



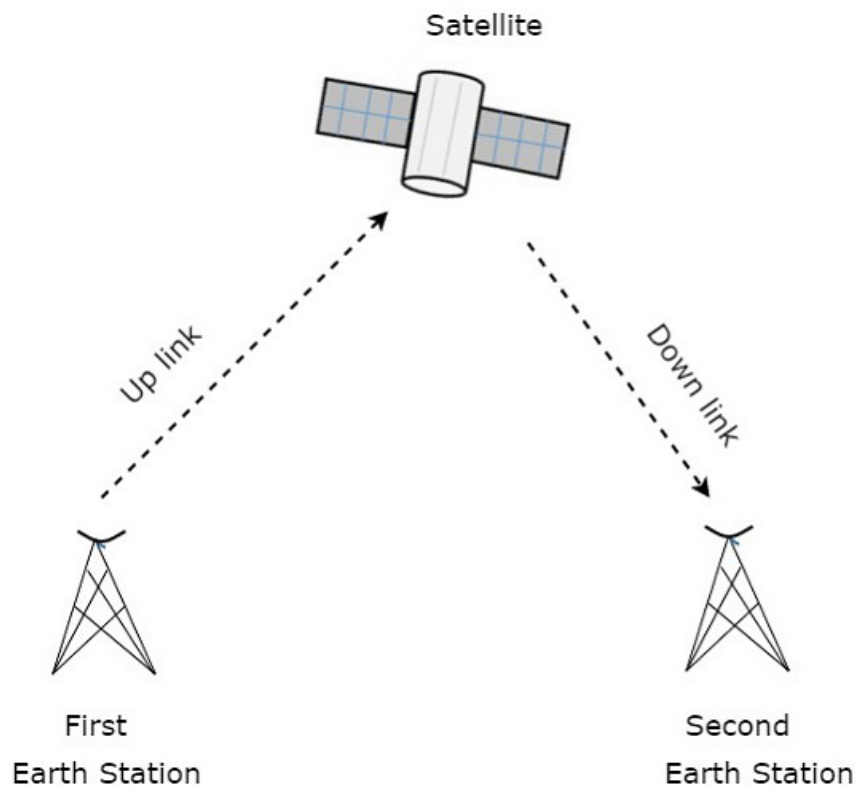
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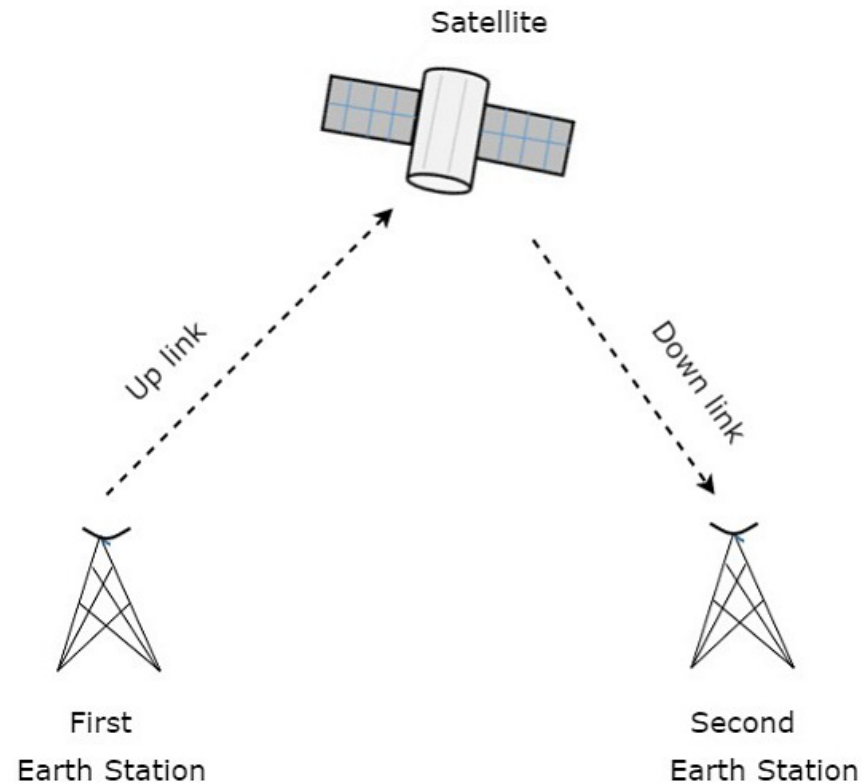
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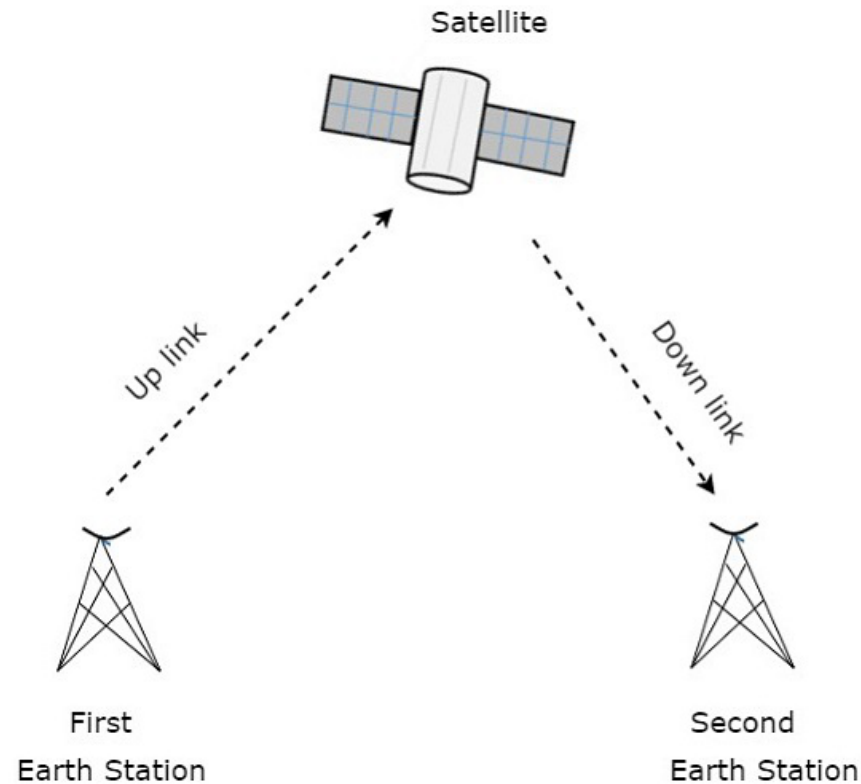


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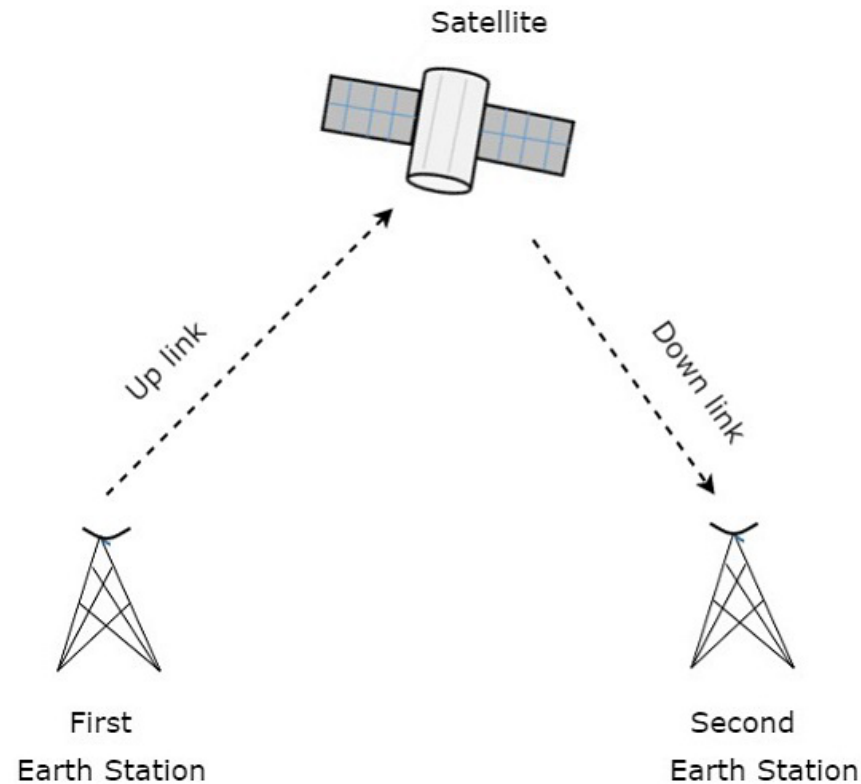
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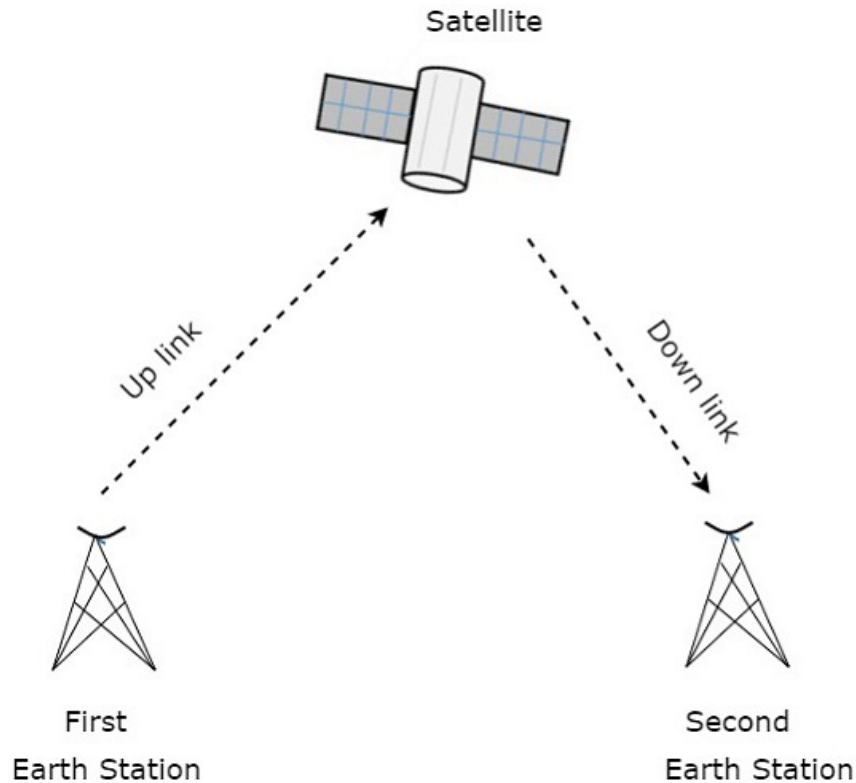
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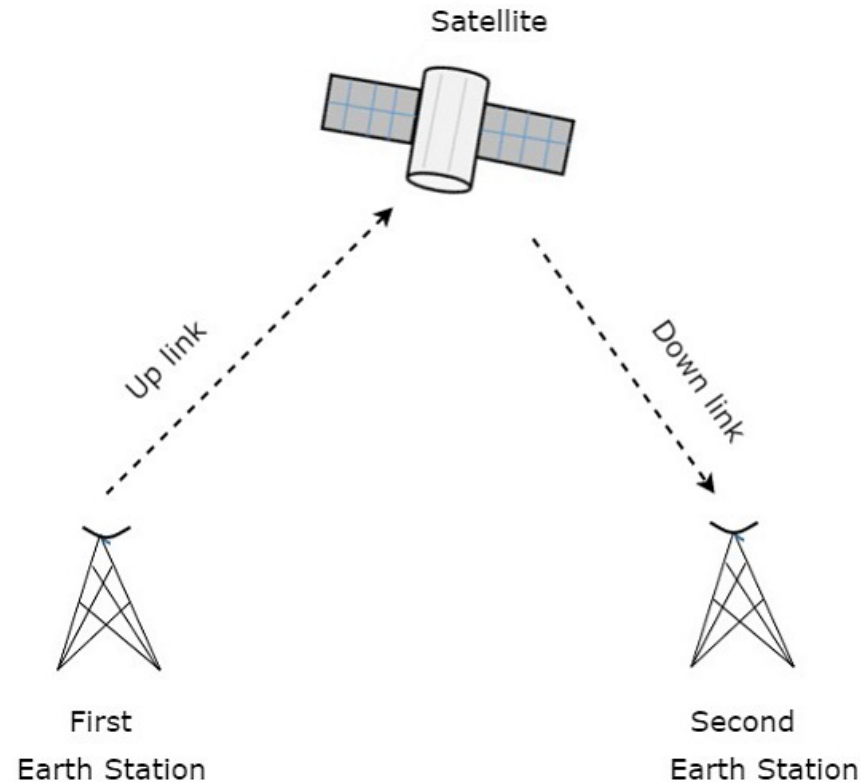
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- Onboard diagnosis rules for preemptively considered faults



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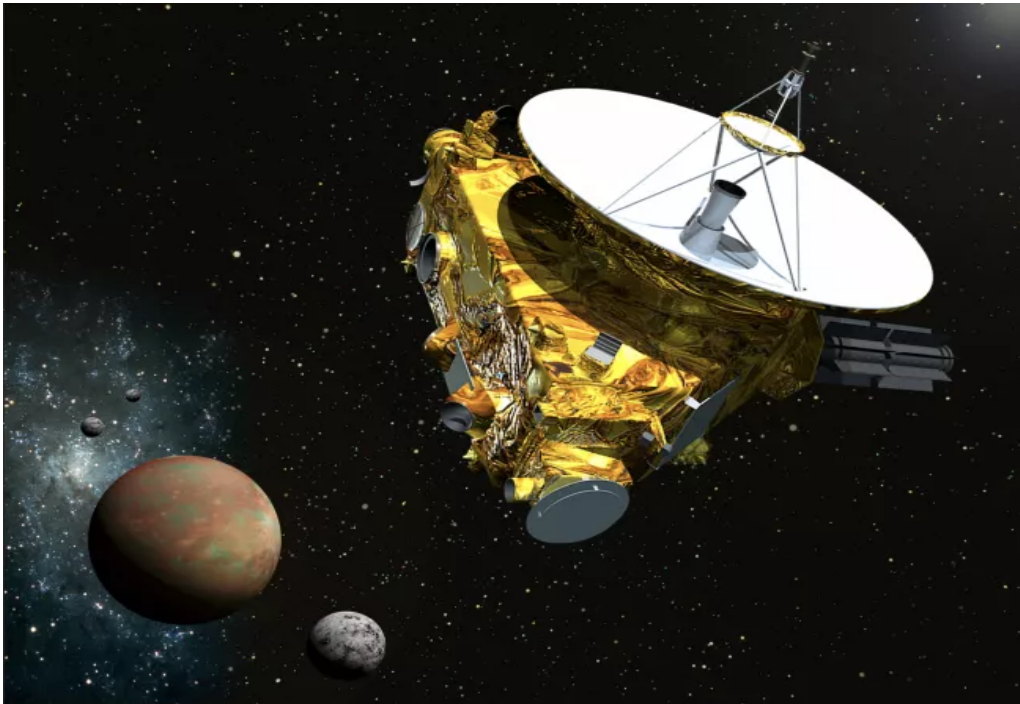
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“The investigation into the anomaly that caused New Horizons to enter “safe mode” on July 4 has concluded that no hardware or software fault occurred on the spacecraft.”



“NASA’s New Horizons Plans July 7 Return to Normal Science Operations.” NASA Blogs. Jul 5, 2015. Cofield, Calla, “NASA’s New Horizons Spacecraft Wakes Up for Pluto Encounter in 2015.” Space.com. December 7, 2014.



Grecius, Tony, “Mars 2020 Perseverance Healthy and on Its Way.” NASA Blogs. July 30, 2020.

“We set the limits for the temperature differential conservatively tight for triggering a safe mode. The philosophy is that it is far better to trigger a safe mode event when not required, than miss one that is.”

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Enables:

- Fully autonomous spaceflight
- Development of next-gen flight paradigms

Preliminaries

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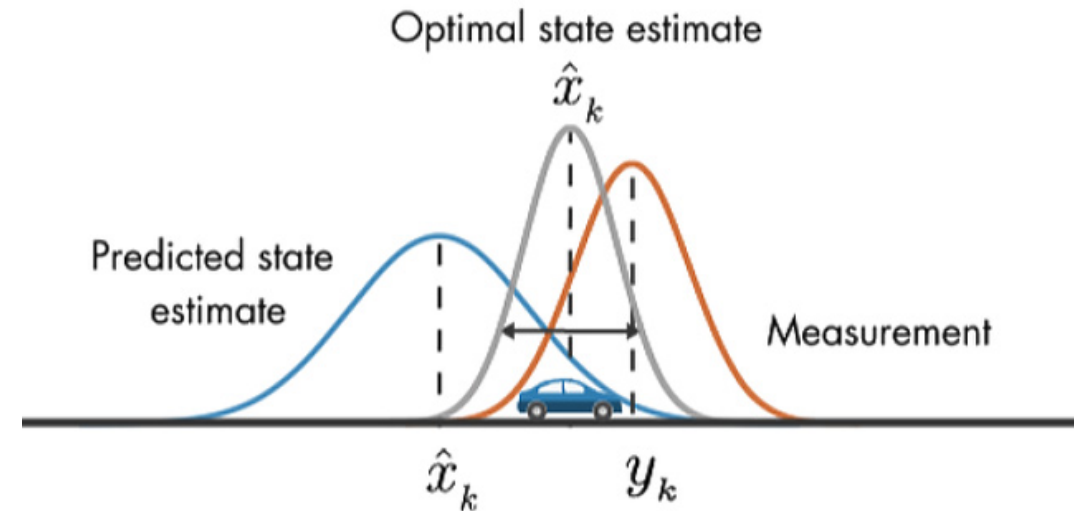
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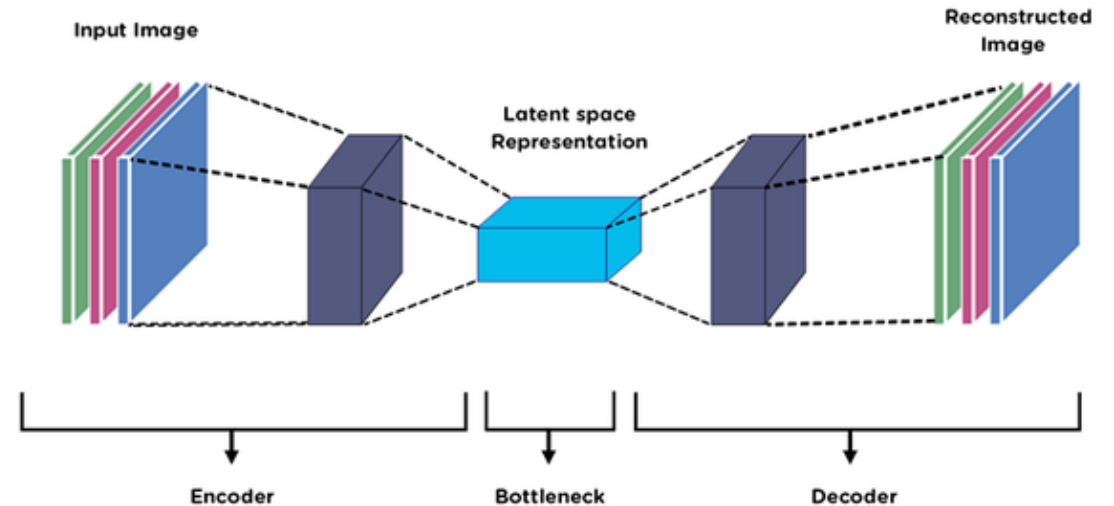
<https://www.mathworks.com/videos/understanding-kalman-filters-part-3-optimal-state-estimator--1490710645421.html>

- Dynamic linear estimation models able to provide a prediction from previously measured data
- Account for noise in sensor readings

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**How “broken” is a mnemonic, relative to the telemetry landscape?
(contextual)**



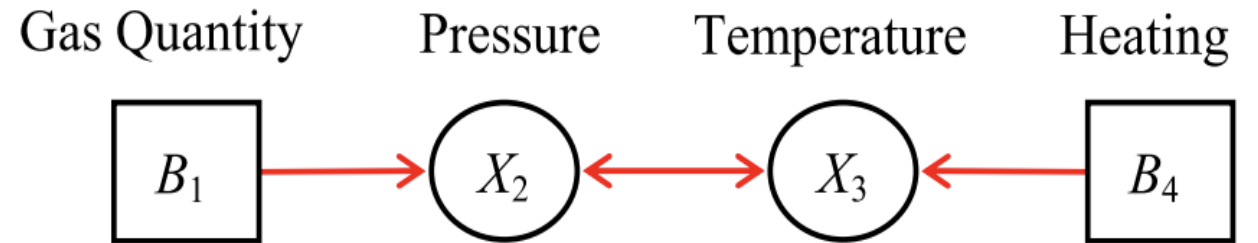
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- Unsupervised neural network representation learners
- Can encode information into a latent space representational form, and decode latent space back into original high dimensional form
- Used **Shapley Values** and reconstruction error

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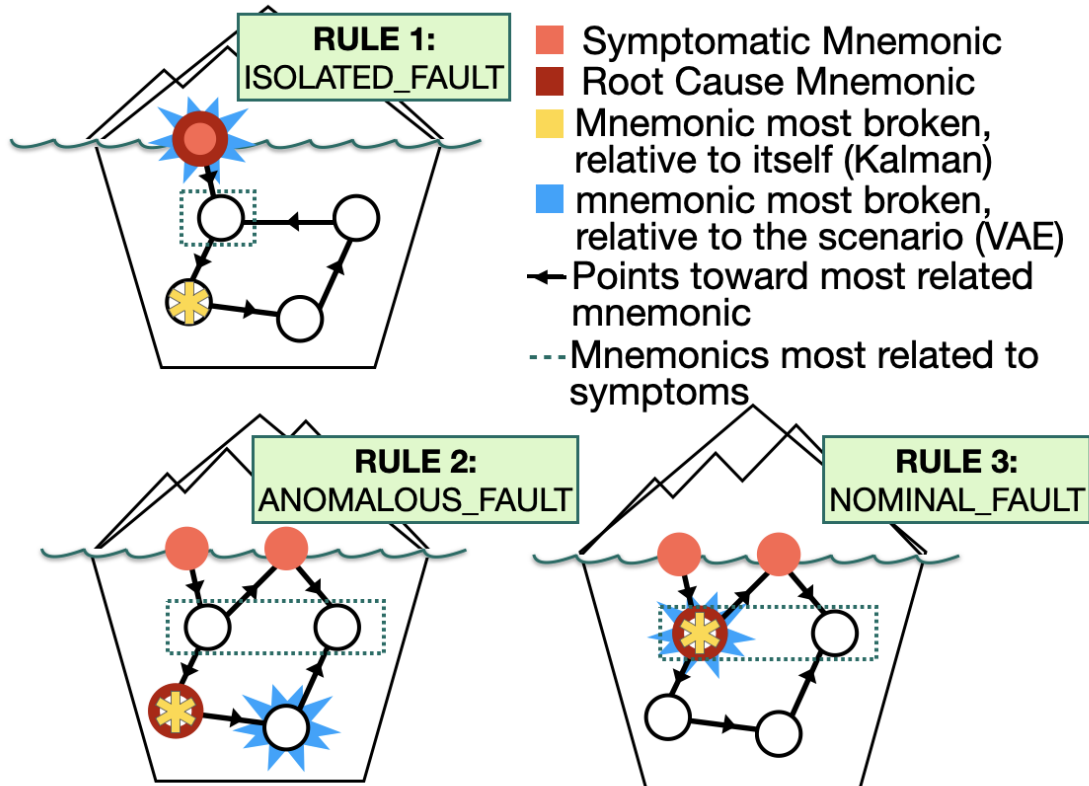
Which mnemonics are related to which other mnemonics, in an “instantaneous” sense?



Zhang, Q., Dong, C., Cui, Y., & Yang, Z. (2013). Dynamic uncertain causality graph for knowledge representation and probabilistic reasoning: statistics base, matrix, and application. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, 25(4), 645-663.

- Measures the level of directional “instantaneous relatedness” among mnemonics
- Utilizes conditional probabilities and derivatives (do-calculus) to capture event changes
- Similar to traditional correlation calculation, with more restrictions to induce causal relationships

Classes of Faults



ISOLATED_FAULT:

- Single event upsets (SEUs)
- Bit flips

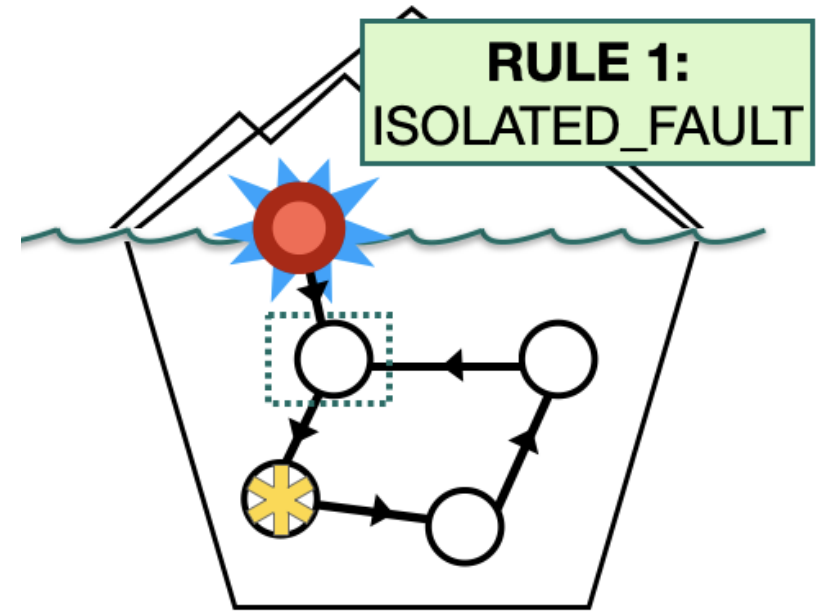
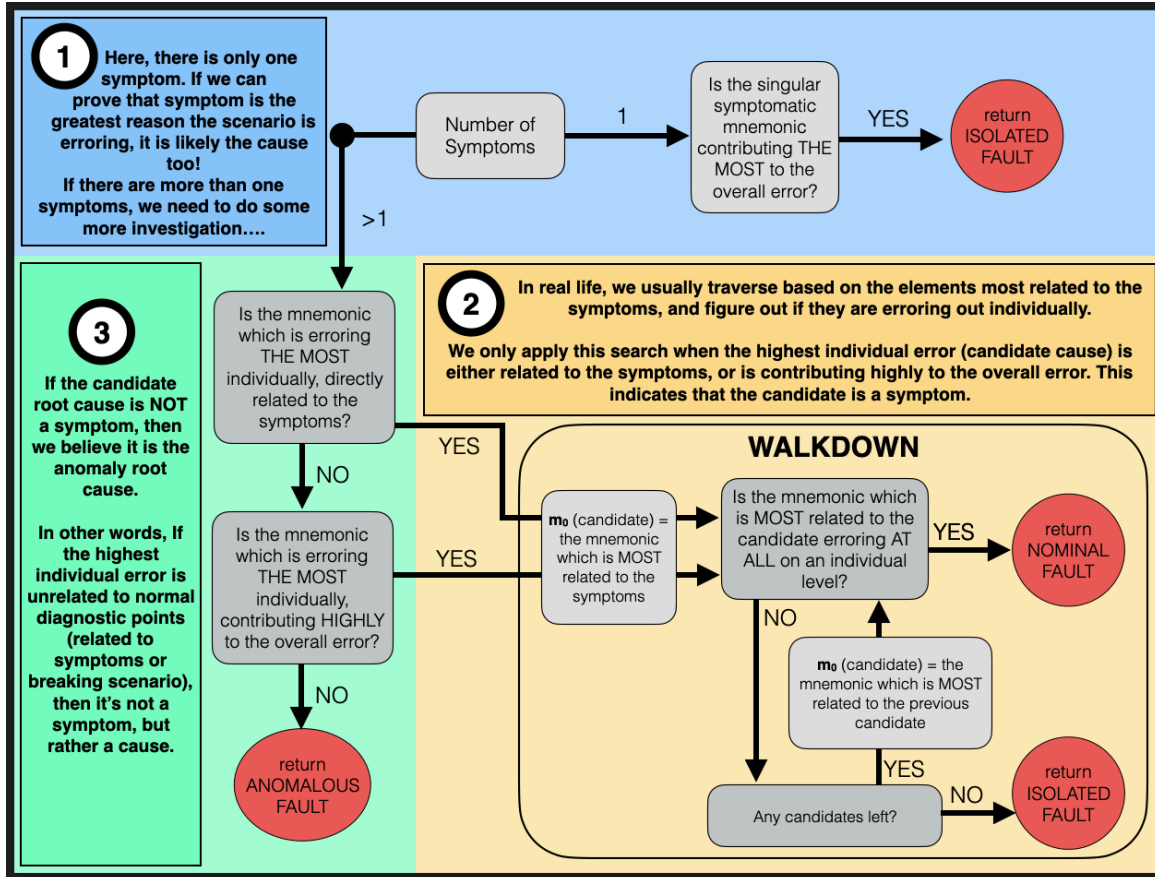
NOMINAL_FAULT:

- Preemptively considered faults
- “Run of the mill”

ANOMALOUS_FAULT:

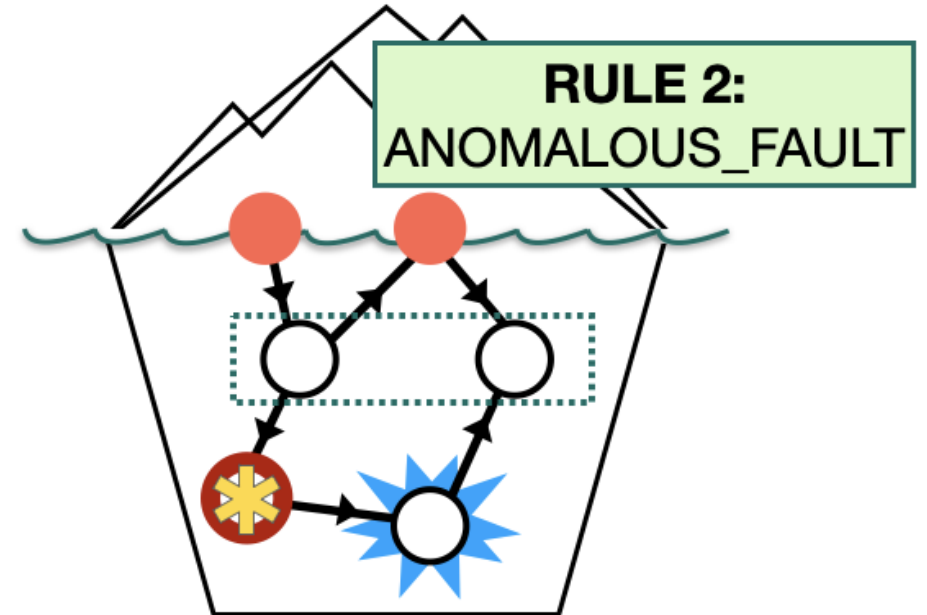
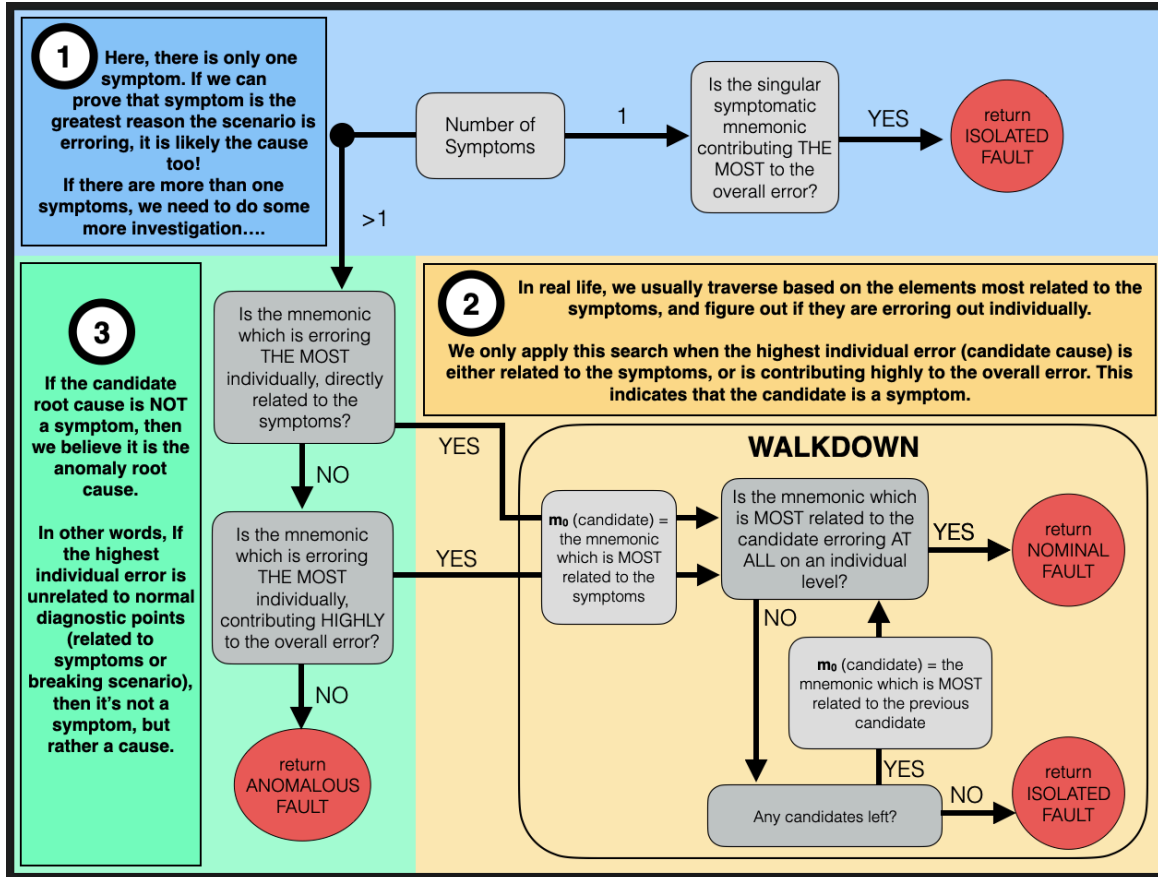
- Unexpected/unforeseen faults
- No past data showing similar scenarios

Diagnosis Algorithm



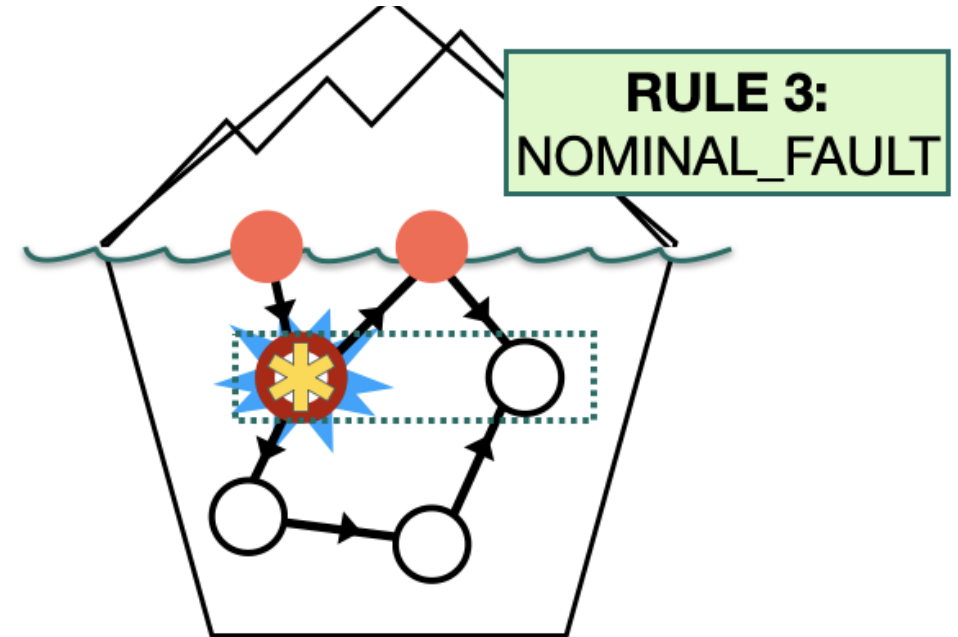
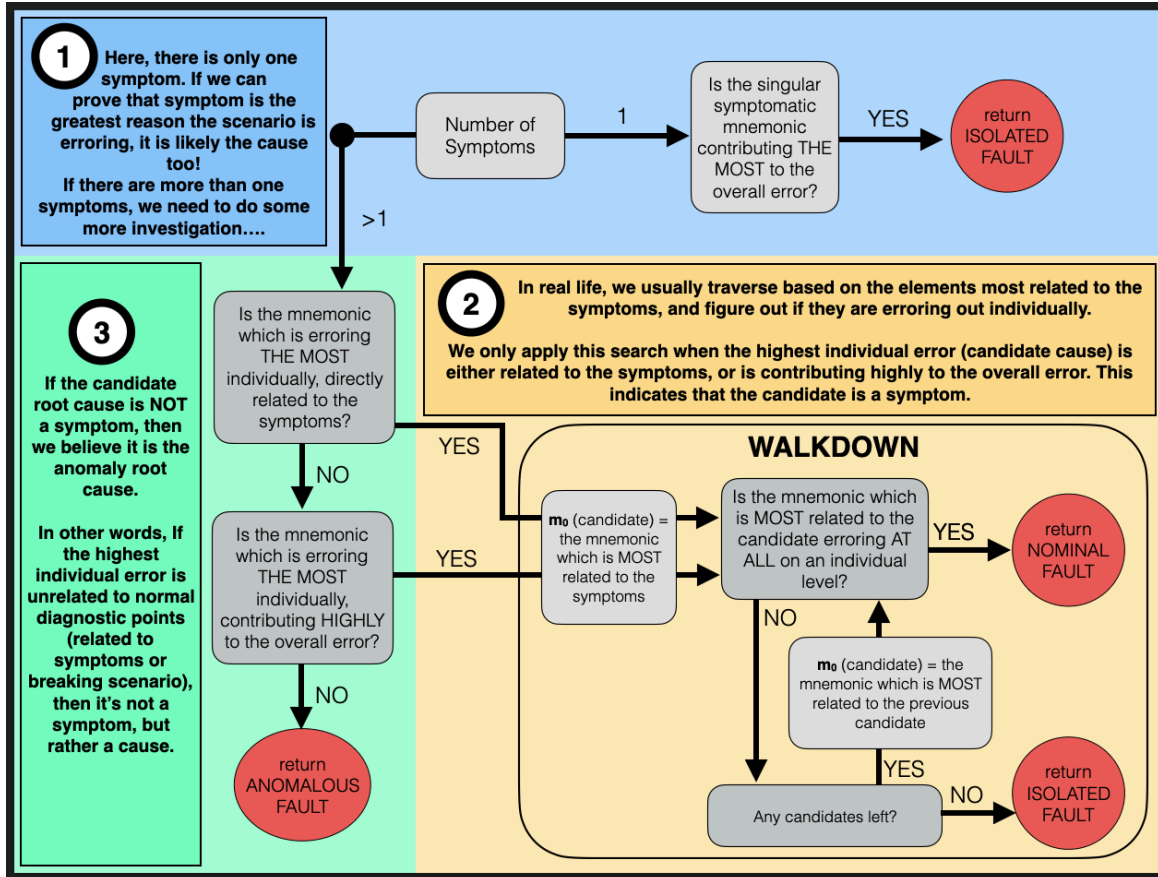
- Only one symptom, which is contributing the most to overall error

Diagnosis Algorithm



- Highest individually faulting mnemonic is not well-connected to symptoms or alternative candidate symptoms

Diagnosis Algorithm



- Walkdown strategy involves traversal of mnemonics most related to symptoms until individual error is found in graph

Outcomes: Software Platform

Exp #	# Missions	Mission Length	Frame Size
		[min, max], sd	# Mnemonics
1	11	[1440,1440],0	8
2	10	[651,2028],554.9	17
3	1	[6448,6448],0	33

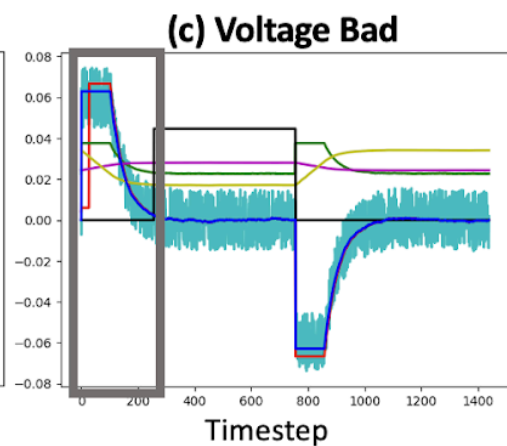
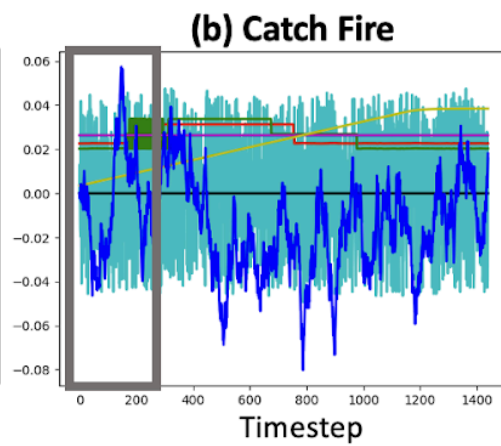
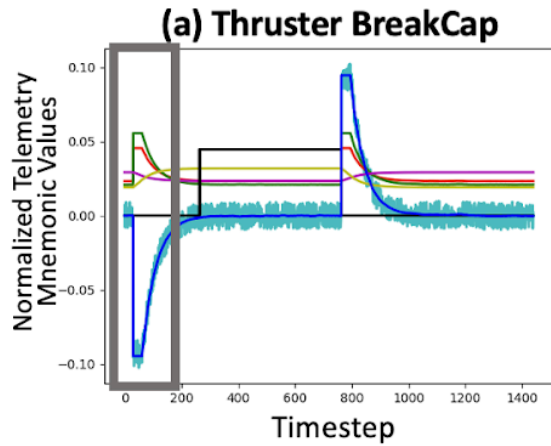
- Performance tested on four datasets of varying complexity levels (three shown here)

Ex #	Acc	Reinforcement Learning (Proximal Policy Optimization)		Machine Learning (Autoencoders)		WD
		PPO-1	PPO-2	AE-1	AE-2	
1	0.77	0.03	0.04	0.35	0.60	0.64
2	0.70	0	0	0.48	0.53	0.3

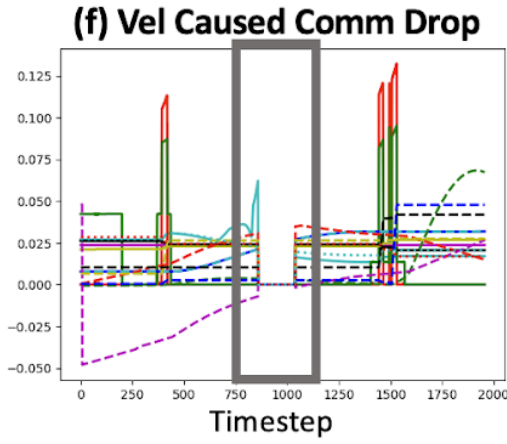
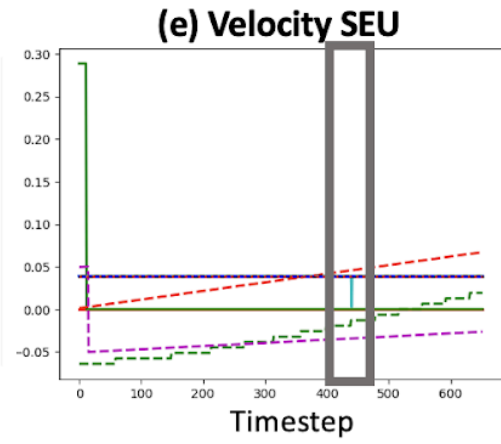
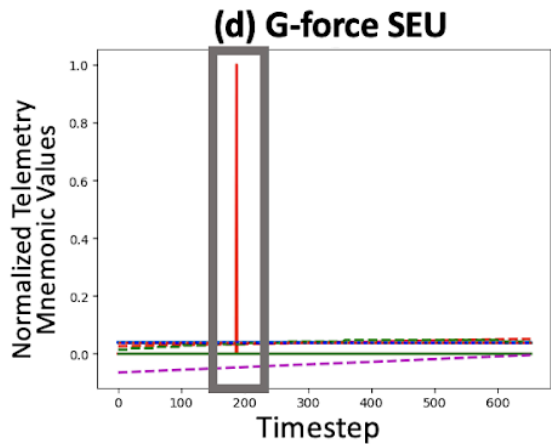
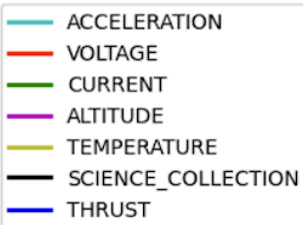
- Baseline Tested against state of art AI approaches (0.7 vs 0.55 in worst case performance of RAISR)

Outcomes: Software Platform

Exp 1 (a-c)



Exp 2 (d-f)

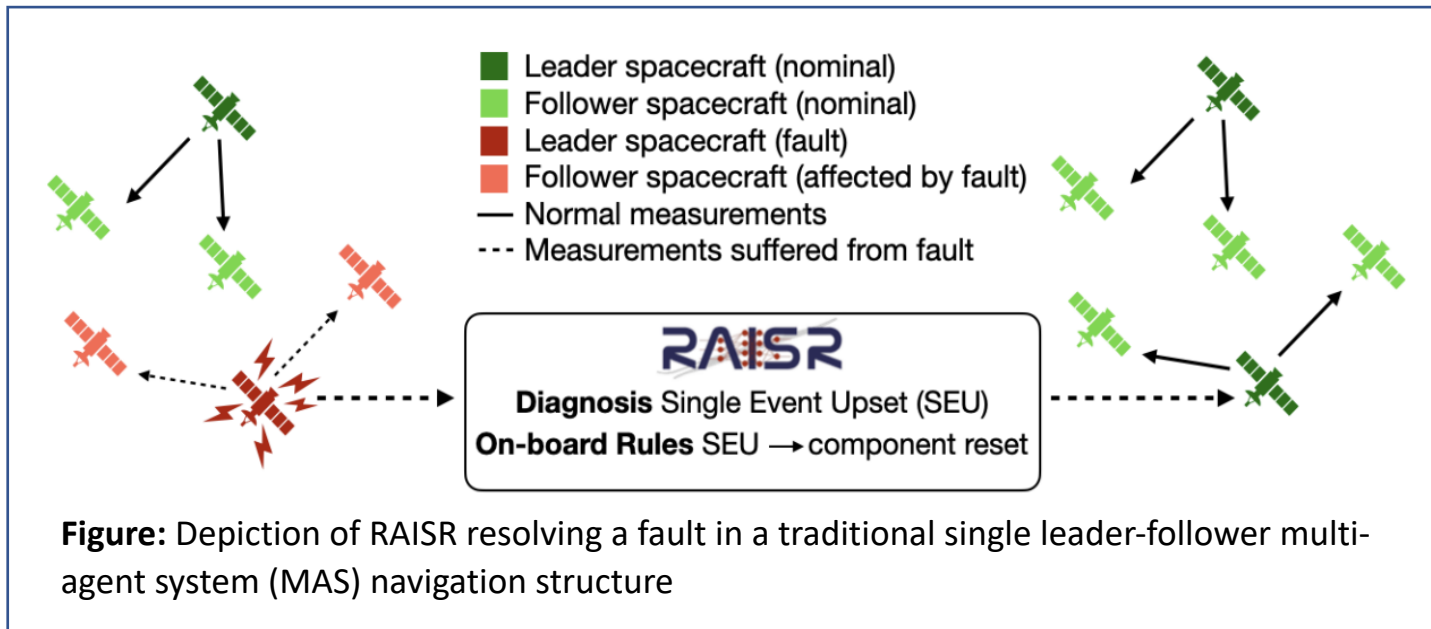


Outcomes: Hardware Platform

Construct	10 mpf	50 mpf	100 mpf	200 mpf
Kalman	0.237ms	0.351ms	0.581ms	0.831ms
VAE	0.211ms	0.589ms	1.05ms	1.98ms
Causality	0.845ms	4.5ms	5.05ms	5.42ms

- Benchmark Tests on Raspberry Pi ARM architecture (COVID contingency plan)
- Ablation Study on constituent parts

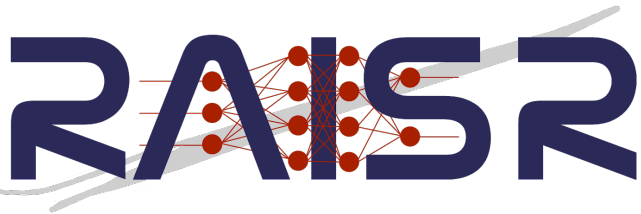
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- Continued development of single-case fault diagnosis
- Adaptation to multi-agent use case
- Interested in external collaboration

Summary

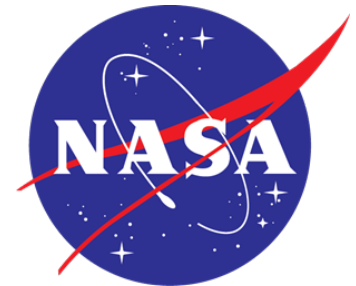


RAISR

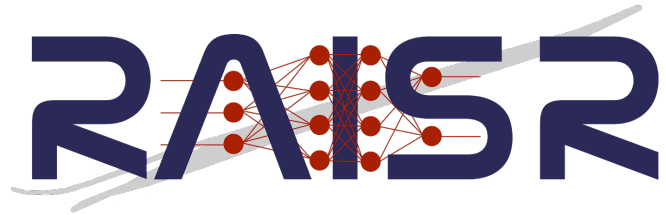


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- Fault diagnosis is a necessary step toward
 - Resilient space flight (true autonomy)
 - Enabling next-gen space flight, like constellation missions
- Limitations
 - Quality of data (diversity, curation, amount)
- Future Work
 - Broaden RAISR to “system resilience”
 - Boost TRL through DSM



Thank you!



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