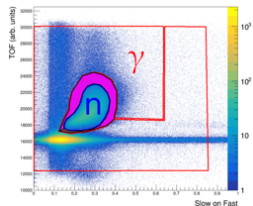


Wrapping-up

- Three Neural Networks (MLP, RNN, CNN) implemented
- Discriminating information from NEDA:
 - Sampled signal
 - Time-of-Flight
- Trained using truth label from classical CC algorithm (cuts)
- Multiple features were tested:
 - RNN is not sensitive to misaligned t_0
 - MLP only requires a part of the signal
 - Proper pileup identification
 - Autoencoder: 4 neurons required
- Mislabel probability vs stats of NEDA computed using AGATA
⇒ Convergence towards training algo, user has flexibility
- Further results in Guillaume's talk!

Perspectives

- NN extrapolation skills
⇒ Study of γ spectra associated to NEDA's "No Man's Land"
- Towards a variational autoencoder
- Future objective: apply developed skills to a more ambitious task
⇒ AGATA signals



The End

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Questions?