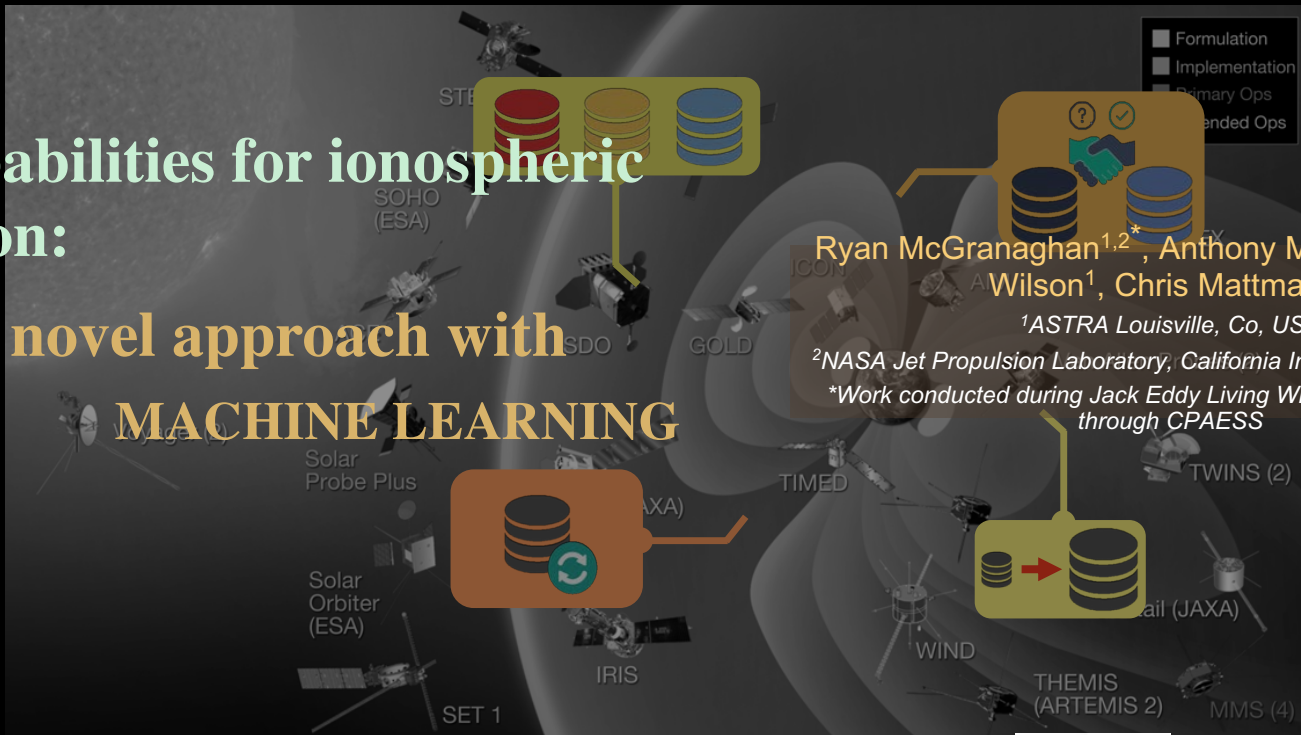


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A novel approach with MACHINE LEARNING



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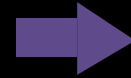
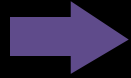
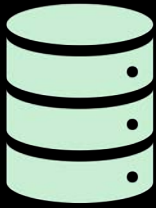
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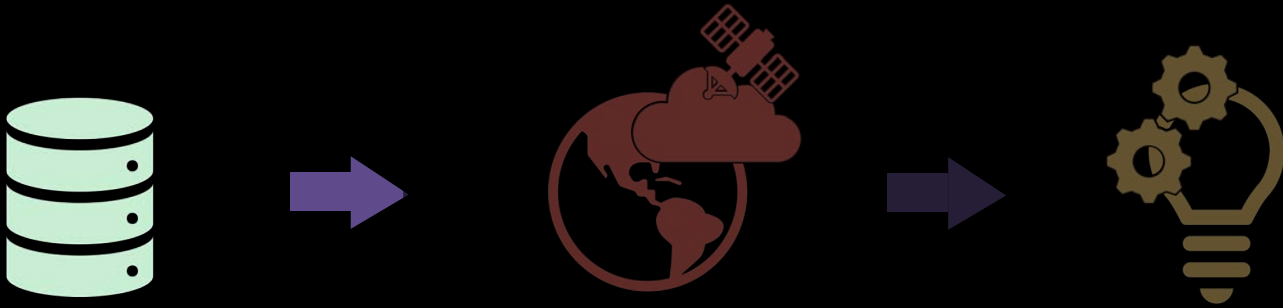
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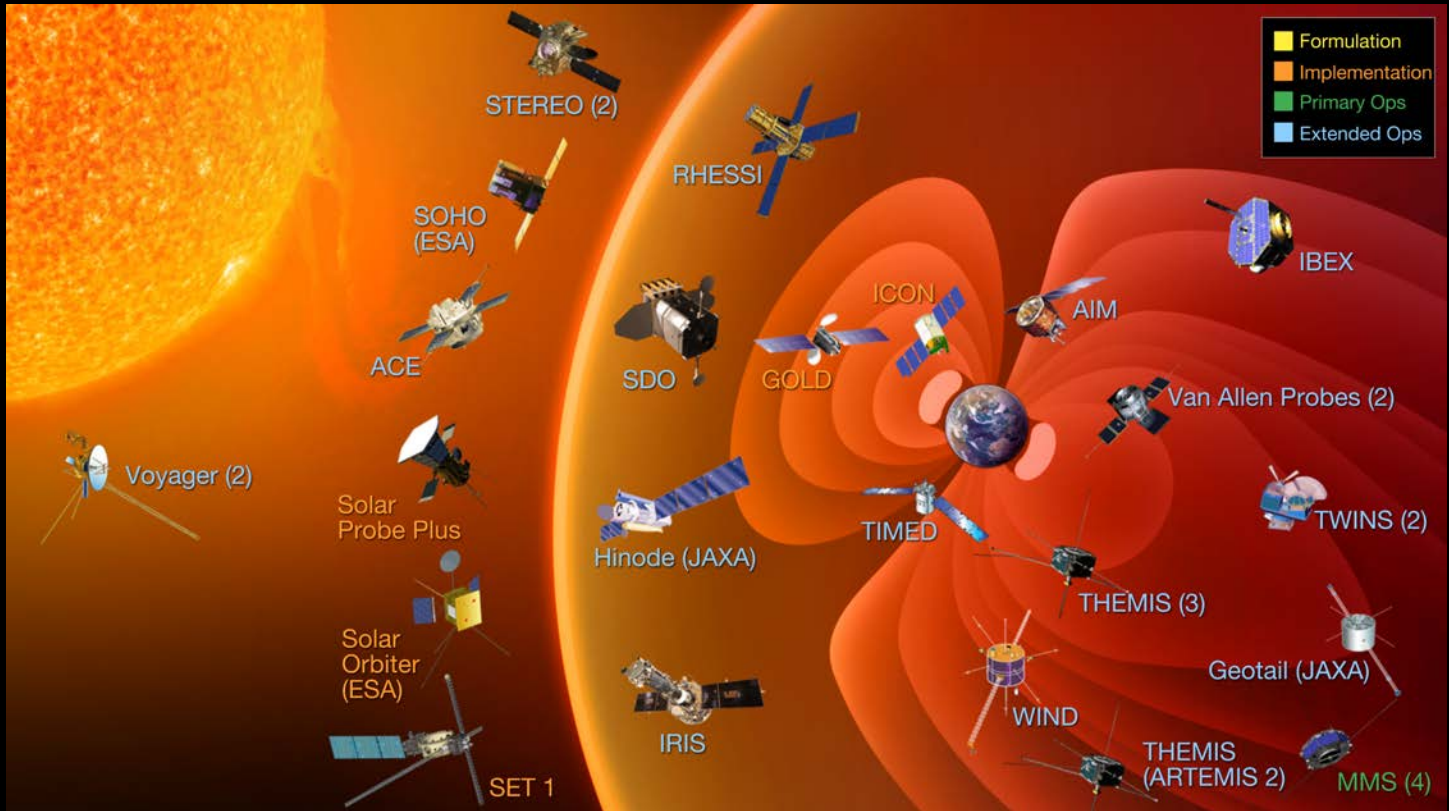
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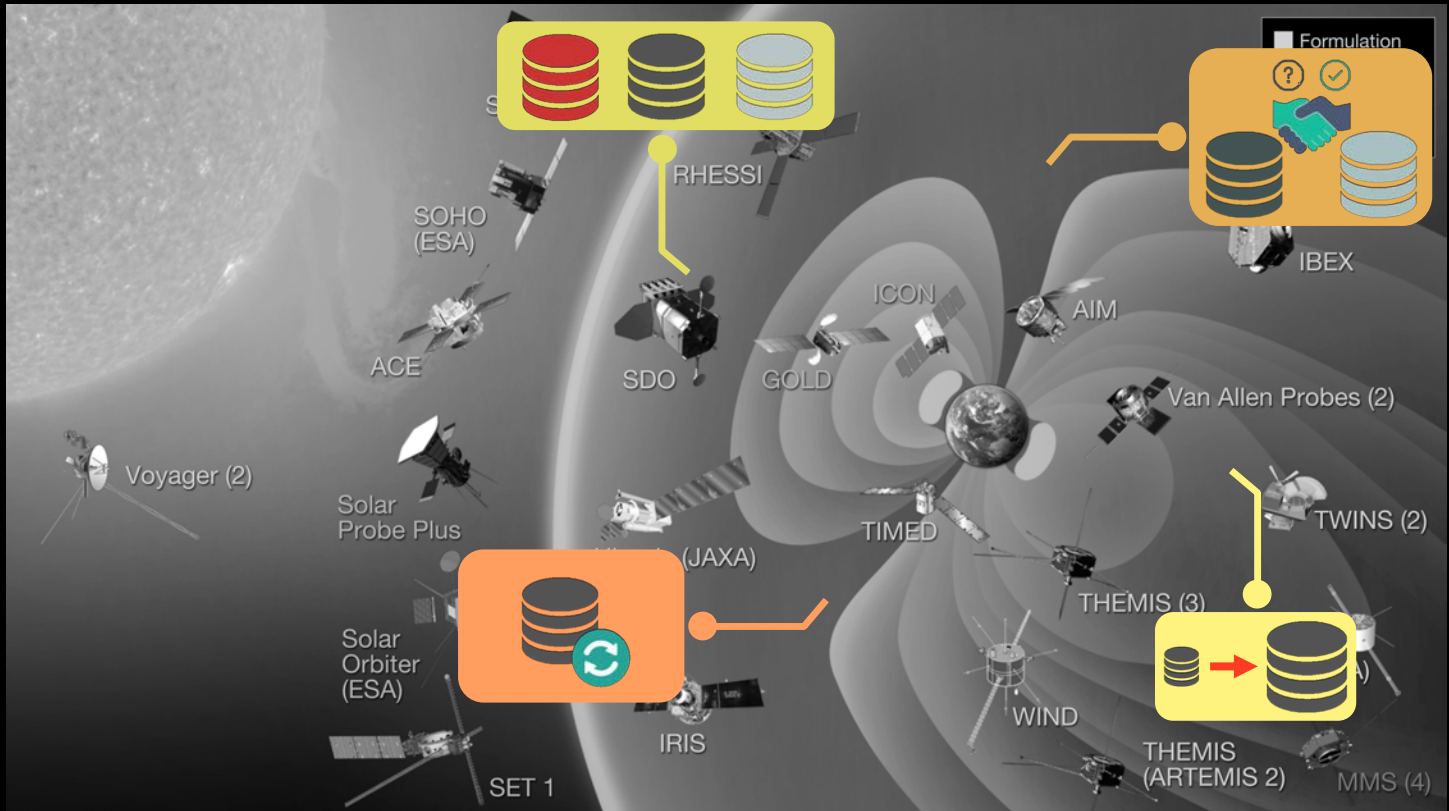
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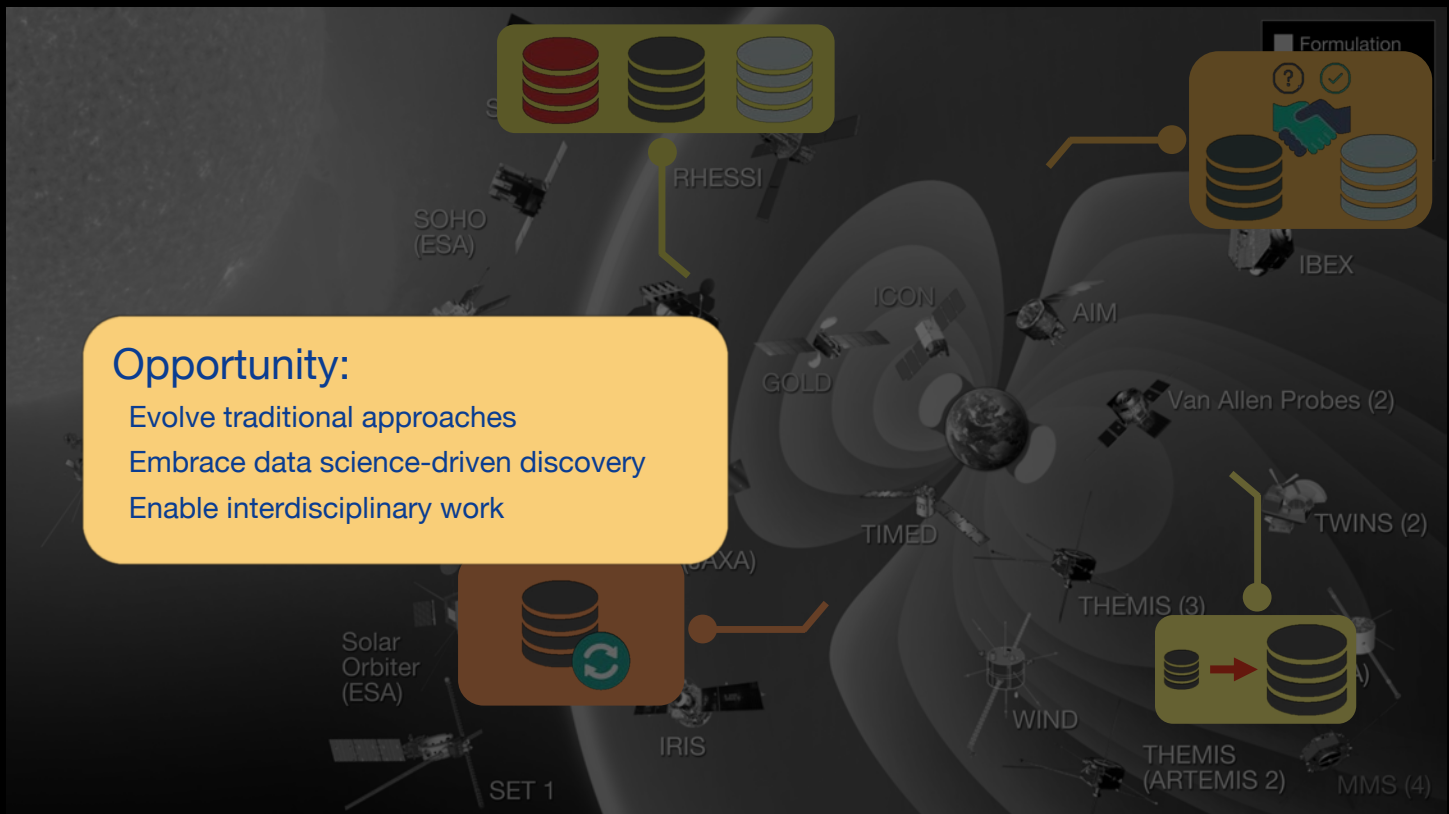
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Dan Crichton, JPL

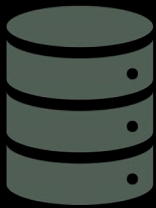
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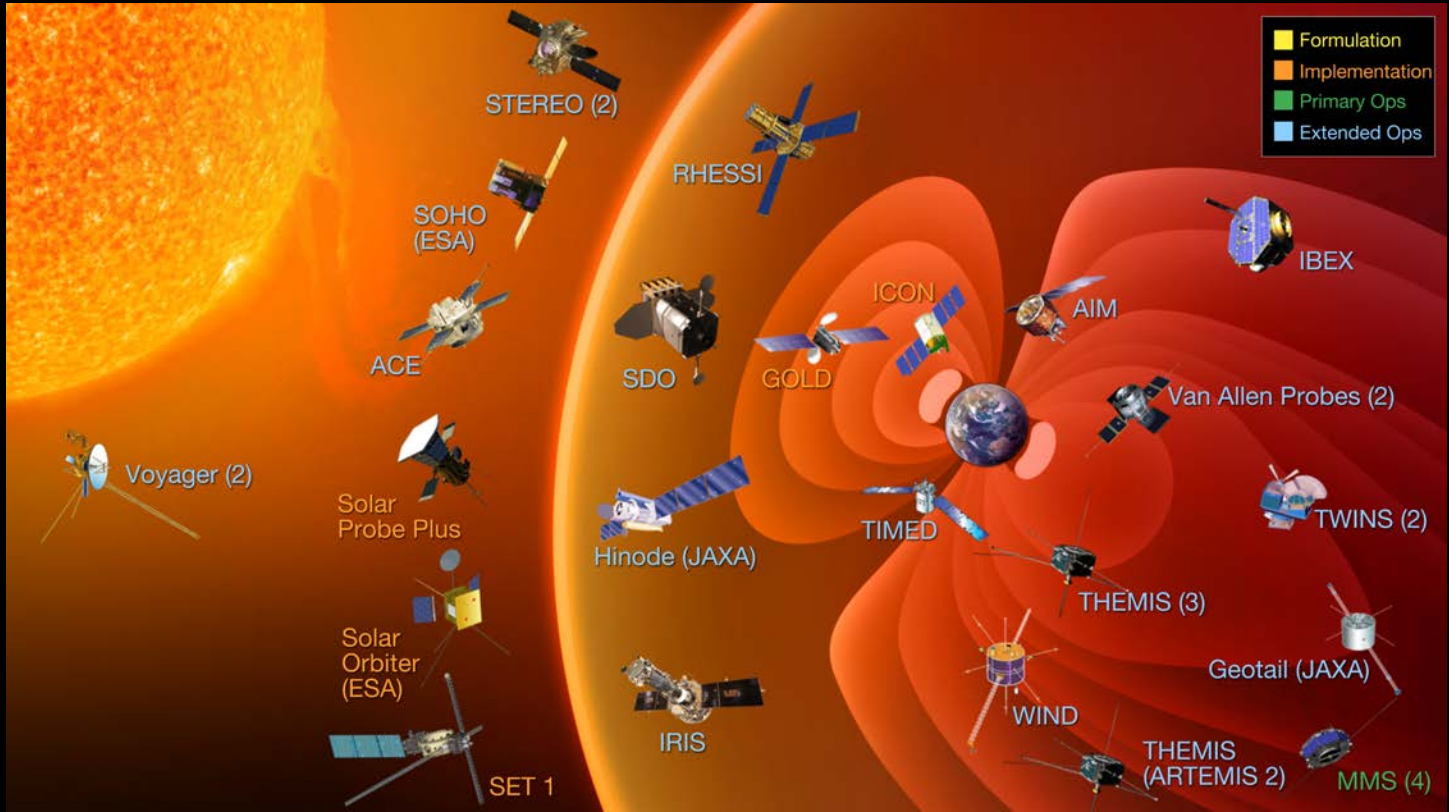
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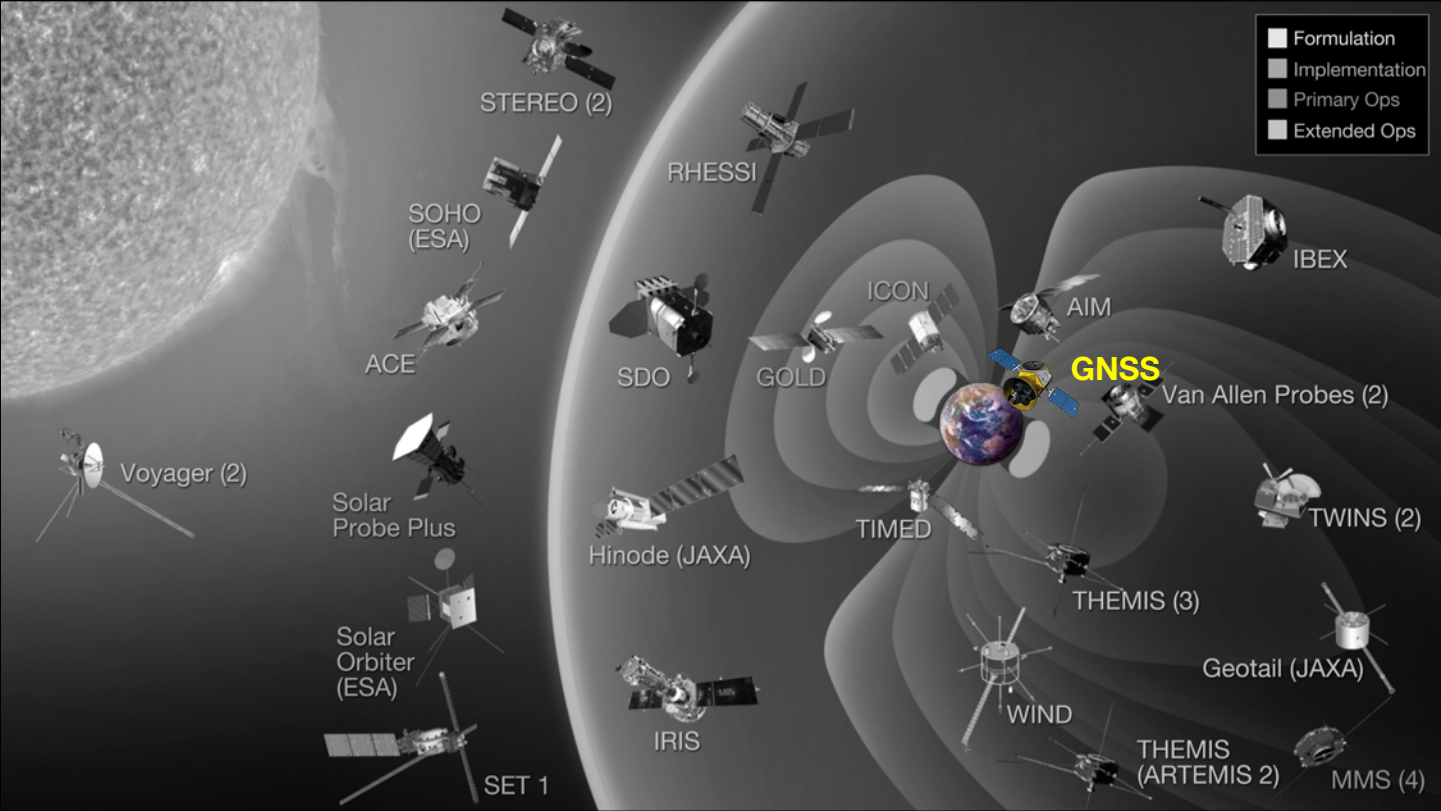
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Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) signals for Space Science



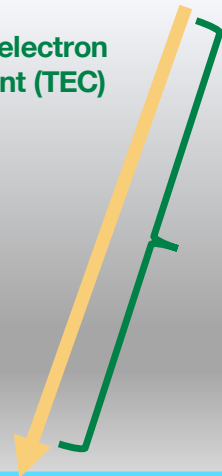
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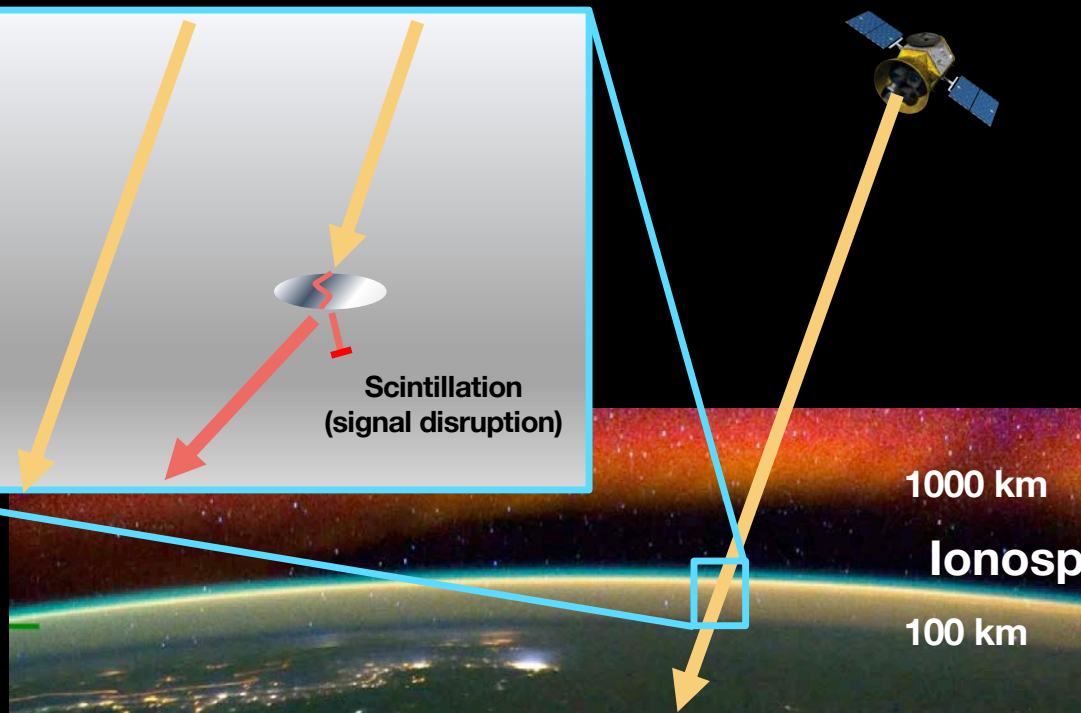
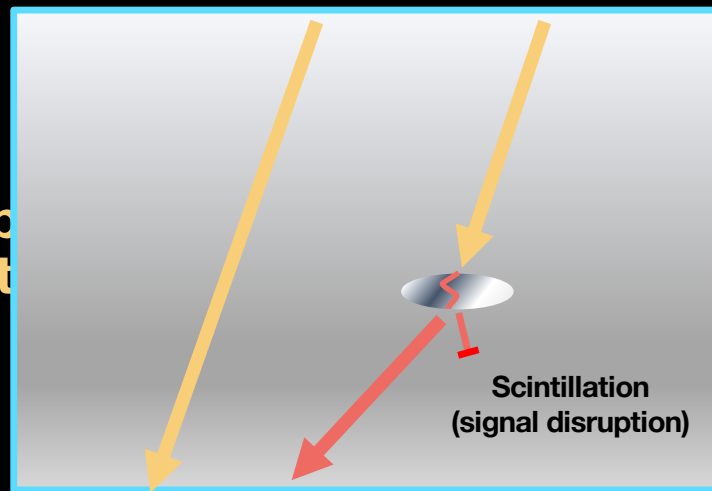


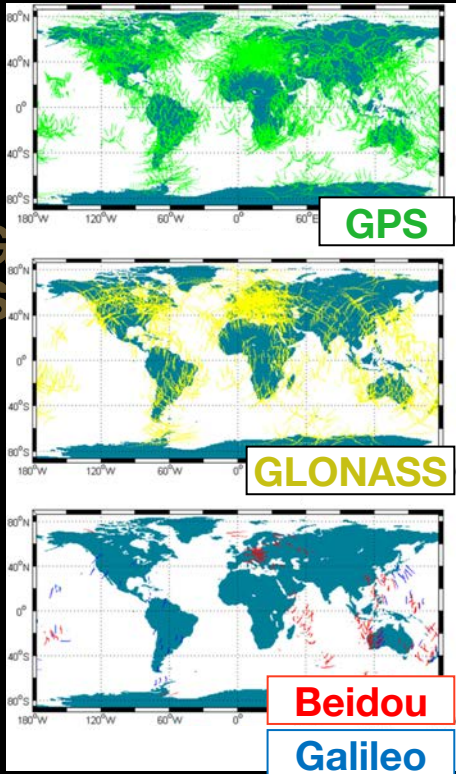
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GPS satellite signals for the



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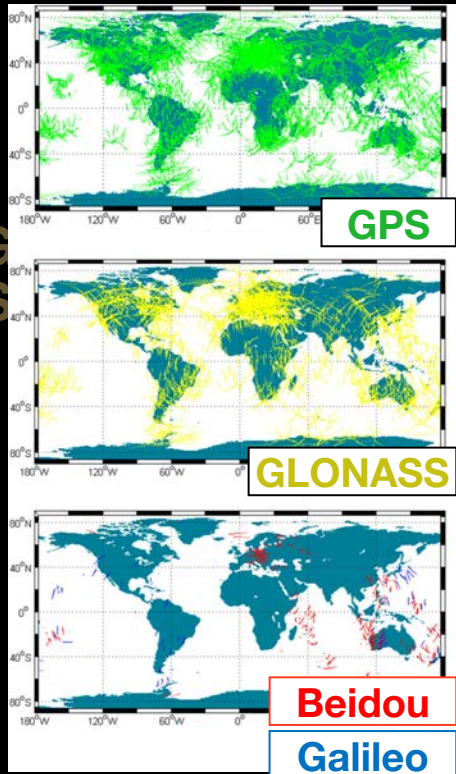
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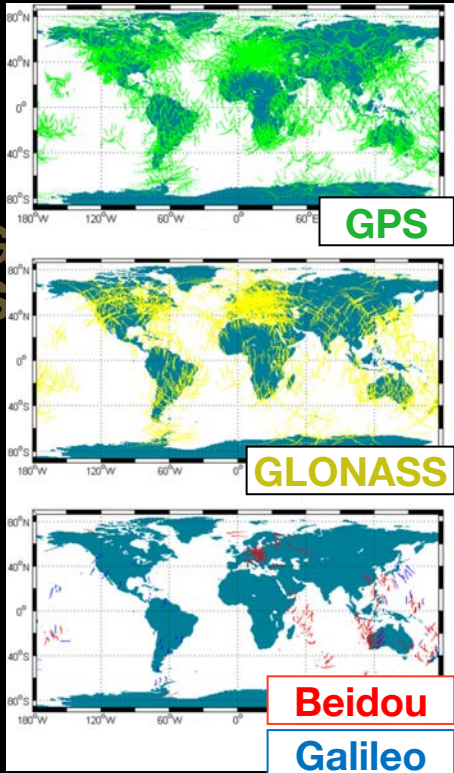
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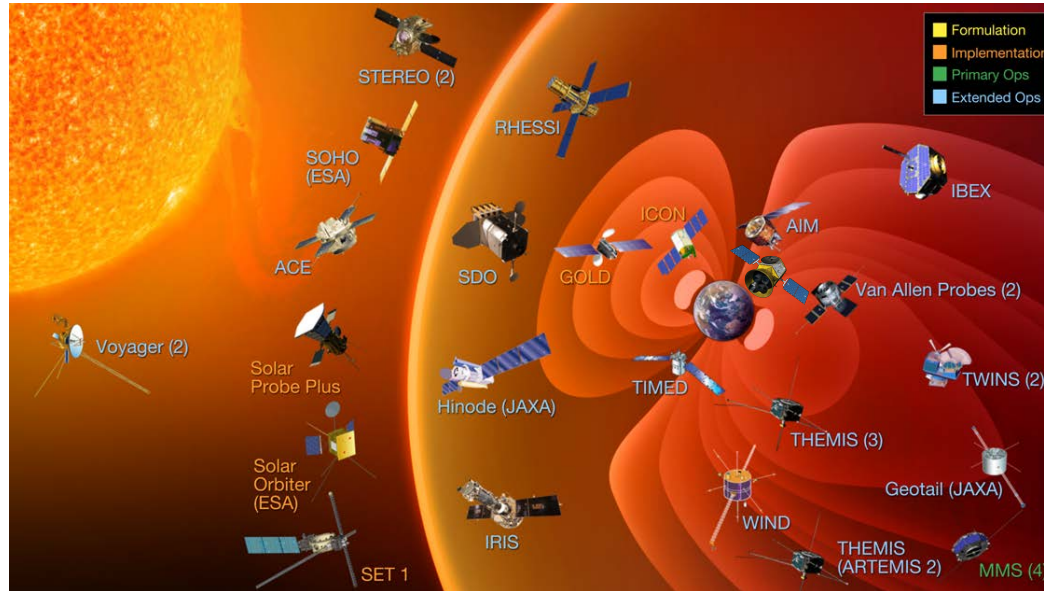
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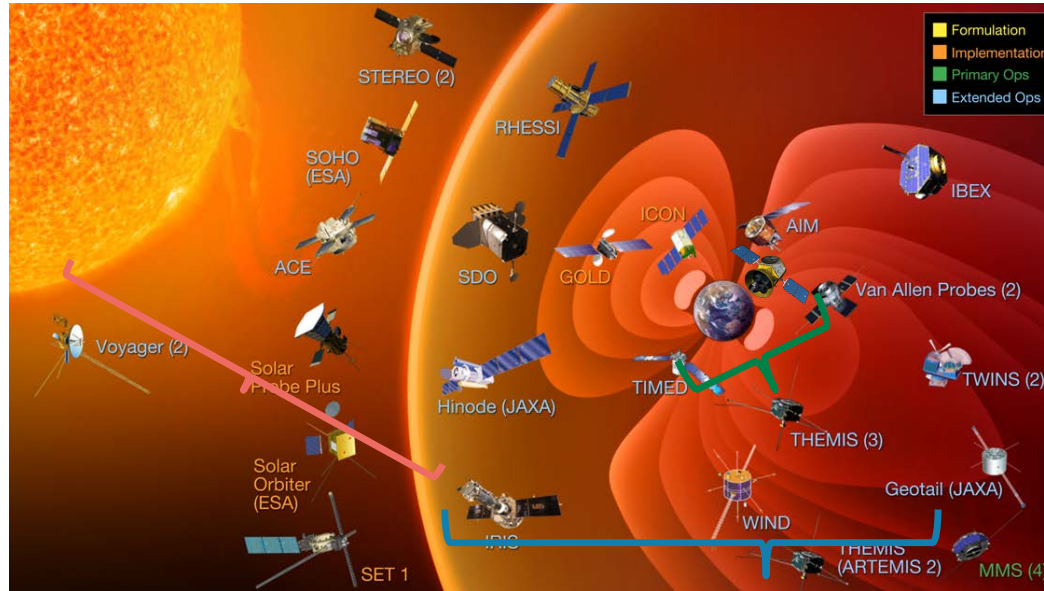
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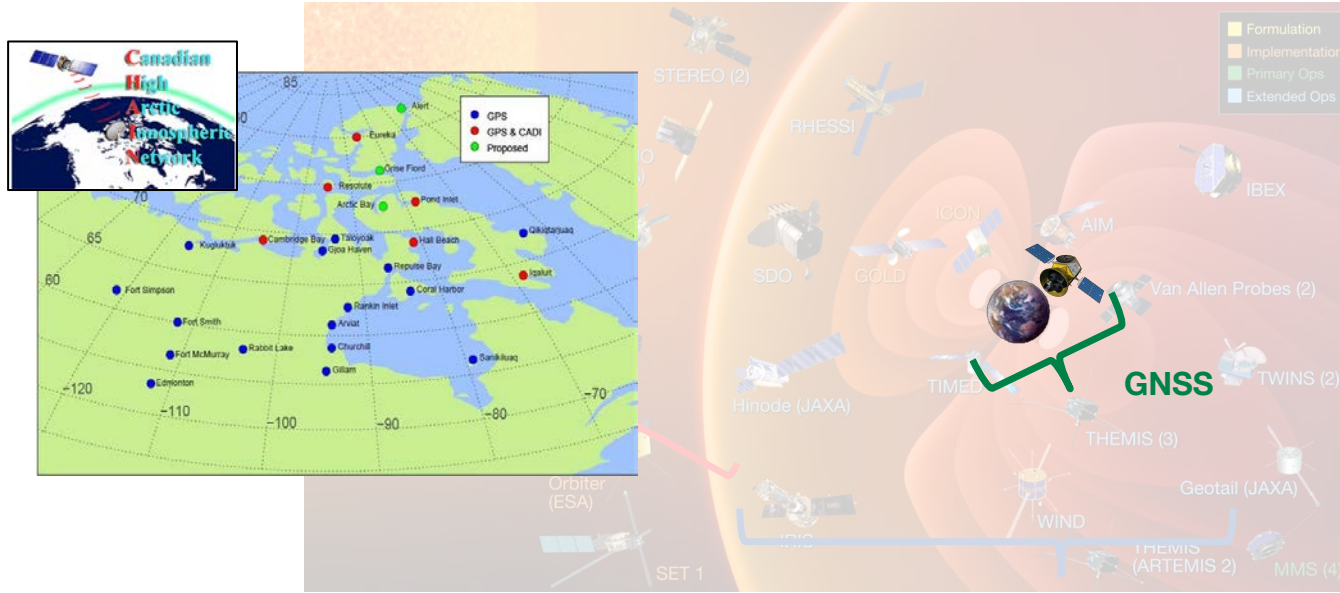
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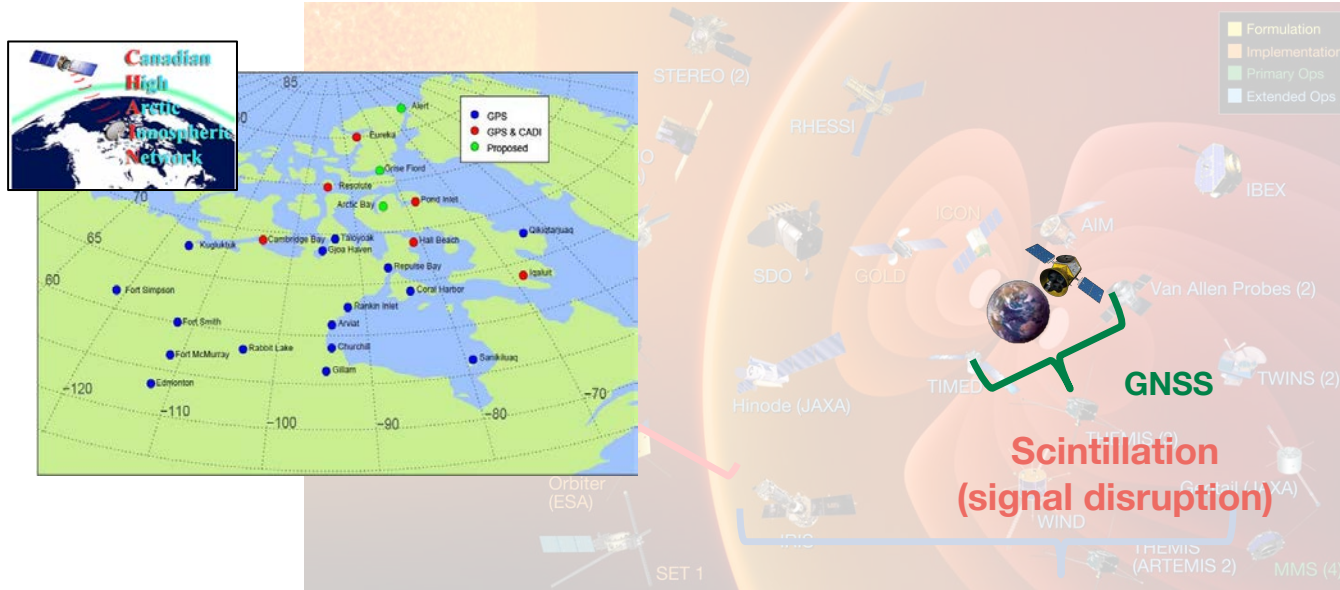


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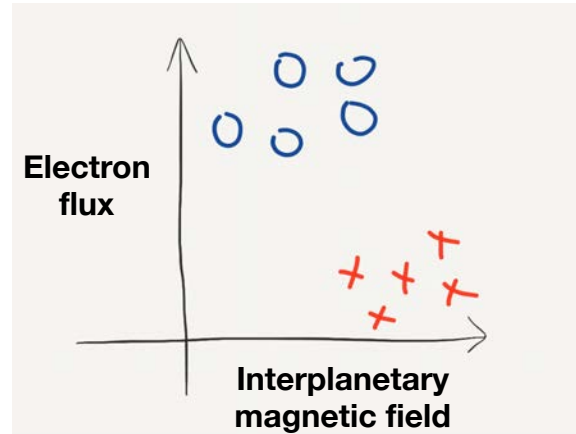
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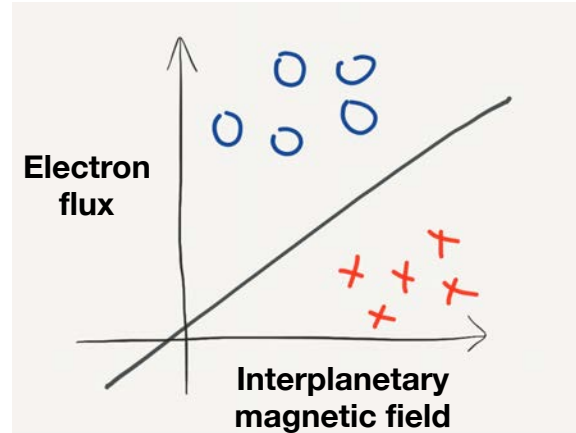


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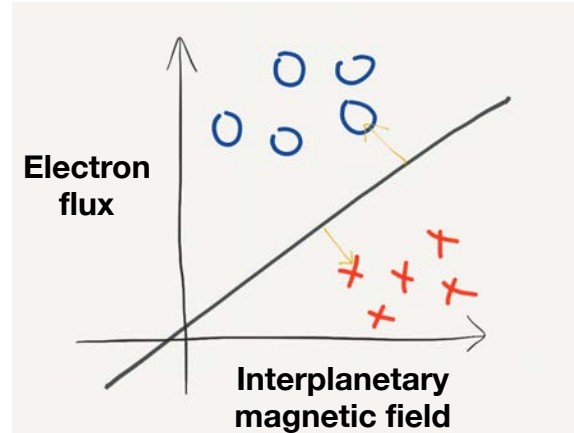


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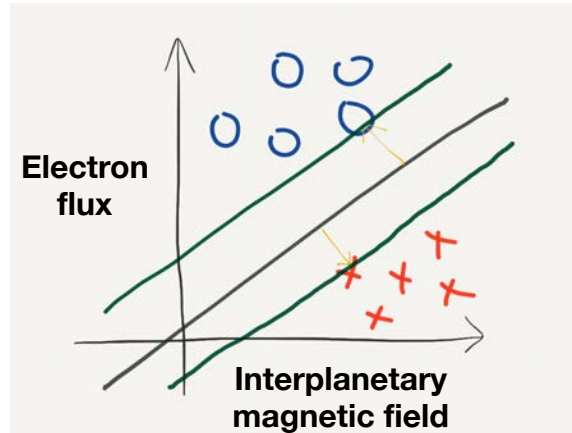


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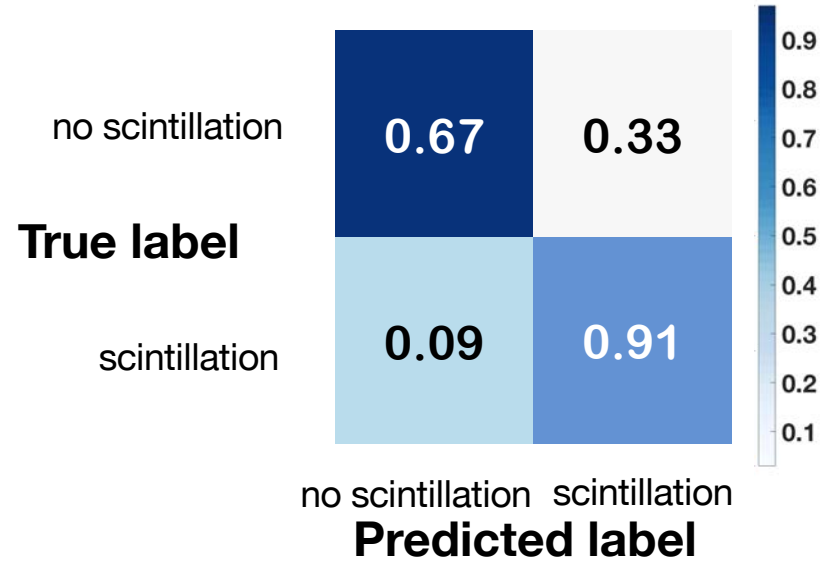
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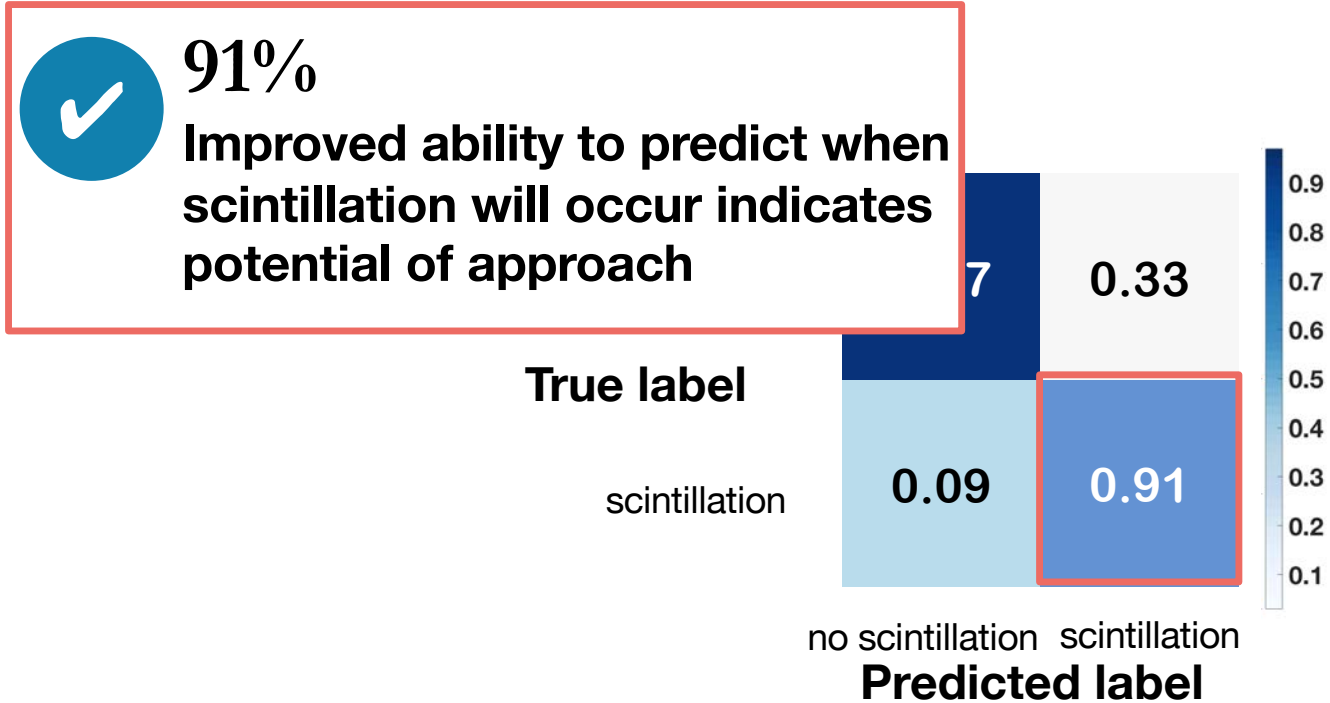
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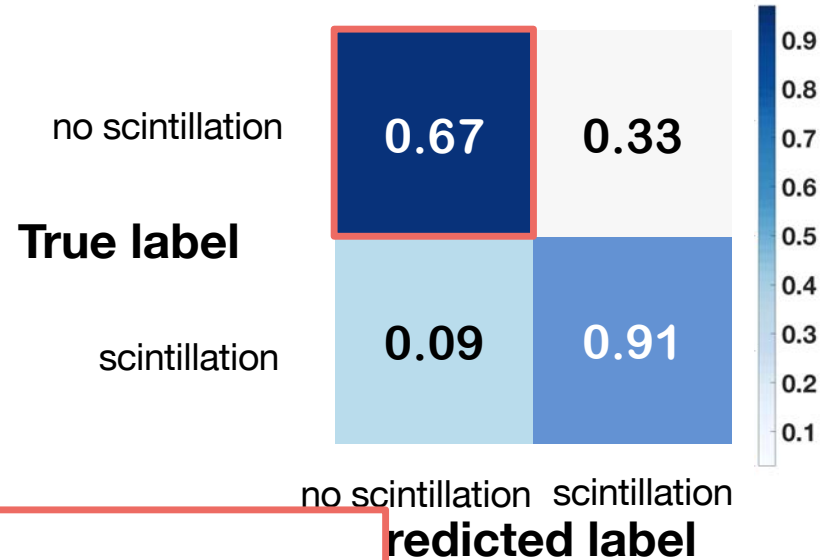
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67%

**High accuracy predicting when
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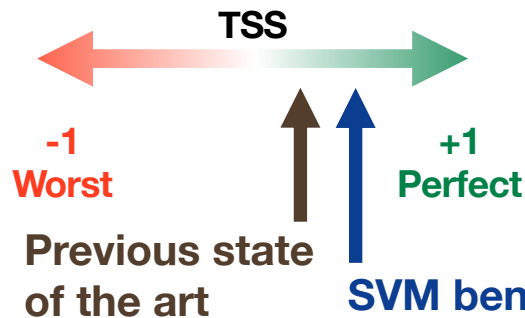
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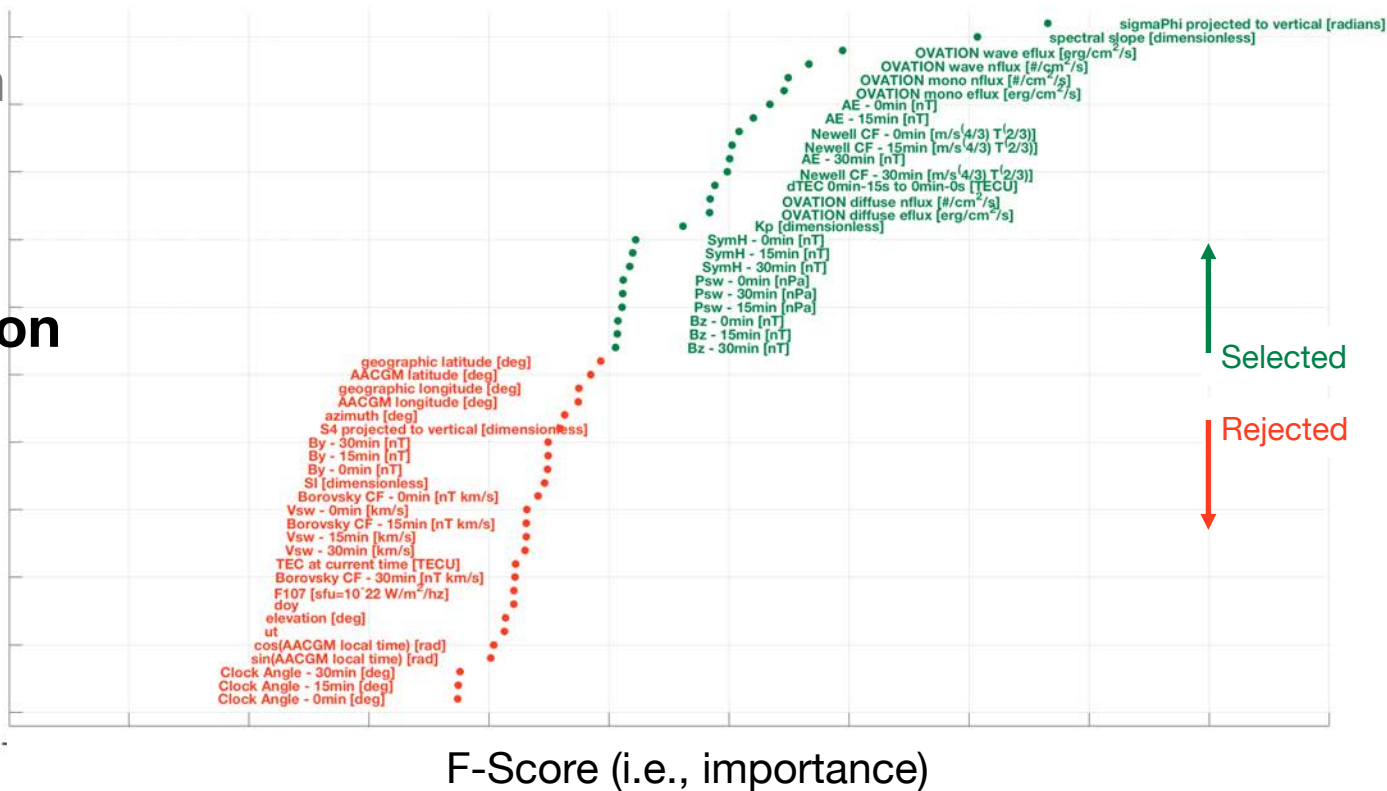
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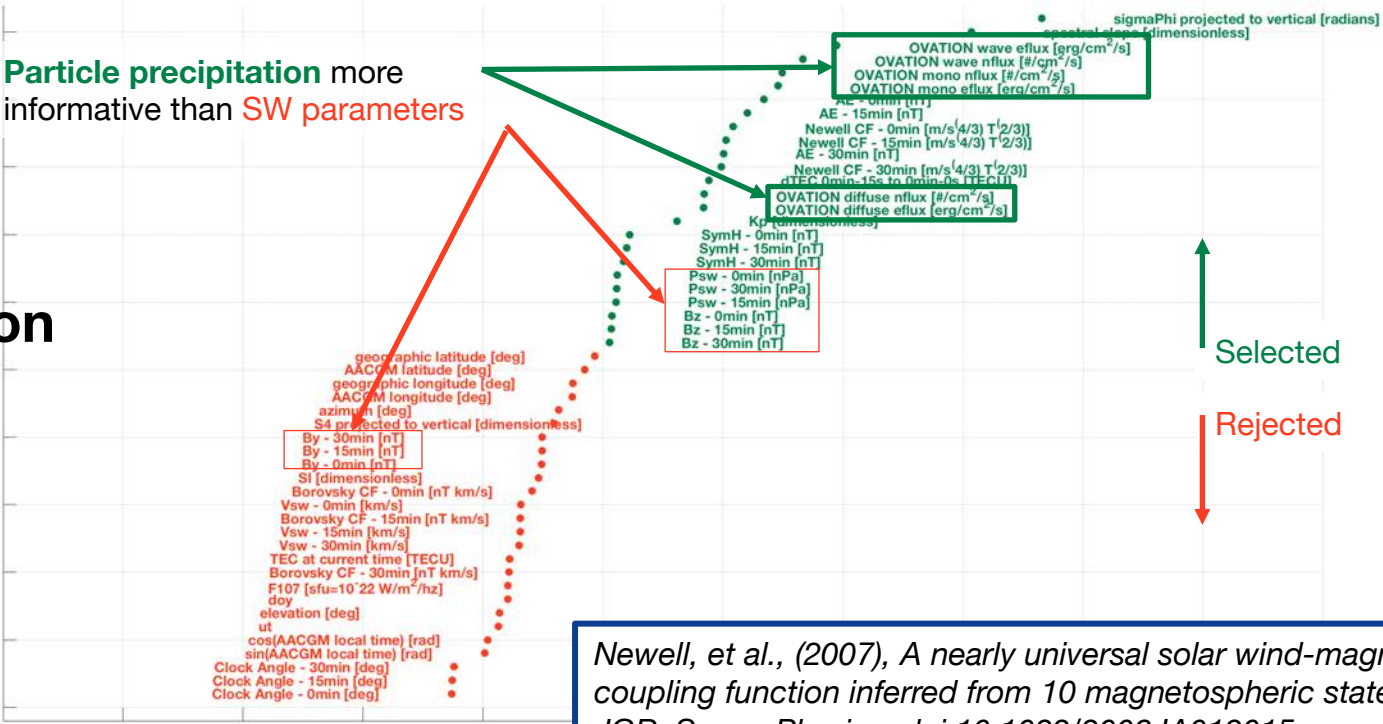


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Particle precipitation more informative than SW parameters

Explanation



Newell, et al., (2007), A nearly universal solar wind-magnetosphere coupling function inferred from 10 magnetospheric state variables, JGR: Space Physics, doi:10.1029/2006JA012015.

F-Score (i.e., importance)

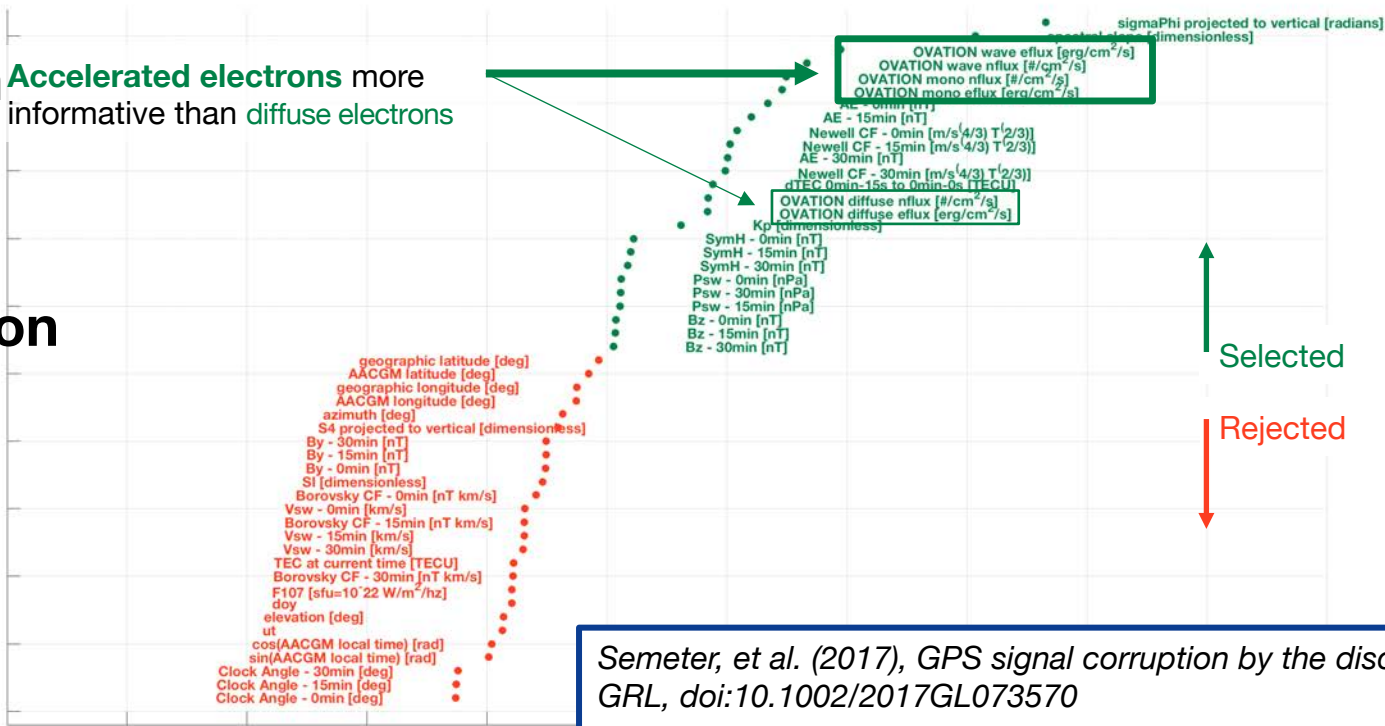
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Accelerated electrons more informative than diffuse electrons

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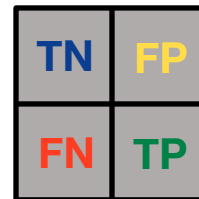
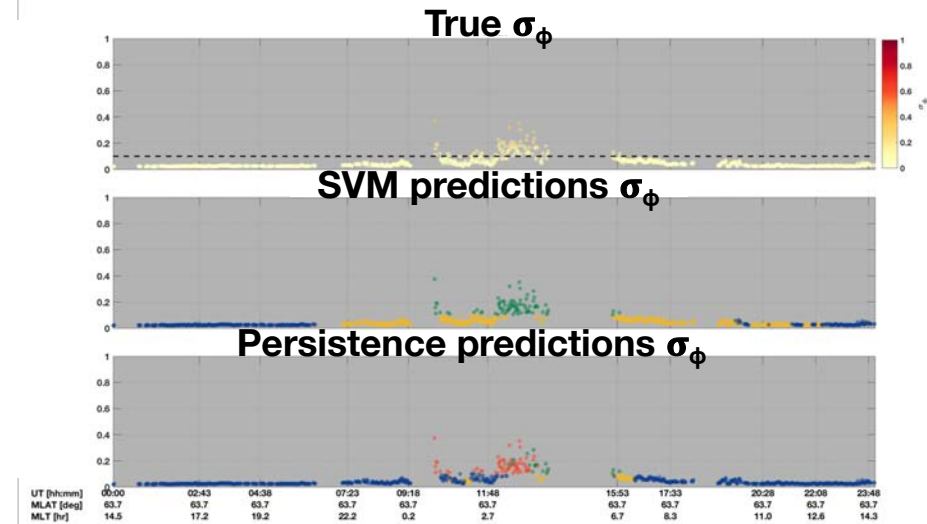
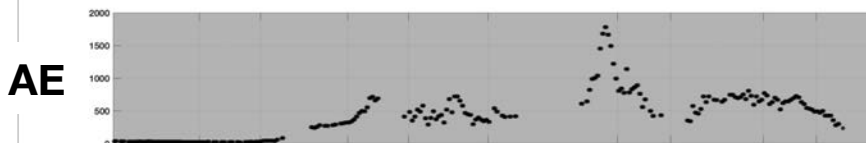
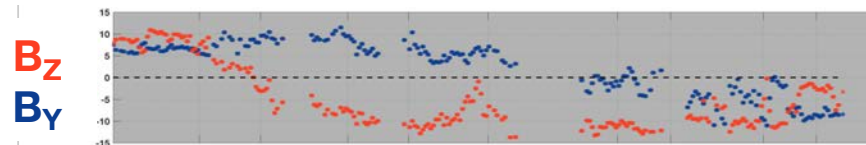
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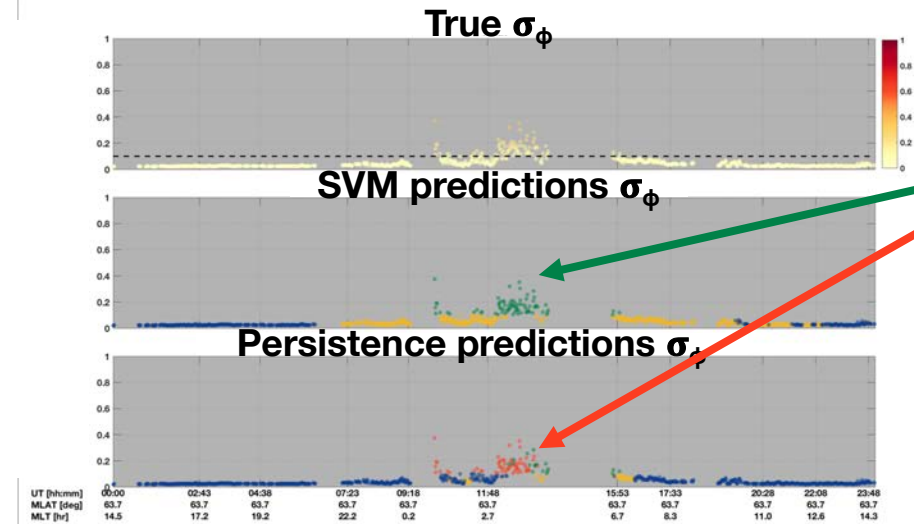
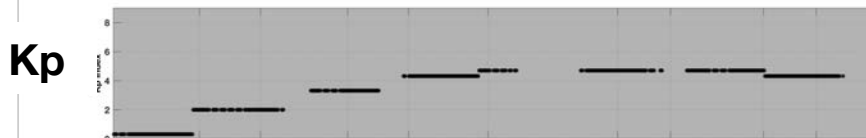
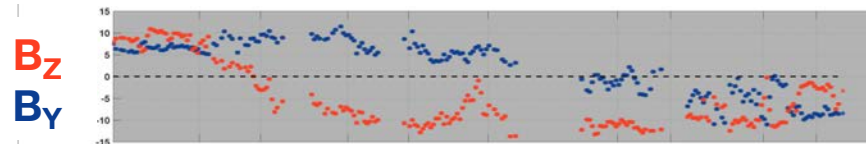
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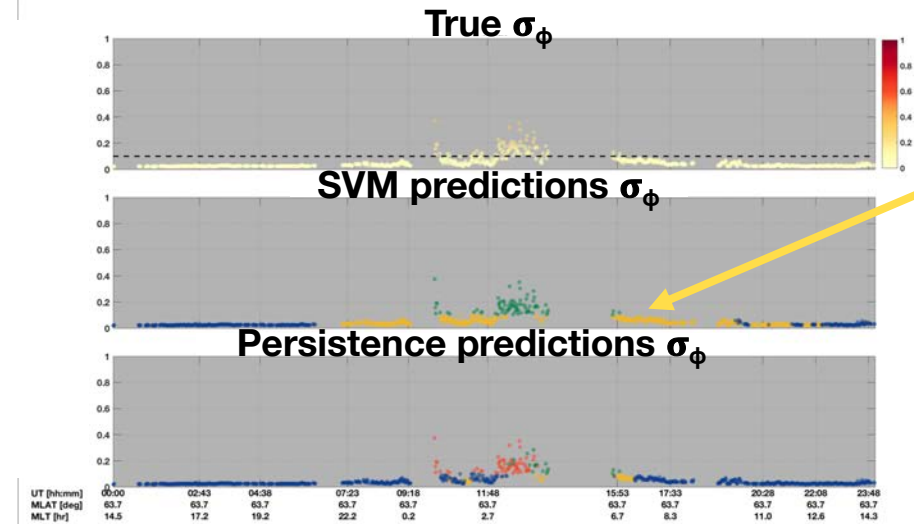
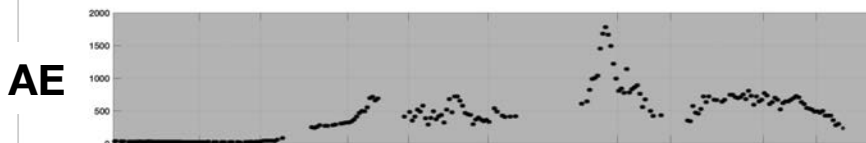
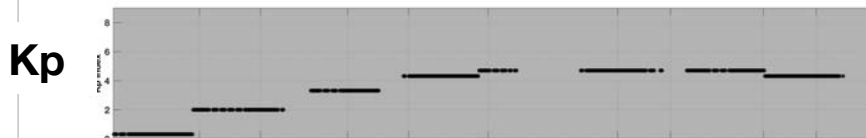
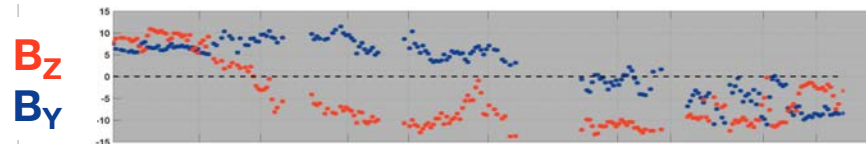


SVM identifies strong scintillation, persistence does not

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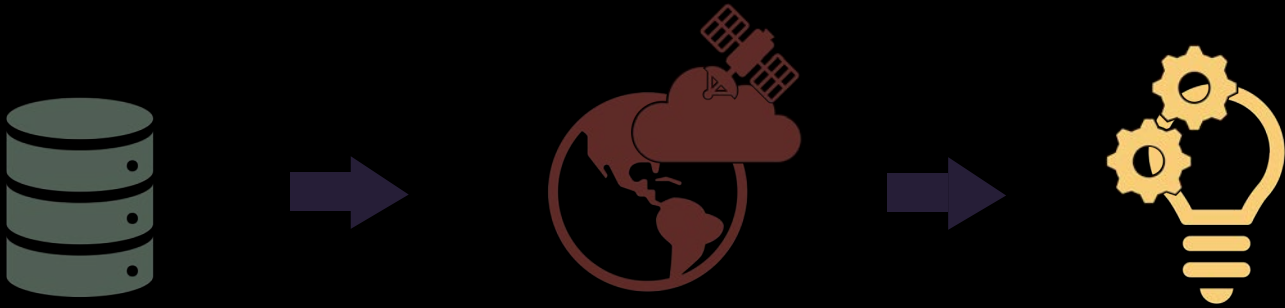
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SVM contains high number of 'false alarms'

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Curated Sources of Data Science Learning Resources

Ryan McGranaghan running list of resources (Github repository)

- https://github.com/rmcgranaghan/data_science_tools_and_resources

HelioAnalytics website and list of resources

- <https://sites.google.com/view/heliodata/resources?authuser=0>