

Intelliquench:

Machine learning for real-time monitoring of superconducting magnets

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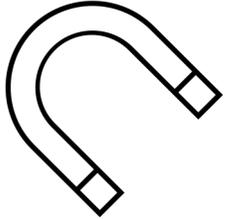
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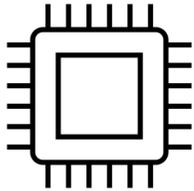
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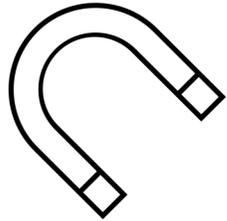
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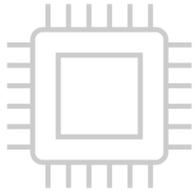
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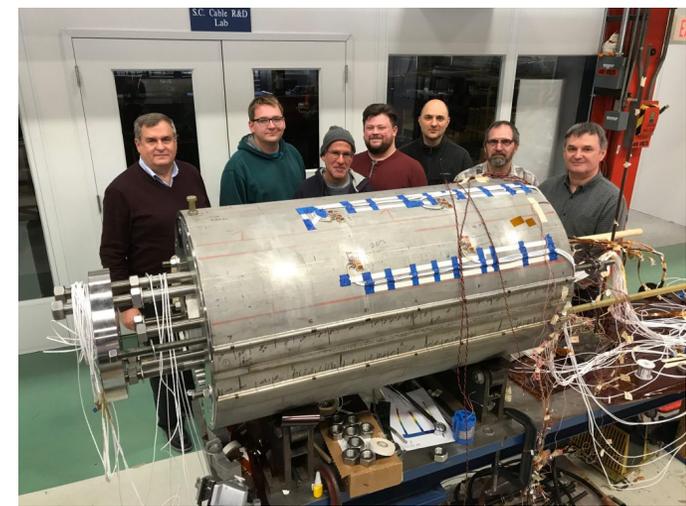


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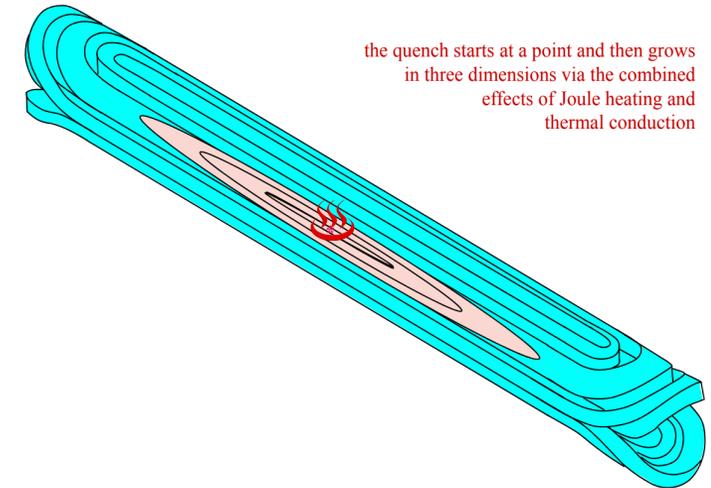
- Superconducting magnets are used widely in particle accelerators for **manipulation of particle beams**.
- Can carry large current with **no electrical resistance**. Can generate very **intense magnetic field**.



Quenches in superconducting magnets

- In order to maintain superconductivity, superconducting magnets typically operate at or below liquid helium temperature.
- Due to several reasons (mechanical imperfections, conductor motions, ...), a **specific spot** in the magnet may **heat up**.
- This can eventually cause the whole magnet to **become resistive**. And with huge amount of current pumping through, it can be **catastrophic**.

Growth of the resistive zone



the quench starts at a point and then grows in three dimensions via the combined effects of Joule heating and thermal conduction

Wilson et al. Superconducting magnets for accelerators.



Quenches are dangerous



In 2008, magnet quench occurred in 100 magnets at the LHC at CERN, leading to a loss of approximately **six tons** of liquid helium.

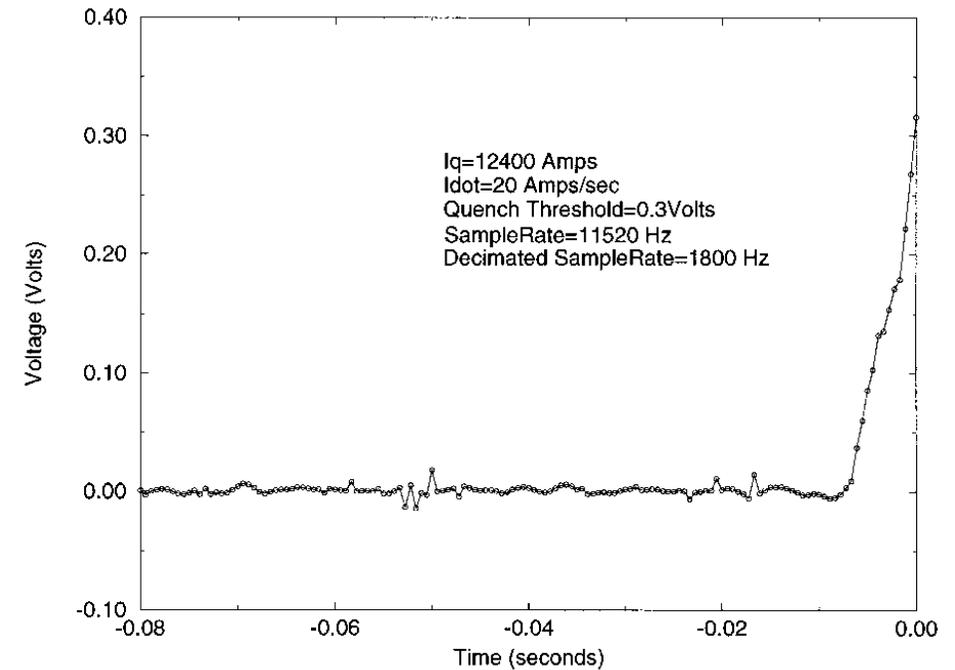
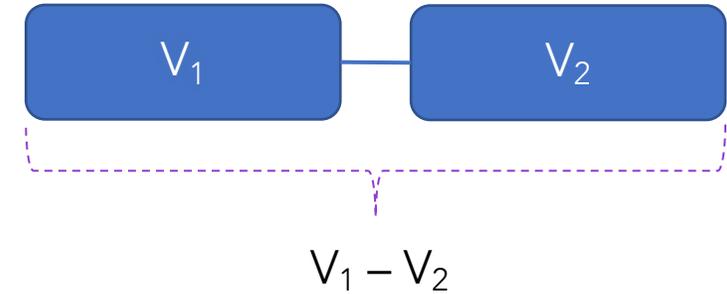


The escaping vapor expanded with explosive force, damaging a total of **53 superconducting magnets** (each costs several millions dollar.)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Large_Hadron_Collider#Quench_incident

Current quench protection systems

- A typical system detects a **difference in voltage** between **two halves** of the magnet.
- Discharge the magnet by dissipating energy either on to the magnets' own **thermal mass** or externally through a **dump resistor**.
- System responses after quench happens in about **~few ms to tens of seconds**.

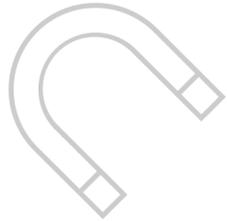


[D.F. Orris et al](#)

See more: [R. Denz](#), [Steckert and A. Skoczen](#)

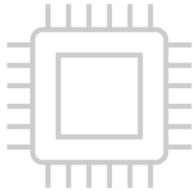
Challenges

- Quenches are not well-understood: we don't know whether “quench precursors” exist, and in what kind of data.
- Underlying physics is still not well-understood. We don't know the exact details of what's happening yet.
- Quench protection systems only detect the quench **after** it happens, thus requiring very short response time $O(ms)$.



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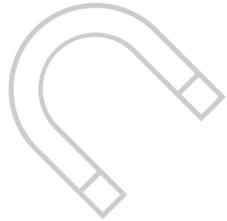
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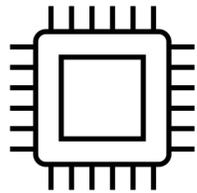
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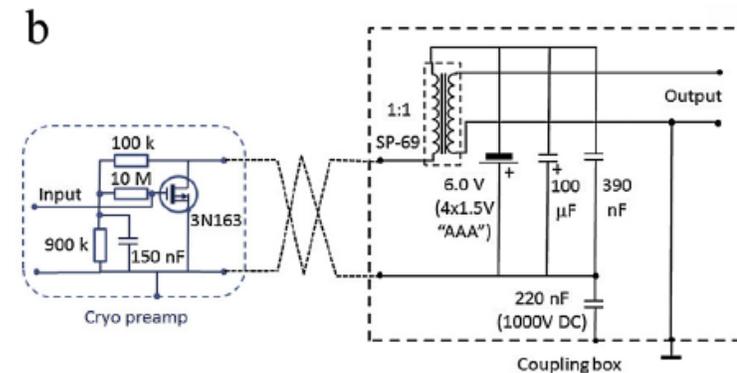
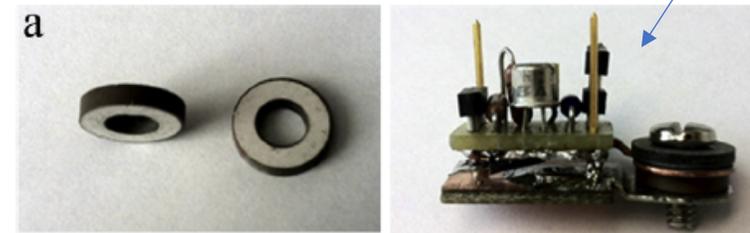
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Acoustic sensors for magnet diagnostics

- Non-invasive technique which allows **better localization** of mechanical events.
- Highly advantageous for preventing **magnet integrity** from being jeopardized by voltage taps.
- Has been **widely adapted** for non-destructive evaluation of mechanical stability in various settings.
- Only **high-rate data** set available for us.

Sensor with integrated cryogenic preamplifier.

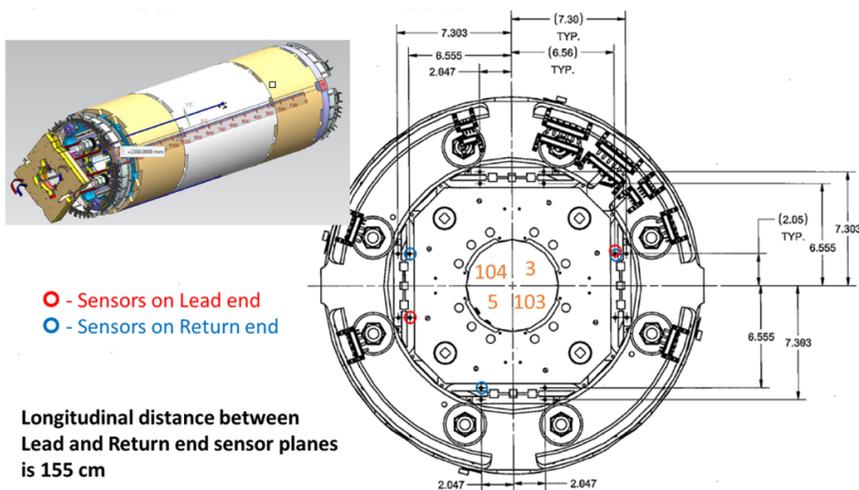


See [M. Marchevsky et al](#)

Specific setups in two different magnets

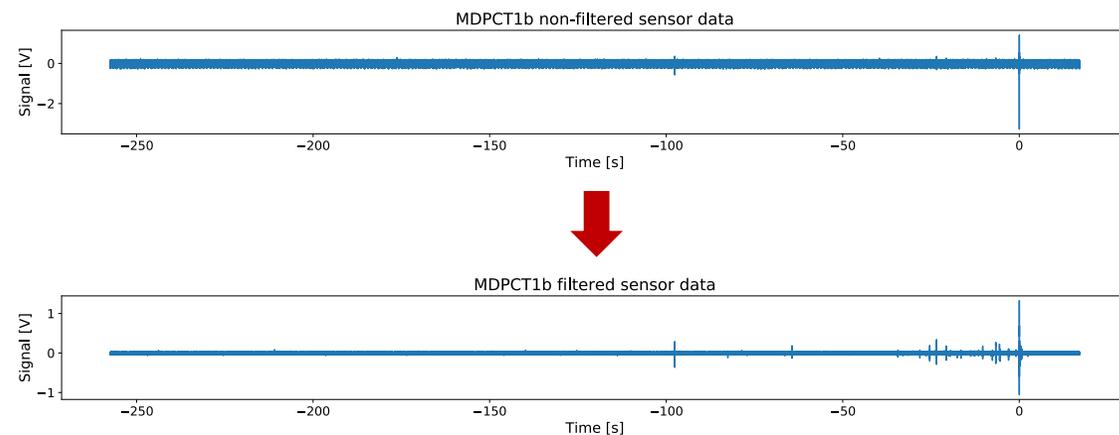
MQXFS1d (5 sensors)

- **5 acoustic sensors** attached to two sides of magnet.
- Sampling rate of **100kHz**



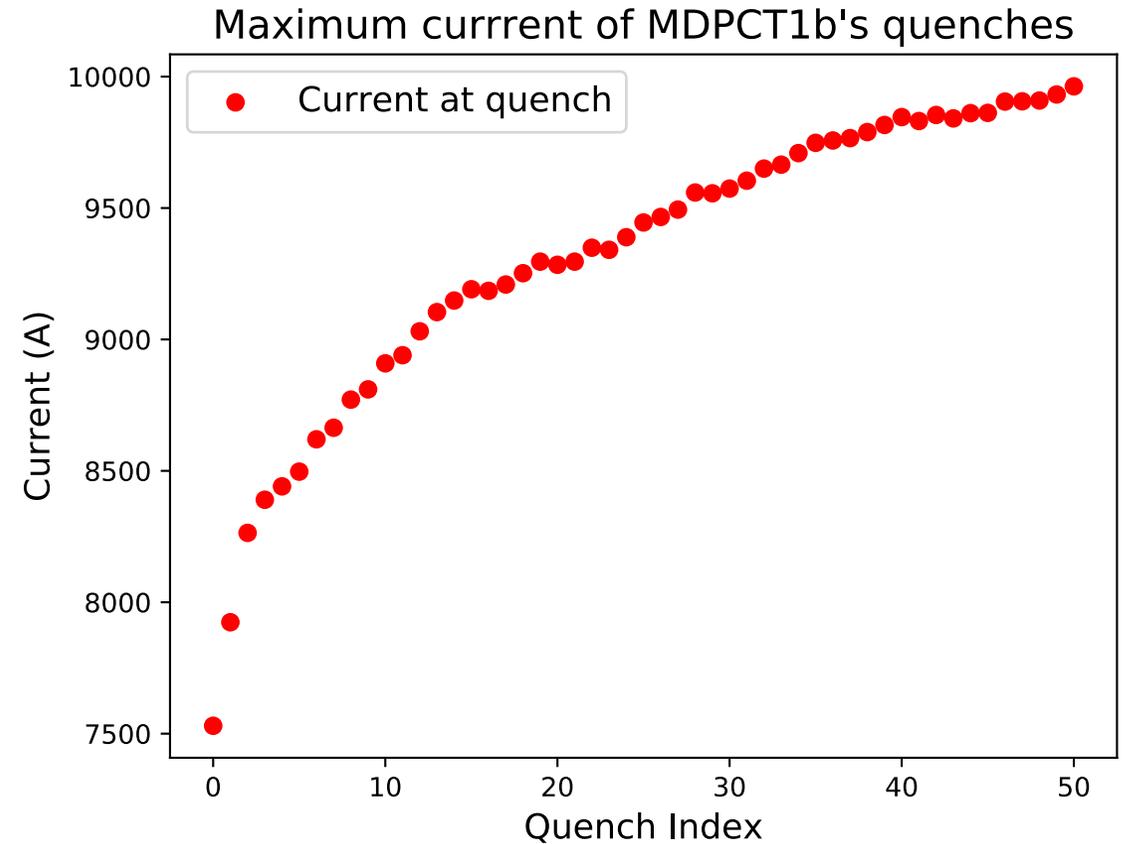
MDPCT1b (2 sensors)

- **2 acoustic sensors** attached to two sides of magnet.
- Sampling rate of **1MHz** but was **filtered and down-sampled to 100kHz** due to noise.

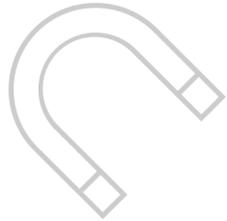


Obtain quench data from magnet training

- Superconducting magnets must be “**trained**” to operate at high current.
- During the training process, magnet is repeatedly ran at a low current, and then a slightly increased current until a **natural quench happens**.
- Typically, magnet is quenched until quench’s current reaches **plateau**.

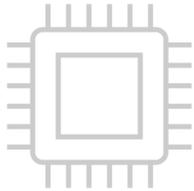


Magnet condition will also change continuously



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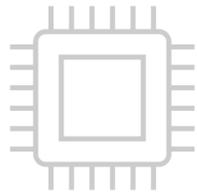
Data pouring in at **high rate** (100kHz and higher in the future), since many events are much clearer or at all visible then.

Also, the earlier we know the quench, the better.



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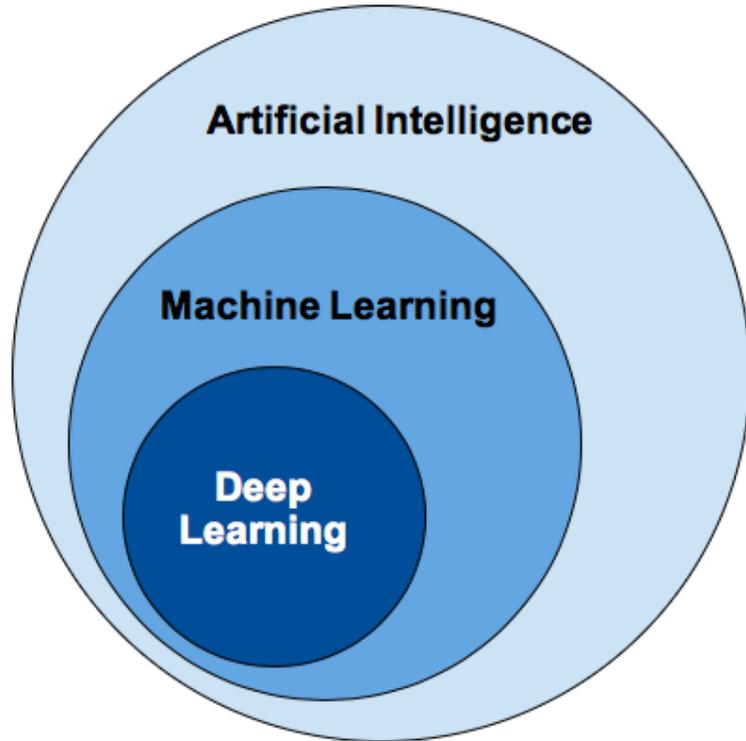
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Machine Learning Overview

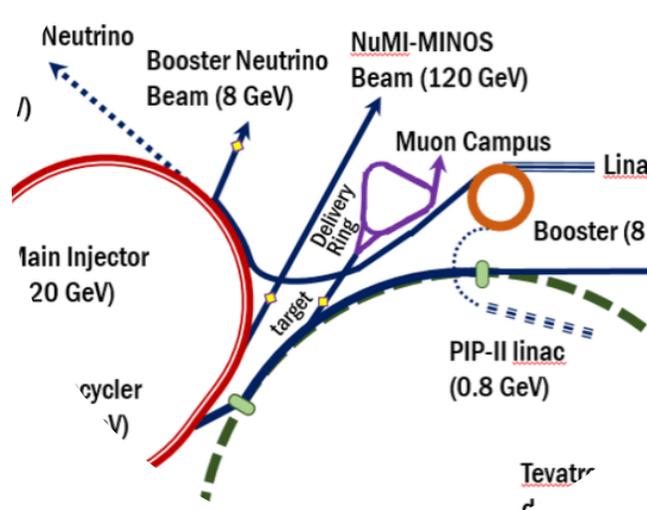
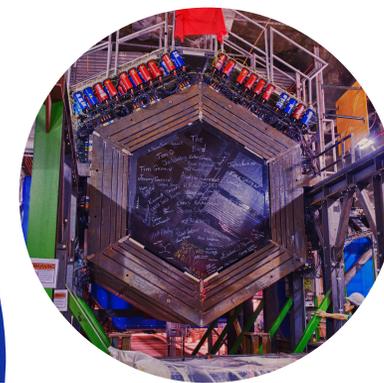
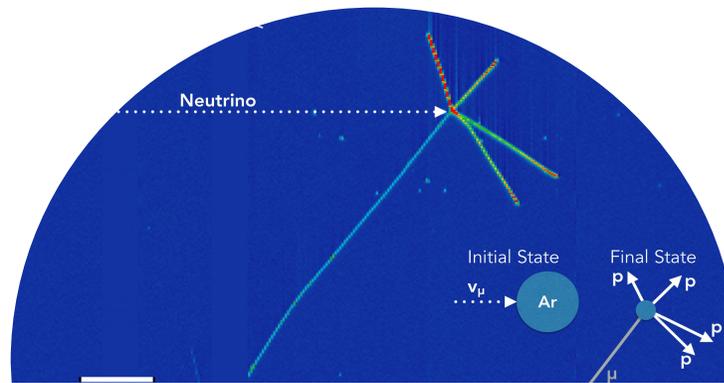
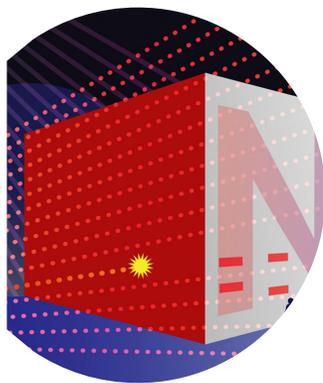
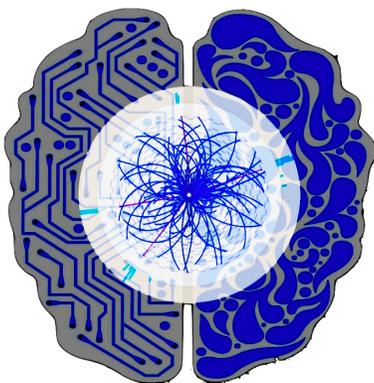


“Machine learning algorithms build a *mathematical model* based on sample data, known as “*training data*”, in order to make predictions or decisions *without being explicitly programmed to do so.*”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machine_learning

Generic non-linear function approximation tools!

Machine Learning @Fermilab



How are we approaching this problem?

The problem: we don't know what we are looking for. So need to rely on unsupervised learning.

Unsupervised learning ★

- Data set with no pre-existing labels.
- Example: How many classes of images are in my data?
- Anomaly detection: Identify commonalities in the data and detect anomalous data points.

Supervised learning

- Data set with pre-existing labels
- Example: Cats & Dogs Classifier

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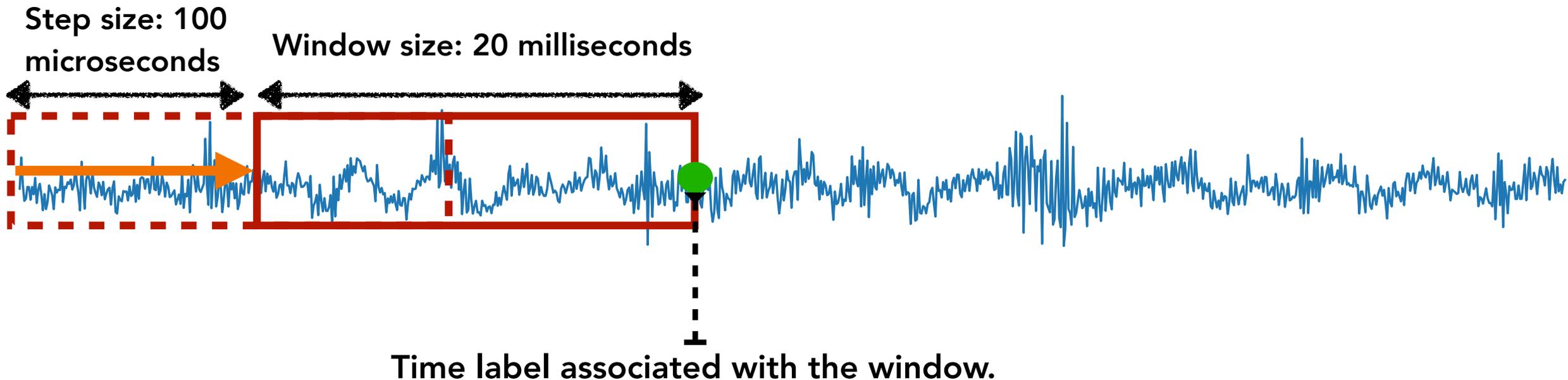
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Statistical features calculation (ingredients)

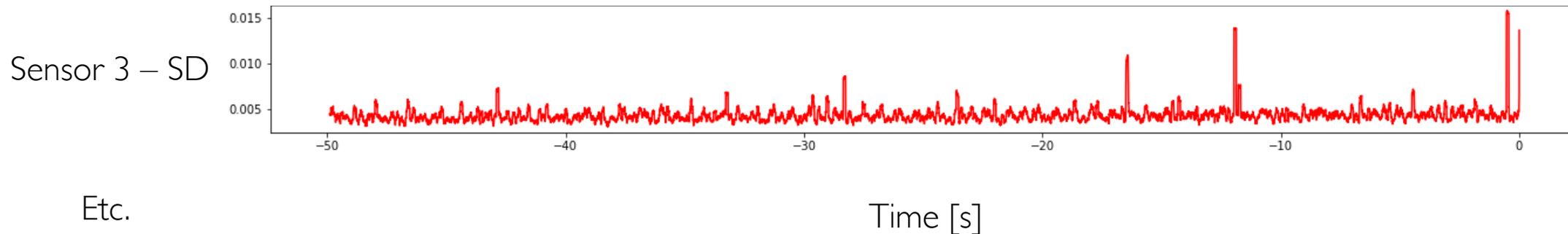
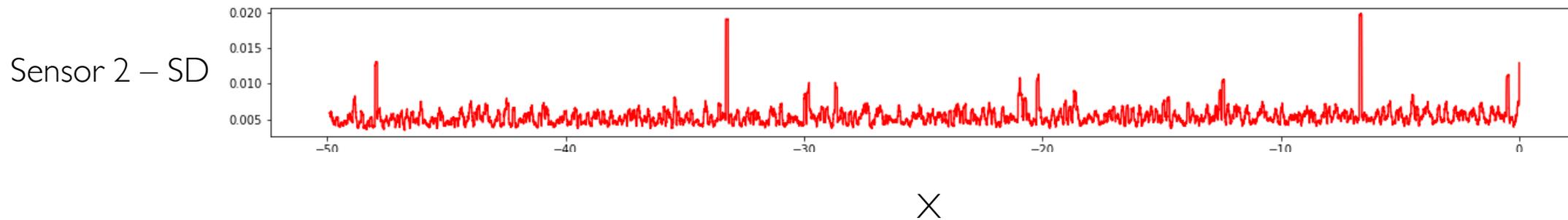
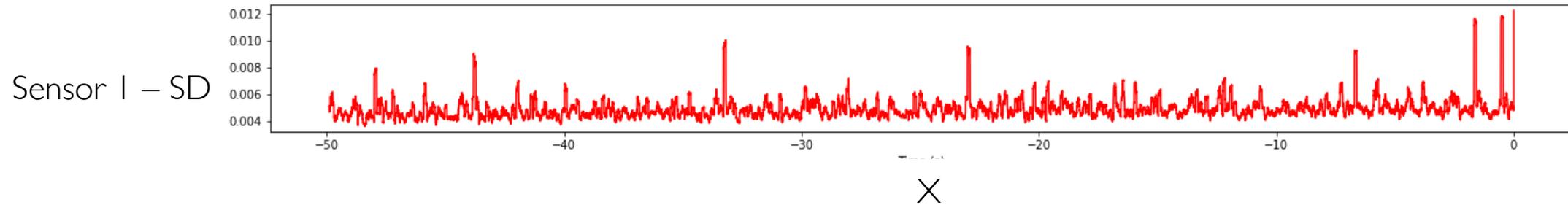
Inspired by: LANL Earthquake prediction challenge.



In each window, calculate 2 features: *standard deviation*, and *mean of the amplitude*. Also features are *multiplied* across sensors to look for “coherent” spikes.

Multiply inputs across sensors

SD = Standard Deviation



- *12 inputs in total if 5 sensors.*
- *6 inputs in total if 2 sensors.*

Scaling inputs

After calculations, every inputs are scaled to between (0,1) so that they can be treated equally in the algorithm when training the model.

$$x_{scaled} = \frac{x - x_{min}}{x_{max} - x_{min}}$$

Use the same scaling factors when making predictions.



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Exploring two classes of deep learning algorithms.

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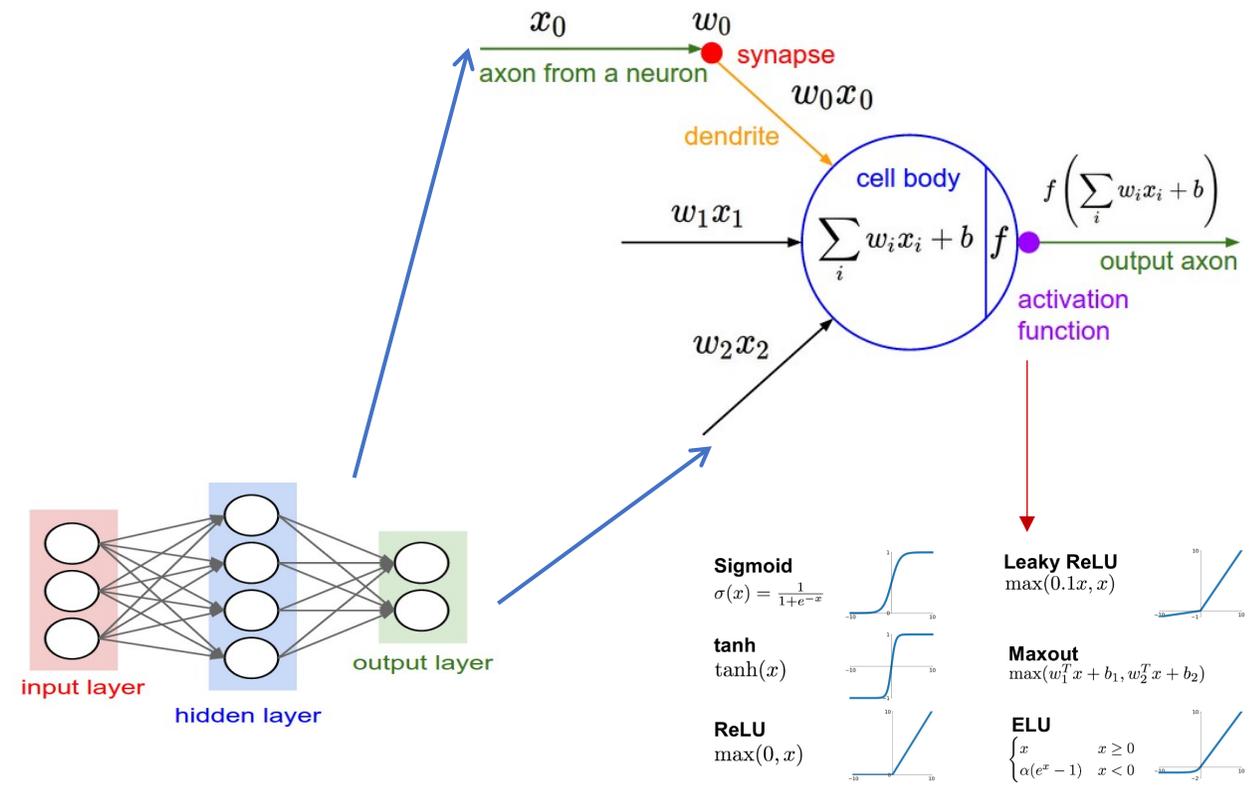
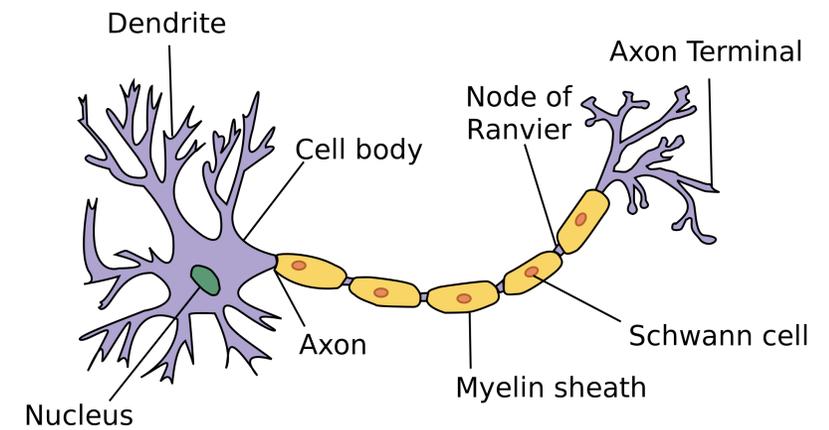
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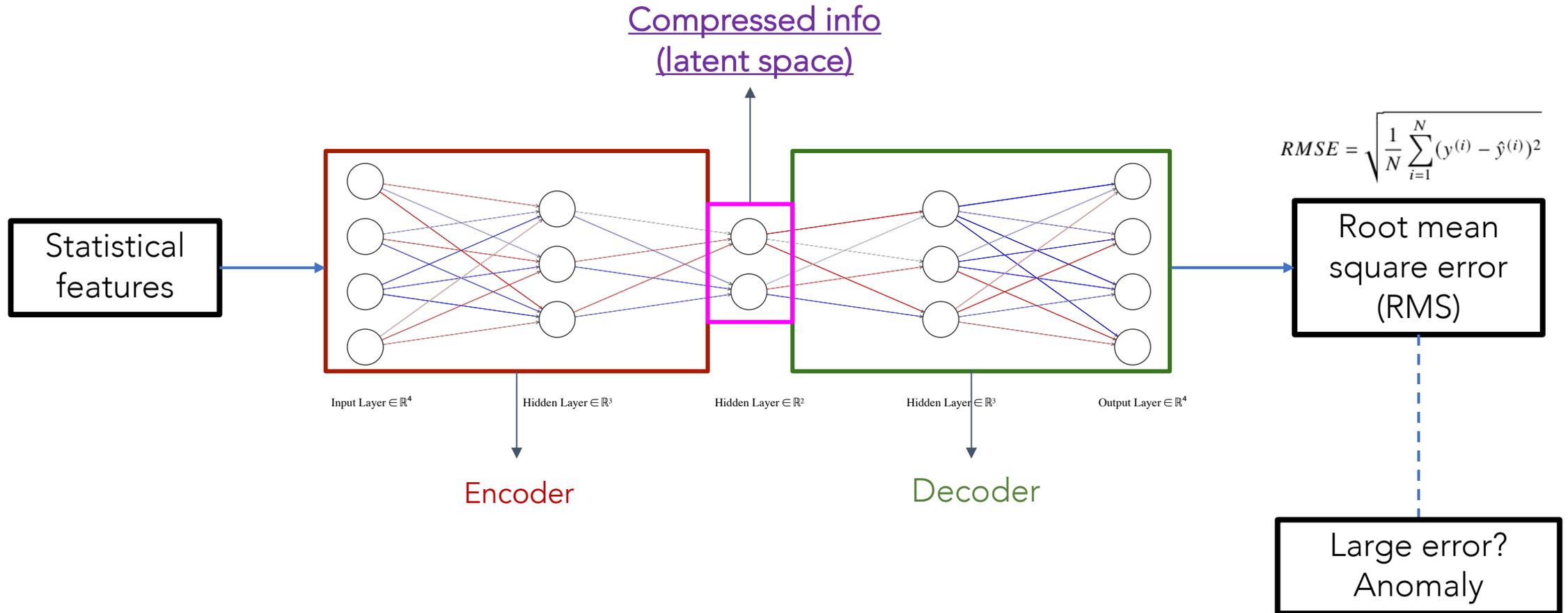
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Deep Neural Network (DNN)

- Each **input** is multiplied by a **weight**.
- **Weighted values** are summed, **Bias** is added.
- Non-linear **activation function** is applied
- Trained by varying the **parameters** to minimize a **loss function** (quantifies how many mistakes the network makes)



Auto-encoder DNN (Recipe)



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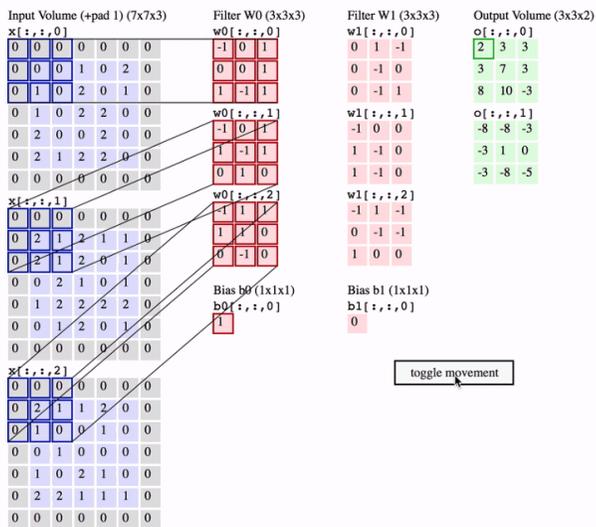
Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

Convolution Operation (Conv)

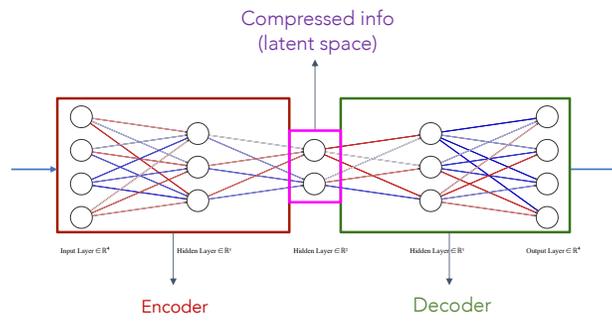
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Similar idea to DNN, but using raw signals, instead of calculated features



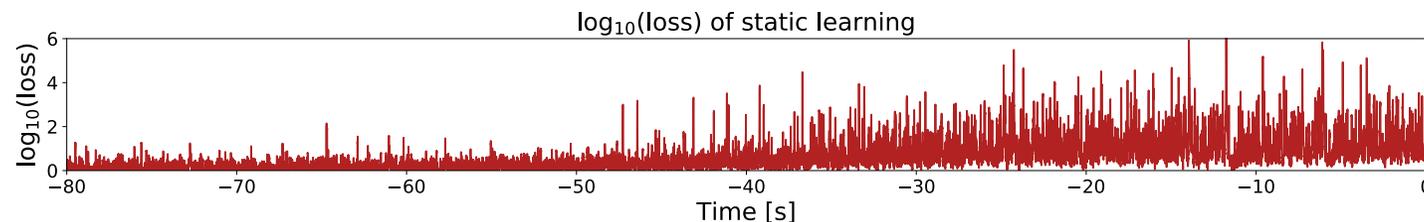


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 1. Static Learning ❌
 2. Dynamic Learning ✅

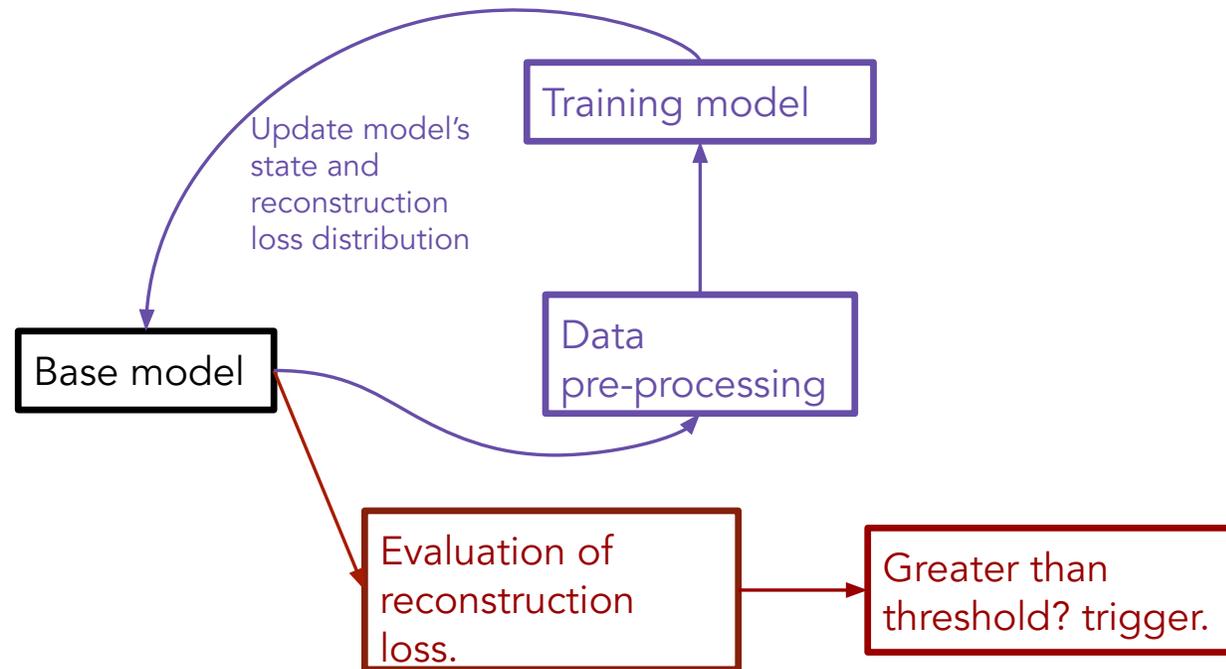
“Static” learning

- Typically, a model is trained on a specific section of normal data, and then used for prediction.
- However, this is not applicable for this scenario, since there is an **increasing noise level** as we go to higher current.

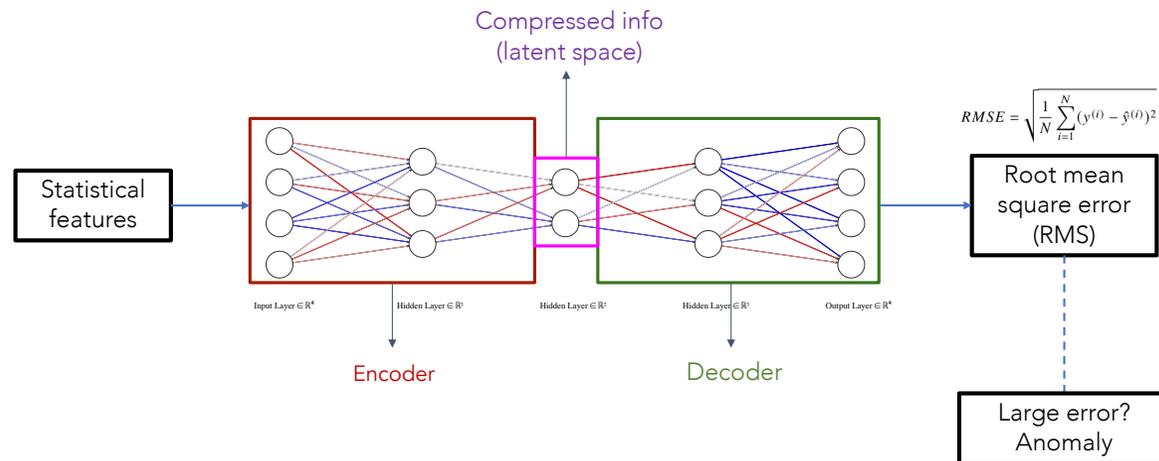


Dynamic learning

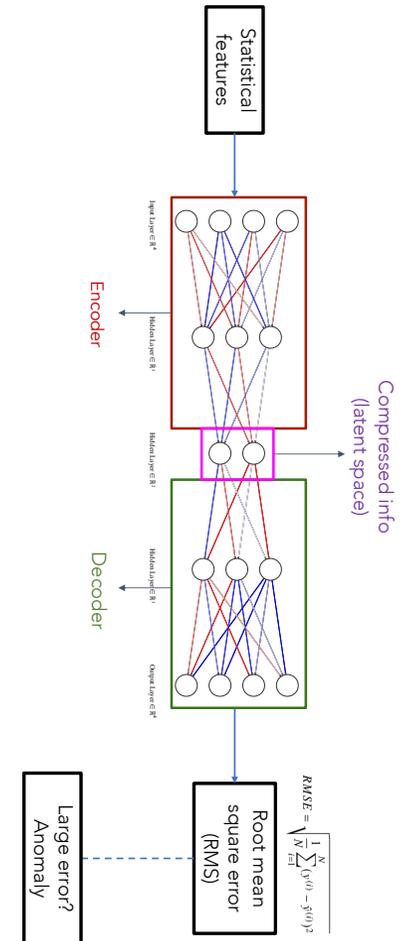
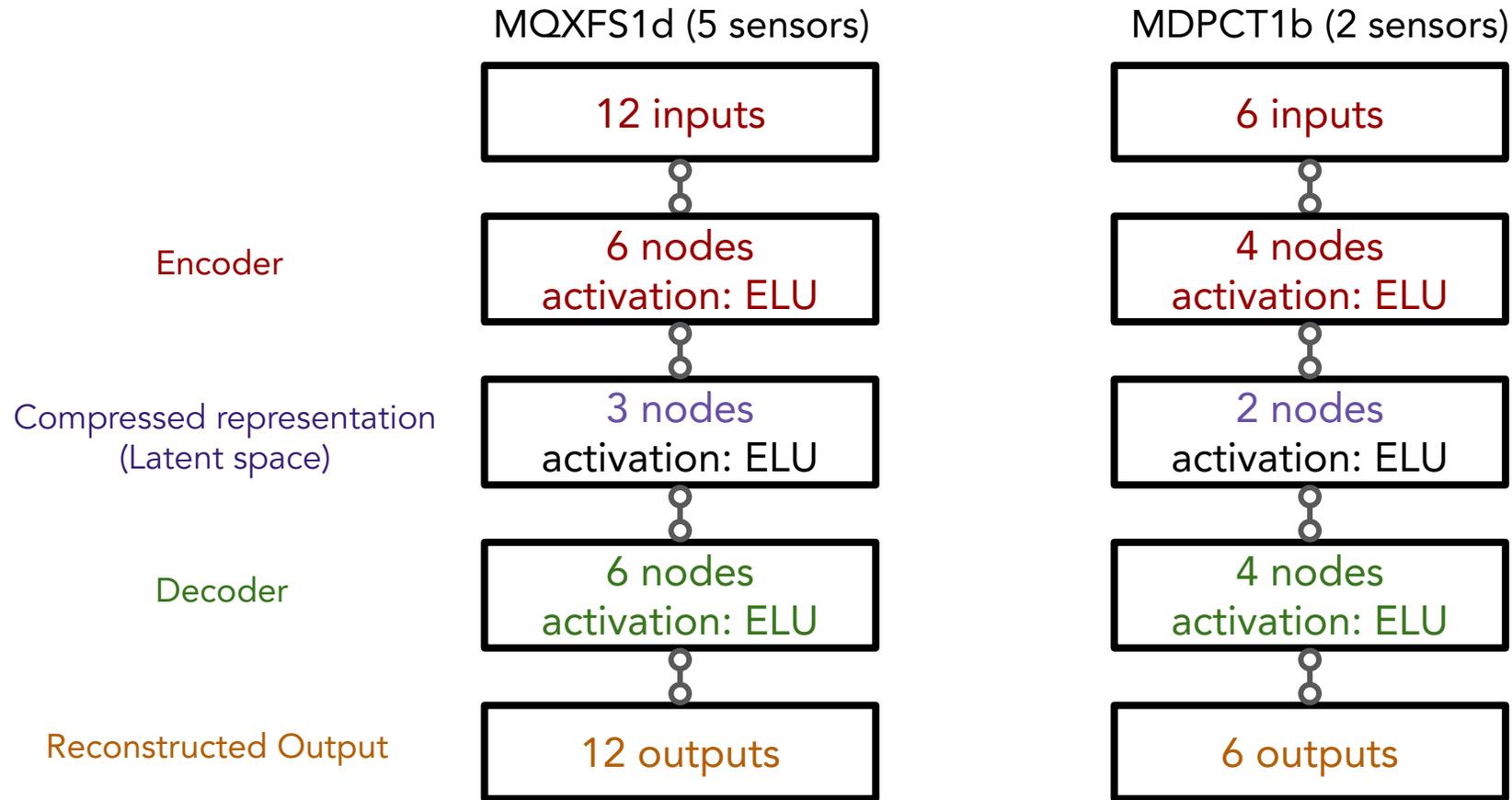
For each 10-second section



Experiment with auto-encoder DNN



Network architecture

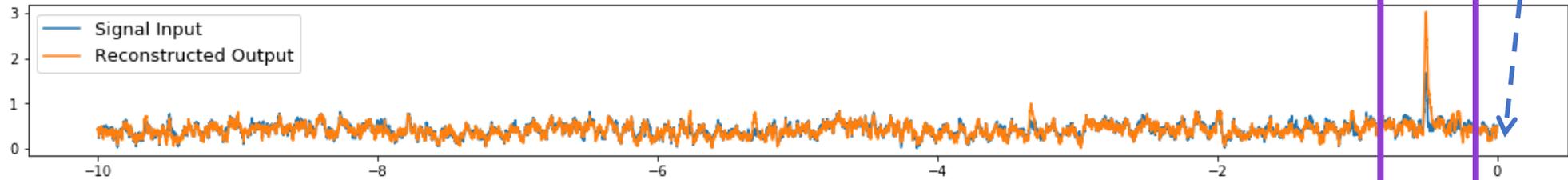


Anomalous event visualization

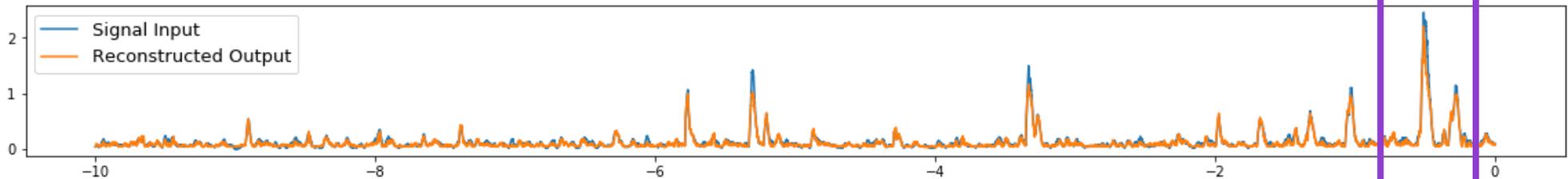
0 is quench detection time

$SD = \text{Standard deviation}$

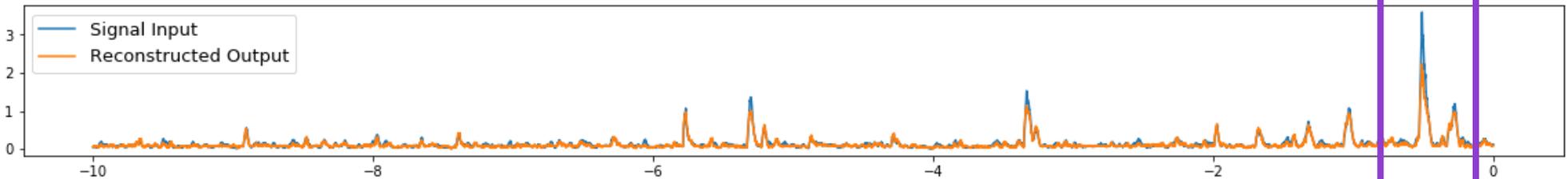
SD-1



SD-2



SD-1*2

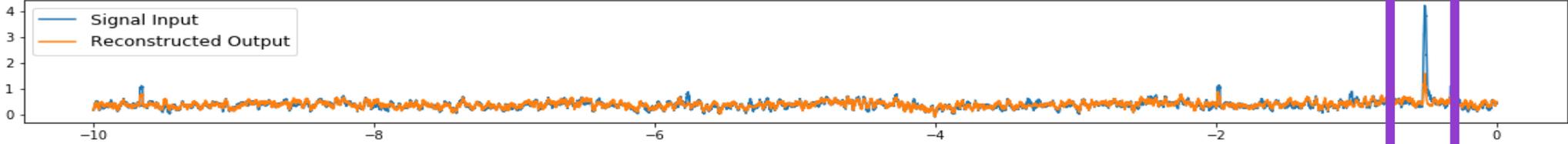


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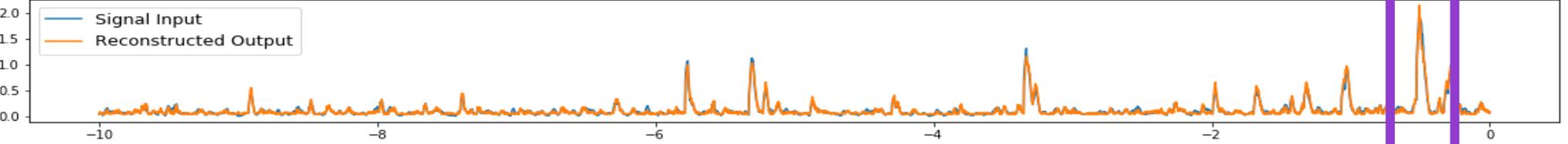
Anomalous event visualization – 2

MA = Mean Amplitude

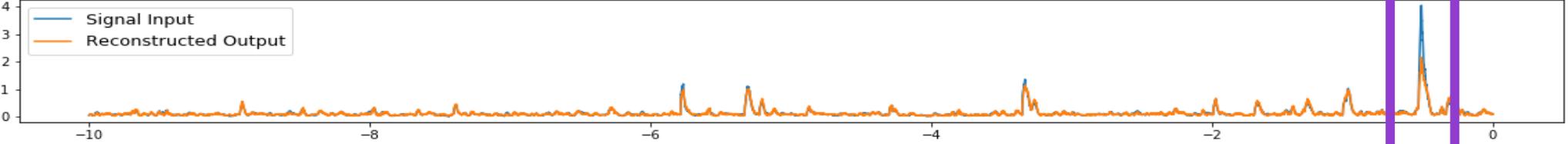
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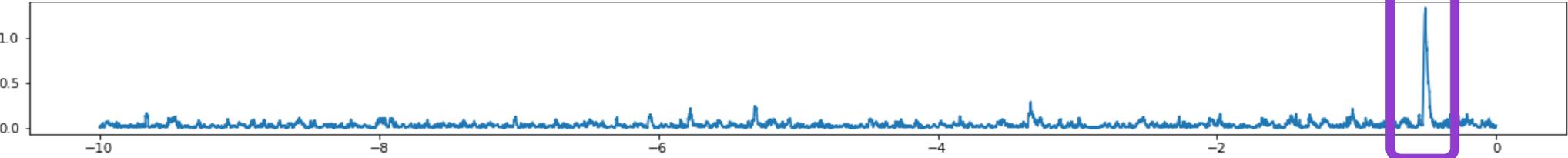
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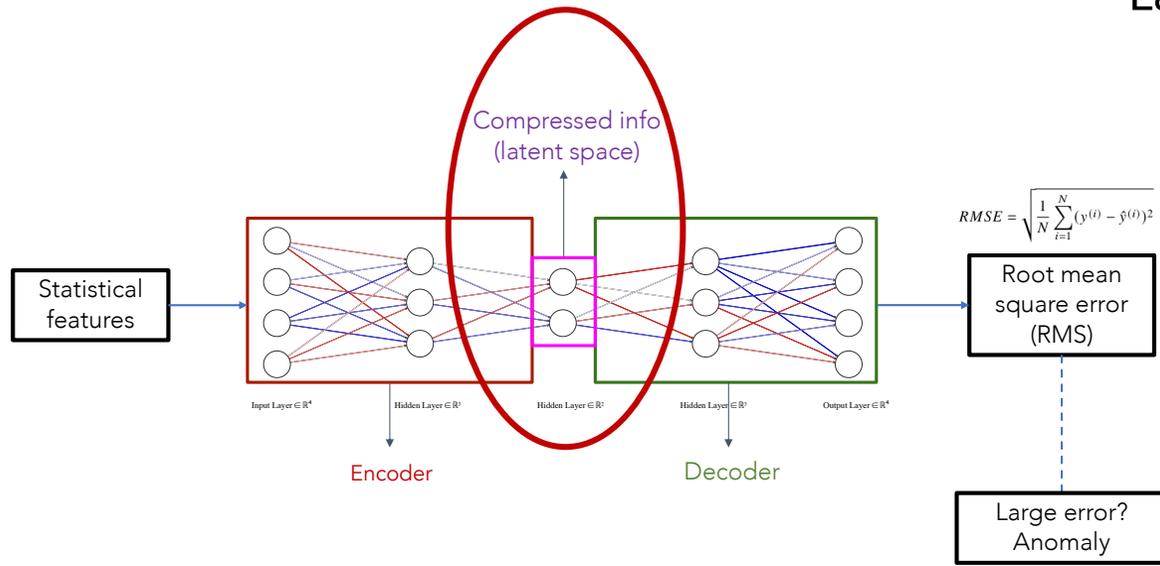


Reconstruction Loss

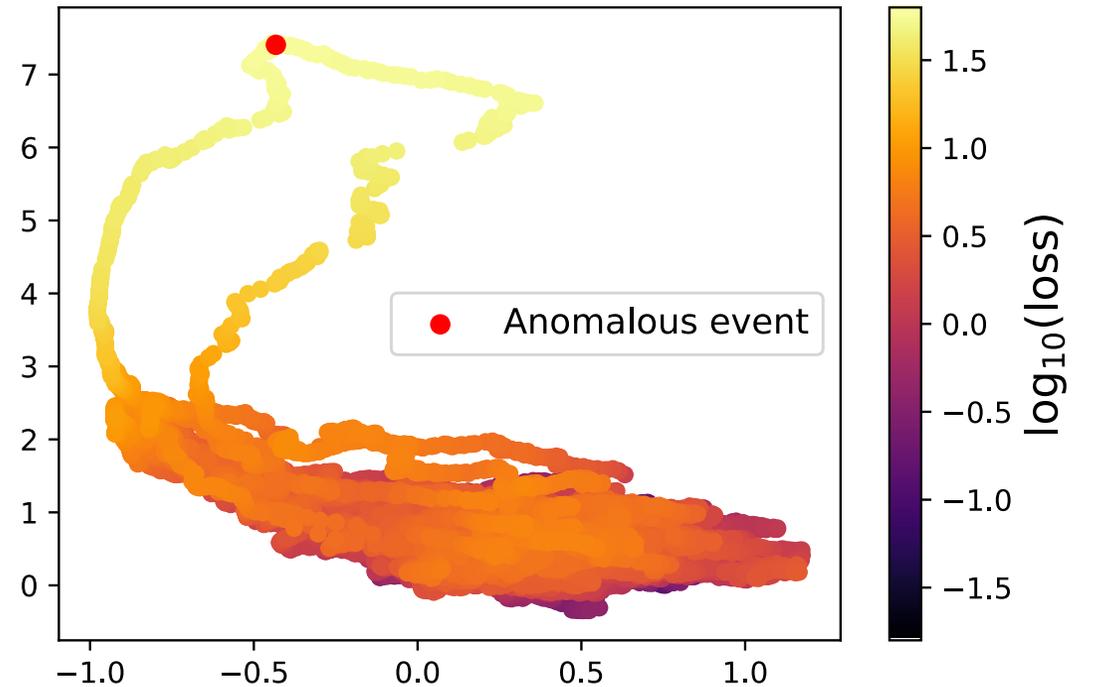


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Visualize latent space

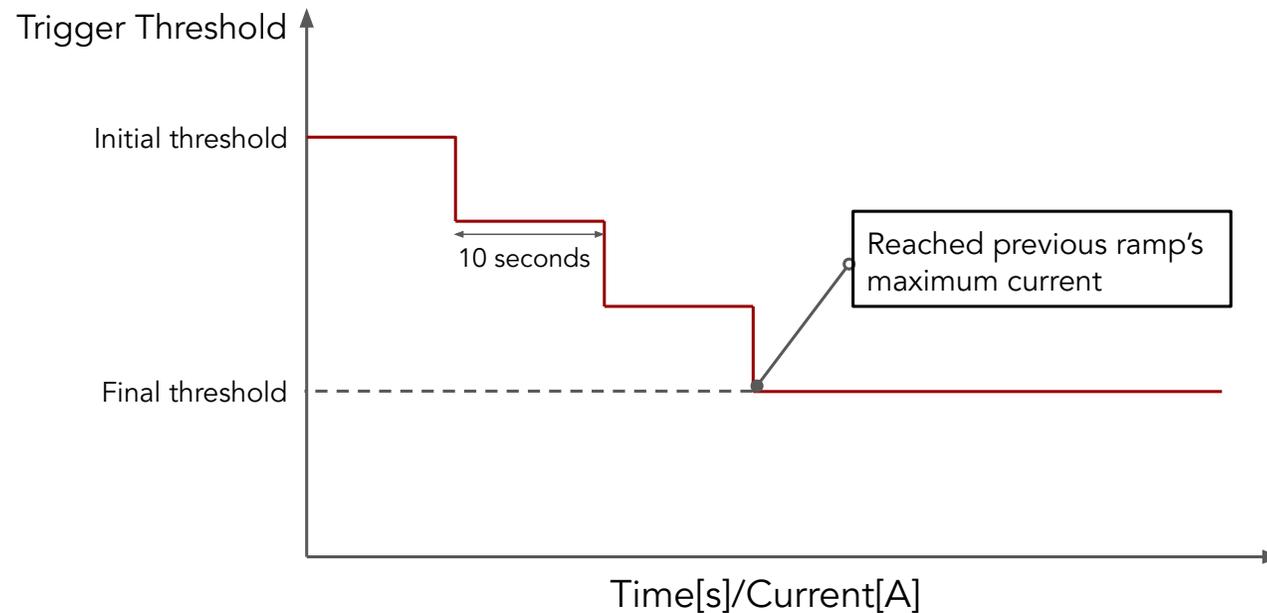


Latent space of an anomalous event in MDPCT1b data



Threshold setting for registering anomalies

- Quenches at different currents may have different characteristics.
- Events must be more “anomalous” at lower current. Prevent false positives.

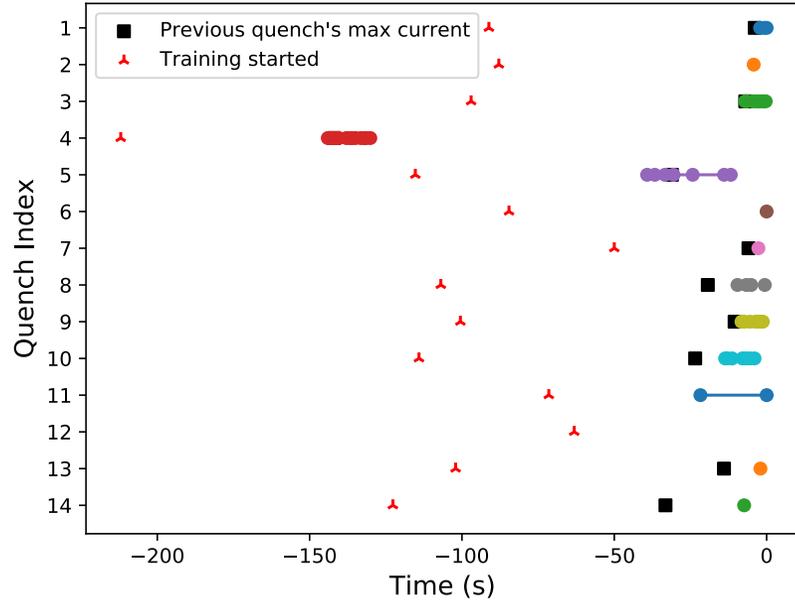


Define Procedure

- Objective: Define a set procedure on known data and use it on unseen data to see what happens.
- Procedure: Start **dynamic learning** when current reached 9/10 max current of previous quench.
 - Operating under magnet training condition.
 - Quench in next ramp wouldn't drop too much.
- Tried this out on MQXFS I d (5 sensors) first, and a **randomized experiment** with MDPCT I b (2 sensors).

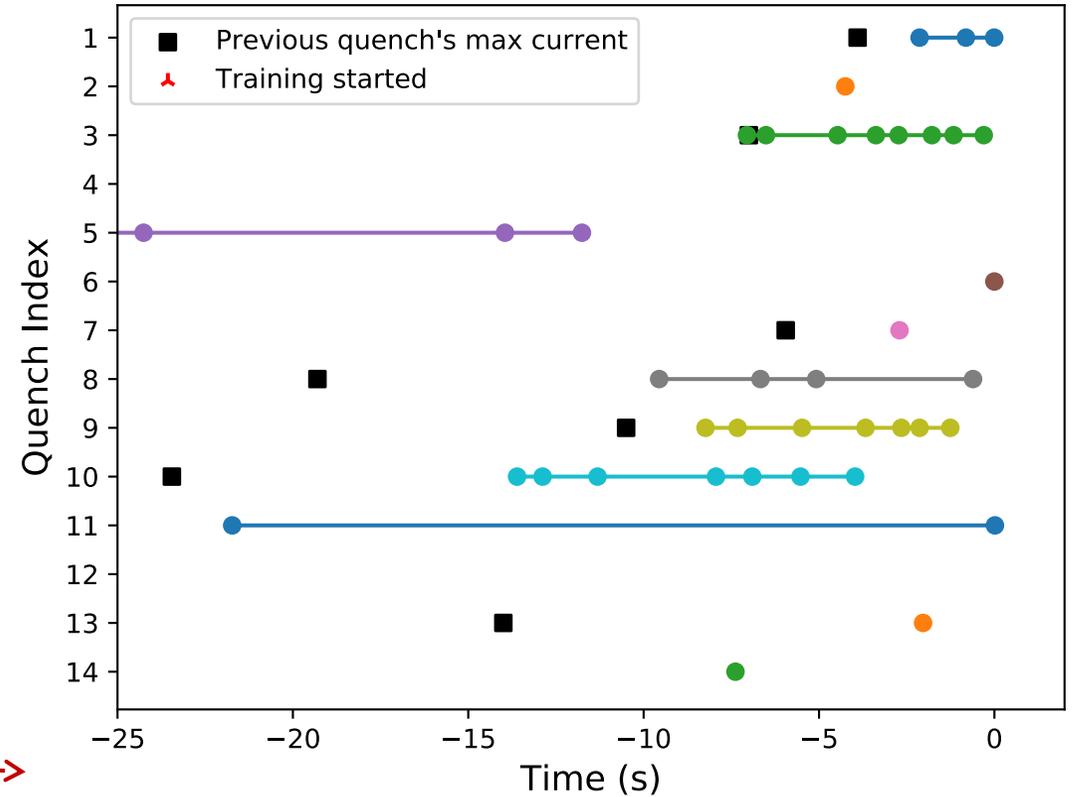
Initial observations in MQXFS1d (5 sensors) data

Anomaly events in MQXFS1d quenches (\log_{10} threshold 5.5 \rightarrow 2.6)



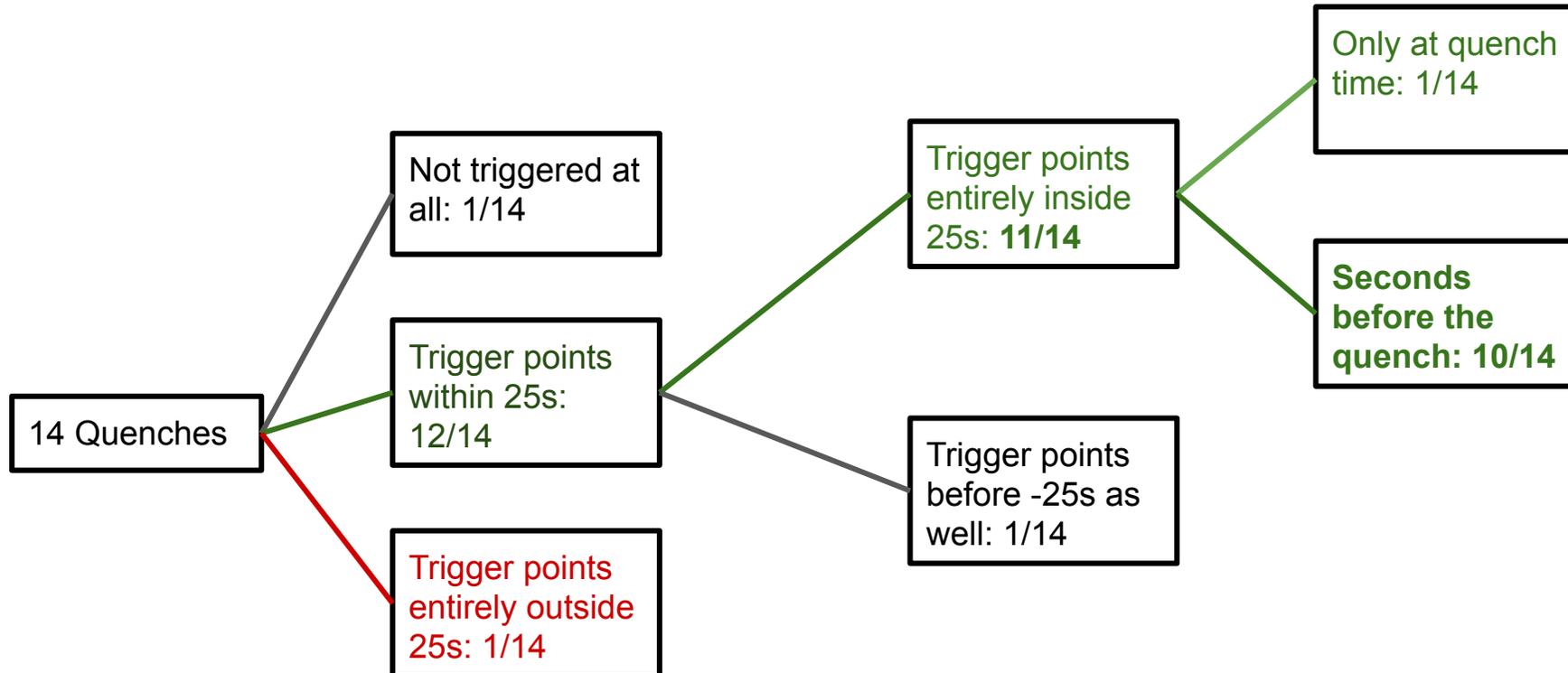
Zoomed in (-25,0)s

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Found interesting events near quench!

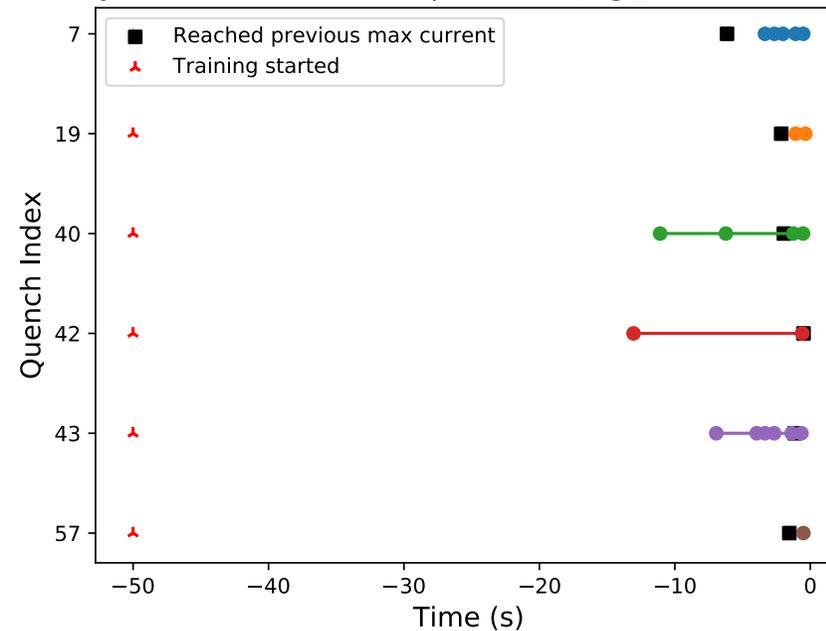
Categorize anomalies in quenches



Experiment on MDPCT1b (2 sensors) data

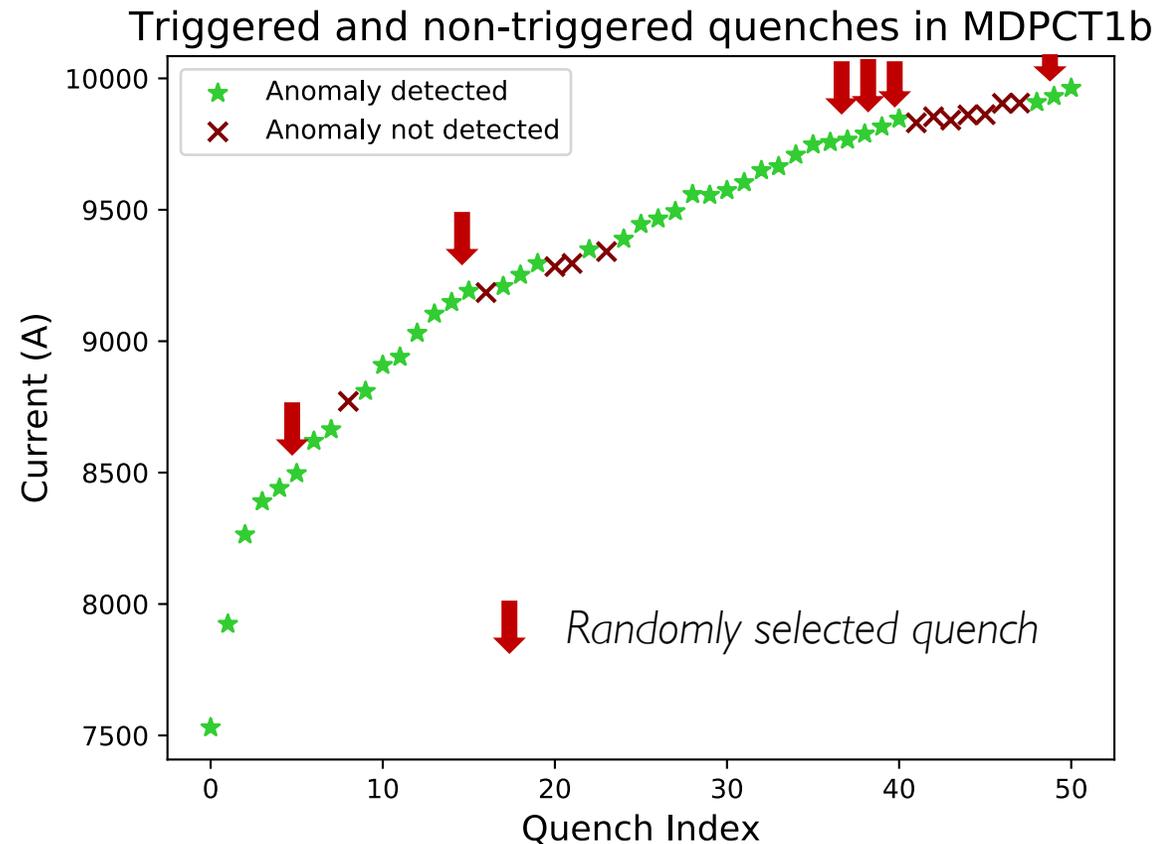
- Randomly picked $\sim 10\%$ of the quenches to tune the **initial and final thresholds**. (Started from 3.0 and decrease until 1.6)

Anomaly events in MDPCT1b quenches (\log_{10} threshold 3.0 \rightarrow 1.6)



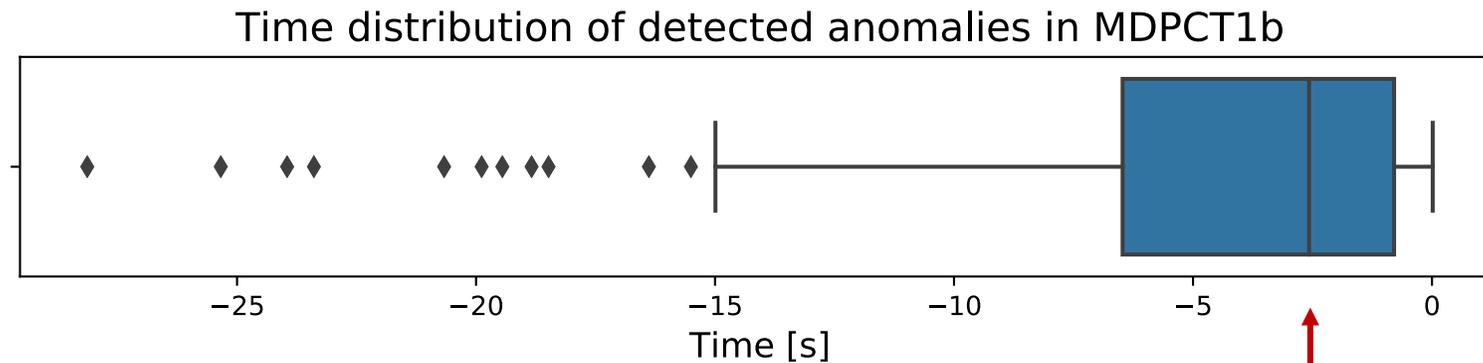
Anomalous events on all quenches in MDPCT1b (2 sensors)

- Simulation of a real-time system.
- Triggered on 77% of the quenches.



Anomalies time distribution in MDPCT1b (2 sensors)

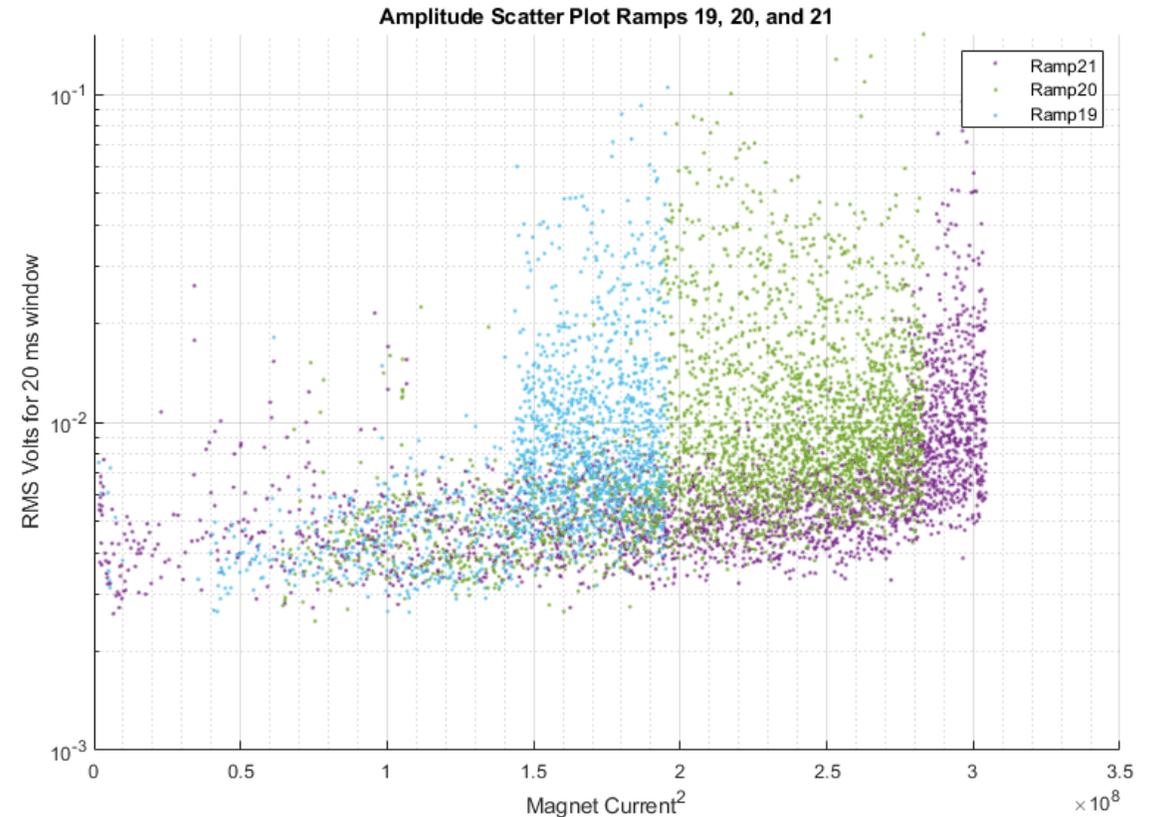
- Nearly all the detected events fall within 15 seconds.



Median is around 2.5 seconds before quench

False Positives?

- **Kaiser effects** can interfere with triggering, since it introduces noises into the system.
- However, the system **is still able to detect anomalies in quenches that should not have Kaiser effects.** Or anomalies before Kaiser effects should happen.
- Future plans include better characterizations of the events not related to Kaiser effects.



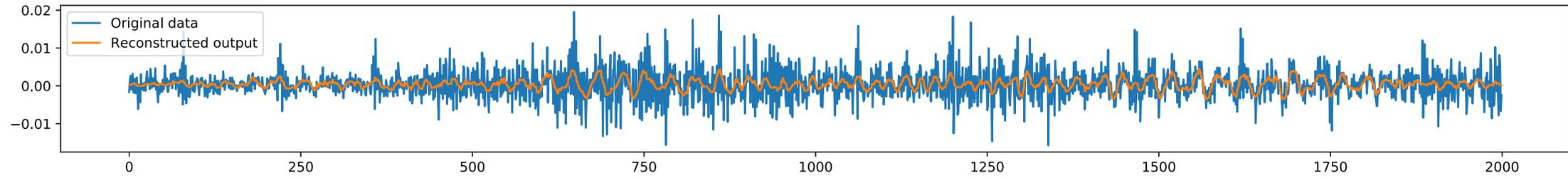
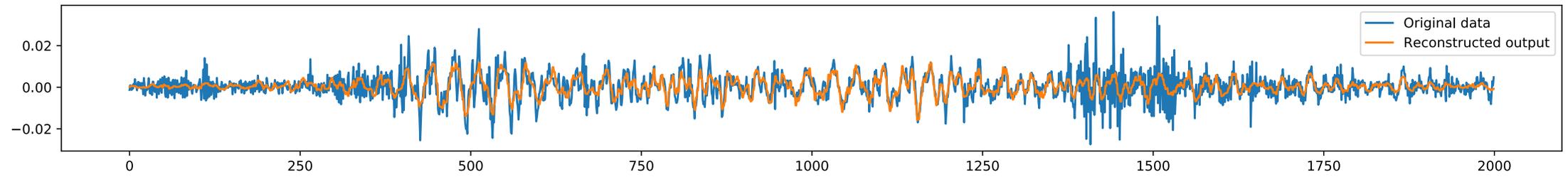
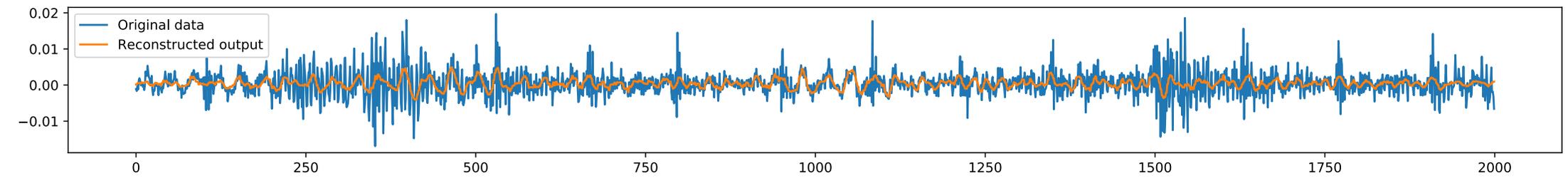
Kaiser effect: acoustic signals become much noisier if the current reaches the previous quench's current.

Exploratory

Convolutional Neural Network

Exploratory

CNN for reconstruction of raw signals



Different segments of training data

Time [s]

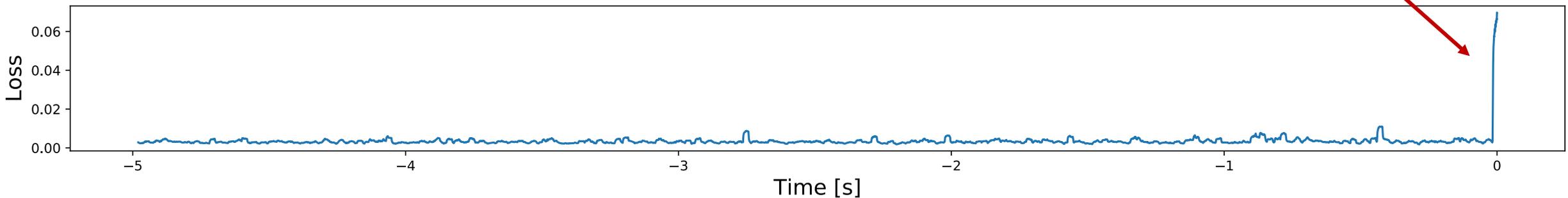
CNN anomaly

Exploratory

- No extensive experiment yet, but promising as an alternative to DNN (no need to manually pick features).

Can already recognize the same thing as DNN.

CNN's reconstruction loss near quench (Quench Index 22 – 5 sensors).



Inference

FAST



- The [hls4ml](#) software package, developed by collaborators at FNAL and else where, can be used to implement **deep learning models for fast inference on FPGAs.**

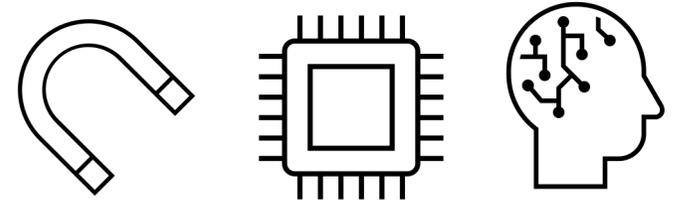
Model	Latency (cycles)	Interval (cycles)	DSP (10^3)	LUT (10^3)	FF (10^3)	BRAM (Mb)
MQXFS1d	21 (105ns)	1	0.72 [13%]	16.7 [2%]	39.2 [5%]	0.018 [0%]
MDPCT1b	20 (100ns)	1	0.26 [4%]	14.8 [1%]	5.9 [1%]	0.01125 [0%]



Data pre-processing and model training

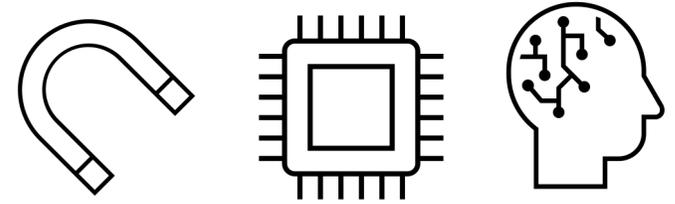
- Fast data pre-processing can be done by **implementing them on FPGAs**. But this depends on the complexity of the process.
- There are no worked out solution for fast training, but potential solution might include putting a **GPU** on site. 🙌 This also depends on the model's complexity.

Summary

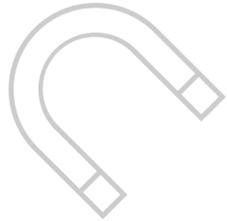


- Investigated deep learning anomaly detection techniques for clues of “quench precursors.”
- Point to interesting anomalous events seconds before the quench in acoustic data. Used these events to “predict” 77% of quenches in a randomized experiment within 15 seconds.
- Realistic dynamic learning workflow for real-time processing of streaming data.

Outlook

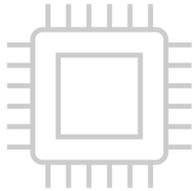


- Study and understand the detected events and their relationship with the quench.
- Improve data taking process, expand to many more input variables, and create curated datasets for benchmarking.
- Can use the same ideas for monitoring of several other types of operations at Fermilab. And potentially applicable to high temperature superconductors.



Superconducting magnets and quenches

Questions



Hardware setup and data acquisition

Questions

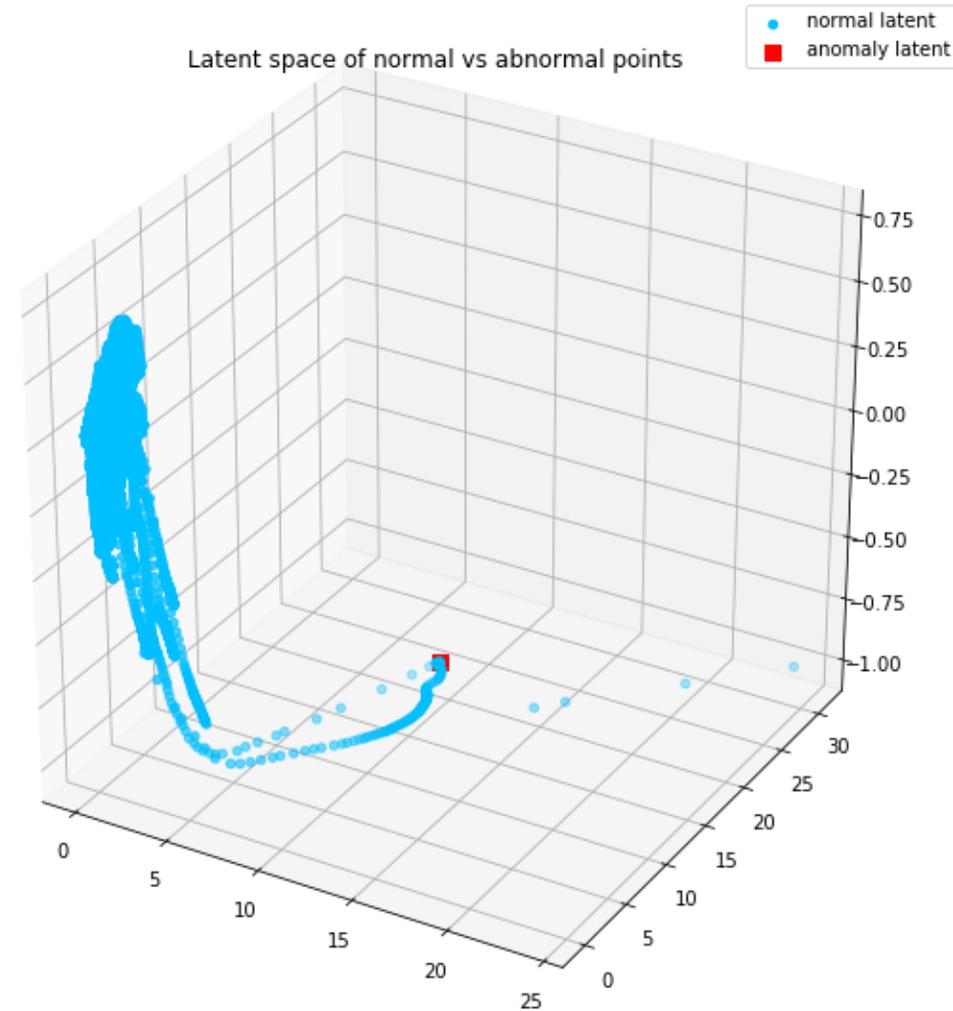


Anomaly detection using machine learning

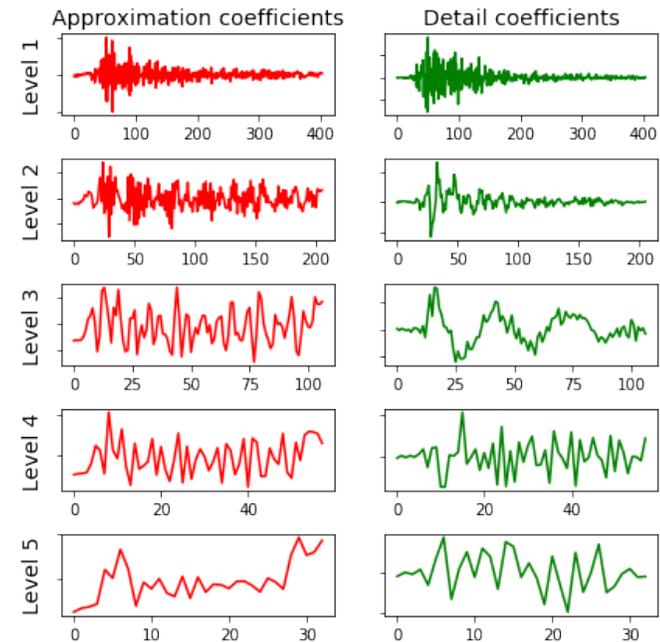
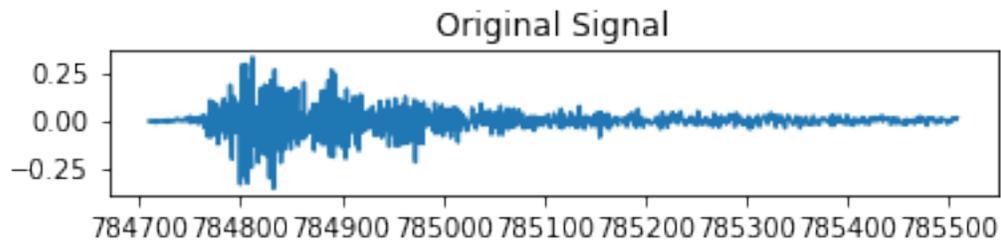
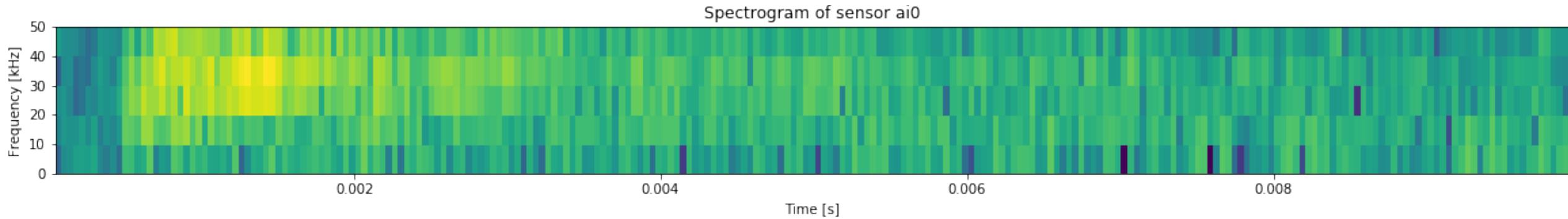
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Backups

3D latent space

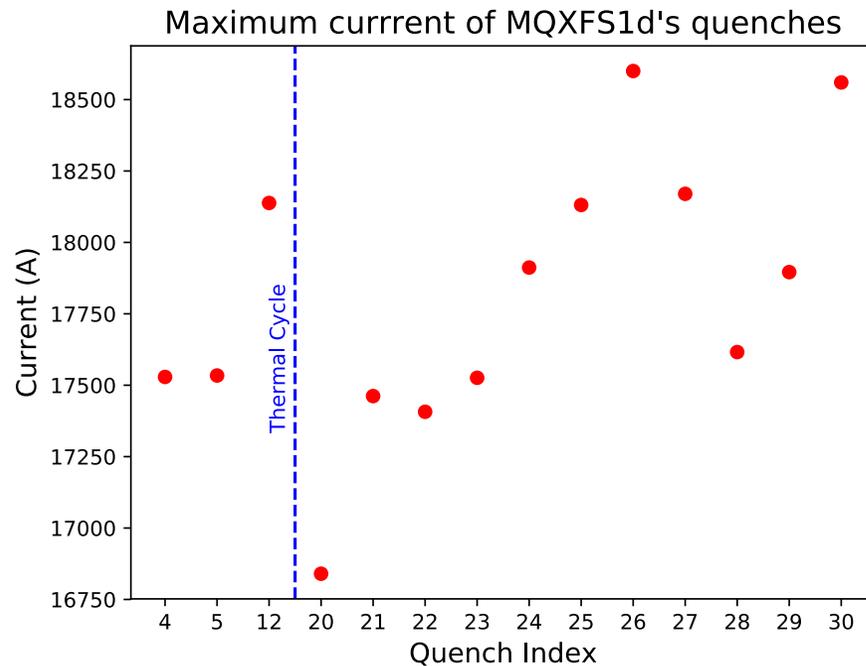


Event characterization



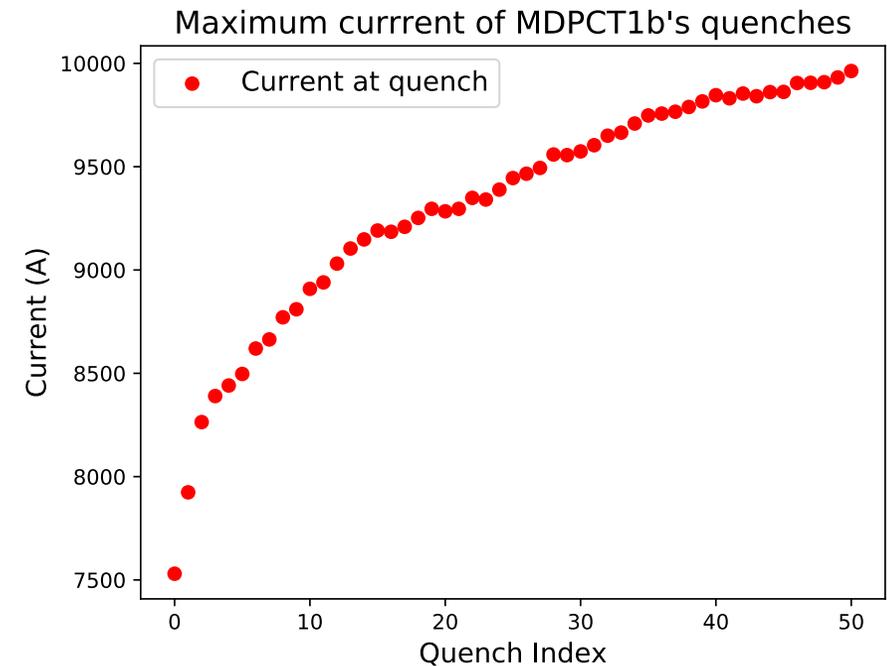
Quench data in two magnets

MQXFS1d (5 sensors)



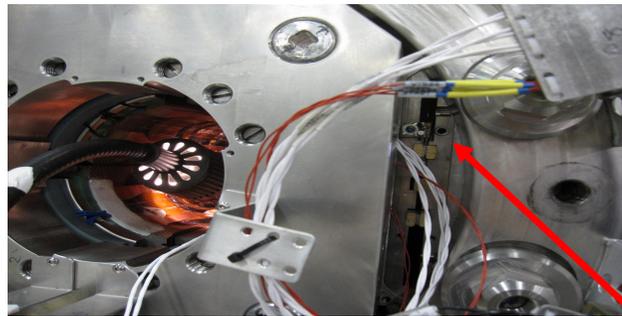
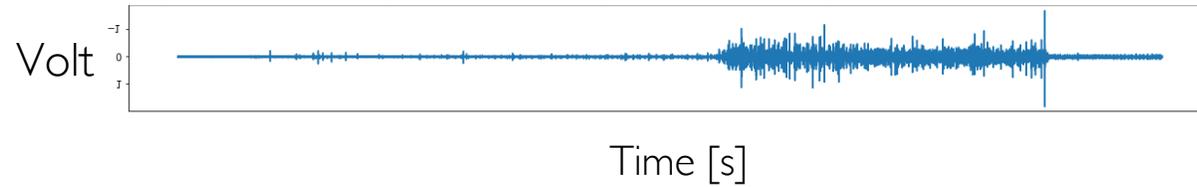
Not totally consecutive quench

MDPCT1b (2 sensors)



General setup

- We attached several acoustic sensors around the magnet



Sensor

