HyperLabelMe:
A web-platform for benchmarking remote sensing image classifiers

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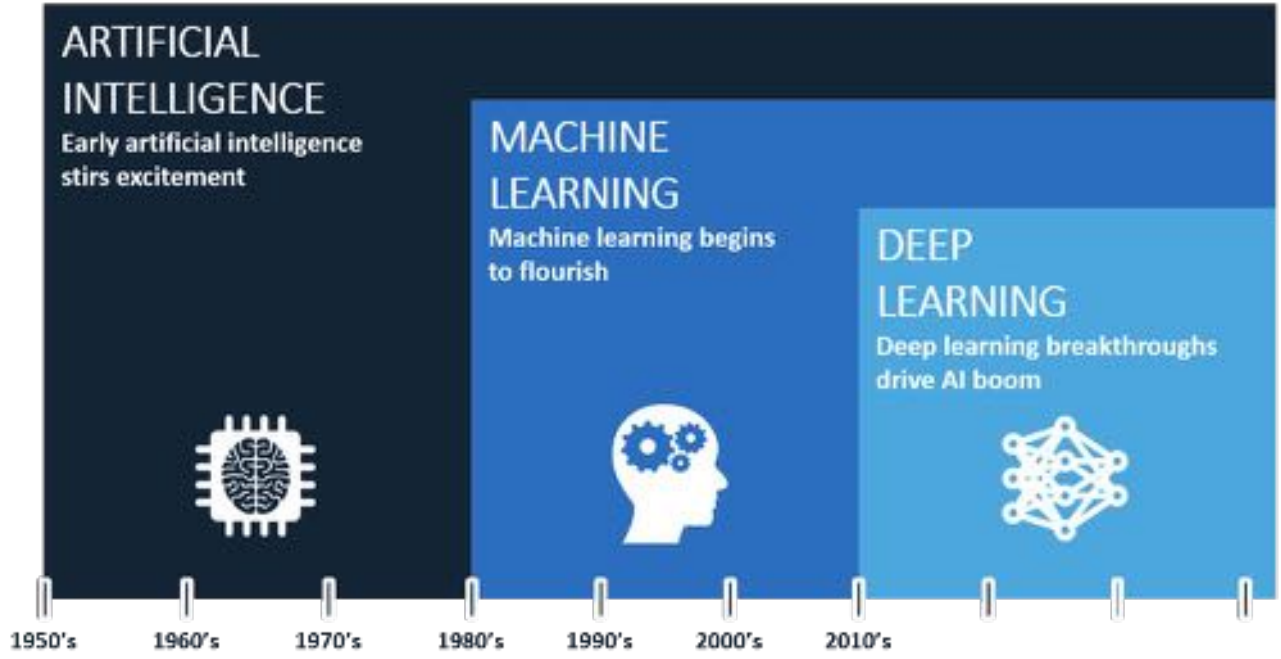
Artificial intelligence, deep and machine learning

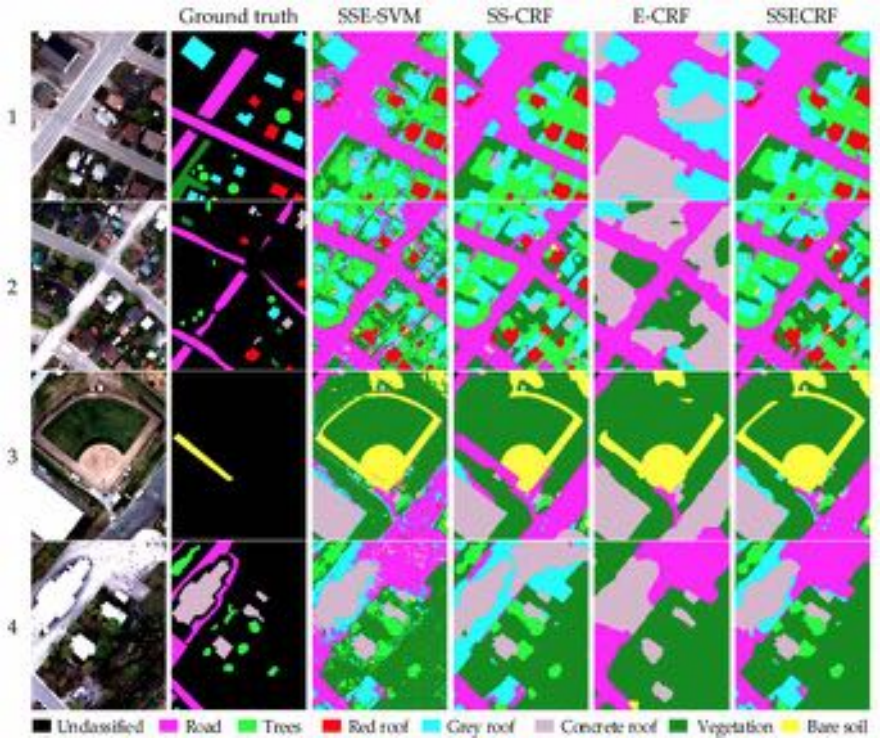


AI: Intelligence demonstrated by machines rather than humans or animals.

ML: Giving computers the skills to learn without explicit programming

DL: Is an ML subset, examining algorithms that learn and improve on their own.

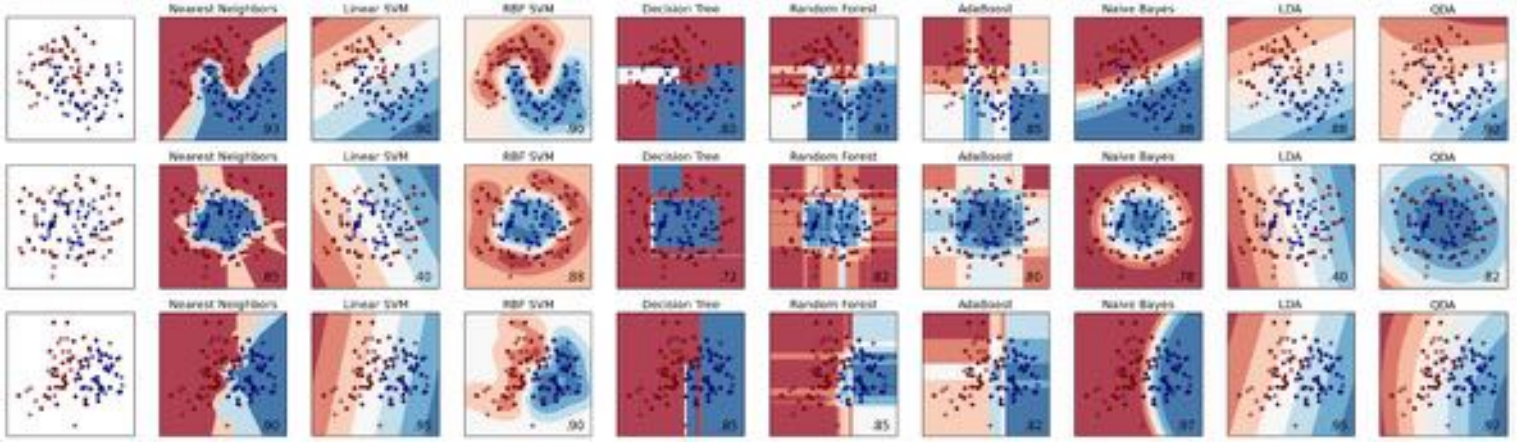
Remote sensing image classification



- **Goal:** "generate spatially explicit maps from remote sensing observations"
- **Machine learning**
  - Automates the process
  - Fast
  - Accurate
- **Many different classifiers**
  - SVM, RF, Boosting, Neural nets

Machine learning classifiers

- Computational cost?
- Accuracy?
- Easiness?
- Robustness to dimensionality?



Hyperlabelme

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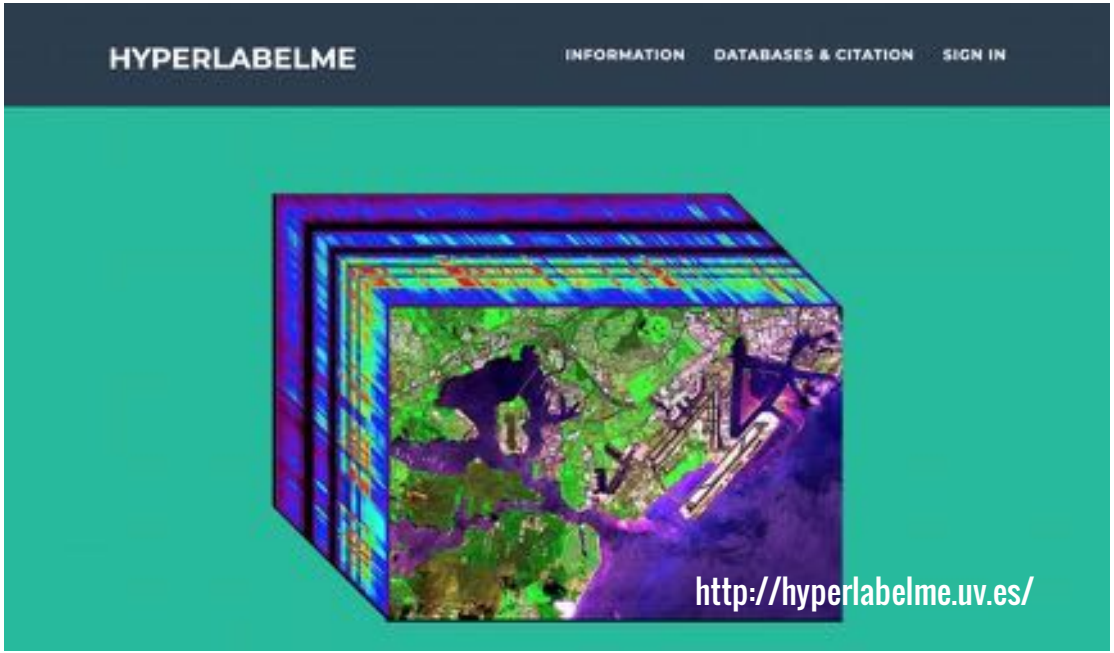
Hyperlabelme:

- A platform to evaluate machine learning classifiers
- Harmonized large set of labeled multispectral and hyperspectral images
  - Number of classes
  - Dimensionality
  - Noise sources and levels
- Scalable and modular



Download image datasets

- HyperLabelMe runs a FAIR-use data policy
  - Data freely available to the public and scientific community
  - Download spectra and corresponding labels
  - Run your algorithms offline
  - Upload results
  - Get your scores

Datasets are in plain text

Id	Acronym	Sensor	Rows	Columns	Bands	Classes	Download
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2	Botswana	EO-1	1476	256	145	14	Im02
3	KSC	AVIRIS	512	614	176	13	Im03
4	FlightLineC1	M7scanner	949	220	12	10	Im04
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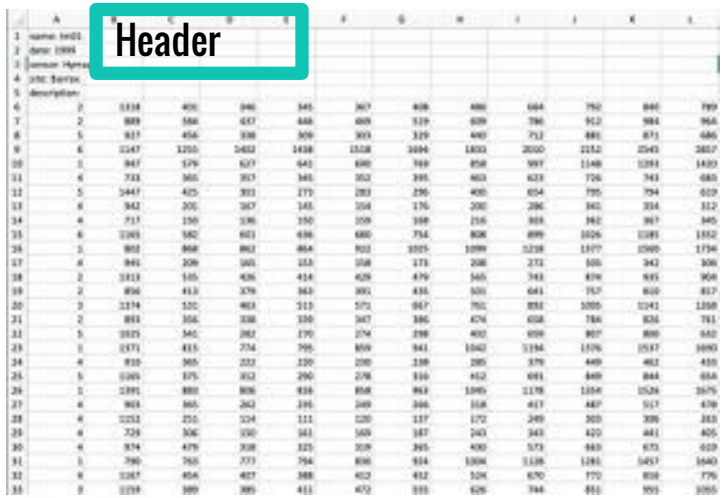

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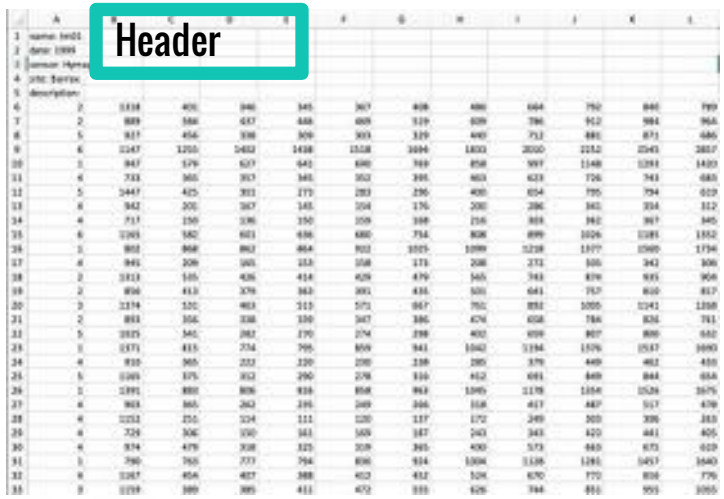

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The first column is the class label, the rest the spectra

Easy to read

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```python
import numpy as np

def dataread(filename):
    lasttag = 'description:'
    # Open file and locate lasttag
    f = open(filename, 'r')
    nl = 1
    for line in f:
        if line.startswith(lasttag): break
        nl += 1
    f.close()

    # Read data
    data = np.loadtxt(filename, delimiter=',', skiprows=nl)
    Y = data[:, 0]
    X = data[:, 1:]
    # Separate train/test
    Xtest = X[Y < 0, :]
    X = X[Y >= 0, :]
    Y = Y[Y >= 0, None]

    return X, Y, Xtest


def datawrite(method, dataset, Yp):
    filename = '{0}_{1}_predictions.txt'.format(method, dataset)
    res = True
    try:
        with open(filename, mode='w') as f:
            f.write('{0} {1}'.format(method, dataset))
            for v in Yp:
                f.write(' {0}'.format(str(v)))
            f.write('\n')
    except Exception as e:
        print('Error', e)
        res = False
    return res
```

We provide examples in MATLAB, Python and R of how to read the datasets.


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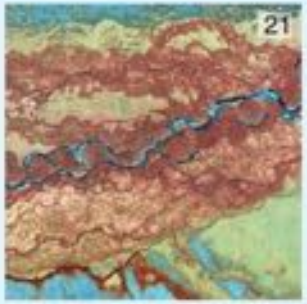
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Train your models offline and upload your predictions

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function [X, Y, Xtest] = dataRead(filename)

lasttag = 'description:';

% Open file and locate lasttag
f = fopen(filename, 'r');
nl = 1;
while ~feof(f)
    line = fgetl(f);
    if strncmp(line, lasttag, length(lasttag))
        break
    end
    nl = nl + 1;
end
fclose(f);

% Read data
data = dlmread(filename, ',', nl, 0);
Y = data(:,1);
X = data(:,2:end);

Xtest = X(Y < 0,:);
X = X(Y >= 0,:);
Y = Y(Y >= 0,:);
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Read

```
clear, clc

% Read dataset
[X, Y, Xtest] = dataRead('Im01.txt');
% Use a simple linear classifier
Yp = classify(Xtest, X, Y);
% Write results
dataWrite('LDA_MATLAB', 'Im01', Yp);
```

Train

```
function dataWrite(method, dataset, Yp)

% Generate test file for validation on hyperlabelme server
% Inputs:
%   method:  name of the method
%   dataset: name of the dataset
%   Yp:      predictions as a column vector

fname = sprintf('%s_%s_predictions.txt', method, dataset);

f = fopen(fname, 'w');
fprintf(f, '%s %s', method, dataset);
fprintf(f, ' %d', Yp);
fprintf(f, '\n');
fclose(f);
```

Save

Train your models offline and upload your predictions

CONFUSION MATRIX

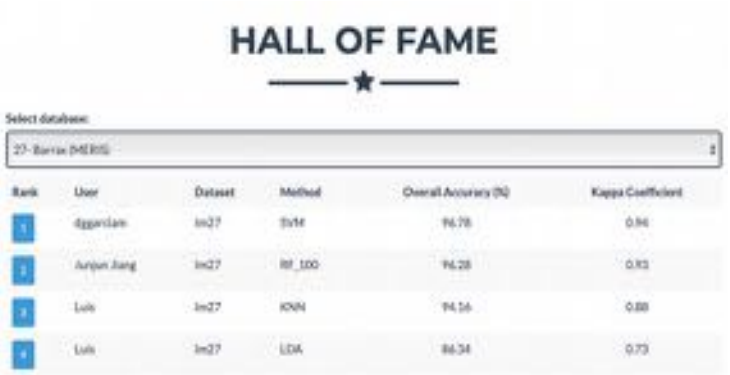
Ground truth classes

1	2	3	4	5	6	
816	3	1	2	5	7	834
0	804	10	2	5	3	824
3	18	785	5	6	19	836
0	0	9	817	0	6	832
1	0	5	0	805	7	818
10	5	20	4	9	788	836
830	830	830	830	830	830	

- Overall accuracy: 96.69 %
- Kappa coefficient: 0.96, CI: ±0.005965, z-score: 315.500146

Class	1	2	3	4	5	6
User's acc:	97.84	97.57	93.90	98.20	98.41	94.26
Prod's acc:	98.31	96.87	94.58	98.43	96.99	94.94

HALL OF FAME



Causeme: understanding is harder than predicting!

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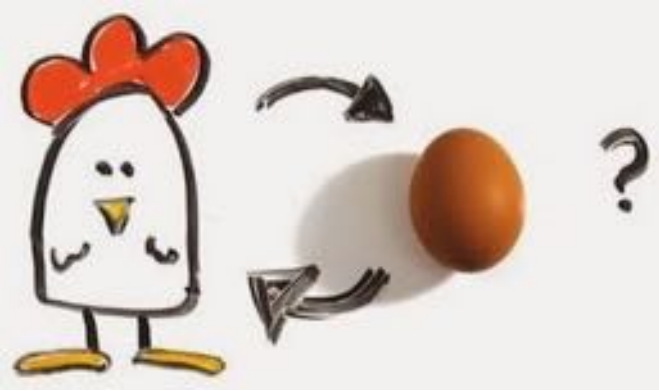
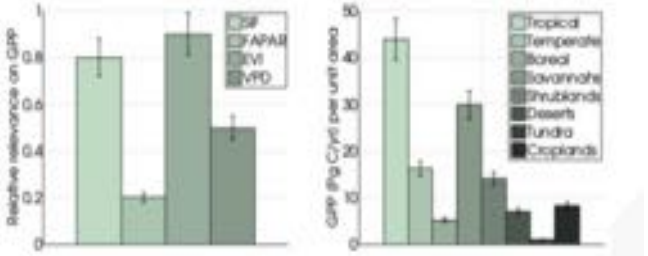
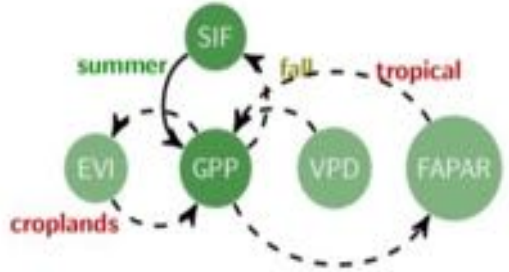
Extension to causal discovery

- Learn what's the cause and the effect from time series of variables
- Important implications in Earth science and climate







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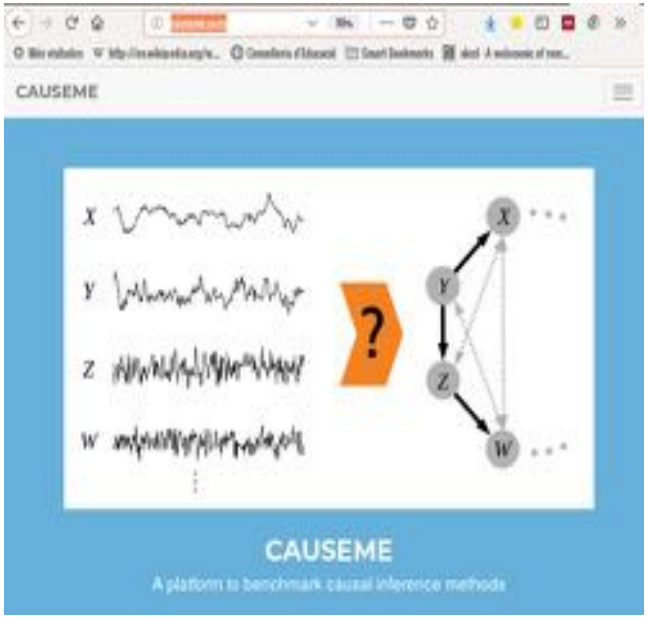

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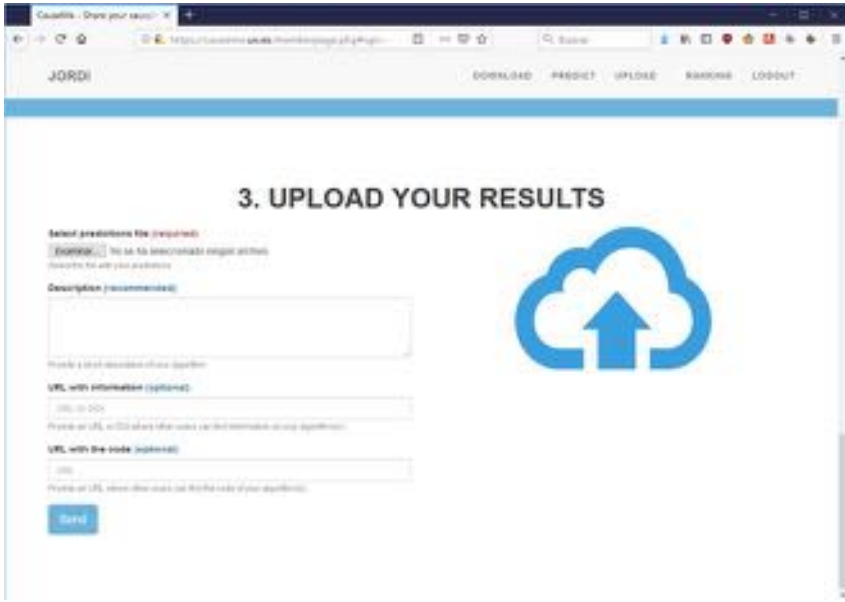

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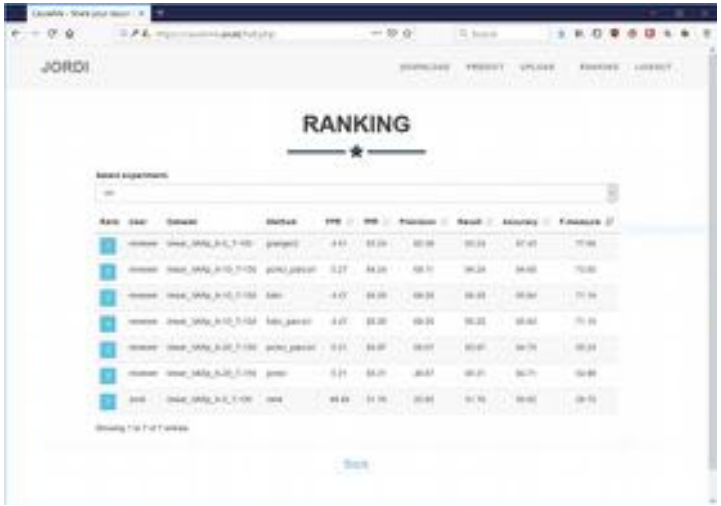

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Conclusions

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- **A fact:** Remote sensing needs machine learning
- **A question:** What's the best classifier for my specific task?
- **An observation:** Often the simpler is the better
- **Our aim:** Hyperlabelme is a simple web platform to benchmark classifiers
- Working towards extensions:
  - Spatial context
  - Spatio-temporal classifiers
- Some relatives:
  - Causal discovery in time series
  - Regression (parameter retrieval) algorithms
- **Please contribute!**

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