



# NSF HDR ML Hackathon 2024

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# Introduction

Welcome to the NSF HDR ML Hackathon!

- This event is hosted by A3D3 (Accelerated AI Algorithms for Data-Driven Discovery), a national organization dedicated to the development of AI for science
- I'm **Max Cohen**, an A3D3 affiliate and PhD student here at Penn. My current work is developing anomaly detection algorithms for use in **elementary particle physics**



The screenshot shows the top portion of the A3D3 website. It features a dark blue header with the A3D3 logo on the left and a 'menu' icon on the right. Below the header, the main heading reads 'Accelerated AI Algorithms for Data-Driven Discovery'. Underneath, a paragraph describes the organization's mission, funded by the NSF HDR program, to lead a paradigm shift in AI for science. A dark blue button with white text 'Learn more about our mission' is positioned at the bottom of the text block.



# Event Schedule

**9:00 AM** → 10:00 AM **Hackathon Introduction**

**Convener:** Max Michael Cohen (University of Pennsylvania (US))

**10:00 AM** → 11:00 AM **(optional) Introduction to Machine Learning with Keras**

Covers the basics of machine learning as well as implementation in Keras / TensorFlow

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**12:30 PM** → 12:45 PM **Food: Food 1 arrives**

**1:00 PM** → 2:00 PM **Speaker Event: Anomaly Detection In Particle Physics**

Overview of anomaly detection in Elementary Particle Physics Experiments

**Convener:** Dylan Sheldon Rankin (University of Pennsylvania (US))

**5:30 PM** → 5:45 PM **Food: Food 2 arrives**

**7:30 PM** → 8:30 PM **Presentations**

each group will give a 5 minute presentation on their work

**8:45 PM** → 9:00 PM **Award Ceremony**

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# Today: Choose one of three AD challenges

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Find hybrid butterfly species from only pictures

Predict flood events along the east coast from satellite data



# Hackathon Goals and Awards

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During the challenge, you'll work on two goals:

- 1) Train Smaller Models
  - a) Submit these models to receive feedback and test scores in real-time.
- 2) Plan a Larger Network
  - a) Design and write the code for a larger model you don't have time to train today.
  - b) Motivate why it should work, and test it on a small number of events to debug.

## Awards Categories:

- **Most Performant Model:** Achieves the best performance in real-time tests.
- **Most Exciting Plan:** For the most promising design of a larger network.
- **Most Creative Approach:** Celebrates unique and creative strategies.

# Additionally: ML Challenge Awards

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Anyone participating in the ML challenge at any institution, whether during a hackathon or otherwise, is eligible for the following awards:

## Prize Pool for HDR ML Challenges

- 💰 Total cash prizes \$2500
- 🖥️ \$3000 in AWS cloud computing credits
- 🏆 Extra award sponsored by AMD (details pending)
- 🏆 Special jury prizes include funded invitations to AAAI 2025

Potential for additional award.

### Participation Requirements:

Participants must agree to the competition's Terms and Conditions to be eligible for these prizes. These terms outline the specific eligibility criteria for all participants.

For more details, please see the [NSF HDR ML Challenge website](#).

# Most Performant Model Award

For each of the three challenges, you'll have the opportunity to submit a trained network to be run on a testbench and given a performance score.

The Most Performant Model Award will go to a team which has exceptional performance on this submitted testbench!

**IMPORTANT:** Submitted Networks will only be evaluated between 1:00pm and 6:00pm

The screenshot displays a user interface for a competition. At the top, there are two tabs: "Development Phase" (selected) and "Final Phase". Below the tabs, there are two metrics: "Number of submissions used for the day" (0 out of 500) and "Number of total submissions used" (1 out of 1000). Below these metrics is a section titled "Submission upload". It includes a "Submit as:" dropdown menu with a question mark icon, currently set to "Yourself". Below the dropdown is a large text input field with a paperclip icon on the left, indicating a file upload area.

# Most Exciting Plan Award

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With only 12 hours, there may not be enough time to train larger networks.

We encourage you to:

- **Design a Network:** Propose an architecture you believe will excel at your challenge
- **Implement a Pipeline:** Program the full training and testing pipeline. Test it on a small subset of events to ensure it's bug-free
- **Plan for Training:** Outline when and how you will train the network after the hackathon

**The Most Exciting Plan Award** will go to the team with an especially notable network design and a ready-to-run pipeline!



# Most Creative Approach Award

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This award celebrates **innovative thinking and unique solutions** to the challenges.

It recognizes a team that:

- Explores unconventional ideas or techniques
- Thinks outside the box in designing networks, features, or strategies
- Develops novel approaches to anomaly detection that go beyond baseline methods

This could be demonstrated through:

- Clever data preprocessing or feature engineering
- Innovative use of architecture or algorithms
- Applying concepts from other fields or surprising approaches to problem-solving

The **Most Creative Approach Award** is about showcasing ingenuity and pushing boundaries of what's possible in this hackathon setting!

# Group Presentations

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- At the end of the day, your group will give a short, 5 minute presentation about your work
  - You'll report the test scores you obtain, as well as your plan for training the larger network
- Additionally (not required), groups can submit github repositories containing codes, which will make it easier for us to judge the quality of your work

Based on these presentations and github repos, we'll determine the winners of the prizes

Winners will get certificates printed with their names!

# Anomaly Detection

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Anomaly detection (AD) seeks to identify outliers of a dataset, often done with unsupervised machine learning.

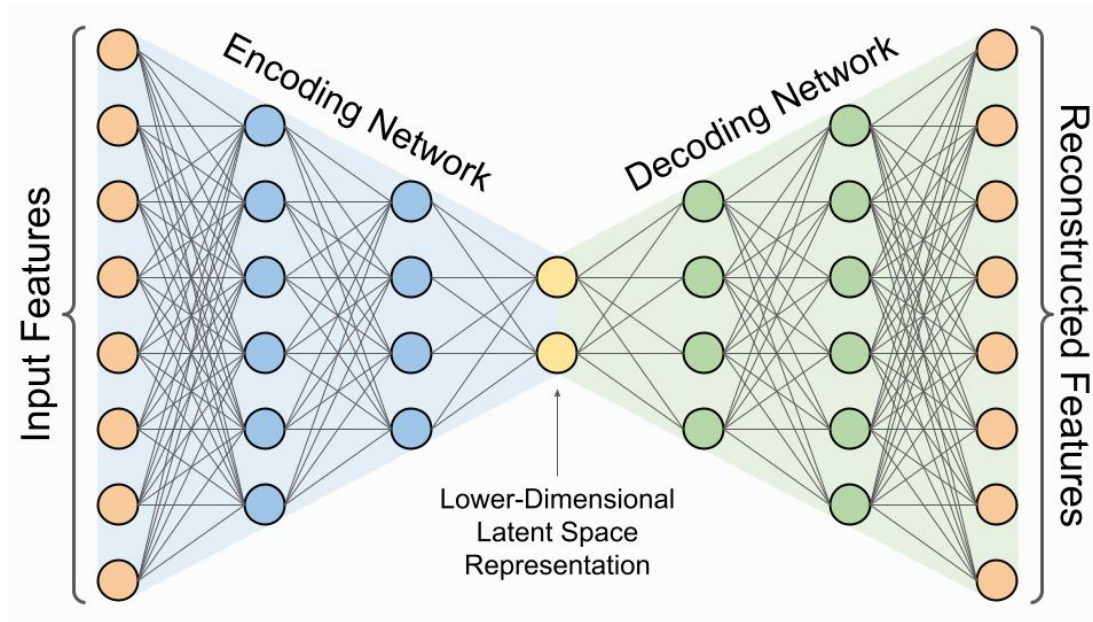
Anomaly detection **does not require any knowledge of the signal itself**, but rather just that the **signal should look different from background**.



# Anomaly Detection

## Common network architecture for AD: Autoencoders

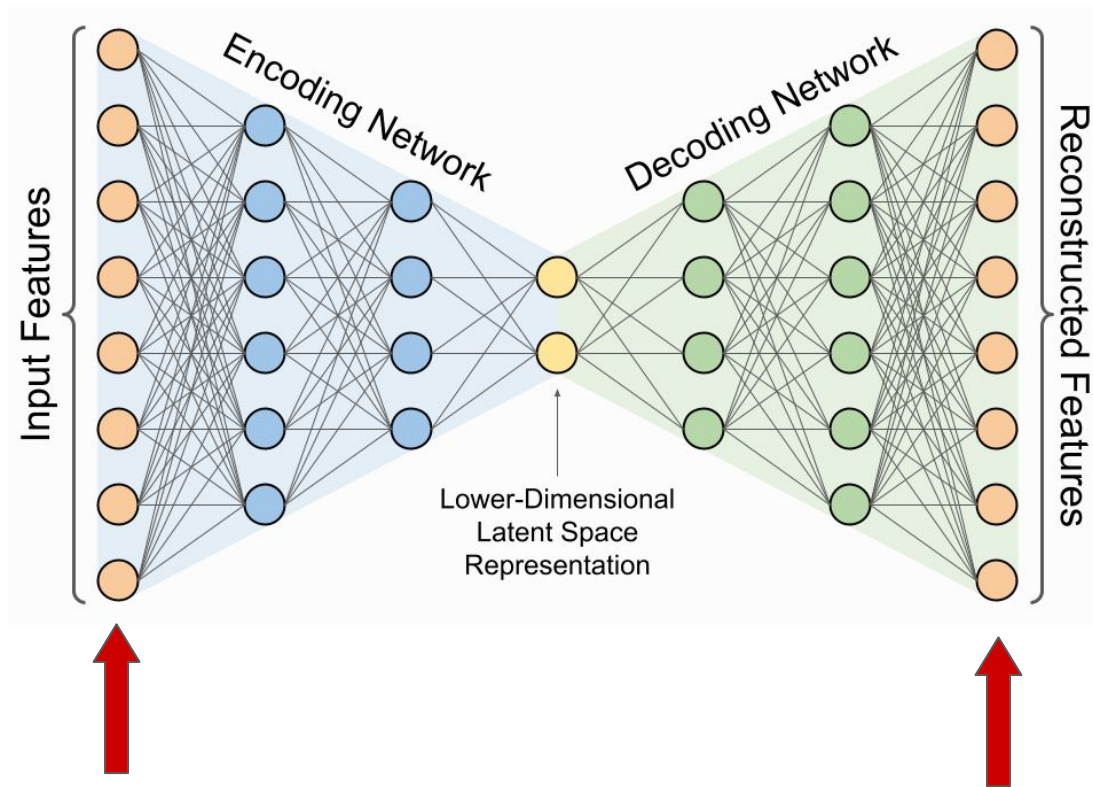
- Encoder compresses data into a lower dimensional representation
- Decoder takes this representation and attempts to recreate the input



# Anomaly Detection

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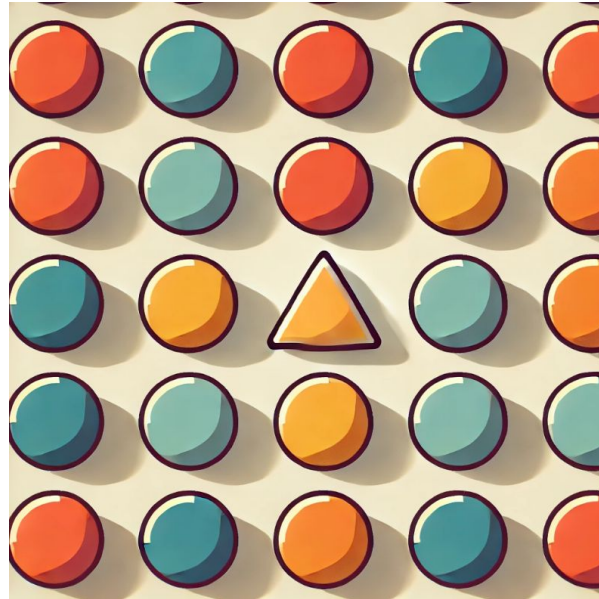
- The loss is calculated by computing the MSE between the input and output of the autoencoder



# Autoencoder Example

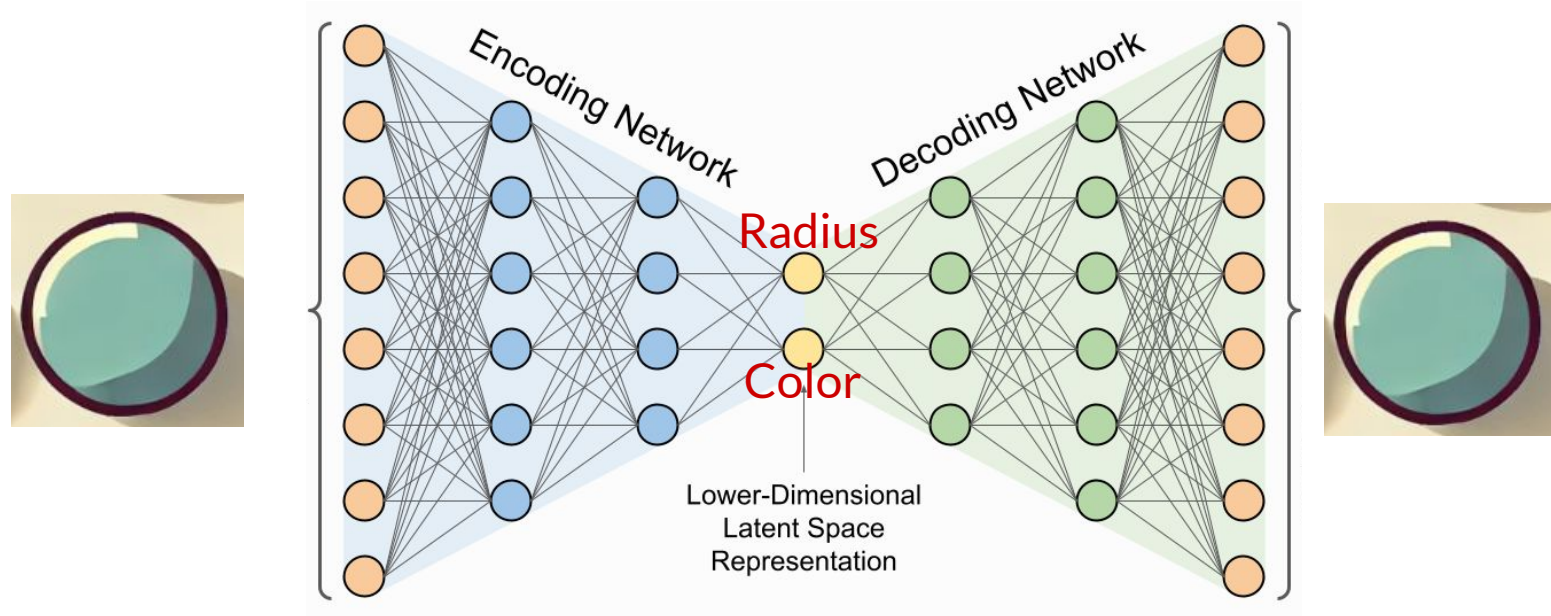
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Imagine the network is trying to pick out anomalous pictures of shapes:



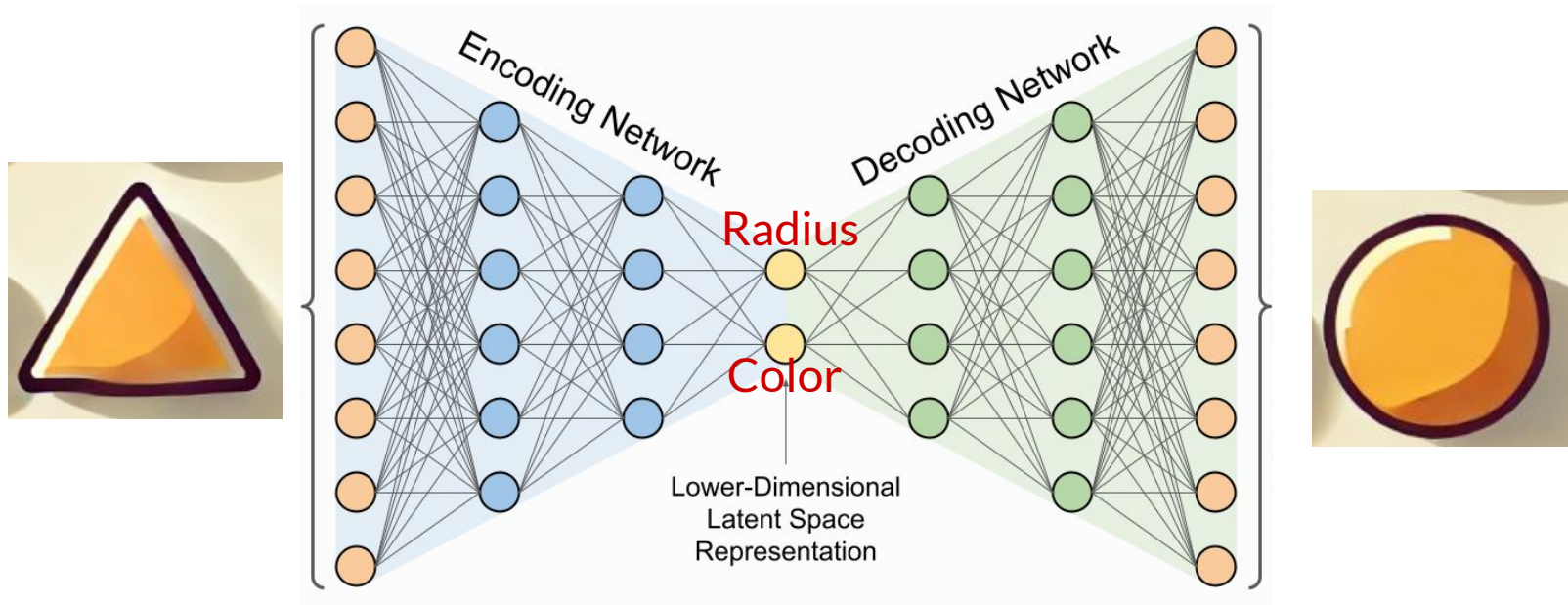
# Autoencoder Example

During training, the network will learn features and patterns of the data:



# Autoencoder Example

But these features fail to describe anomalous samples, yielding a large MSE loss!





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# Submissions: Gravitational Waves and Butterfly Hybrids

**IMPORTANT:** Submissions must be in the following format (except flood detection):

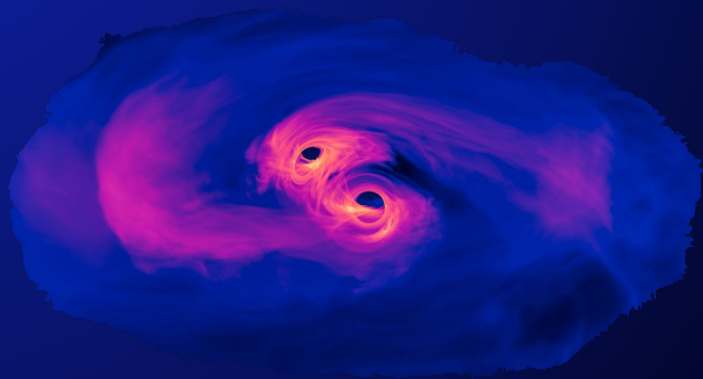
```
1 import tensorflow as tf
2 import os
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4 class Model:
5     def __init__(self):
6         # You could include a constructor to initialize your model here, but all calls will be made to the load method
7         self.clf = None
8
9     def predict(self, X):
10        # This method should accept an input of any size (of the given input format) and return predictions appropriately
11        b = self.clf.predict(X)
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13        return [i[0] for i in b]
14
15    def load(self):
16        # This method should load your pre-trained model from wherever you have it saved
17        with open(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__), 'config.json'), 'r') as file:
18            for line in file:
19                self.clf = tf.keras.models.model_from_json(line)
20            self.clf.load_weights(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__), 'model.weights.h5'))
21
```

- The submission must be a zipped file containing this model.py as well as any auxiliary files (model weights, config.json, etc)
- Keras, TensorFlow, Pytorch, Ski-kit learn are all allowed
- List of allowed packages found [here](#)

# Submissions: Flood Detection

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For the iHARP Sea level rise challenge, you will not submit a model, but rather a CSV file with your results. This will be further explained later.



# NSF HDR A3D3: DETECTING ANOMALOUS GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SIGNALS



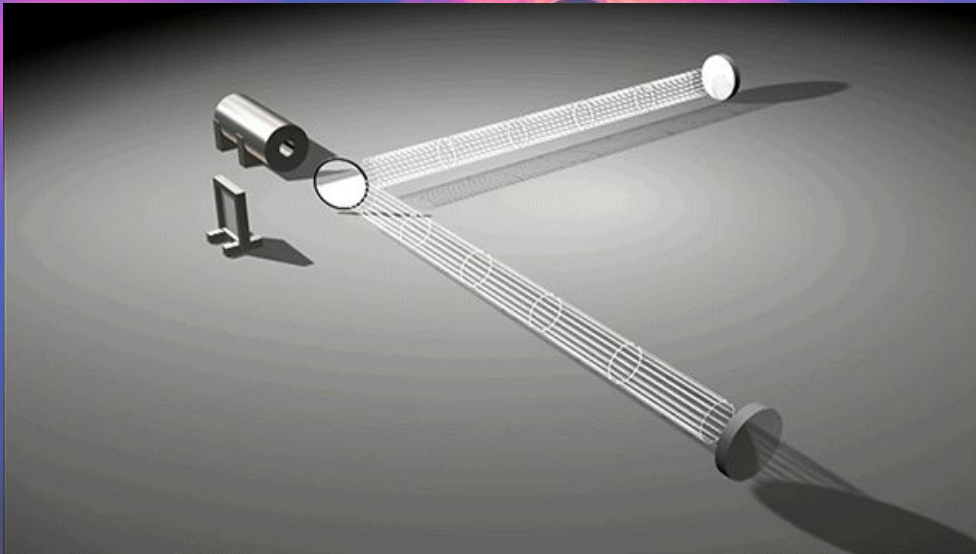
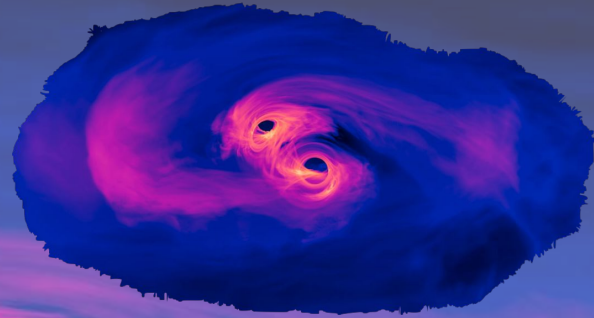
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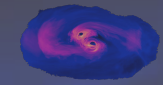
KATYA GOVORKOVA, YUAN-TANG CHOU, PHIL HARRIS



# GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AND THEIR DETECTION

ACCELERATING MASSES PRODUCE  
DEFORMATIONS IN SPACE TIME THAT  
WE CAN DETECT VIA INTERFEROMETRY





# THE LIGO-VIRGO-KAGRA COLLABORATION

A SIGNAL WILL APPEAR IN AT LEAST TWO INTERFEROMETERS, WITH THE TIME DELAY BECAUSE OF THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE DETECTORS

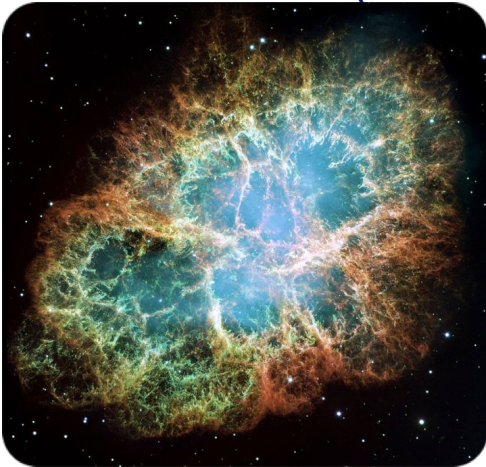




# GWAK ANOMALOUS GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SOURCES

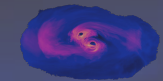
KNOWN “UNKNOWN” POSSIBLE SIGNAL SOURCES THAT ARE POORLY MODELLED AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE EASILY DETECTED USING THE MATCH FILTERING PIPELINE

CORE-COLLAPSE  
SUPERNOVA (CCSN)



NEUTRON STAR  
GLITCHES





# GWAK ANOMALOUS GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SOURCES

UNKNOWN “UNKNOWNNS” NEW, UNEXPECTED GW SOURCES

WE REFER TO THEM AS ANOMALOUS AND AIM TO DEVELOP A SEMI-SUPERVISED APPROACH WHICH WOULD LET US TO DISCOVER ANOMALOUS SIGNALS WITHOUT EXPLICIT MODELLING





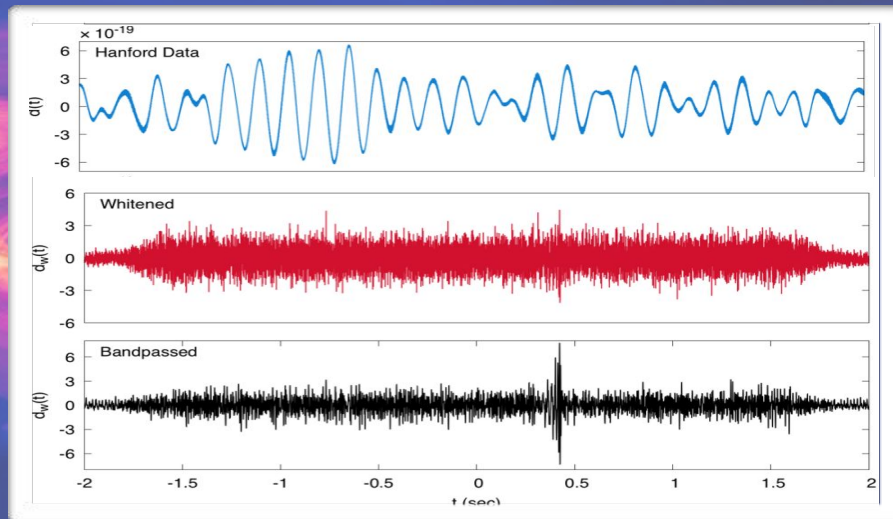
## CONTINUOUS TIME SERIES 4096 Hz

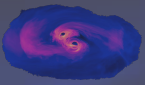
### WHITENING

IS TRANSFORMING THE DATA SO THAT IT HAS A FLAT (UNIFORM) POWER SPECTRAL DENSITY, MAKING DIFFERENT FREQUENCY COMPONENTS COMPARABLY SCALED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE SIGNAL DETECTION

### BANDPASSING $30 \text{ Hz} < x < 1500 \text{ Hz}$

IS A FILTERING TECHNIQUE THAT ISOLATES THE FREQUENCY RANGE WHERE GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SIGNALS ARE EXPECTED, REMOVING BOTH LOW-FREQUENCY NOISE AND HIGH-FREQUENCY





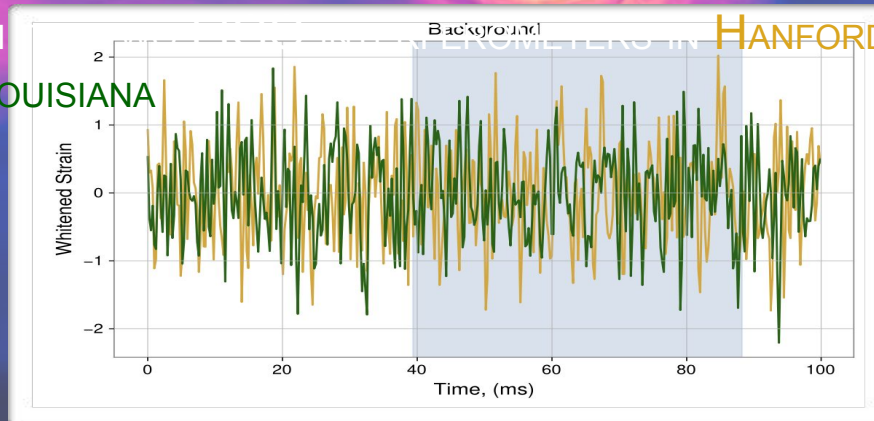
## BACKGROUND DATASET

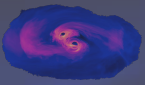
[K.GOVORKOVA\\_ET\\_AL](#)  
[MLST](#)  
[10.1088/2632-2153/A](#)

**SAMPLING RATE** IS **4096** Hz, MEANING THERE ARE **4096** DATA POINTS RECORDED EVERY SECOND

THE DATA IS DIVIDED INTO SEGMENTS OF **50** MILLISECONDS EACH, WHICH CONTAINS **200** DATA POINTS ( $50 \text{ MILLISECONDS} * 4096 \text{ SAMPLES/SECOND} = 200 \text{ SAMPLES}$ )

THE DIMENSION OF THE INPUT DATA IS  $(N, 200, 2)$ , WHERE **N** REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF DATA SEGMENTS. THE LAST DIMENSION OF **2** CORRESPONDS TO THE DATA STREAMS FROM **HANFORD, WASHINGTON, AND LIVINGSTON, LOUISIANA**



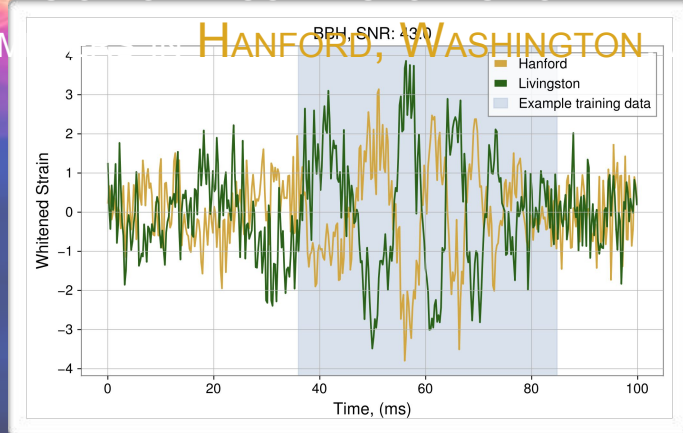
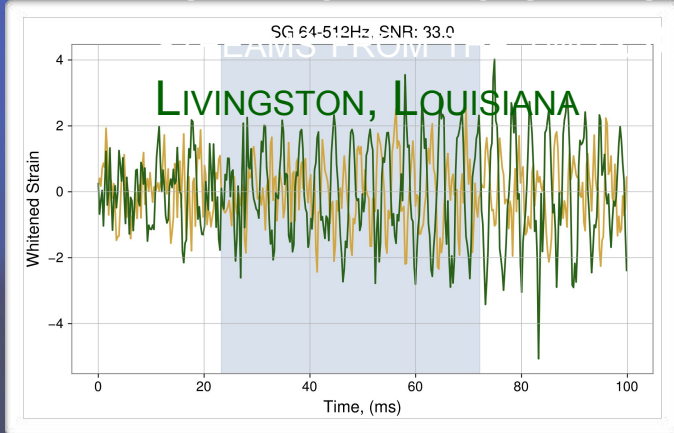


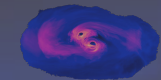
# SIGNAL DATASETS

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## EXAMPLE SUBMISSION

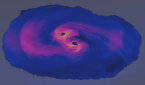
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            for line in file:
                self.clf = tf.keras.models.model_from_json(line)
                self.clf.load_weights(os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__), 'model.weights.h5'))
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## RESOURCES

- THE NOTEBOOK WITH EXAMPLE  
[HTTPS://COLAB\\_RESEARCH.GOOGLE.COM/DRIVE/1HATkYT5Xo6oauDXY6xFrENgZB66QPsV8?usp=sharing](https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1HATkYT5Xo6oauDXY6xFrENgZB66QPsV8?usp=sharing)
- THE PAPER WITH MORE DETAILS AND OUR ALGORITHM [MLST](#)  
[10.1088/2632-2153/AD3A31](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1088/2632-2153/AD3A31)
- CHALLENGE PAGE WITH DETAILS ABOUT THE DATASET  
[HTTPS://WWW.GODABENCH.ORG/COMPETITIONS/2626/](https://www.godabench.org/competitions/2626/)
- ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS A GITHUB ISSUE  
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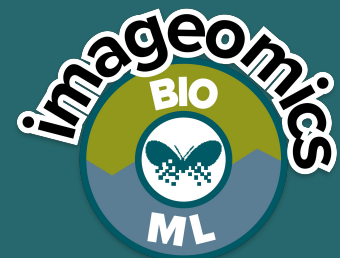
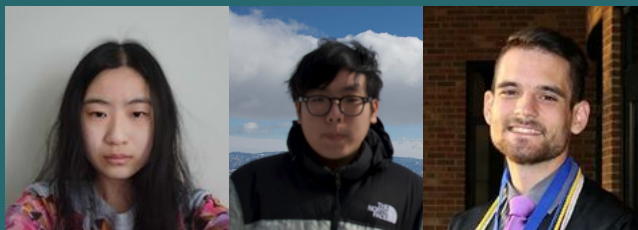
# Anomaly Detection: Hybrid Butterflies

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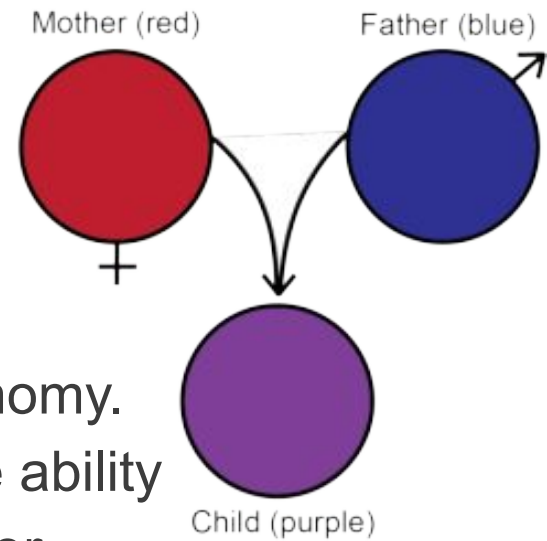


# Hybrid Detection

A brief history

# Hybrid Detection

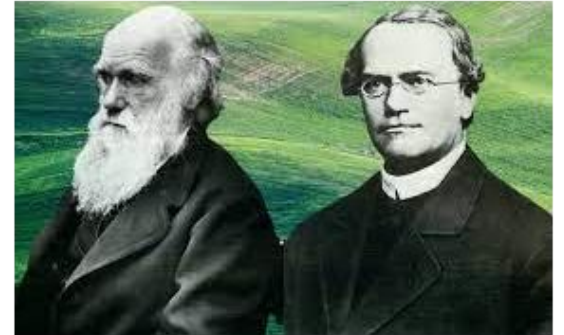
- Researchers have sought a means to detect hybrids since the creation of the field of taxonomy.
- Detecting hybrids would give taxonomists the ability to determine what constitutes a true *species* or *subspecies*.
- The question is **how?**
  - *How* do we recognize a hybrid?
  - What does a hybrid look like?





# Hybrid Detection: History

- Darwin first posed this question of “What does a hybrid look like?”
- Mendel answered with his pea plant experiment.



# Hybrid Detection: History

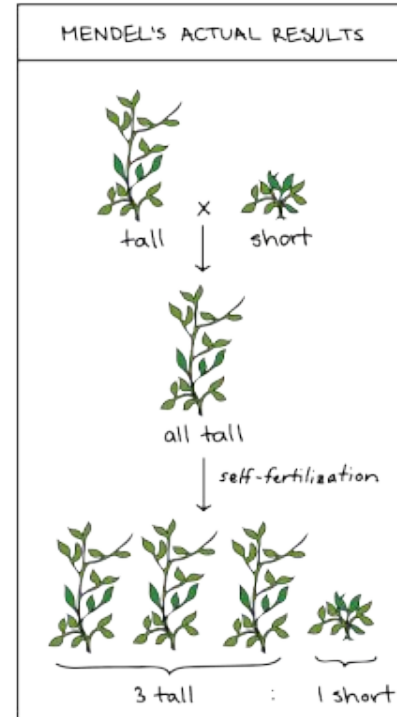
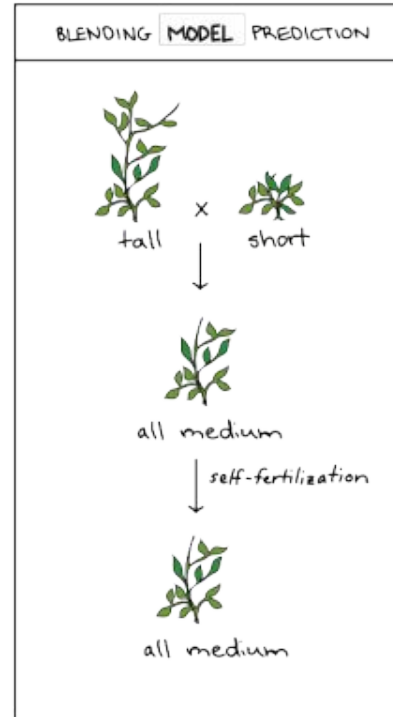
## Mendel's Hypothesis:

### Blending Inheritance

- Inheritance of traits is ***continuous***.

## Mendel's Results:

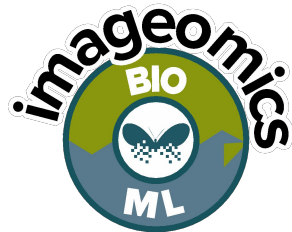
Inheritance is often ***discrete***.



# Hybrid Detection: Butterflies

- Consider these two species:
- Hybridization may lead to a variety of resulting patterns.
- There are several [dominant] genes that control color pattern on wings.
  - Ex: red on hindwings is a dominant trait.
- Dominance: hybrids may look like one parent.
- In practice, identifying hybrids requires knowledge of their parent species/subspecies.





# Our Challenge

How *you* can contribute to answering this important biological question

## Hybrid

Species A subspecies I



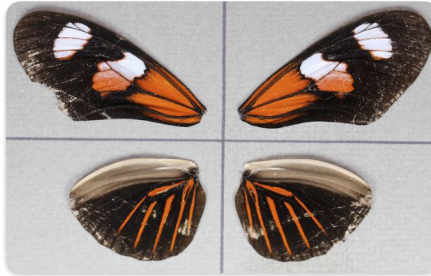
Species A subspecies II



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# Hybrid

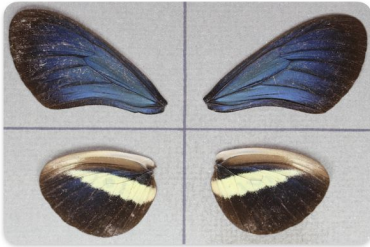
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Species A subspecies II



Species A subspecies III



Species A subspecies IV



Species B subspecies I

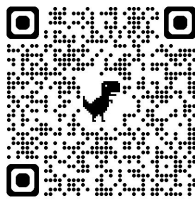


Species B subspecies II



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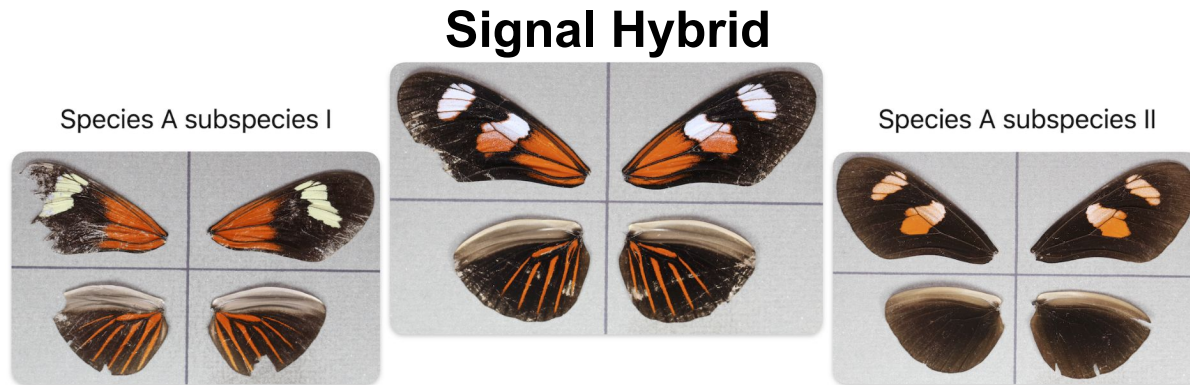
Hybrid graphic generated using Canva Magic Media AI, then manually edited.



Training Data

# Our Challenge: Training Data

- ~2200 images of Species A:
  - Multiple *sub*species.
  - Selected signal hybrids of two *sub*species.



# Our Challenge: Dev & Test Data

- Includes:
  - All Species A subspecies.
  - Signal hybrids from training data.
- Further introduces:
  - Other Species A hybrids (non-signal).
  - Species B: Mimics of Species A signal hybrid parents (& their hybrids).
- The numbers:
  - Validation Data (Dev): ~1100 images
  - Test Data: ~2200 images



# The Challenge: Find the Hybrids

- Among Species A & B, can your algorithm find...
  - Species A signal hybrids?
  - Species A non-signal hybrids?
  - Species B hybrids (mimics of Species A signal hybrids)?

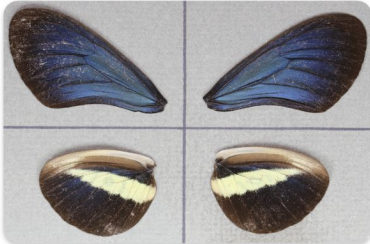
Species A subspecies I



Species A subspecies II



Species A subspecies III



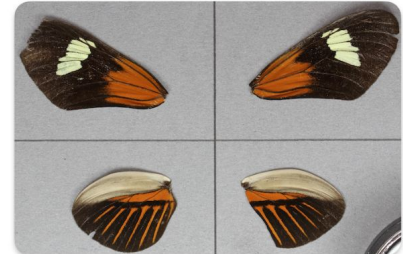
Species A subspecies IV



Species B subspecies II



Species B subspecies I



# Sample Submissions Repository



## Files

feature/notebook

Go to file

- > BioCLIP\_code\_submission
- > BioCLIP\_train
- > DINO\_SGD\_code\_submission
- > DINO\_train
- .gitignore
- LICENSE
- README.md
- butterfly\_anomaly.bib
- butterfly\_sample\_notebook.ipynb
- requirements.txt

HDR-anomaly-challenge-sample / butterfly\_sample\_notebook.ipynb

Preview

Code

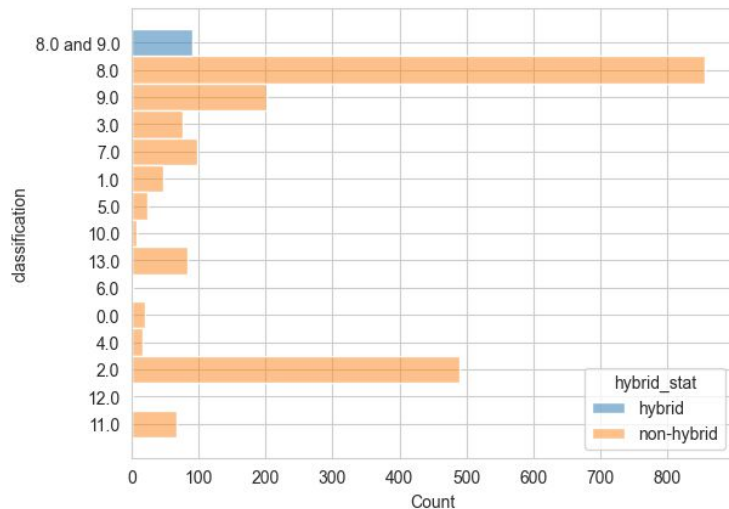
Blame

606 lines (606 loc) · 53.3 KB

## Get distribution of images by subspecies (colored by hybrid status)

```
In [15]: sns.histplot(df, y = "classification", hue = "hybrid_stat")
```

```
Out[15]: <Axes: xlabel='Count', ylabel='classification'>
```





Join the  
Challenge!

# Thank you!

Questions?



# Detecting anomalous sea level rise events

Slides created by:

**Subhankar Ghosh & Aneesh Subramanian**

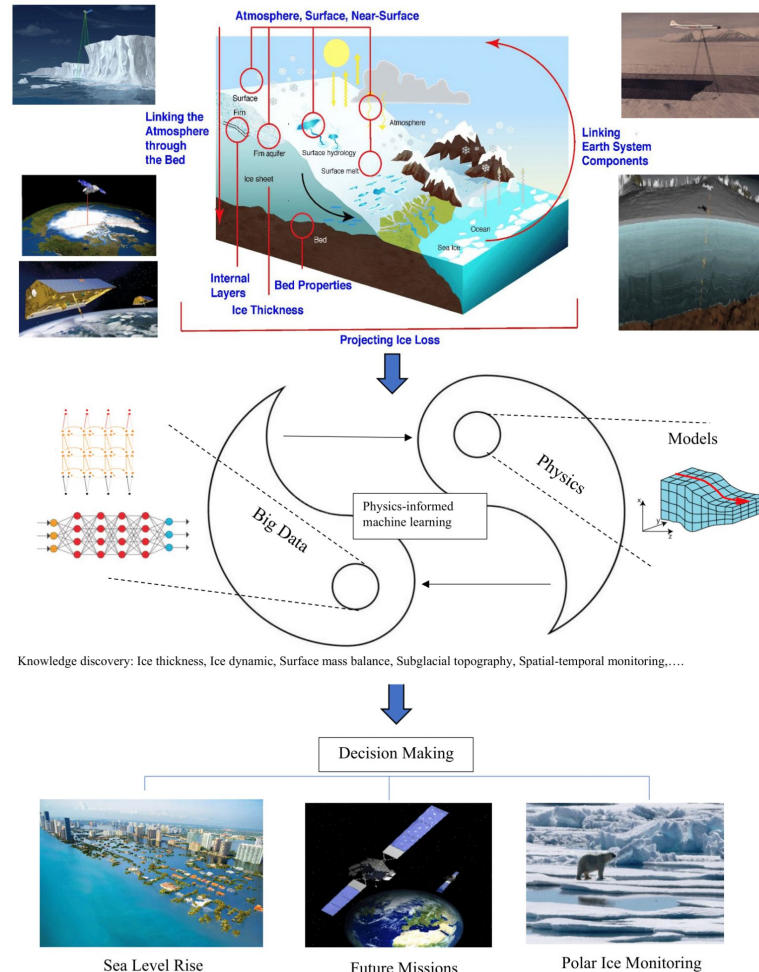
w/ Shashi Shekhar, Vandana Janeja, Josephine Namayanja

# iHARP Vision

iHARP advances our understanding of the response of polar regions to climate change and its global impacts by deeply integrating data science and polar science to spur physics-informed, data-driven discoveries.

# iHARP Mission

iHARP conducts data intensive research, education, outreach, and cyberinfrastructure development that will transform understanding of the effects of climate change in polar regions. This institute brings together stakeholders and leading scholars in data science and polar science to reduce uncertainties in projecting Greenland and Antarctica's future mass balance, associated sea-level rise, and impacts on global communities.





# AS OUR OCEAN WARMS, SEA LEVEL RISES

We know seas are rising and we know why. The urgent questions are by how much and how quickly.



# SEA LEVEL RISE AFFECTS US ALL

More than **160 million people** live along coasts in the U.S., about half the nation's population. **Eleven of the world's 15 largest cities** lie along shores, including New York City. Sea level rise means the ocean will gradually inundate low-lying areas, and storms like hurricanes, bolstered by even higher seas, will extend their reach inland. All of society bears the burden for storm damage and those costs are expected to rise: Annual losses from flooding in the world's biggest coastal cities could rise from about **\$6 billion a year** today to **\$1 trillion a year** by 2050.



# Making Better Predictions of Sea Level Rise

As the ocean rises, the ability to provide even more precise information about coastal sea level rise is crucial

## The Next 30 Years

Sea level along the U.S. coastline is projected to rise, on average, 10 - 12 inches (0.25 - 0.30 meters) in the next 30 years (2020 - 2050), which will be as much as the rise measured over the last 100 years (1920 - 2020). Sea level rise will vary regionally along U.S. coasts because of changes in both land and ocean height.



### MEASURING OCEAN HEIGHT

On January 17, 2016, Jason-3 was successfully launched as the fourth mission in the U.S.-European series of satellites measuring the height of the ocean surface. Using a radar altimeter, Jason-3 continues a 23-year satellite record of measuring global sea level change to within an accuracy of .5mm (.0196 inches) a year.



# Making Better Predictions of Sea Level Rise

As the ocean rises, the ability to provide even more precise information about coastal sea level rise is crucial

## More Damaging Flooding

Sea level rise will create a profound shift in coastal flooding over the next 30 years by causing tide and storm surge heights to increase and reach further inland. By 2050, “moderate” (typically damaging) flooding is expected to occur, on average, more than 10 times as often as it does today, and can be intensified by local factors.

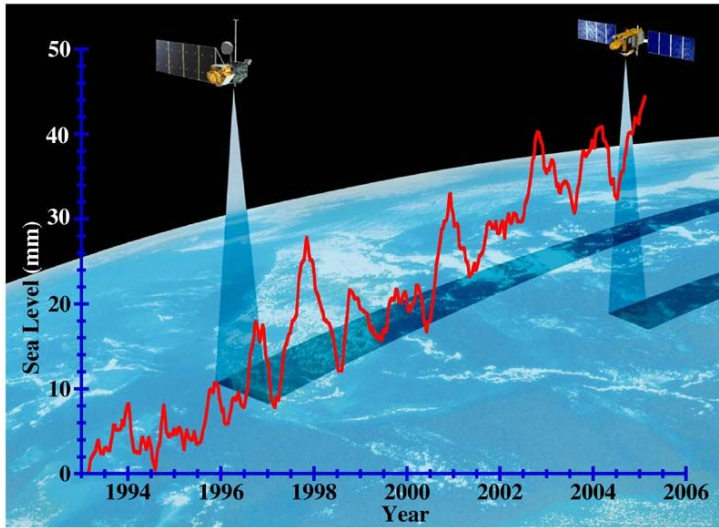
### NORTHEAST COASTLINE

Most of New York City and Boston would be submerged if sea level were to rise by 6 m (19.6 ft).

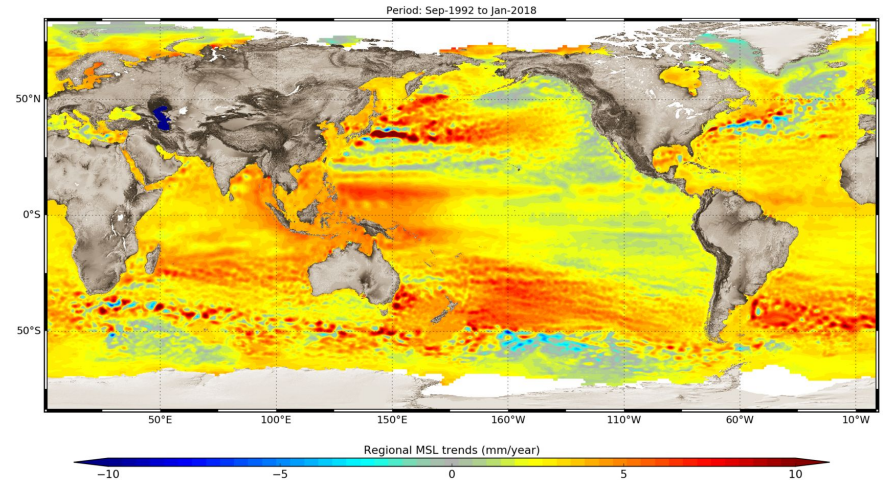


## Continual Tracking

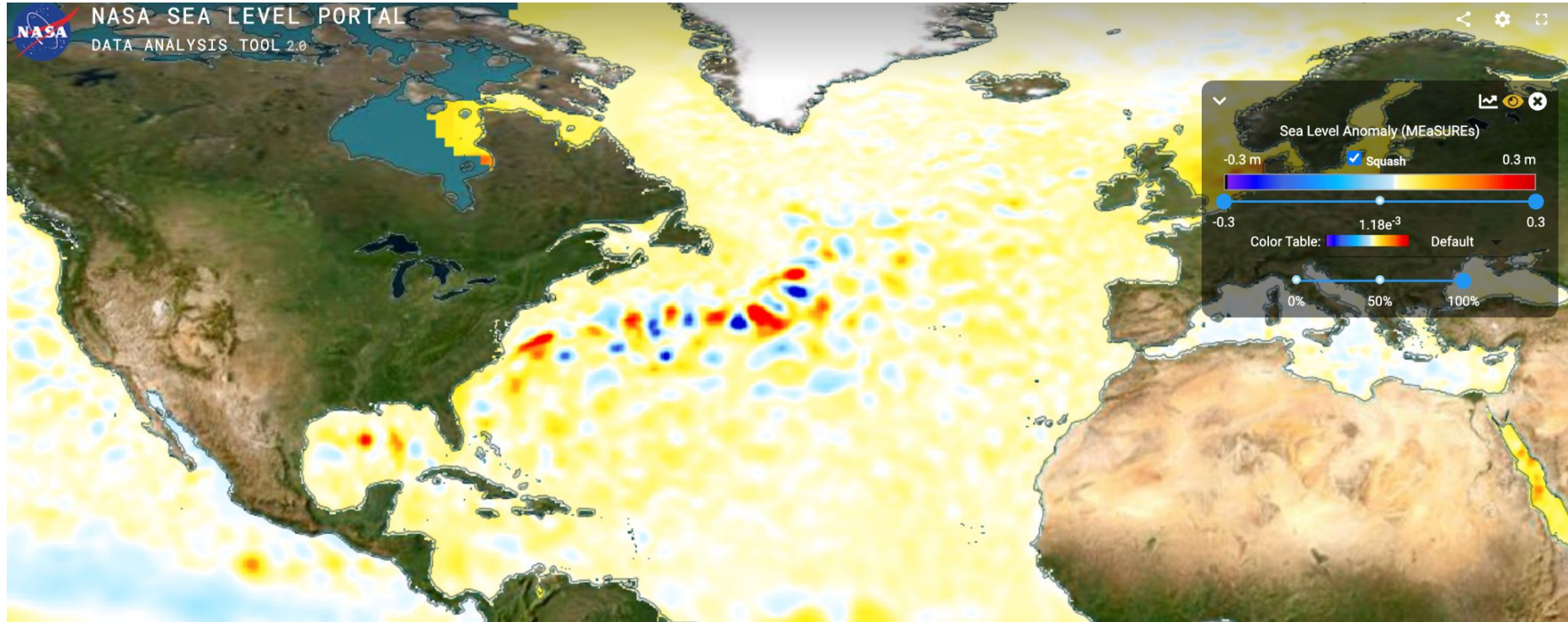
Continuously tracking how and why sea level is changing is an important part of informing plans for adaptation. Our ability to monitor and understand the individual factors that contribute to sea level rise allows us to track sea level changes in a way that has never before been possible (e.g., using satellites to track global ocean levels and ice sheet thickness). Ongoing and expanded monitoring will be critical as sea levels continue to rise.



Multi-Mission Sea Level Trends



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- We provide daily satellite sea level anomaly data over the North Atlantic for the past 30 years
- We provide dates of anomalous flooding along 12 US East coast stations for the past 30 years
- Challenge is to detect anomalous flooding events at each station along the US East Coast with the maps of sea level over the North Atlantic

# Summary

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## Gravitational Waves:

Example Submission on Codabench

## Butterfly Hybrids:

[Example Submission repo](#)

## Example model

- Can use this to ensure your submission has the correct format
  - Network reads inputs correctly, returns outputs correctly

## iHarp Sea Level Rise Detection:

Instead of submitting the model directly, you will submit a csv file:

“The submission should be a single .csv file where each row should represent a day from 2014 to 2023. The columns should include binary values (0 for false, 1 for true) to predict the presence of an anomaly in each of the stations.”

# Thank you for attending the hackathon!

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In order to match you with others interested in the same challenge, please fill out this survey:

