

# Time Walk Correction via Artificial Neural Networks

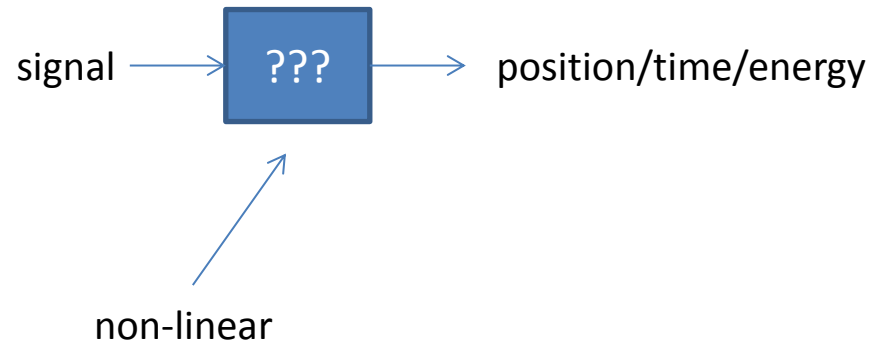
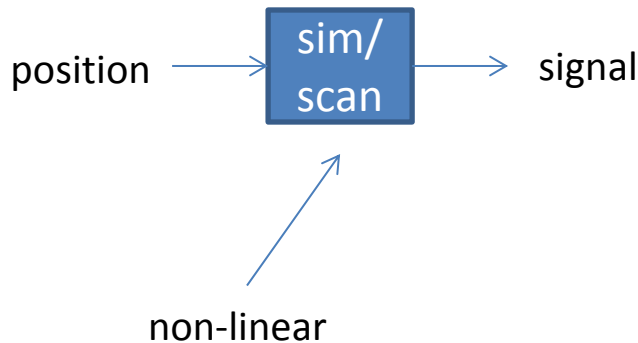
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- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)
- Time walk correction via ANN
- Outlook

# Why Artificial Neural Networks?

PSA = Inverse Problem



Non-linear models are usually difficult to work with ☹️  
ANNs are rather easy to use 😊

# Artificial Neural Networks – A bit of history

1943 “A logical calculus of the ideas immanent in nervous activity”  
(W.S.McCulloch, W.Pitts)

1958 Mark I Perceptron (F.Rosenblatt)



1969 “Perceptrons” (M.Minsky, S.Papert)

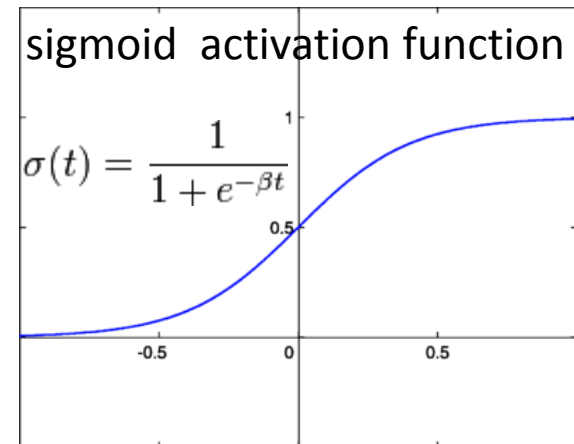
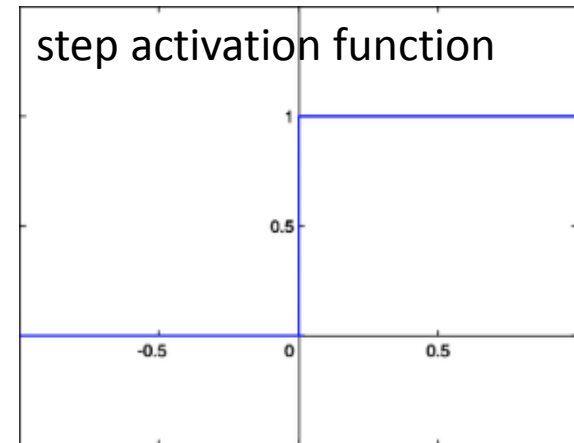
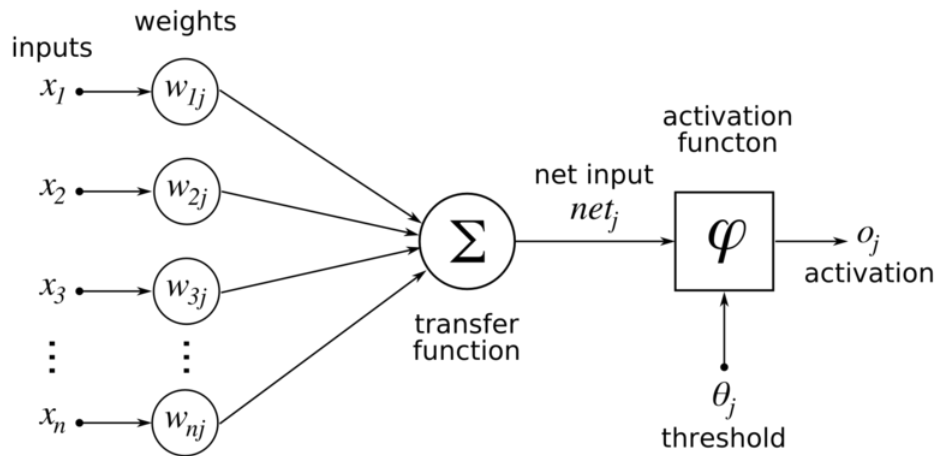
1986 “*Parallel Distributed Processing: Explorations in the Microstructure of Cognition*” (D.E.Rumelhart, J.L.McClelland)

1987 First IEEE annual ANN conference

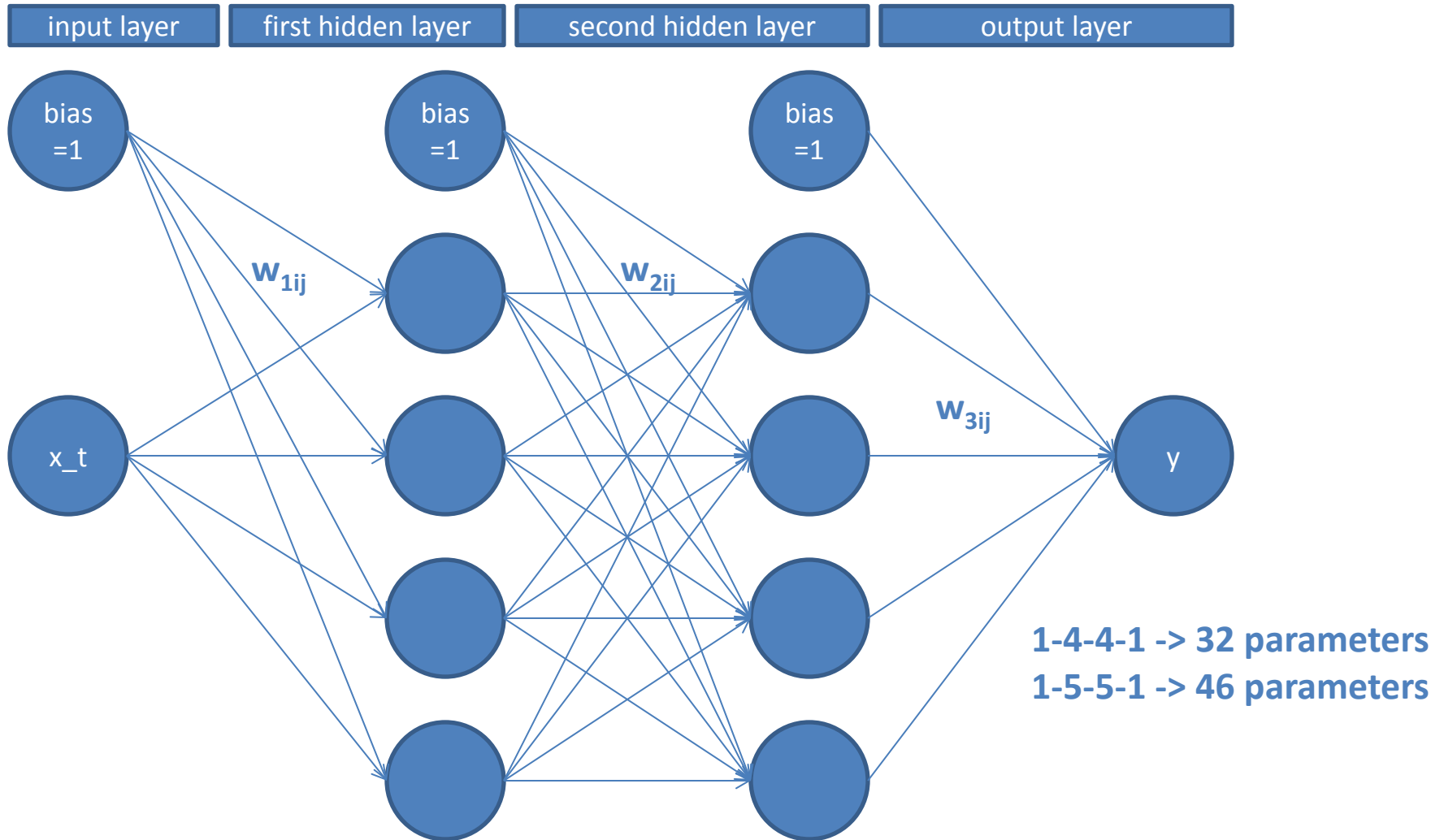
1988 International Neural Network Society (INNS)

# Artificial Neurons

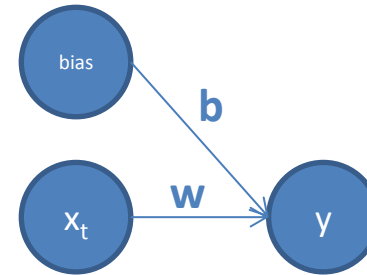
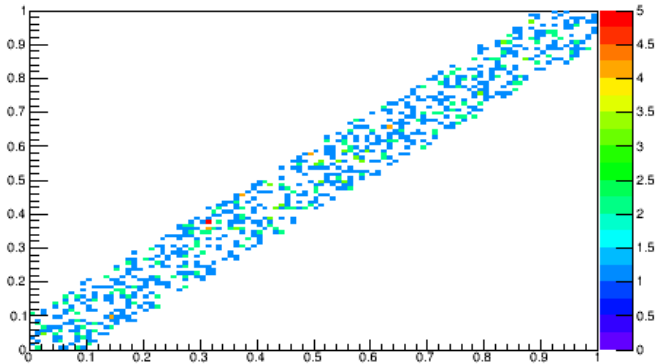
## Single Neuron



# Network Topology



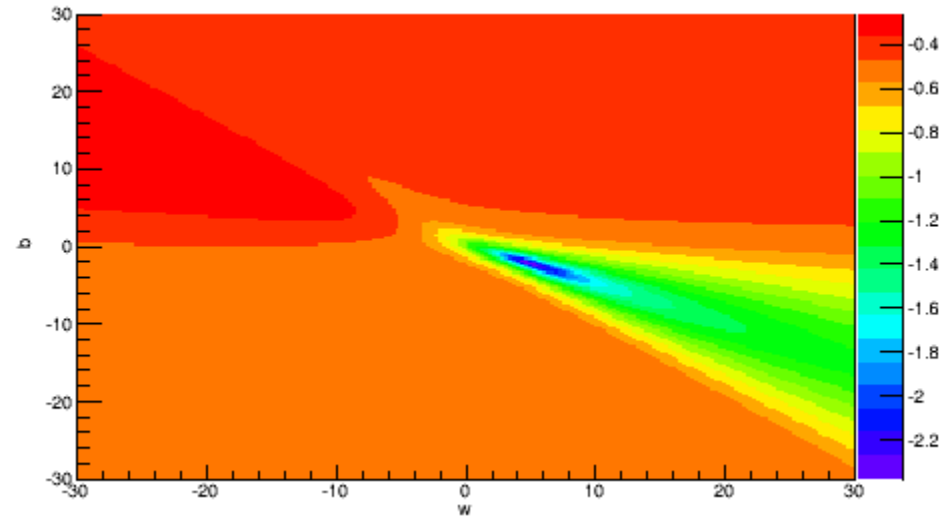
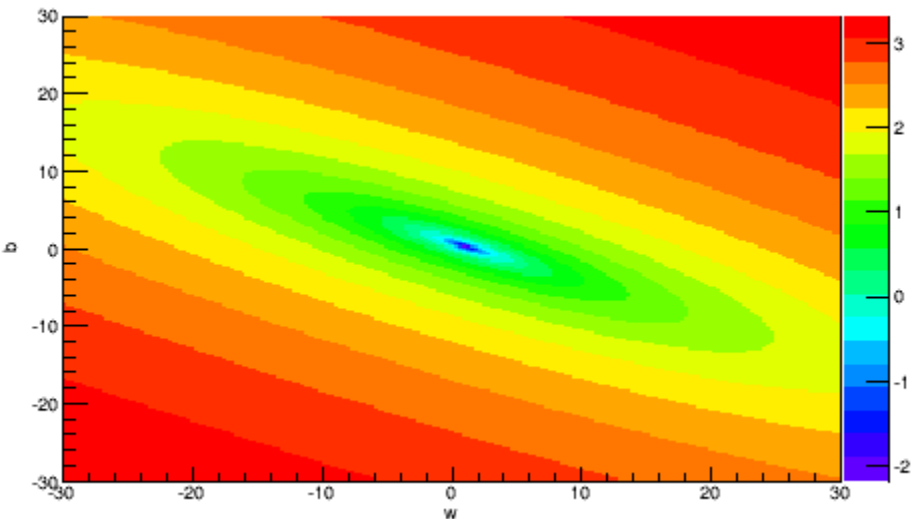
# Linear vs Non-Linear Model



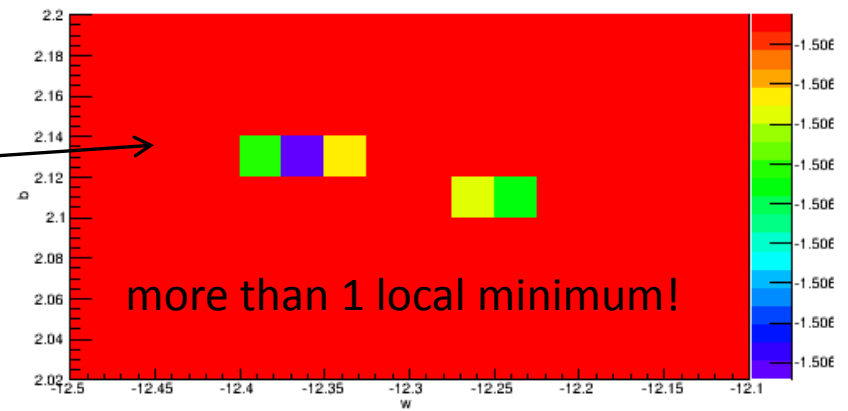
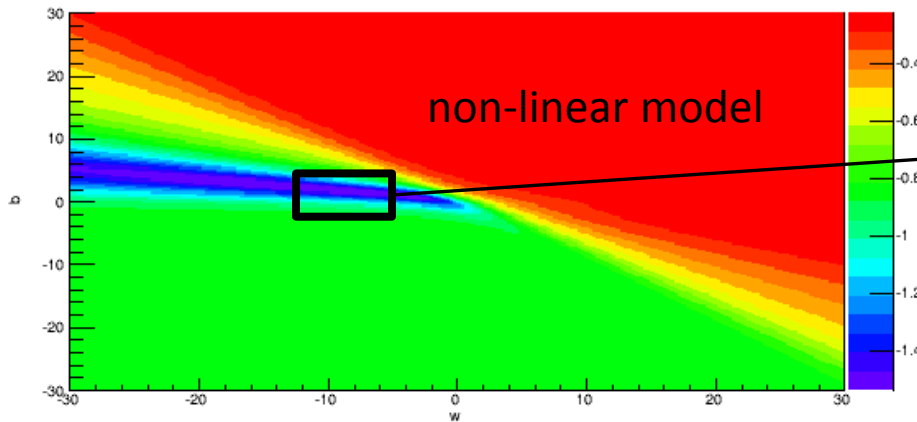
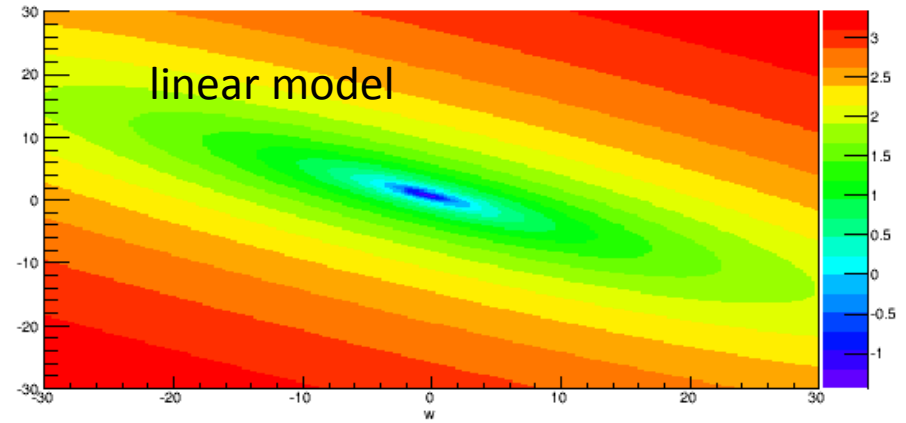
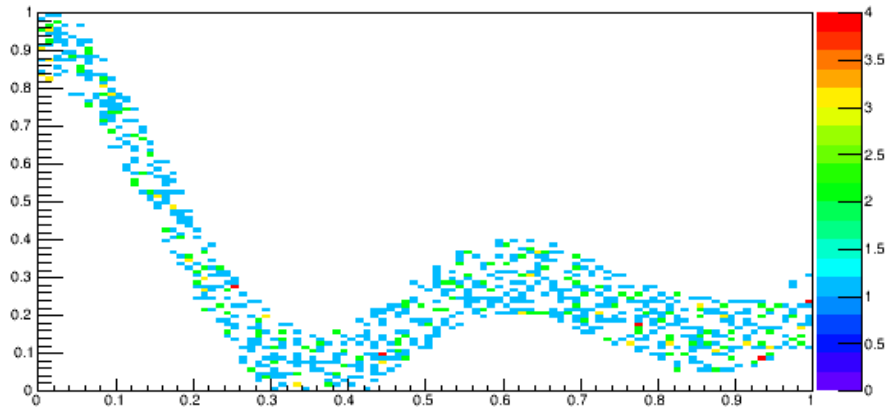
lin.reg.:  $y(x_t) = wx_t + b$

non-linear:  $y(x_t) = \text{sigmoid}(wx_t+b)$

minimize:  $E(w,b) = \sum (y_t - y(x_t))^2$  for the given data  $\{x_t, y_t\}$



# Linear vs Non-Linear Model





# Gradient Descent Method

$$y = F(\sum w_i x_i) = F(e) \quad e = \sum w_i x_i$$

$$\varepsilon = (y^* - F(e))^2$$

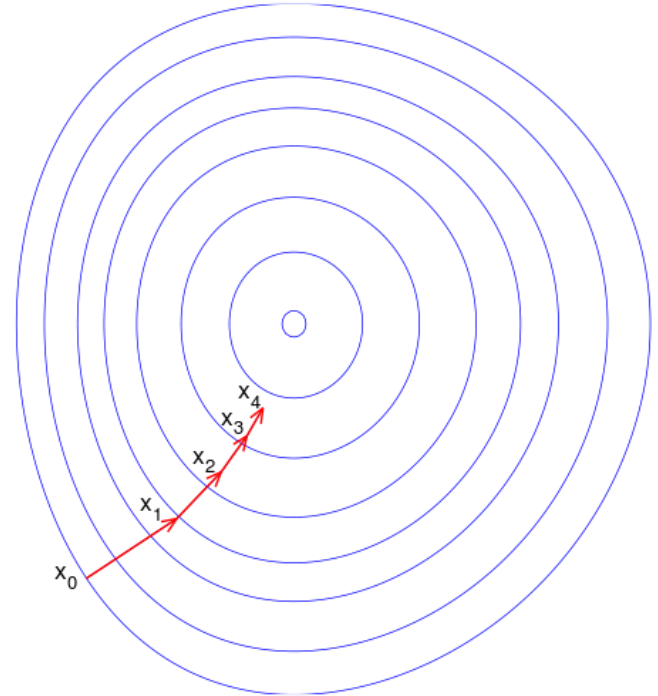
**Find minimum error via Iteration:**

$$w_i^{t+1} = w_i^t + \Delta w_i^t$$

**Gradient descent:**

$$\Delta w_i^t = -\eta \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial w_i} \quad \eta - \text{learning parameter}$$

$$\Delta w_i^t = -\eta \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial w_i} + \alpha \Delta w_i^{t-1} \quad \alpha - \text{momentum parameter}$$



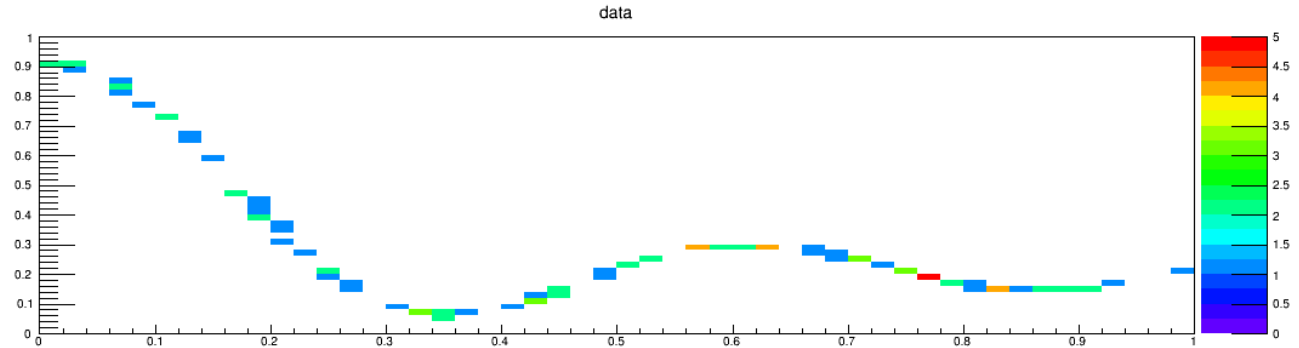
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gradient\\_descent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gradient_descent)

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial w_i} = 2(y^* - F(e)) * \left( -\frac{\partial F}{\partial e} \frac{\partial e}{\partial w_i} \right) = -2dF'(e)x_i$$

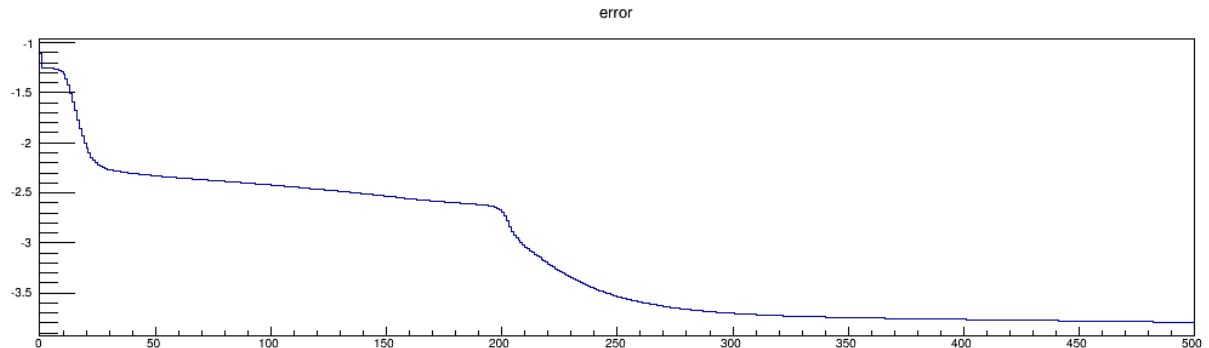
# First Trial

$$y = \frac{\sin(4\pi x)}{4\pi x}$$

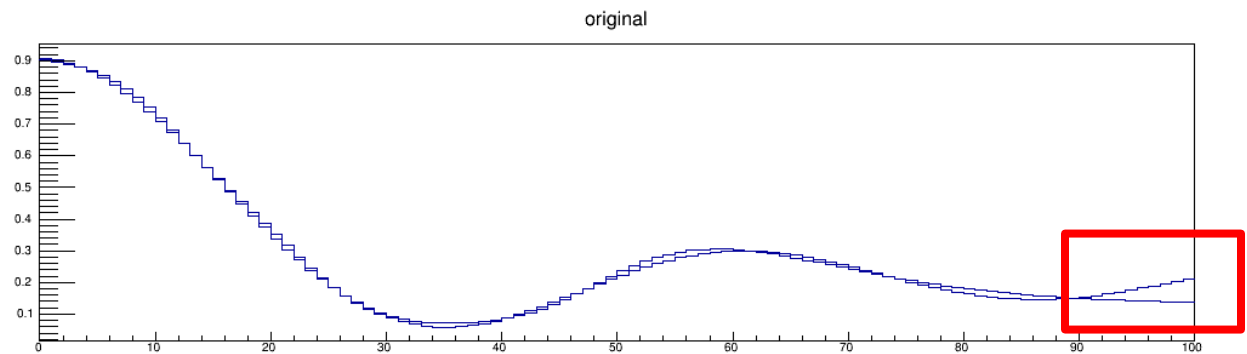
training data:  
100 random  
samples



average error  
converges nice  
and smoothly

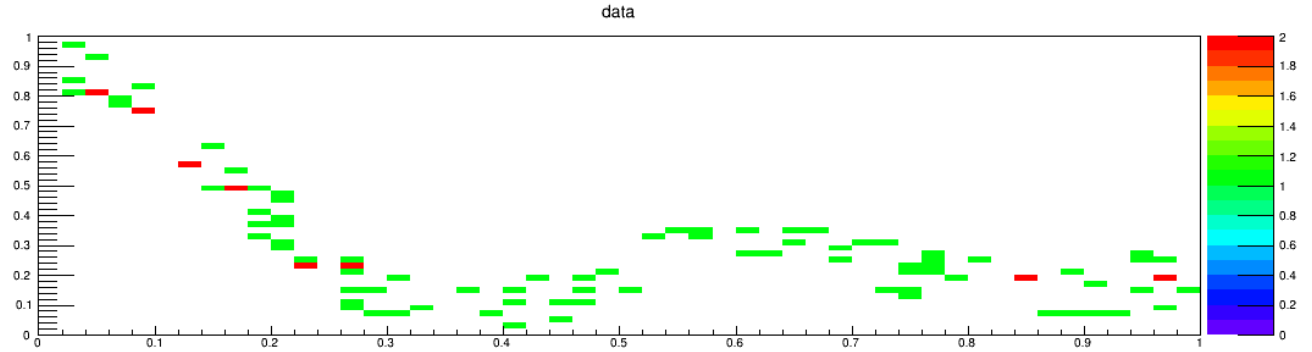


only one small  
problem...  
...bug?

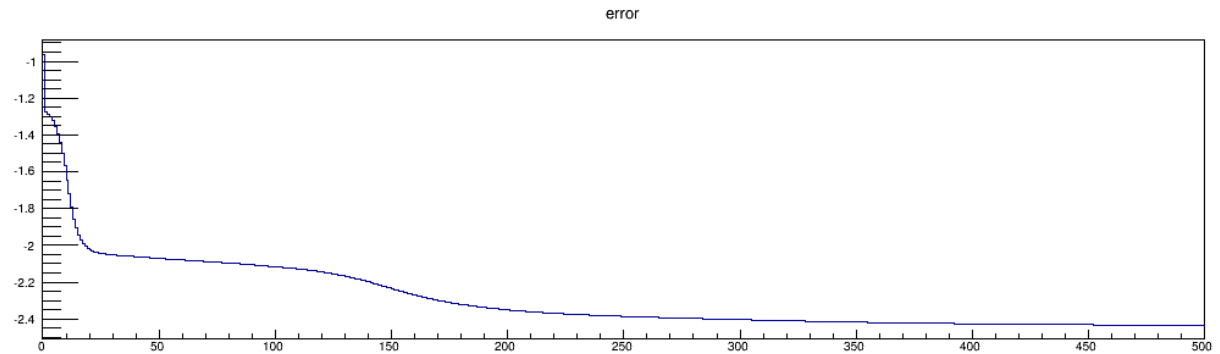


# Second Trial: Noisy Data

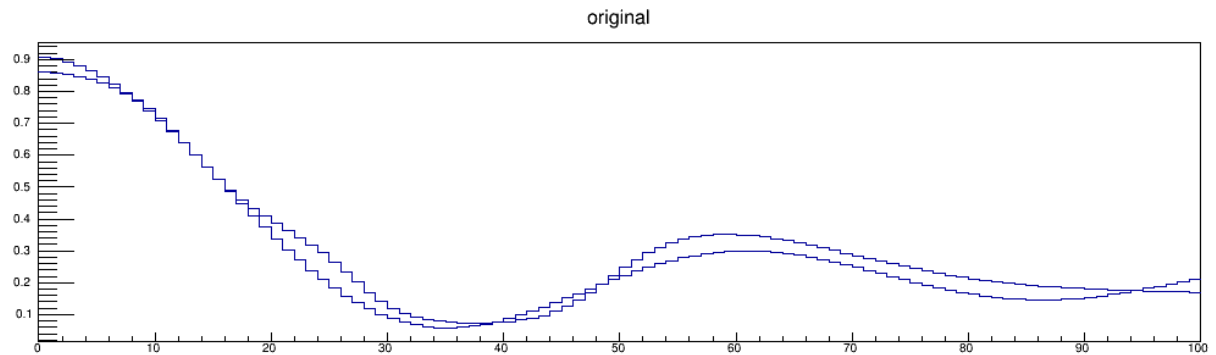
training data:  
100 random  
samples  $\pm 10\%$  noise



still nice  
convergence

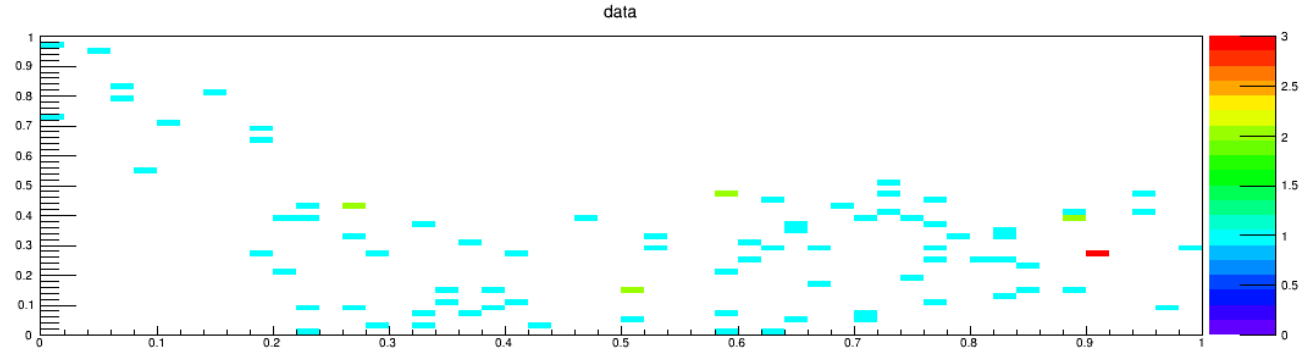


more or less "ok"

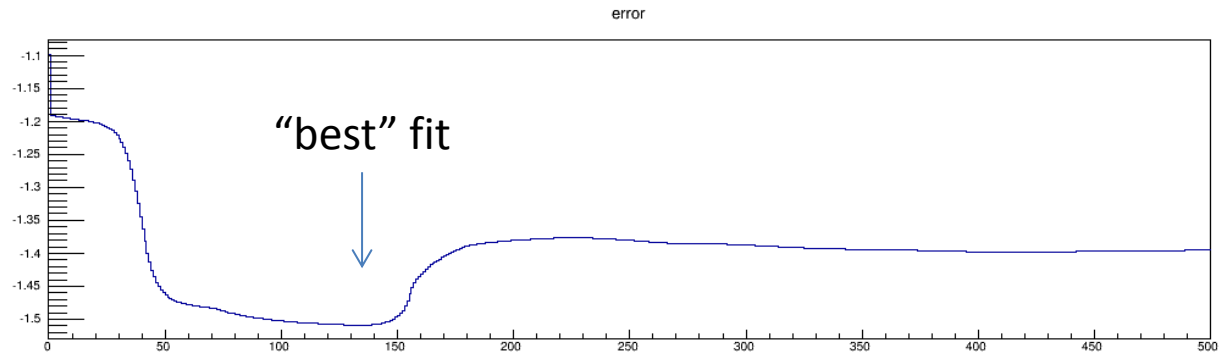


# Second Trial: Very Noisy Data

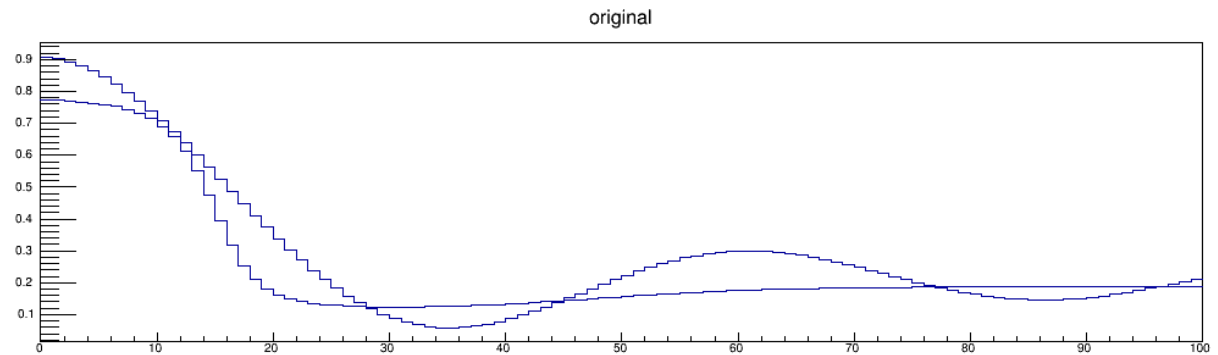
training data:  
100 random  
samples  $\pm 25\%$  noise



gradient descent  
is not stable!!

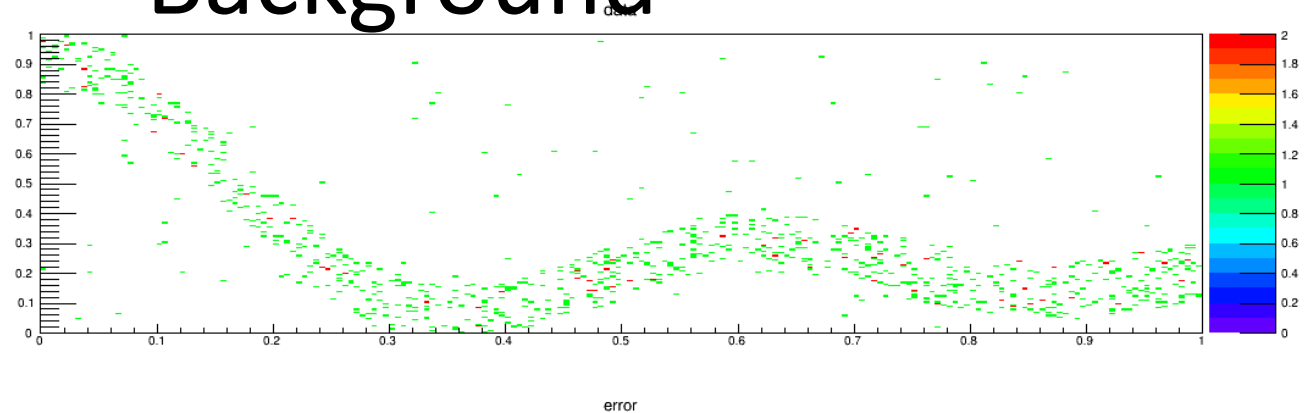


for the given data,  
this is still "ok"

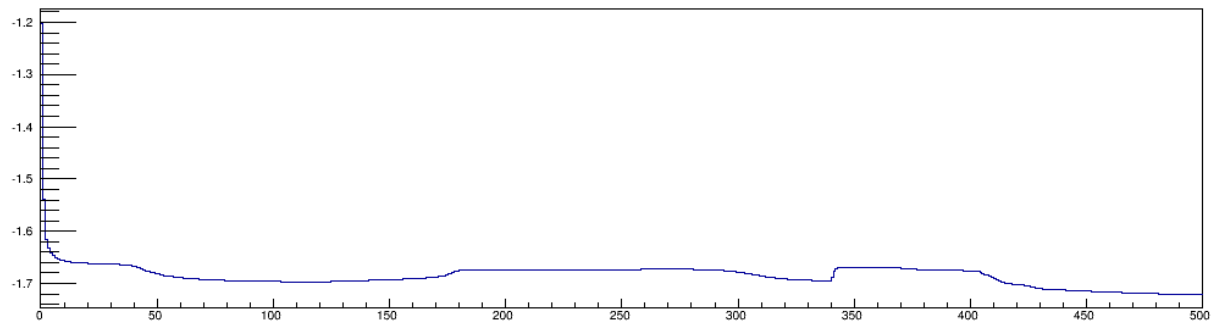


# Third Trial: Noisy data on top of Background

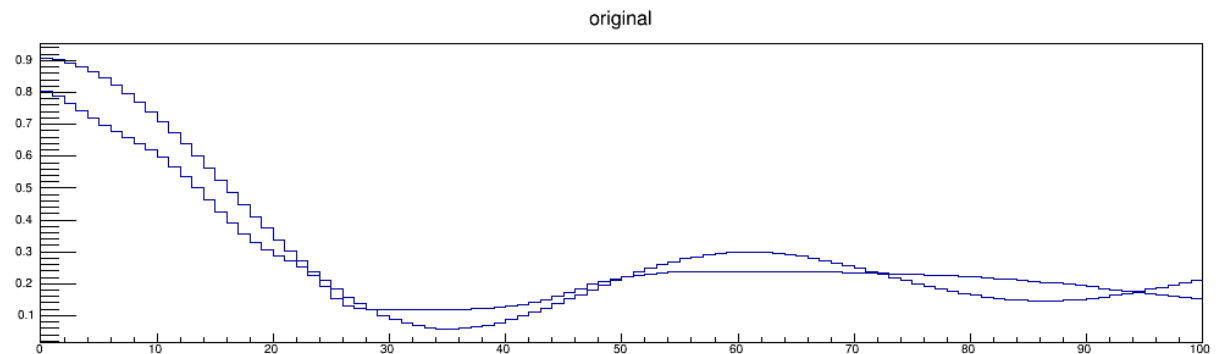
training data:  
1000 random  
samples  $\pm 10\%$  noise  
with 10% background



converges  
“somehow”

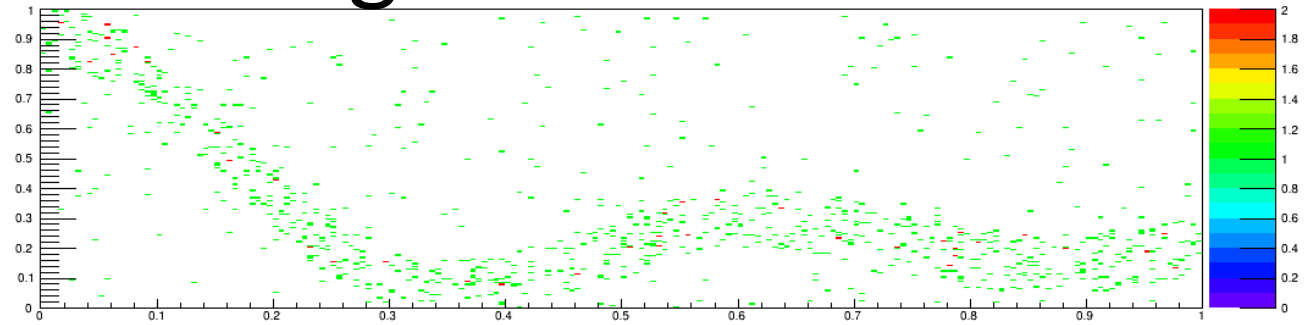


not so nice,  
but at least close

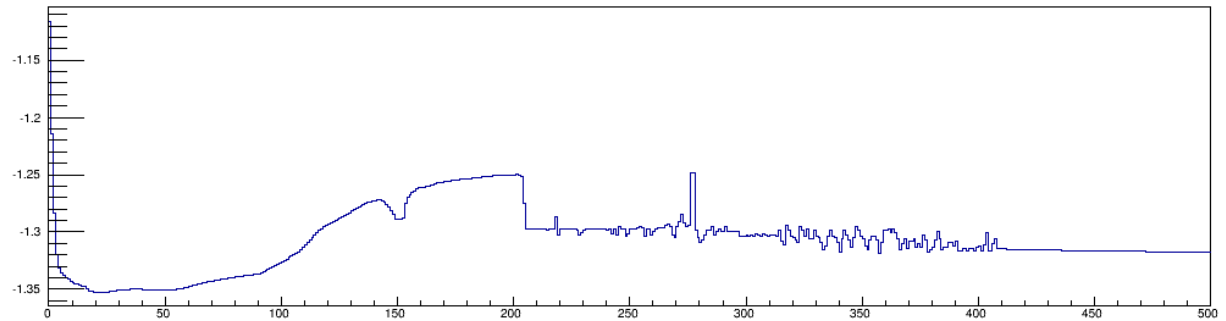


# Third Trial: Noisy data on top of more Background

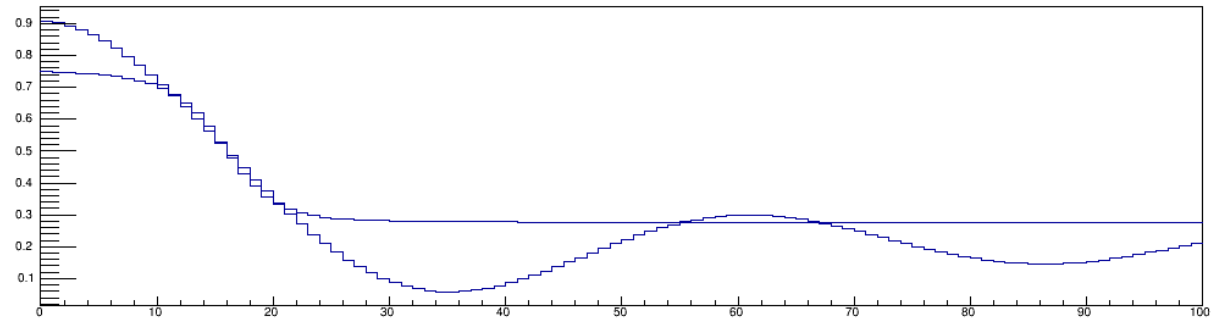
training data:  
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samples  $\pm 10\%$  noise  
with 30% background



error



original



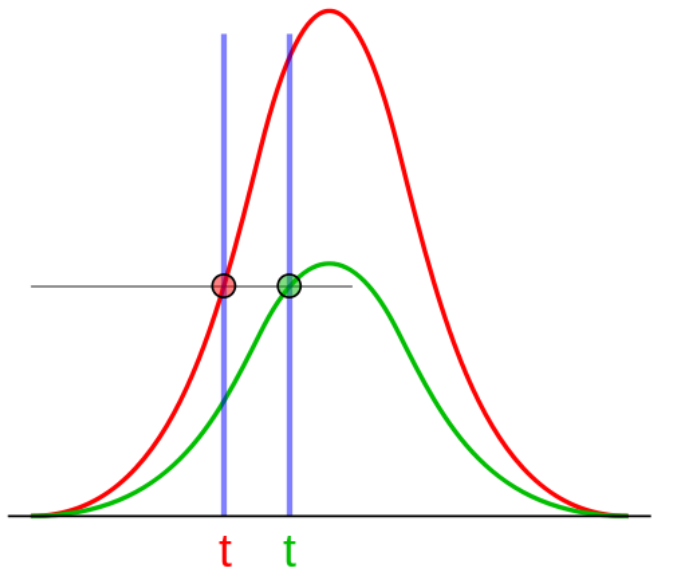
no chance to get  
detailed features

# Conclusions

- ANNs should NOT be used as black box
- always have to monitor average error
- have to be aware that there might be more than one minimum
- quality of the fit is mainly determined by quality of training data
- stability is an issue, but we do not have to care too much (once we have a solution that fits)

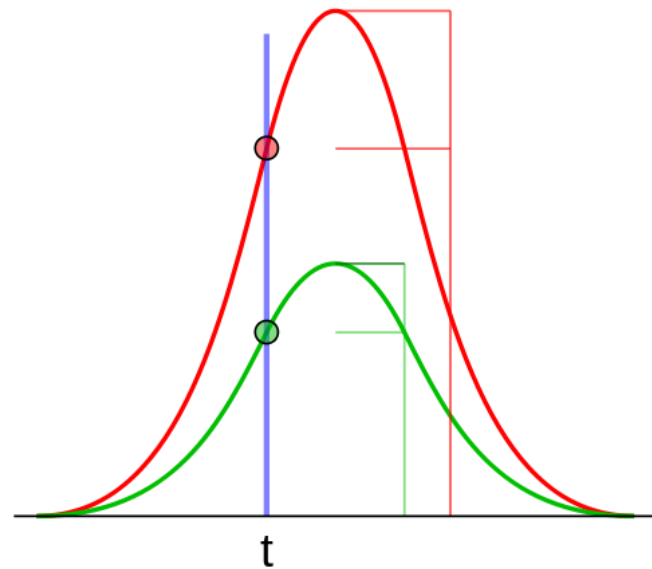
# Time Walk

Leading edge discriminator



different amplitudes -> time walk

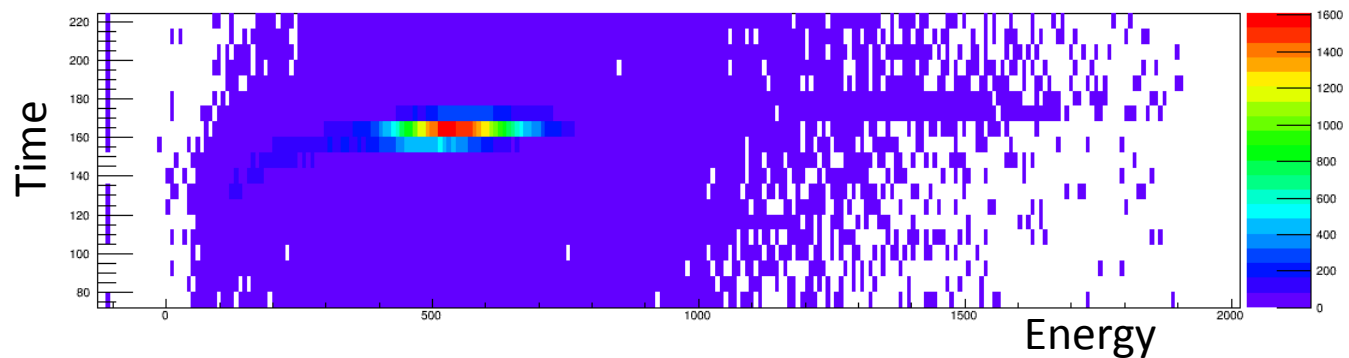
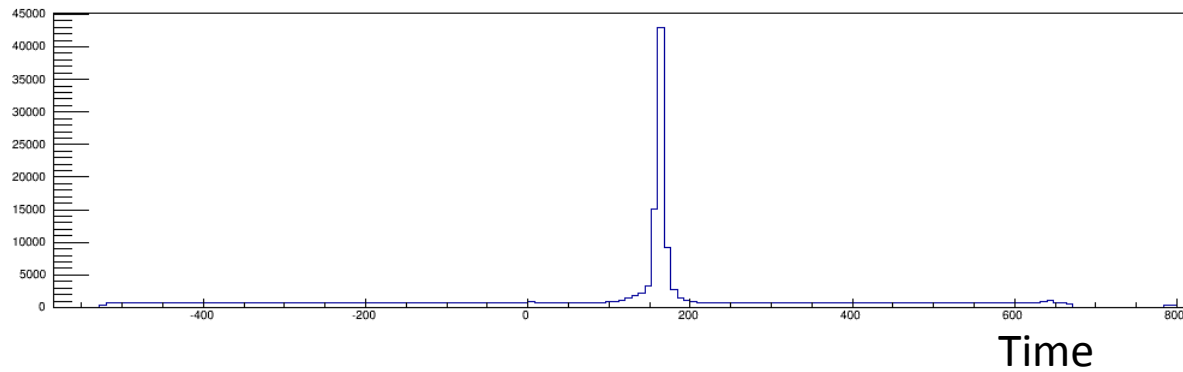
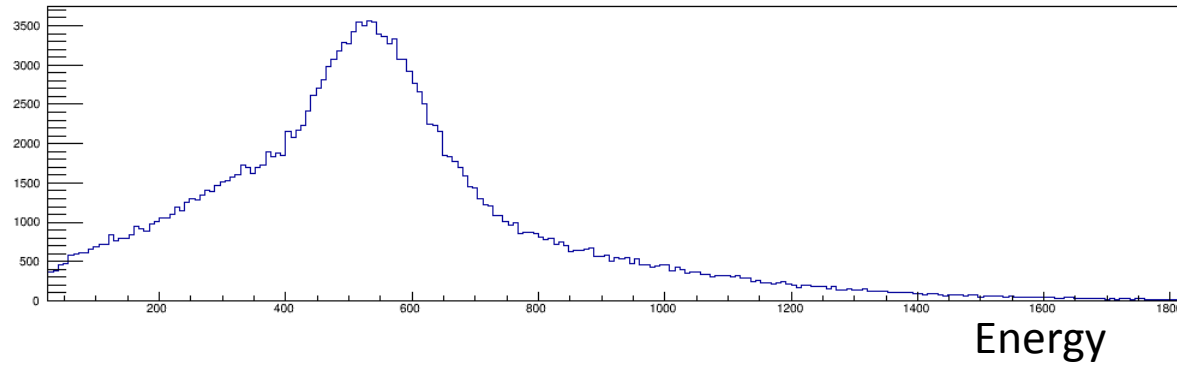
Constant fraction discriminator



no (energy dependent) time walk

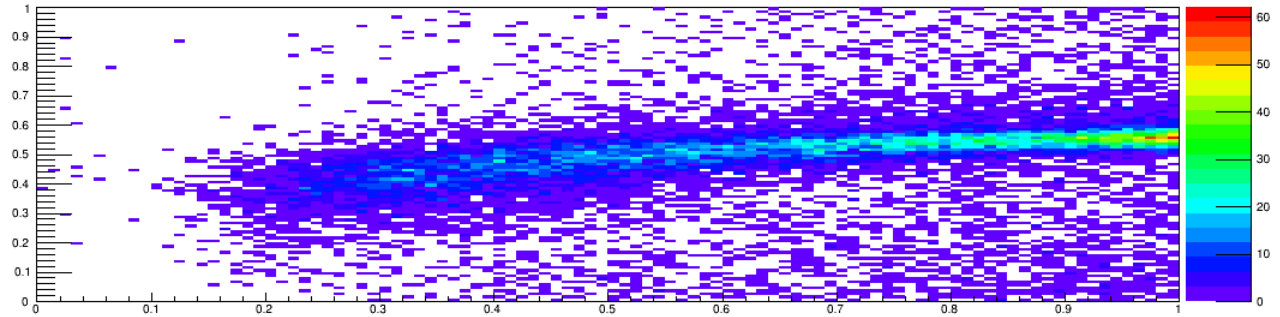


# Energy dependent Time Walk

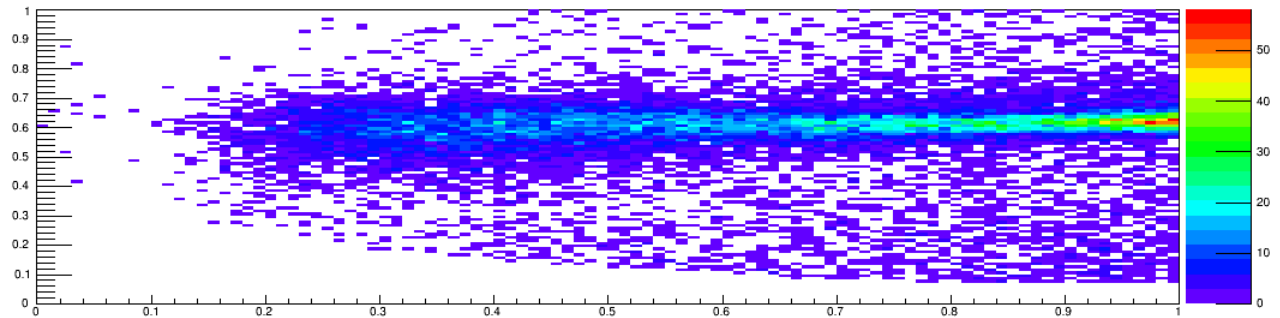


# Correcting the Walk after Fitting

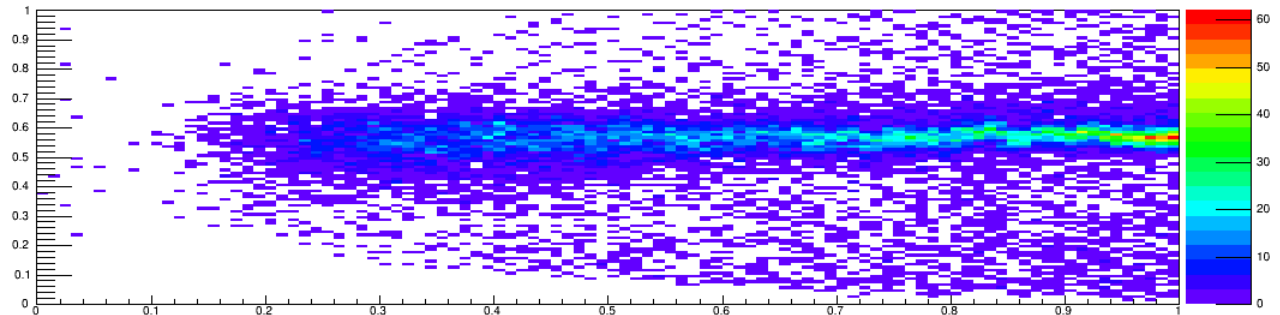
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corrected after  
ANN fit  
(1-5-5-1)

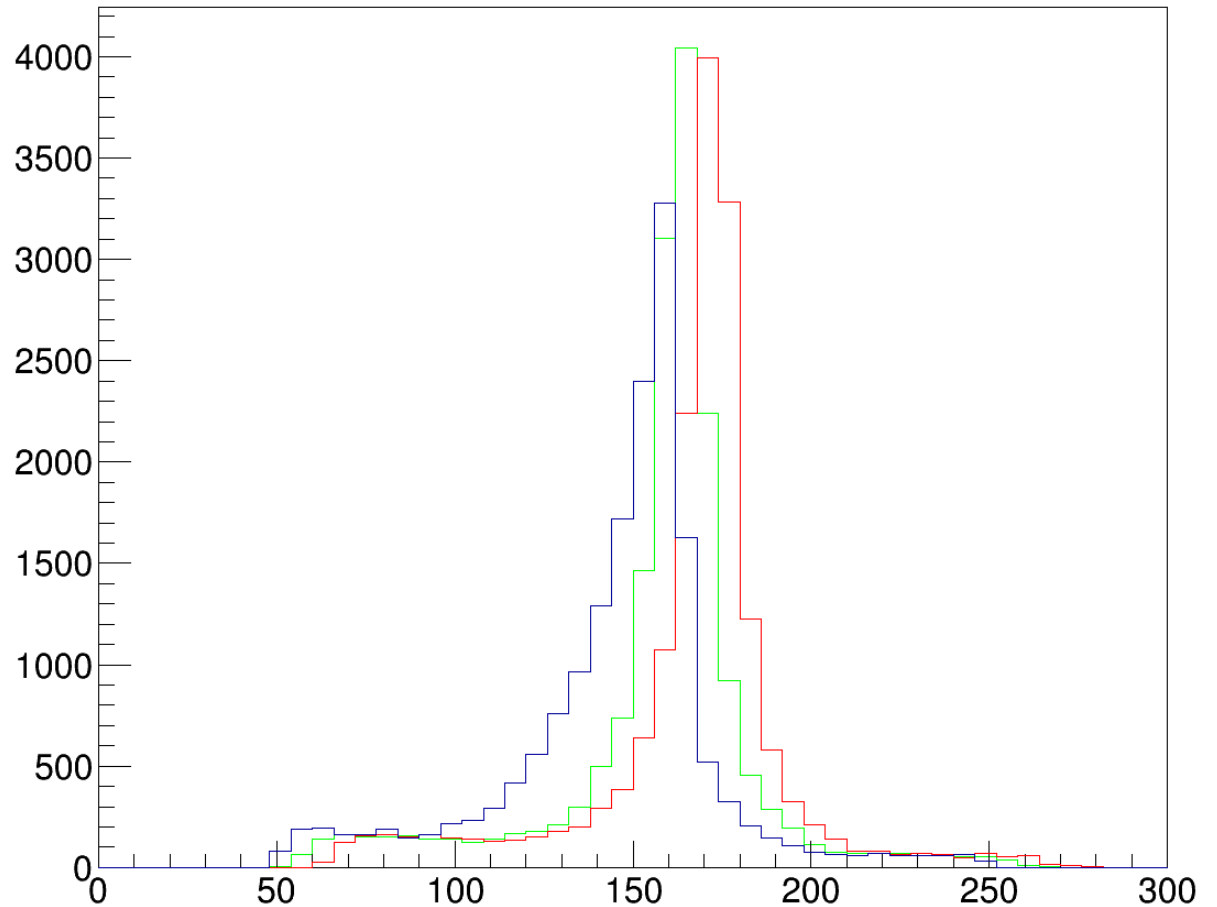


corrected after  
binned mean value  
(46 bins)



# Corrected Time Spectra

	$\sigma$ (bins)
org.	16.94
ANN	10.09
AVG	10.19

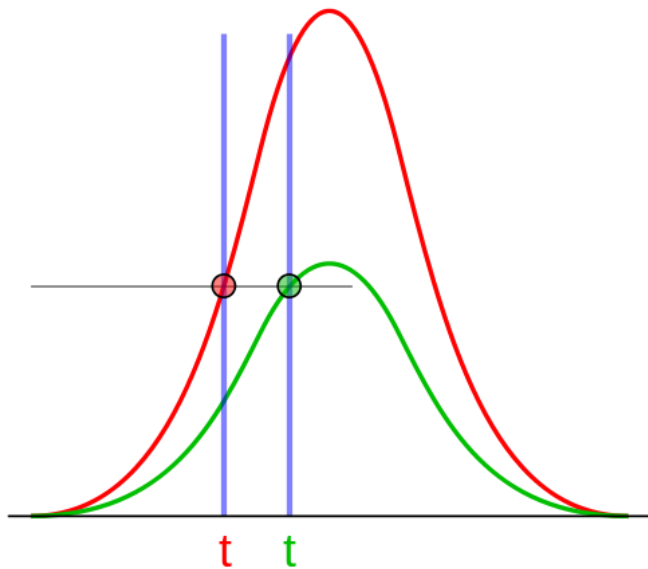


# Conclusions

- for low dimensional problems we do not need ANNs
- the same ANN can be extended to work with  $n$  inputs and  $m$  outputs easily
- ANN results should be compared with results from linear methods

# Outlook

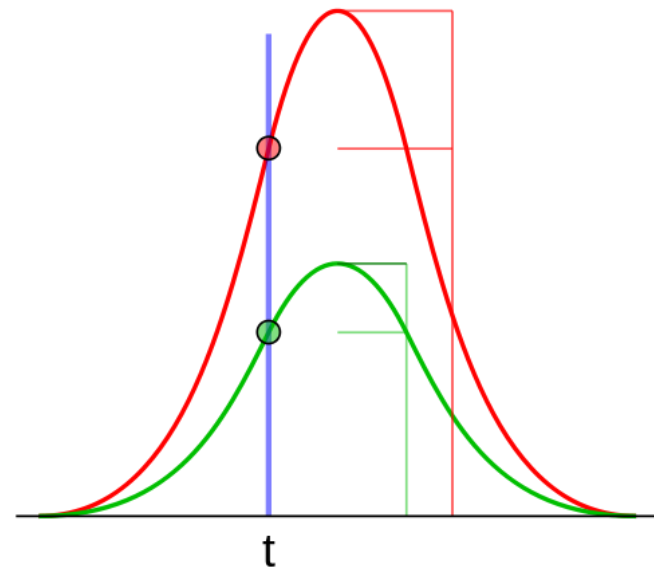
Leading edge discriminator



amplitude dependent time walk



Constant fraction discriminator



pulse shape dependent time walk

Nice explanation of backpropagation (careful: bias nodes are missing)

[http://home.agh.edu.pl/~vlsi/AI/backp\\_t\\_en/backprop.html](http://home.agh.edu.pl/~vlsi/AI/backp_t_en/backprop.html)

My source and doc will be available at

<https://g-wiki.gsi.de/foswiki/bin/view/SWiki/PuISAr>

source code / libraries (just a random collection, I didn't read them)

<http://www.heatonresearch.com/encog> (C#,Java)

<https://takinginitiative.wordpress.com/2008/04/23/basic-neural-network-tutorial-c-implementation-and-source-code/> (C++)

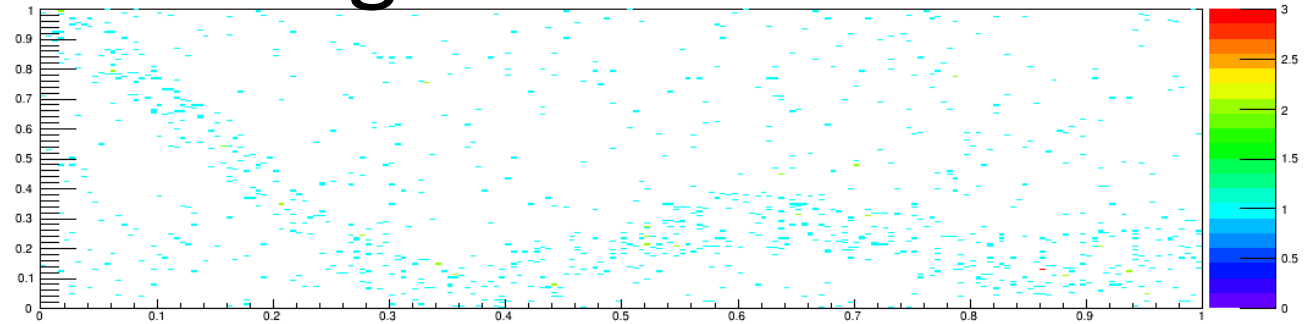
<http://www.codeproject.com/Articles/14342/Designing-And-Implementing-A-Neural-Network-Librar> (.NET)

<http://www.codeproject.com/Articles/21171/Backpropagation-Artificial-Neural-Network-in-C> (C++)

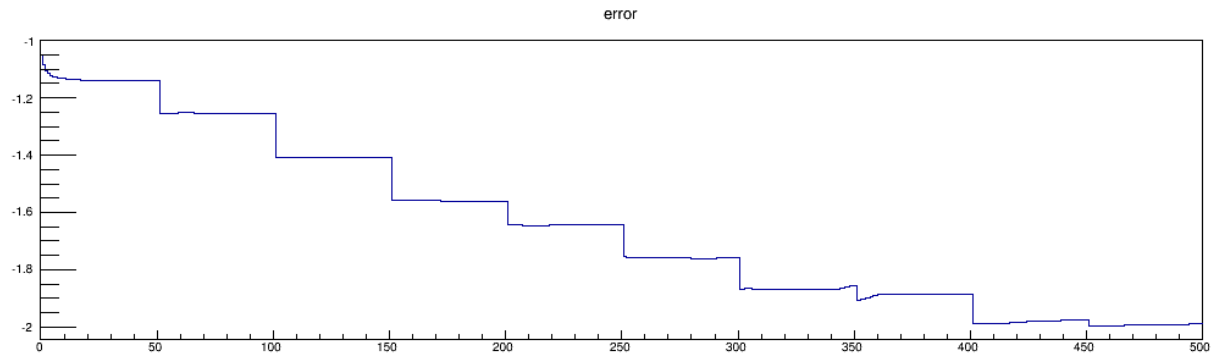


# Third Trial: Noisy data on top of huge Background

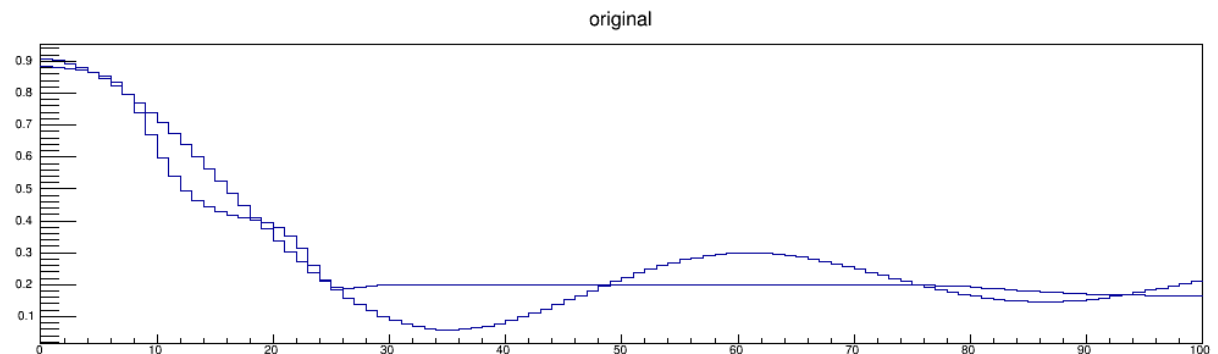
training data:  
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samples  $\pm 10\%$  noise  
with **50%** background



may converge...  
...to something



still possible to  
get close





# Network Topology

