



# WorldView Search

Searching unlabeled  
petabyte-scale imagery  
with self-supervised  
Machine Learning.

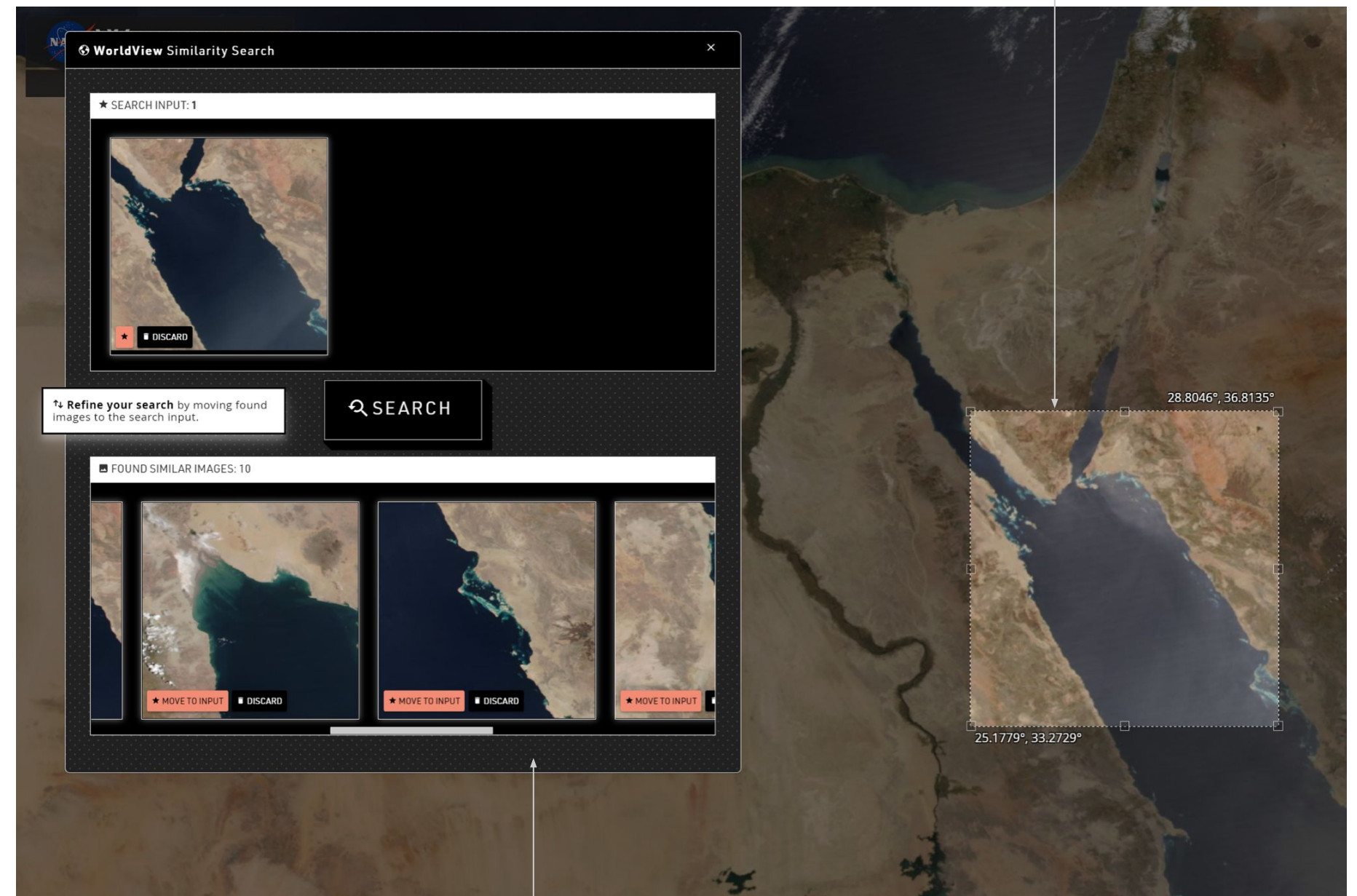


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EXPLORATION & ALL HUMANKIND



User defined AOI

Search result - without labels

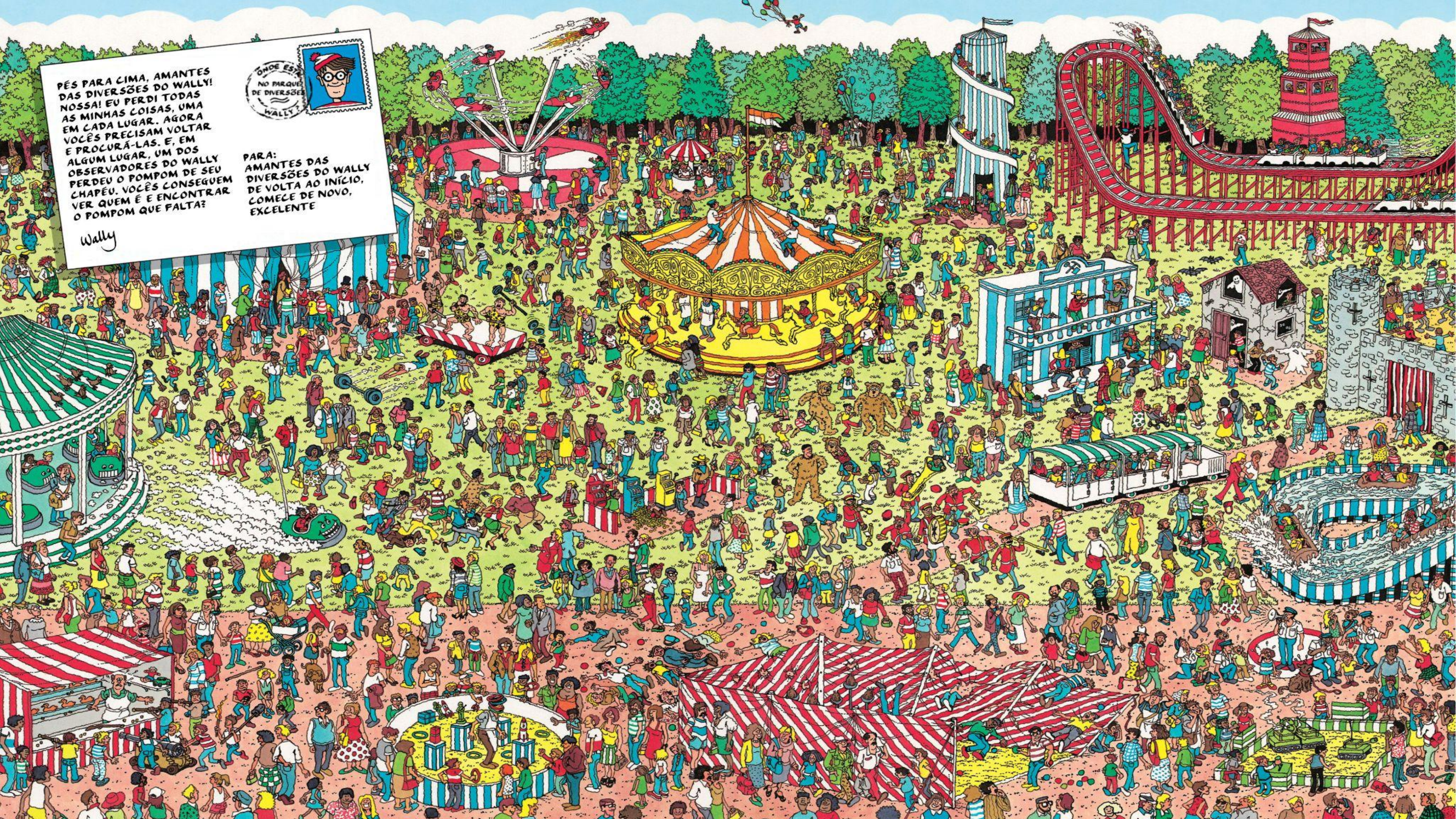
# The Search Problem



PÉS PARA CIMA, AMANTES  
DAS DIVERSÕES DO WALLY!  
NOSSA! EU PERDI TODAS  
AS MINHAS COISAS, UMA  
EM CADA LUGAR. AGORA  
VOCÊS PRECISAM VOLTAR  
E PROCURÁ-LAS. E, EM  
ALGUM LUGAR, UM DOS  
OBSERVADORES DO WALLY  
PERDEU O POMPOM DE SEU  
CHAPÉU. VOCÊS CONSEGUEM  
VER QUEM É E ENCONTRAR  
O POMPOM QUE FALTA?

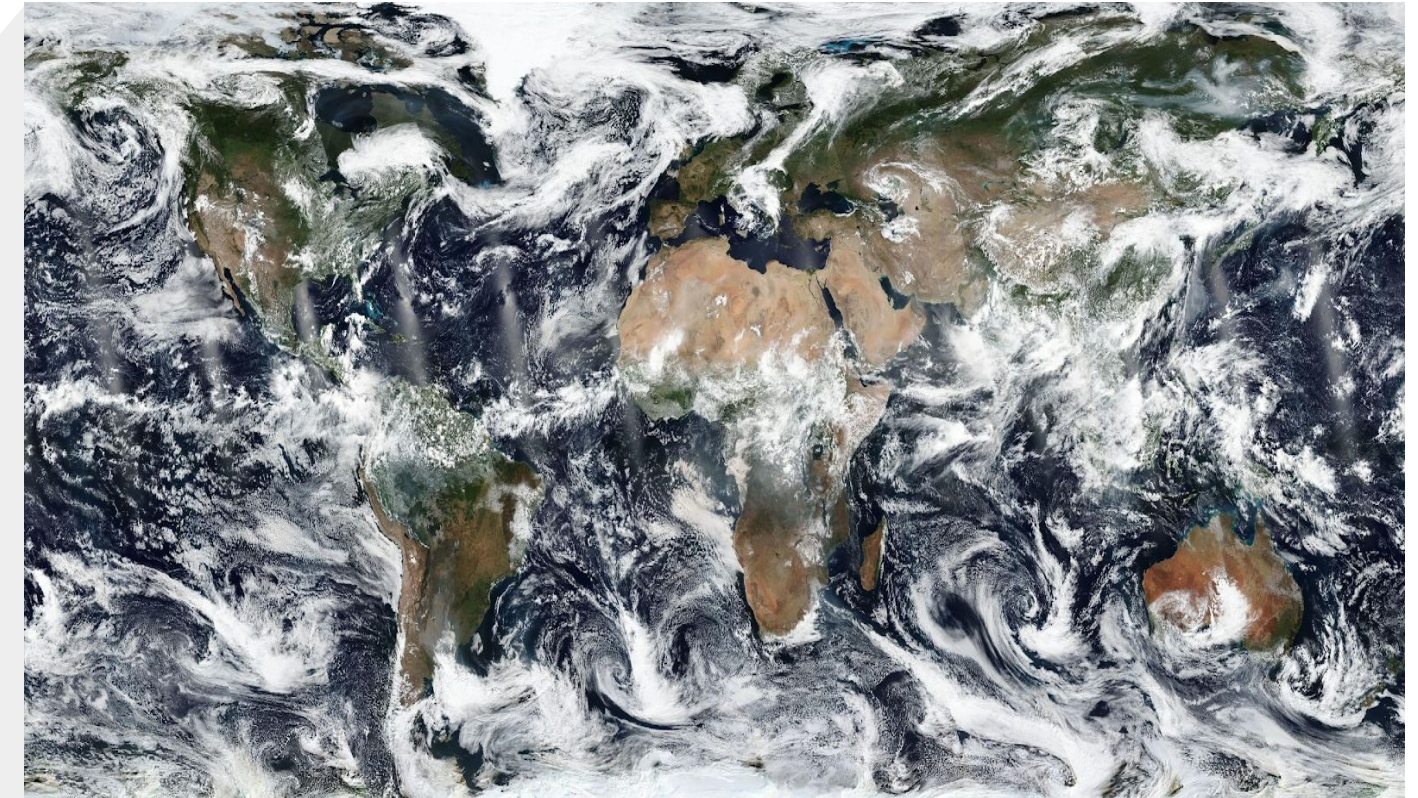
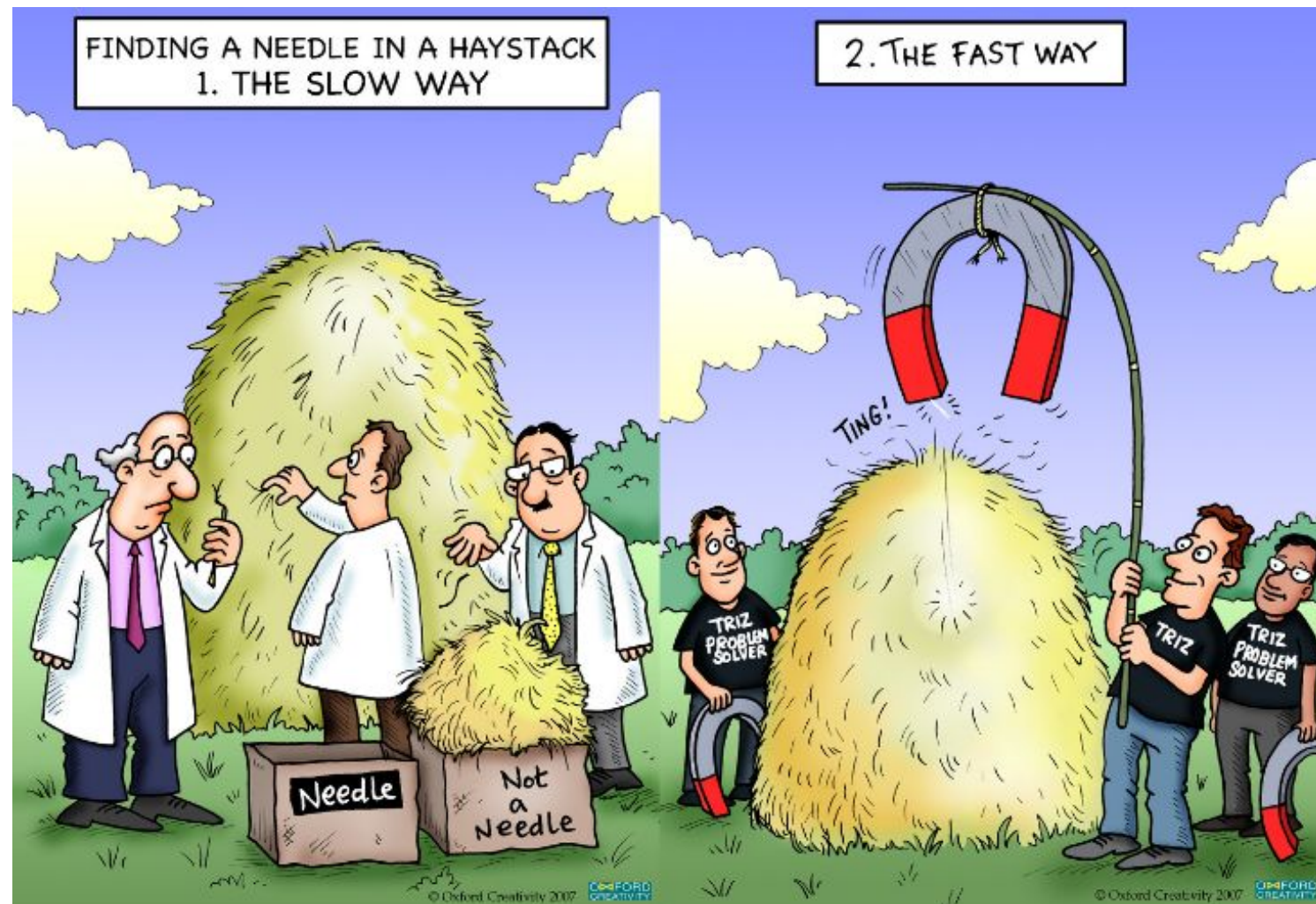
Wally

PARA:  
AMANTES DAS  
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DE VOLTA AO INÍCIO,  
COMECE DE NOVO,  
EXCELENTE





# Finding a needle in a haystack





# Why is this a hard problem?



**Ultra large  
Scale**

**No Labels**

**Multi Concept**

**Imbalanced**



# Demo

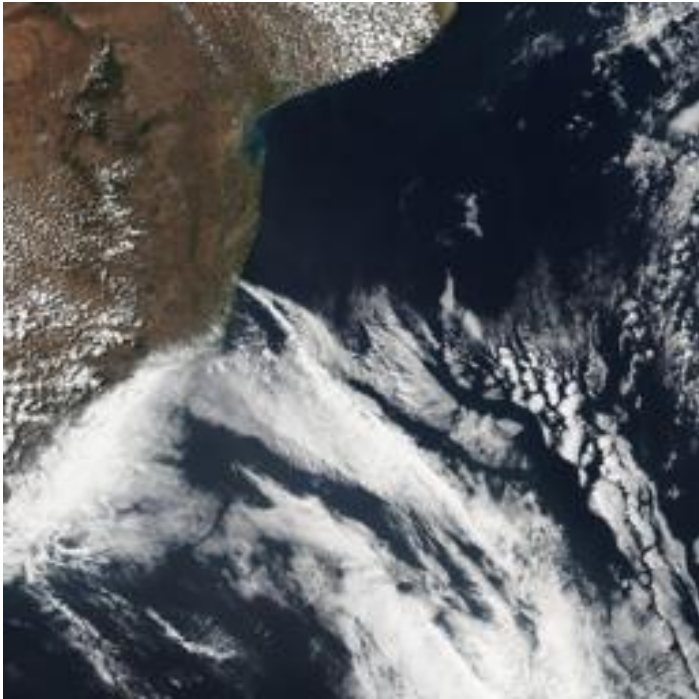






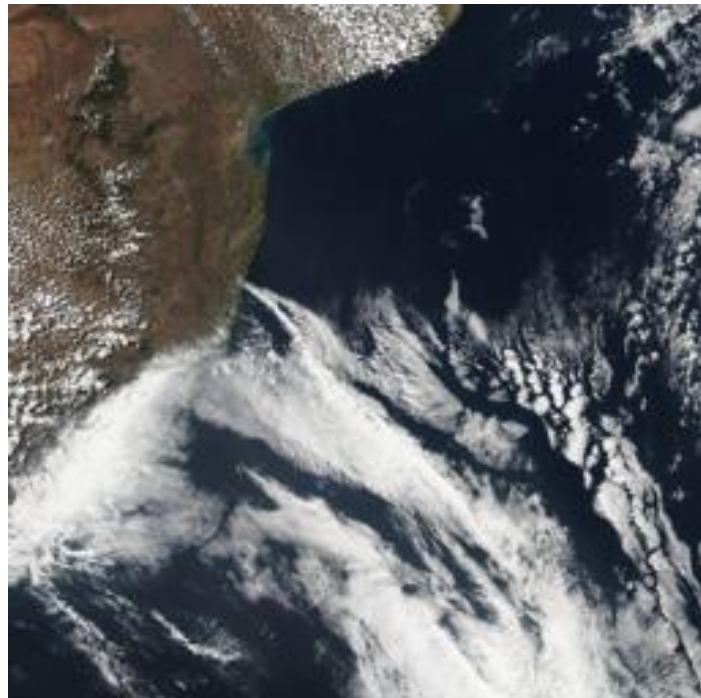
# Self Supervised Learning





**Label:**  
Ocean, Coastal Fog, Forest



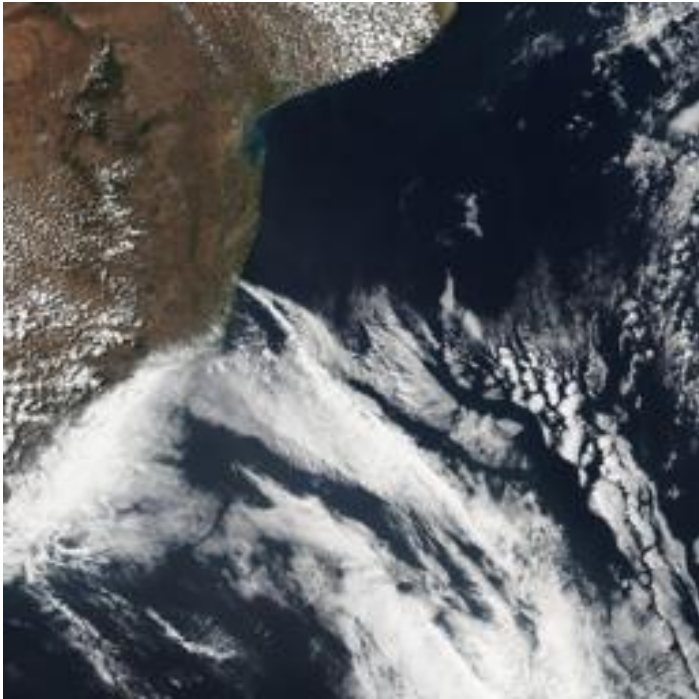


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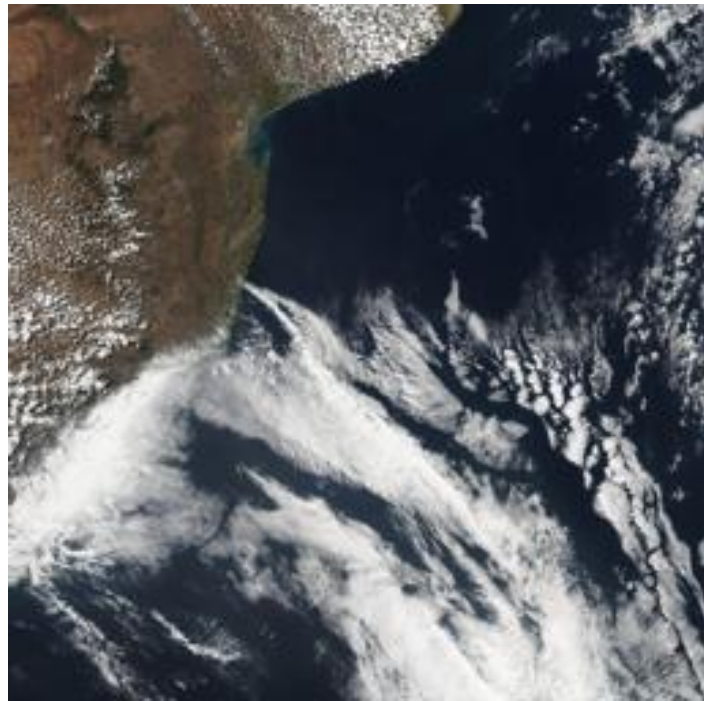
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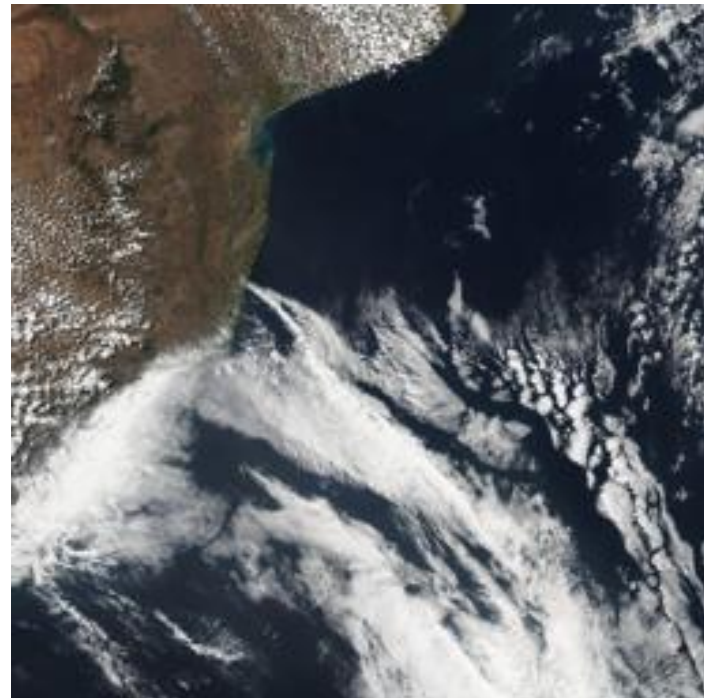




**Rotate (0-360°)**



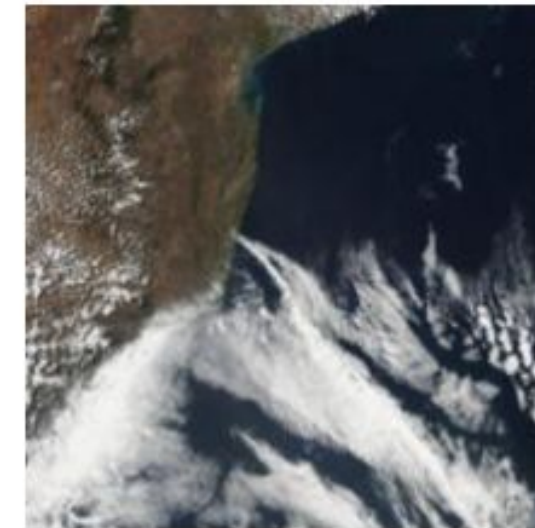




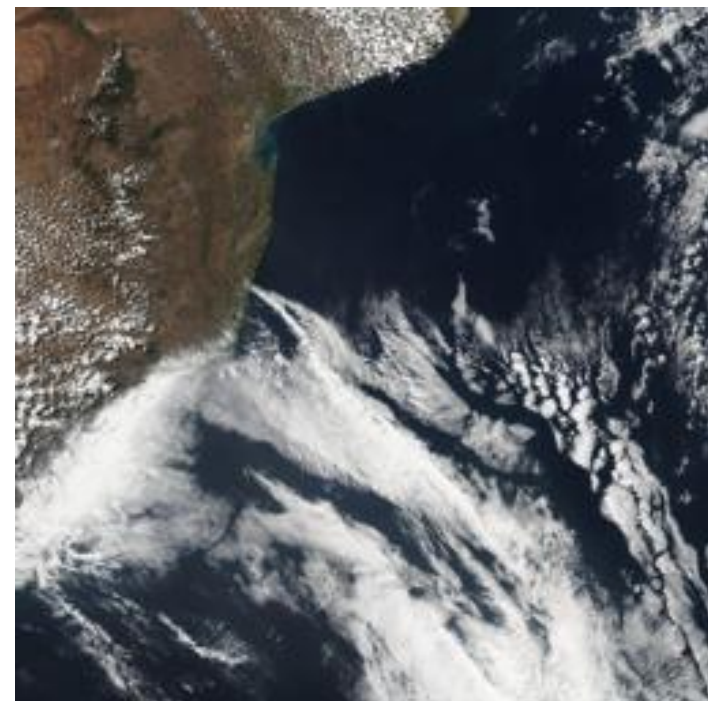
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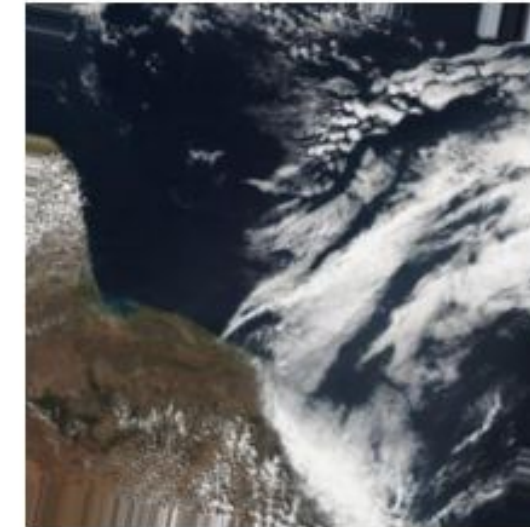
**Crop**







**Rotate (0-360°)**



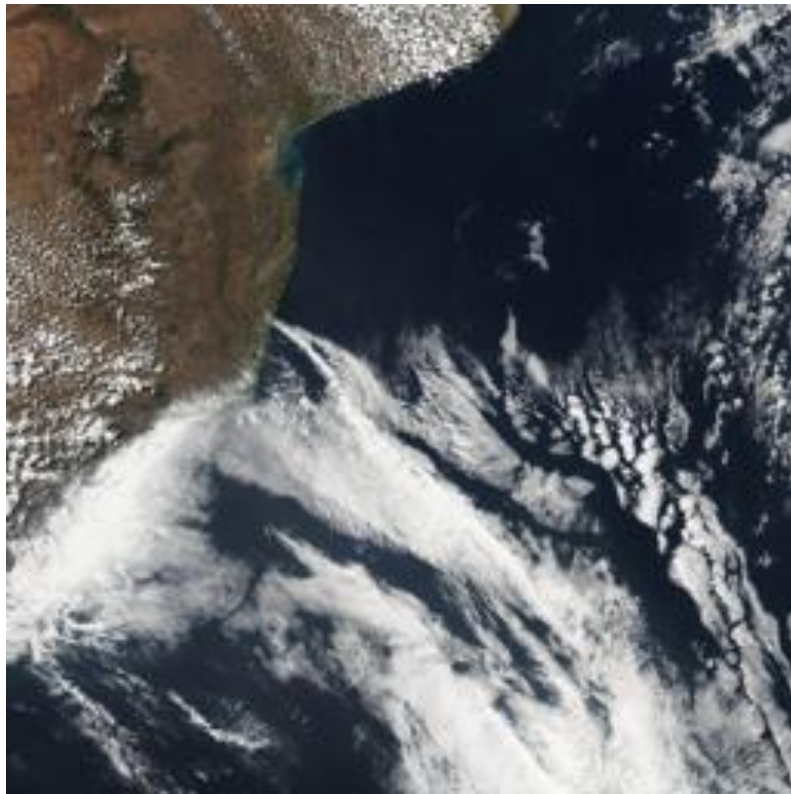
**Crop**



**Color Jitter**



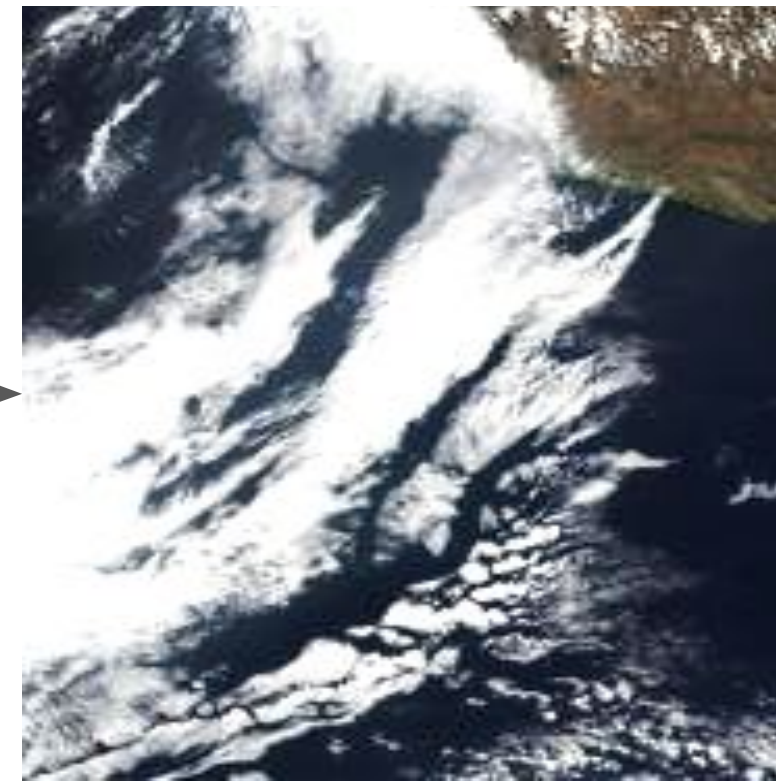




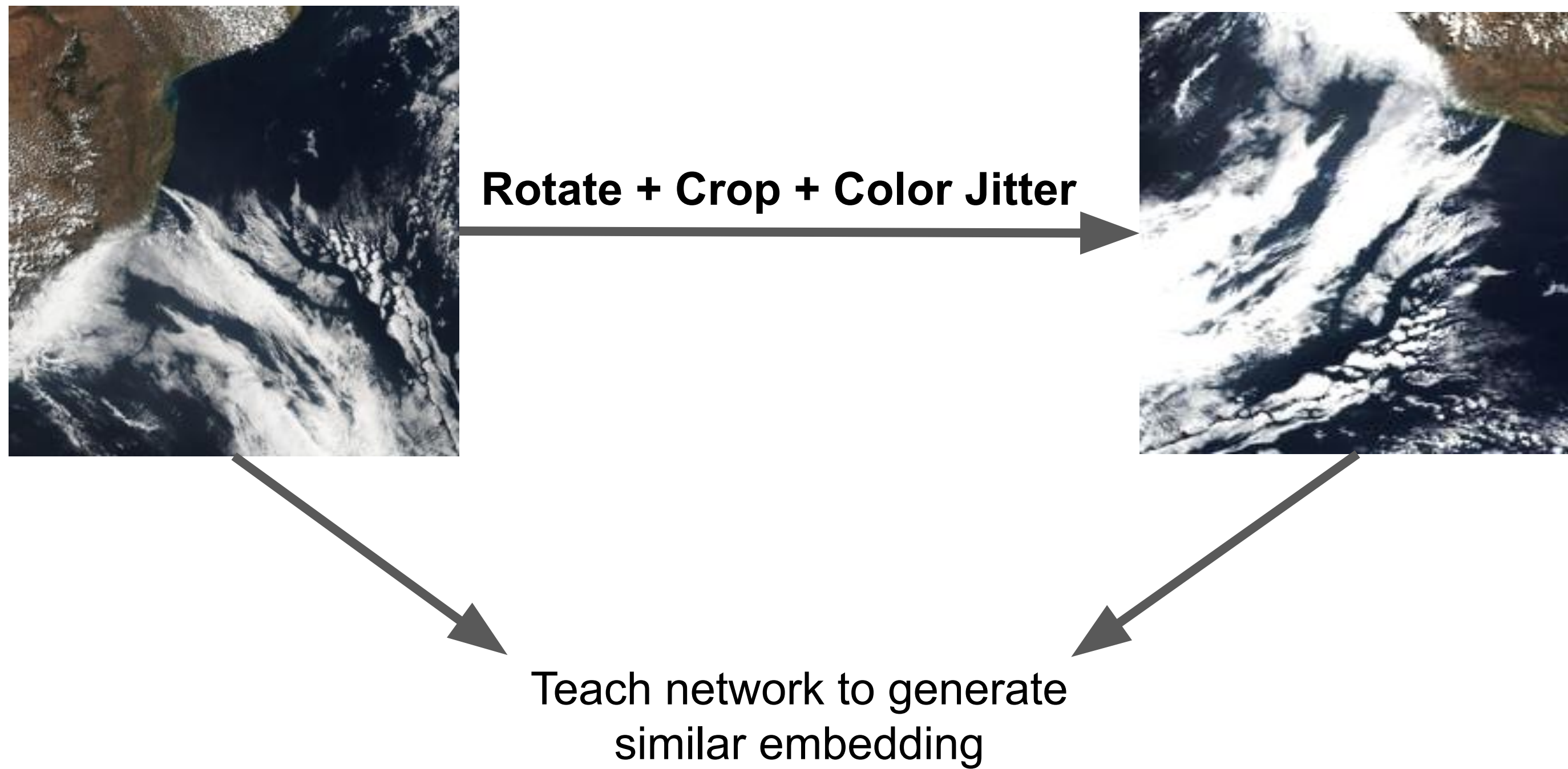




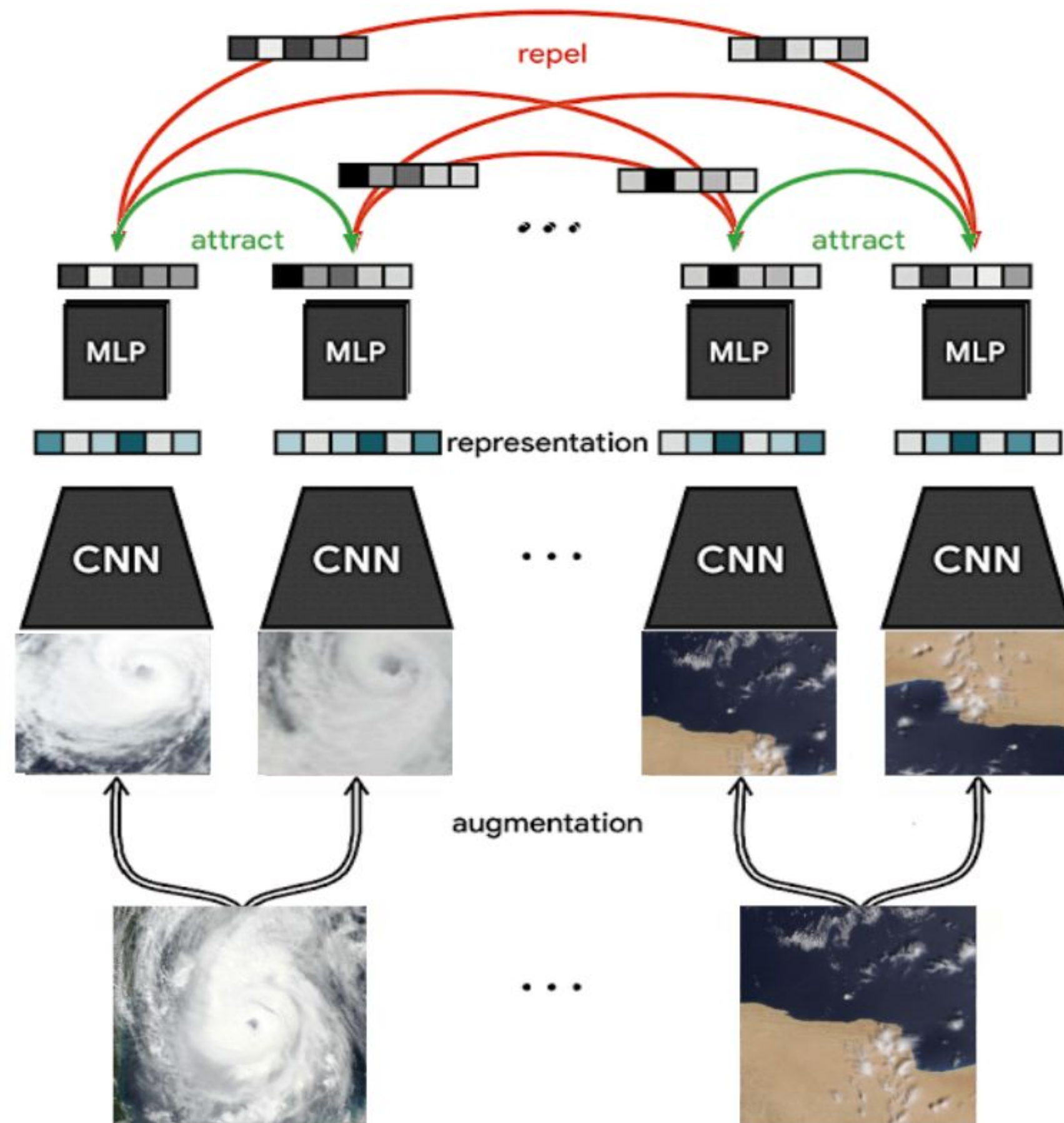
**Rotate + Crop + Color Jitter**







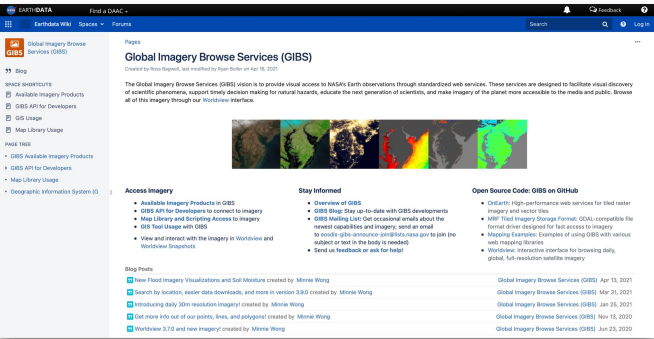




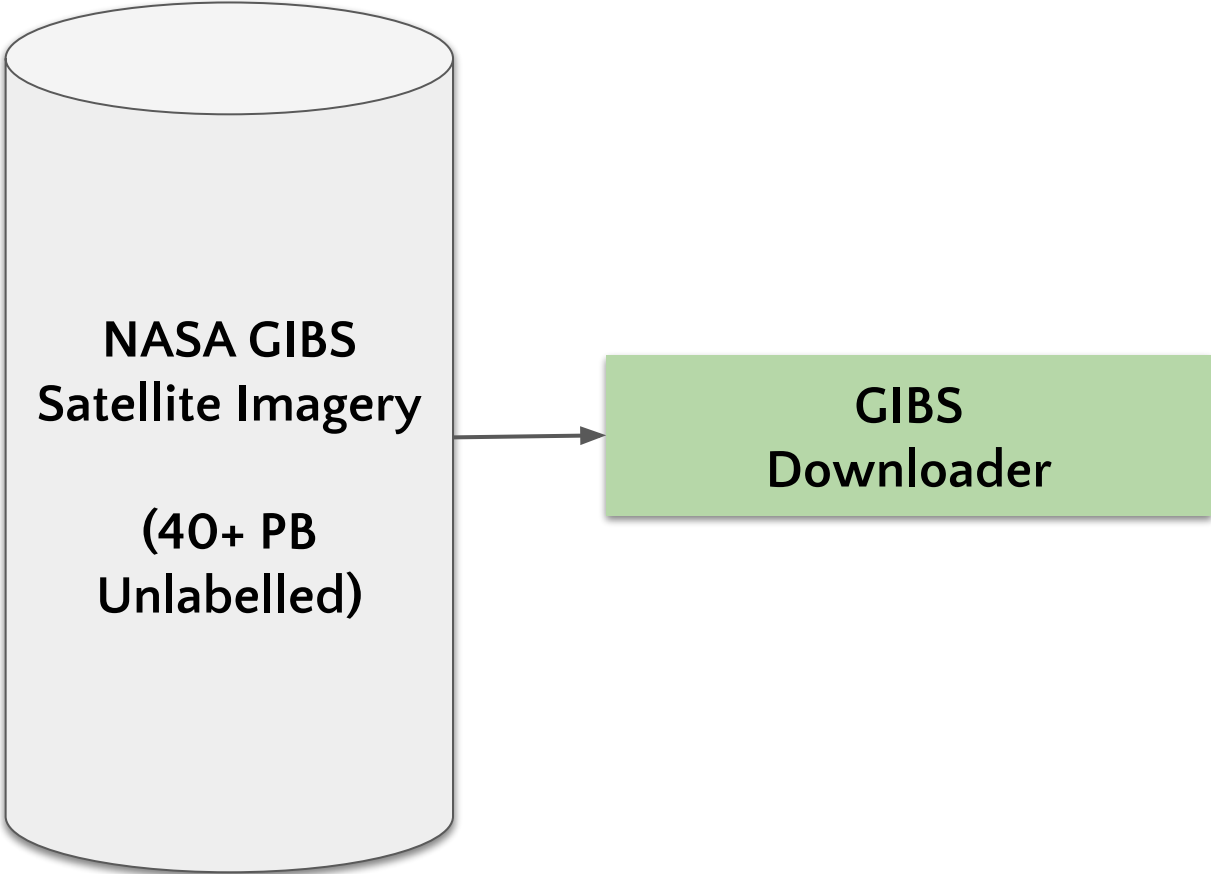
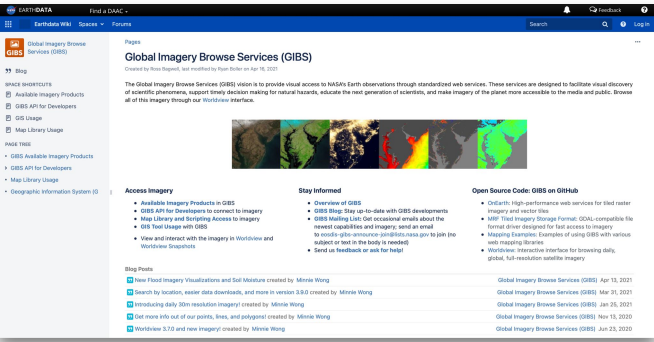


# Worldview Search Pipeline



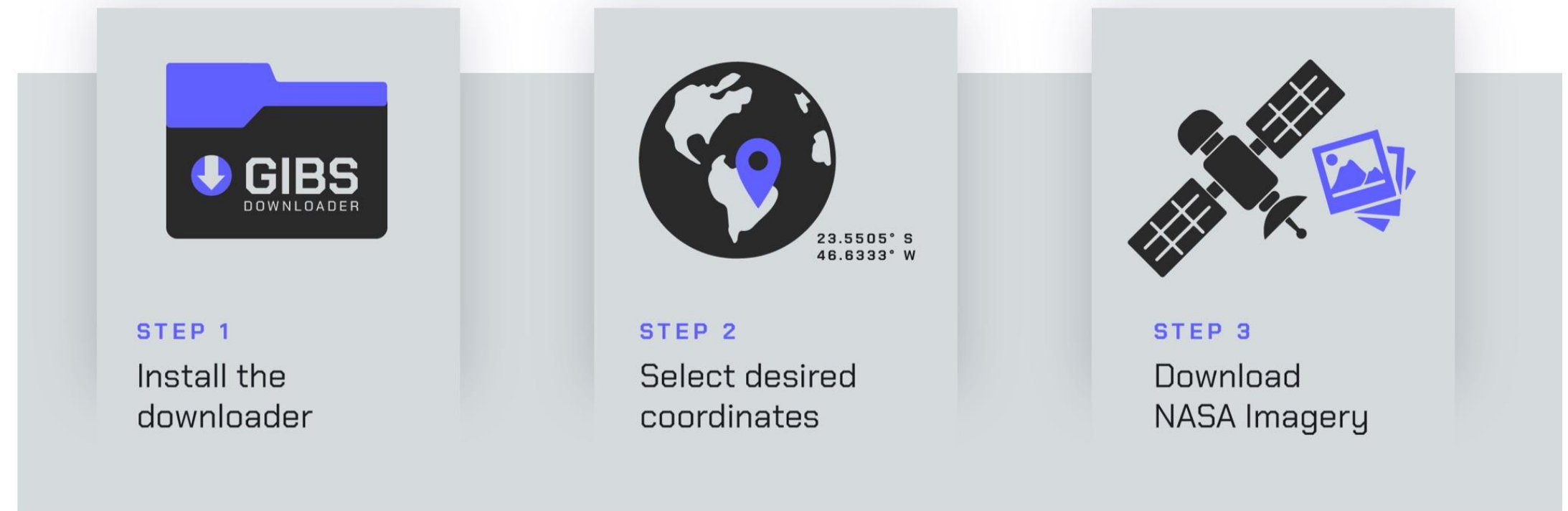


NASA GIBS  
Satellite Imagery  
  
(40+ PB  
Unlabelled)





# Introducing...

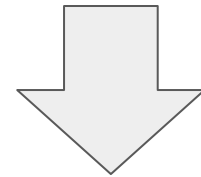


## Fast and easy access to decades of data

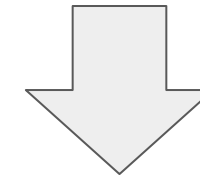
<https://github.com/spaceml-org/NASA-GIBS-Downloader>

# Usage

end-date

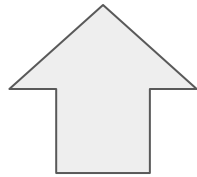


top-right-coords

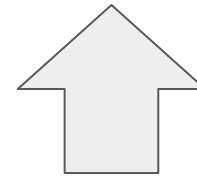


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start-date



bottom-left-coords

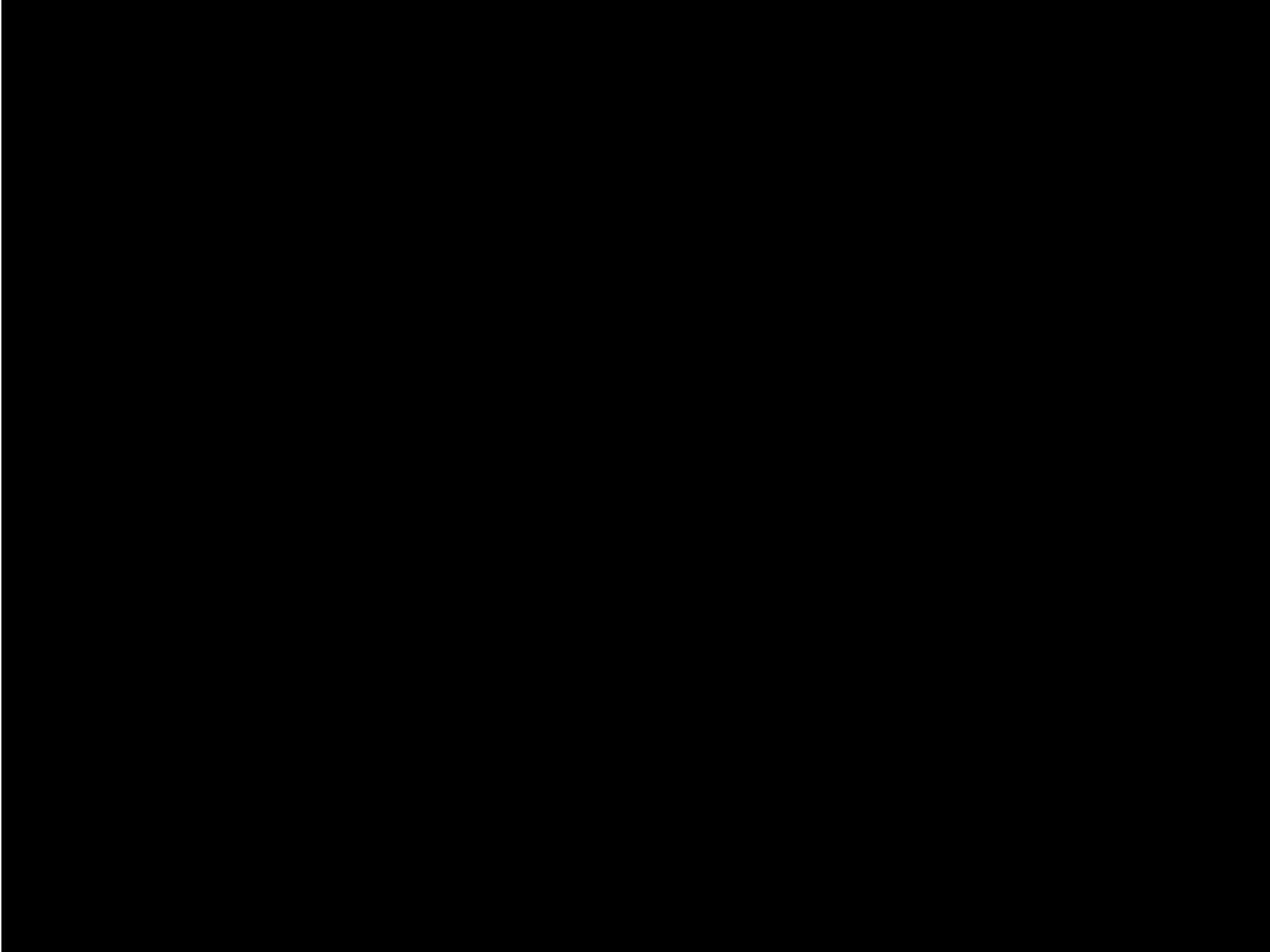




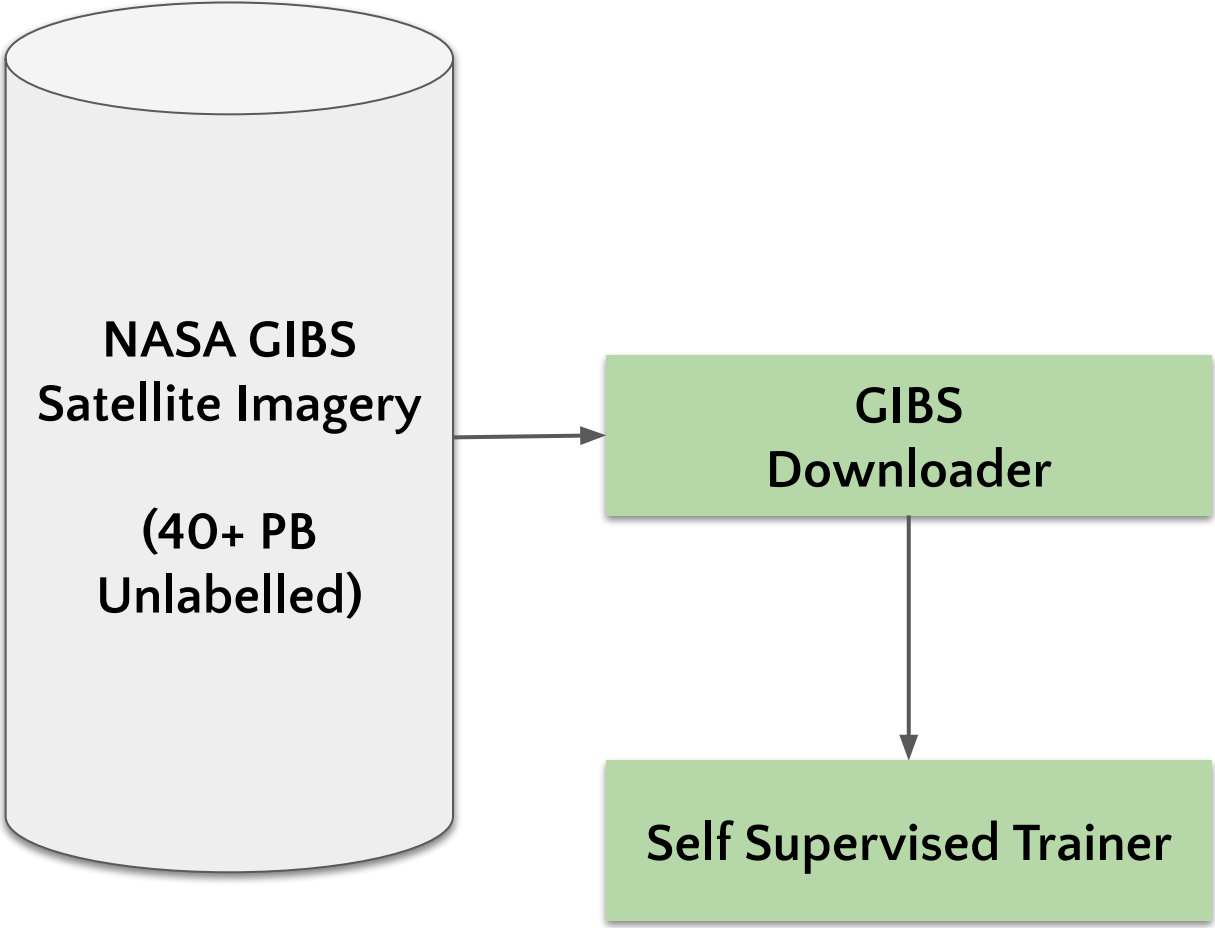
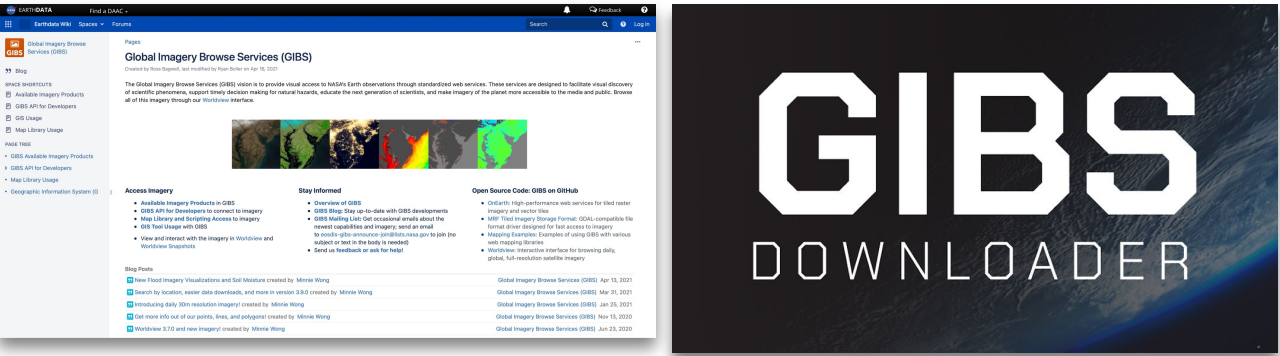
# GIBS Downloader

--animate









# Self Supervised Trainer

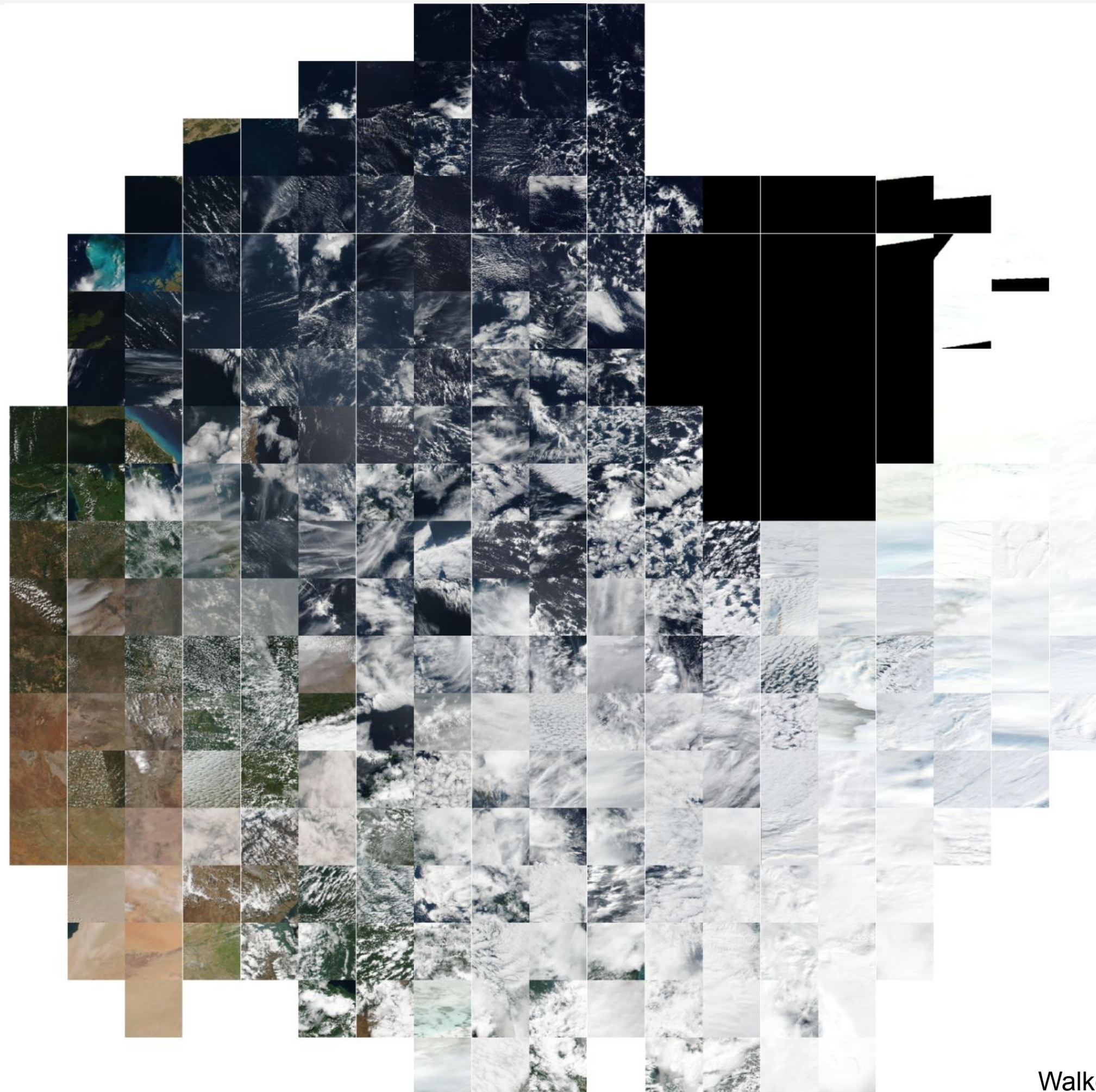
```
python train.py --DATA_PATH myDataFolder/AllImages
```

```
python train.py --technique CLASSIFIER --model ./models/SIMCLR_ssl.ckpt  
--DATA_PATH myDataFolder/LabeledImages
```

- Command line, no programming needed
- Modular & upgradable, new SSL algorithms addable in 3 days
- High performance, substituting GPU operations for CPU
- Scales to multiple GPU

<https://github.com/spaceml-org/Self-Supervised-Learner>



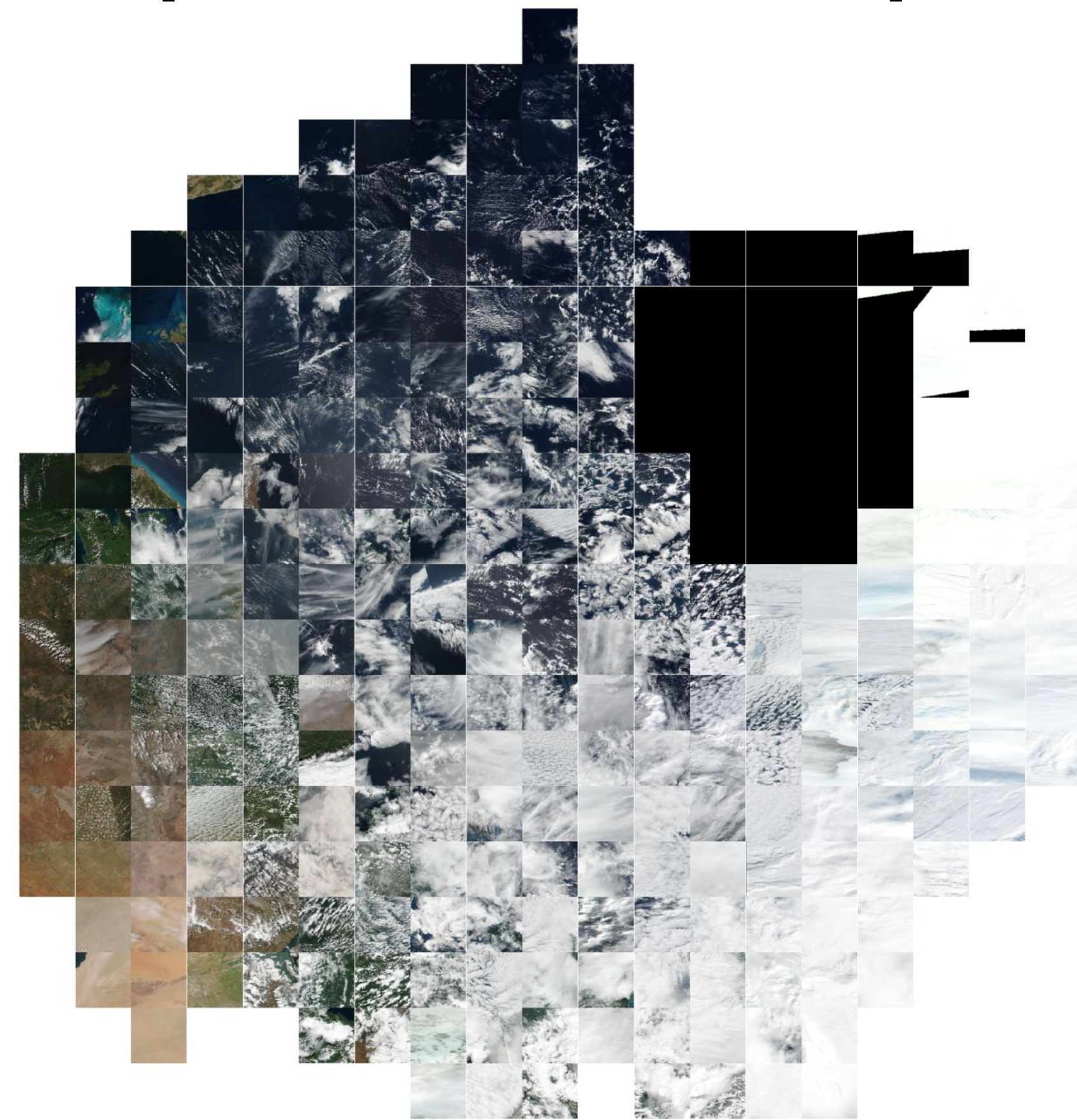


[ 128 km x 128 km ]  
VIIRS

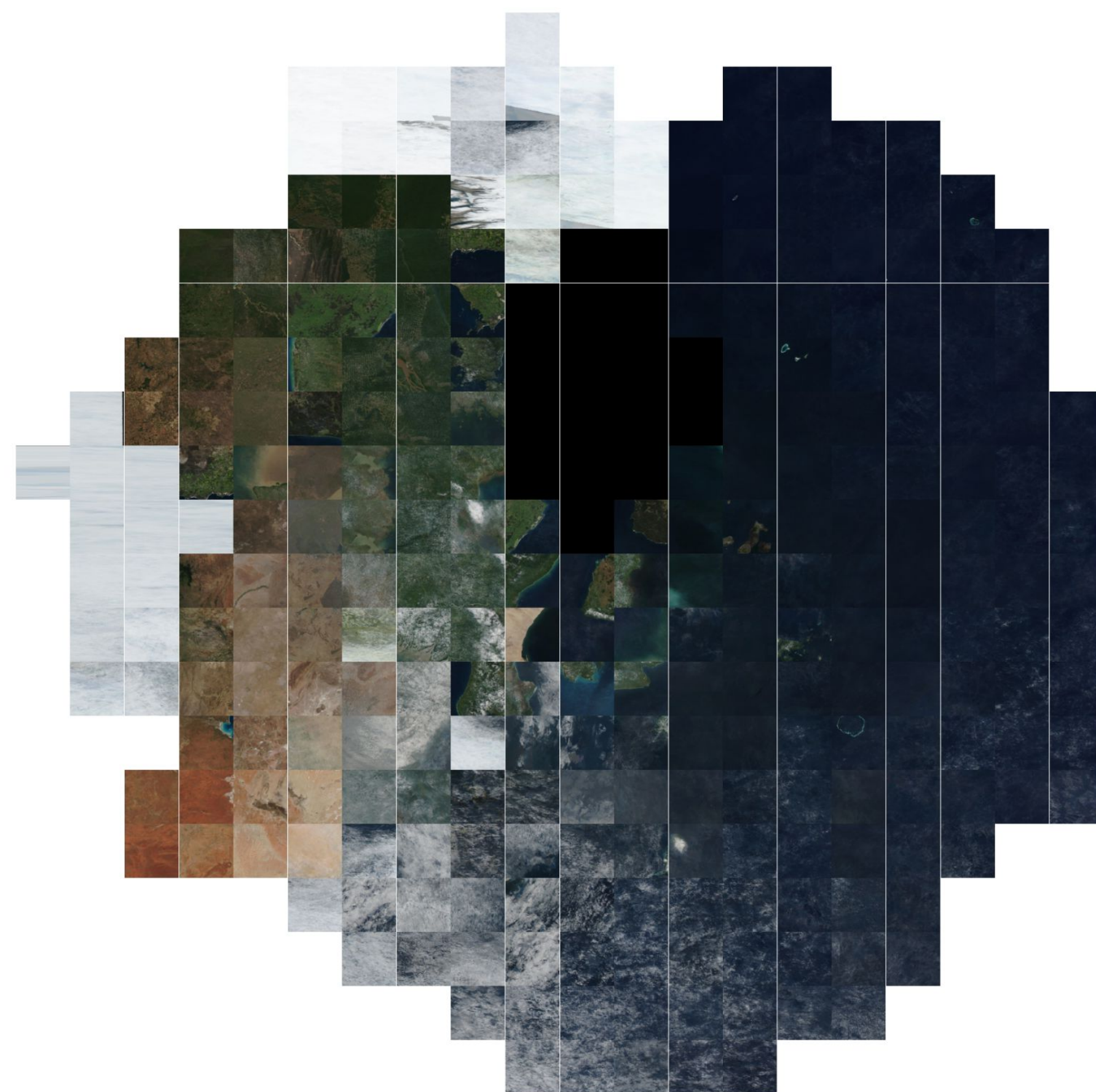
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[ 128 km x 128 km - VIIRS ]



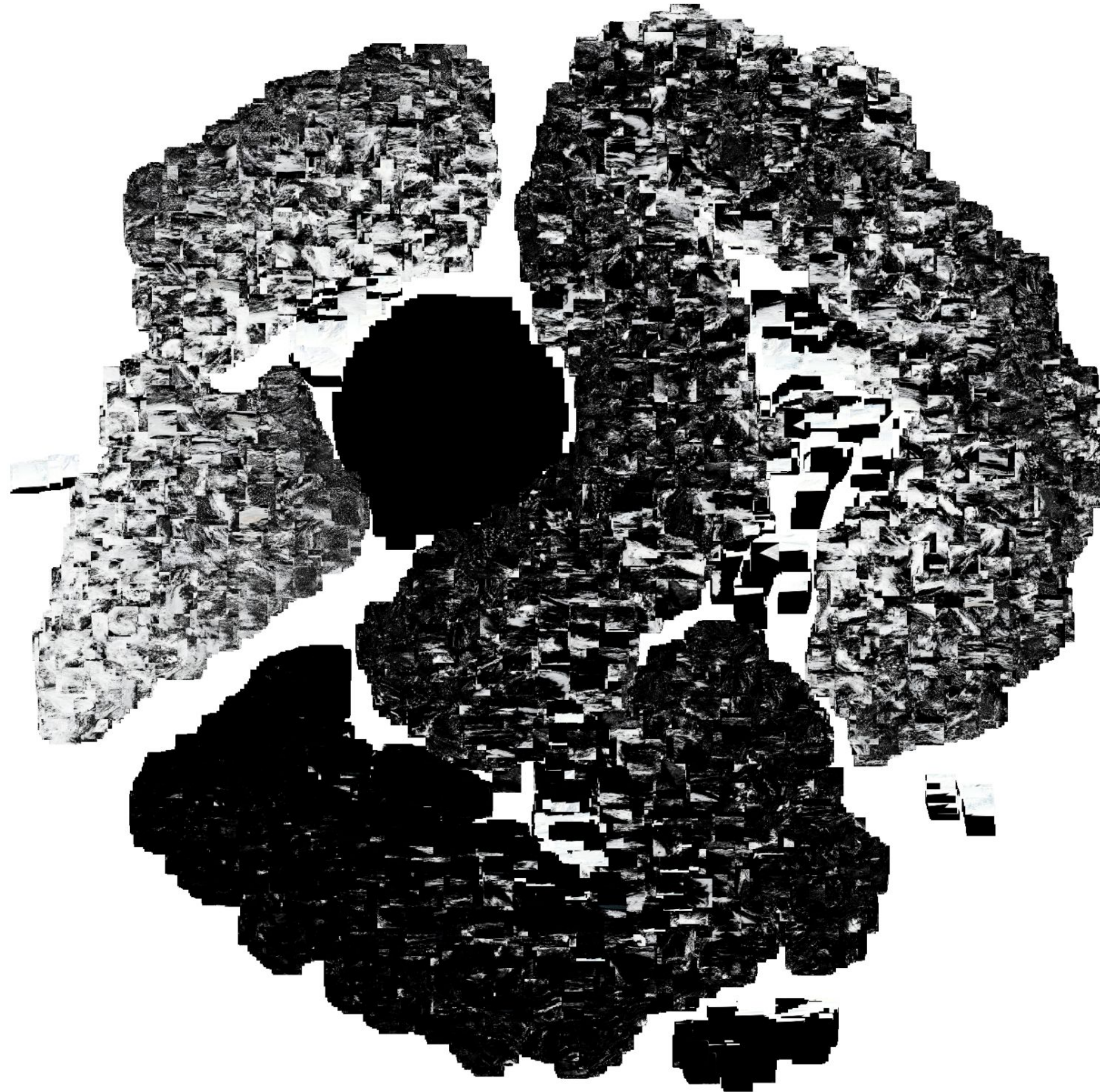
[ 128 km x 128 km - Cloudless ]



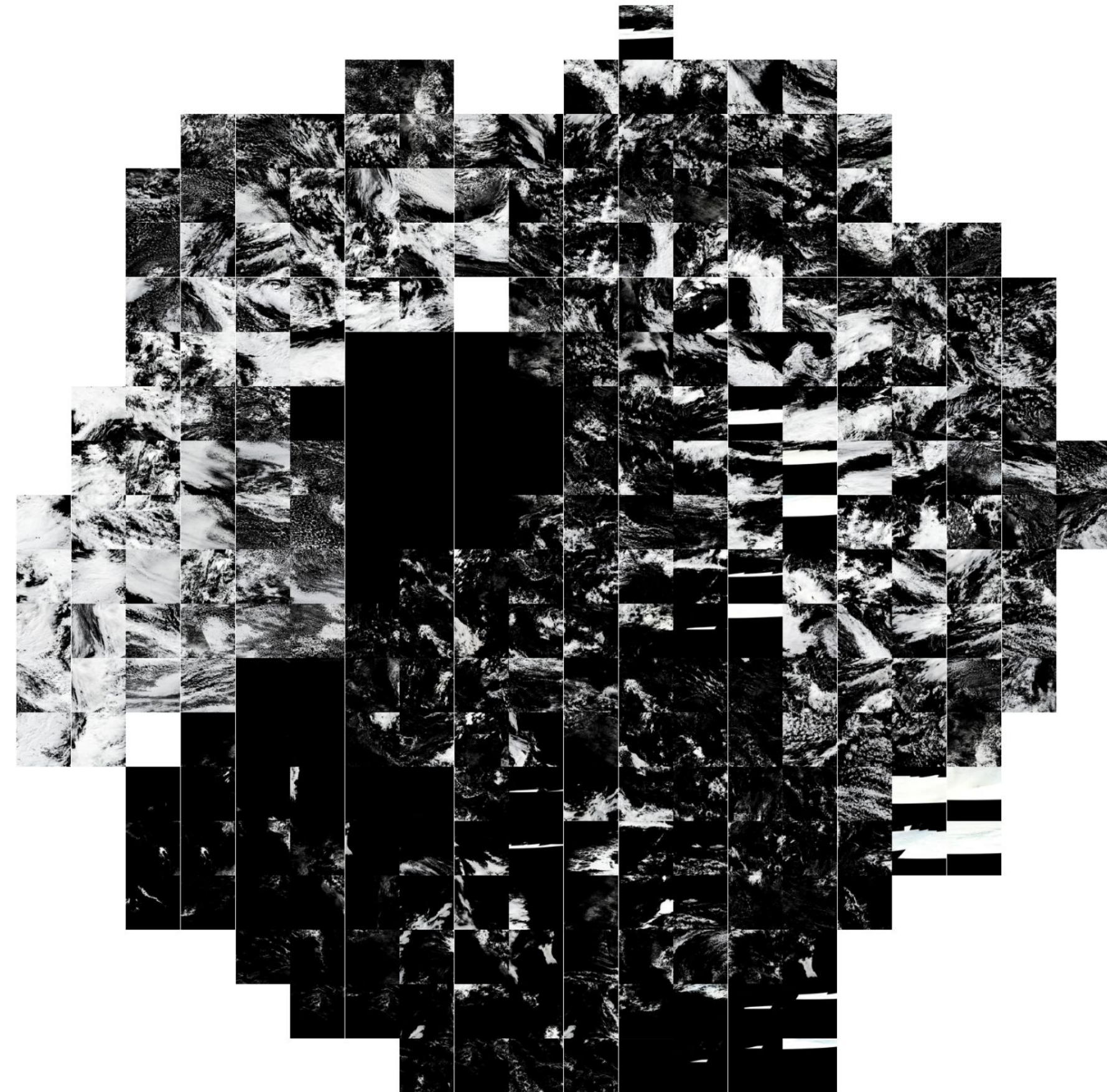
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[ TSNE plot - Raw ]

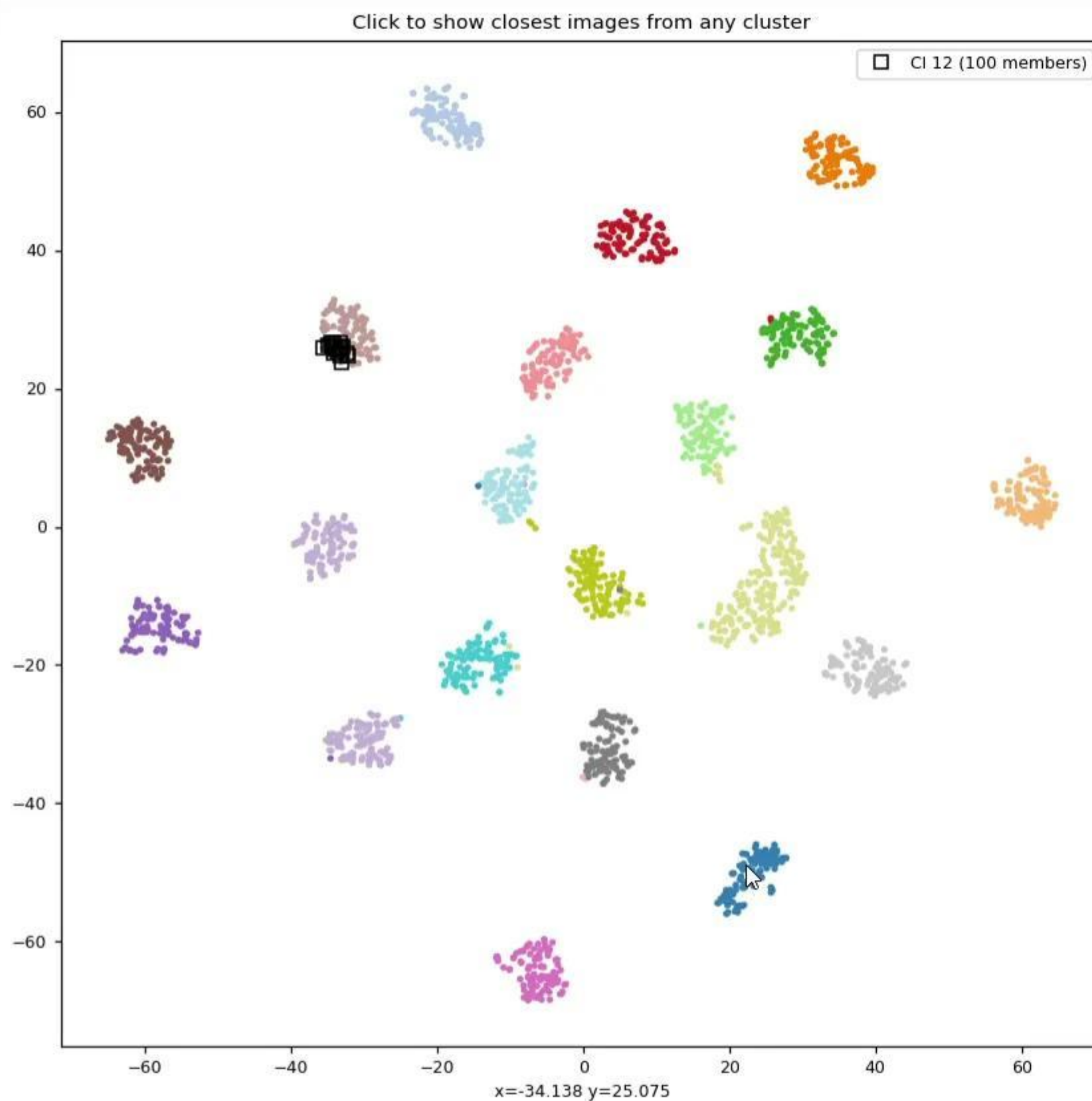


[ TSNE plot - Grid ]



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Walker Stevens, Ajay Krishnan, Tarun Narayanan, Surya Ambardar, Aaron Banze





parkinglot (-34.1,25.2) 0.000



parkinglot (-33.5,25.4) 0.608



parkinglot (-33.9,25.8) 0.612



parkinglot (-34.3,26.0) 0.877



parkinglot (-33.2,24.7) 0.941



parkinglot (-33.1,25.7) 1.132



parkinglot (-33.1,26.1) 1.307



parkinglot (-34.8,26.4) 1.448



parkinglot (-34.1,26.7) 1.545



parkinglot (-32.9,26.2) 1.576



parkinglot (-34.4,26.7) 1.581



parkinglot (-33.1,23.9) 1.601



parkinglot (-35.6,25.9) 1.707



parkinglot (-33.2,26.7) 1.794



parkinglot (-32.3,25.2) 1.809



parkinglot (-32.2,24.7) 1.924





# Are these the same image category?



Dataset: Resisc-45



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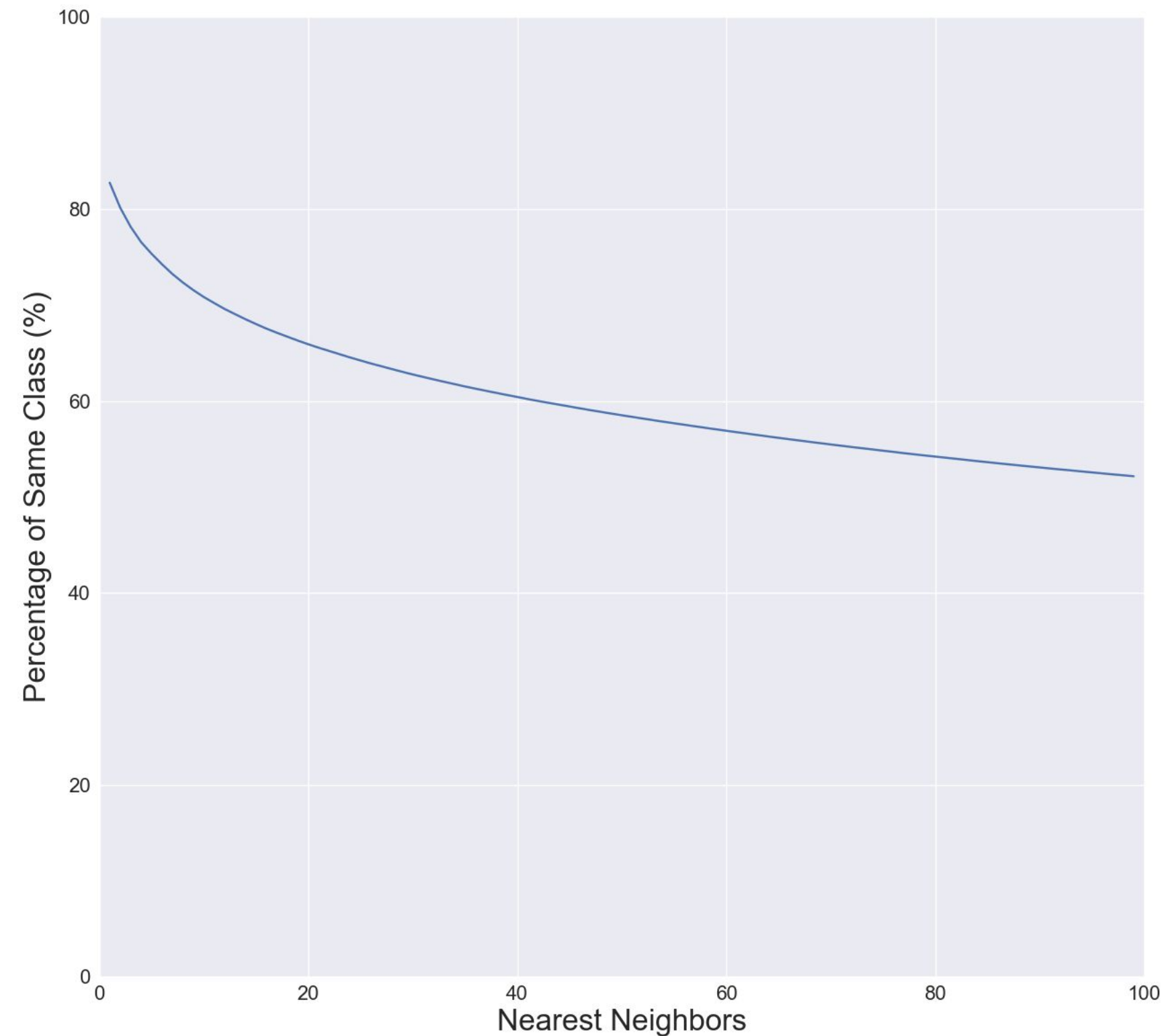


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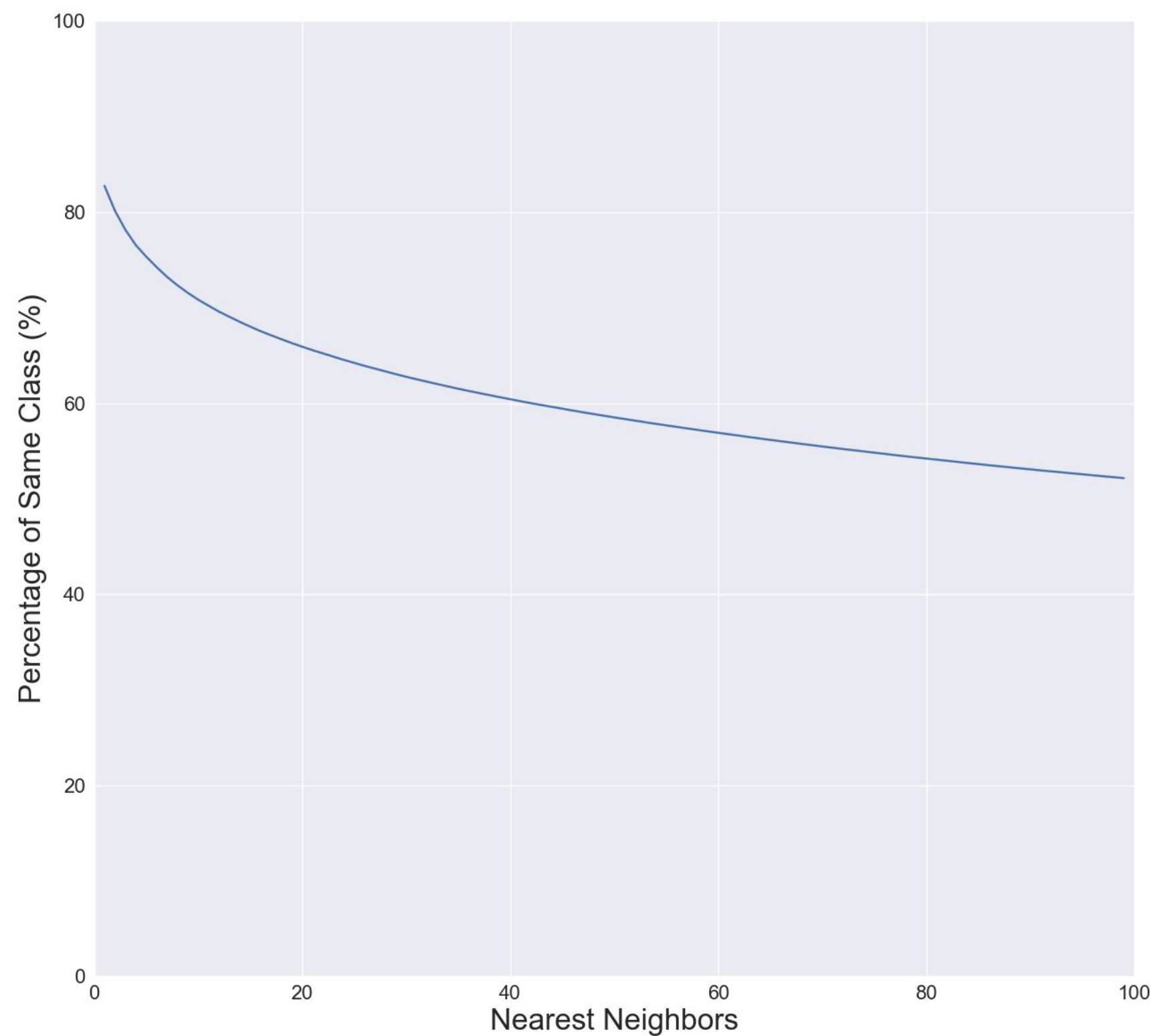
# Similarity Search Benchmark



- Dataset: RESISC45 [45 Classes, 31500 images]
- Given an image, for the nearest 100 images, do they belong to the same class as the query image.

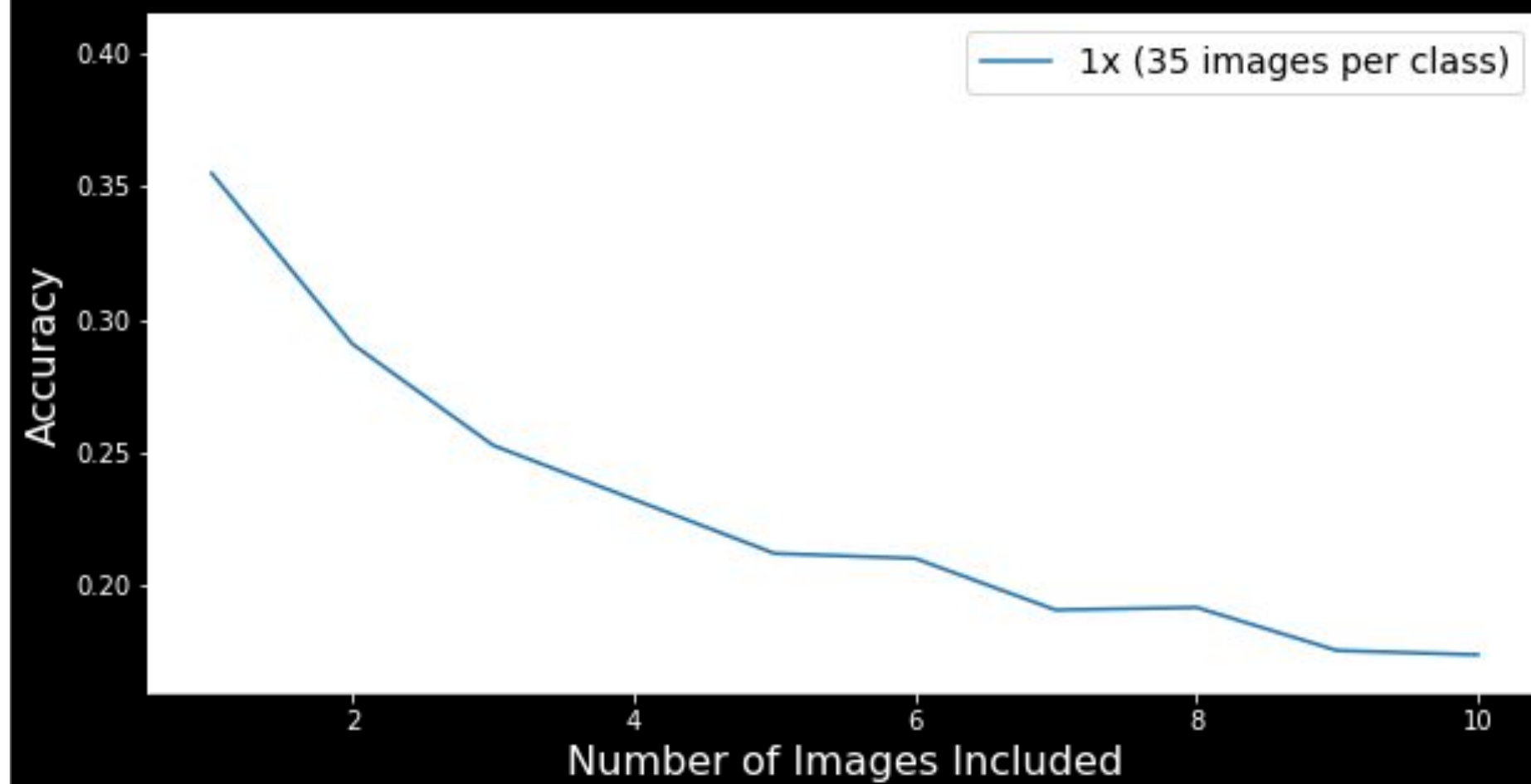


# Circa Aug 2021



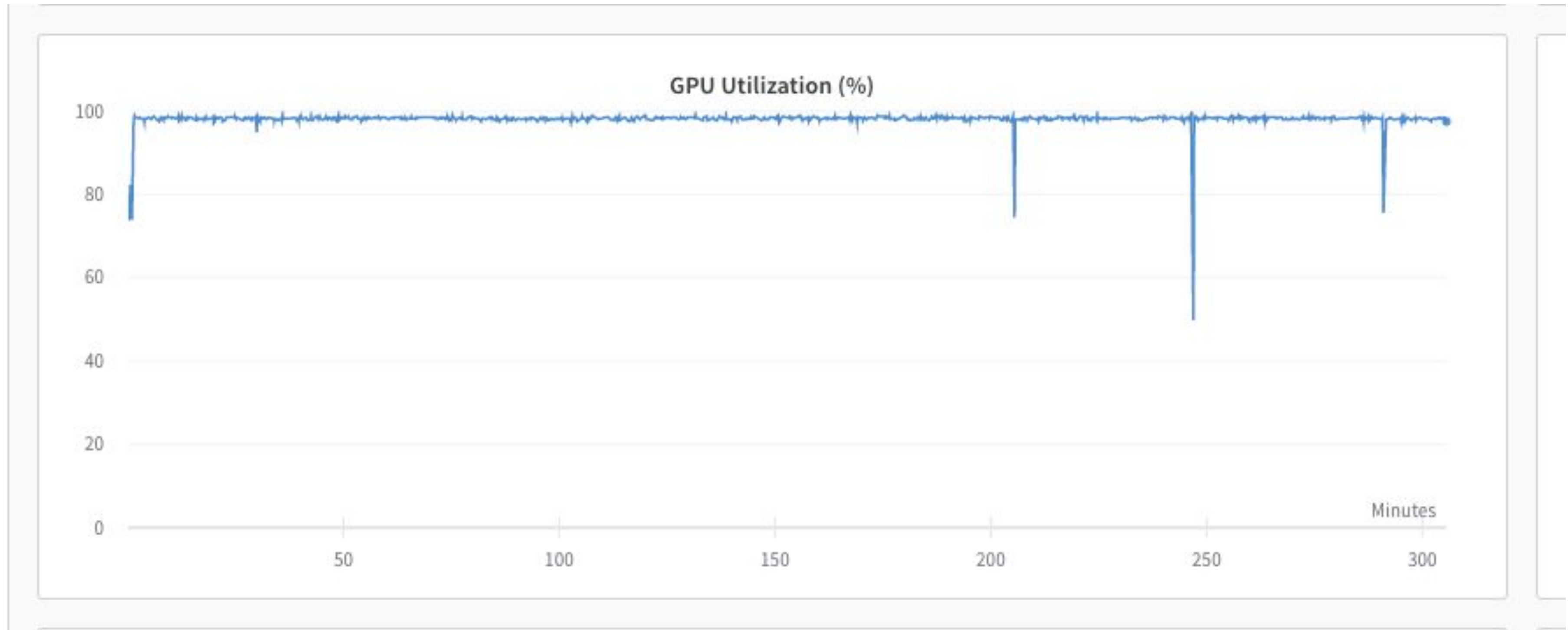
Researcher: Walker Stevens

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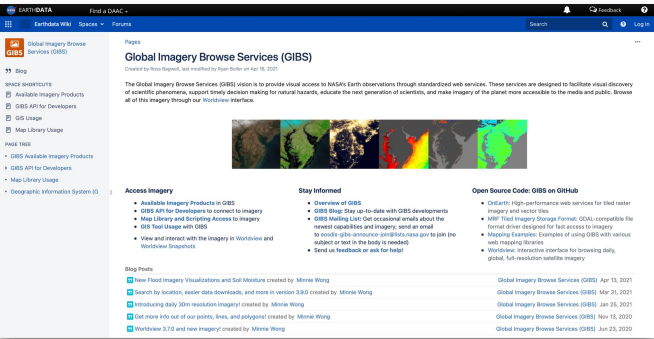


Researcher: Suhas Kotha

# Performance







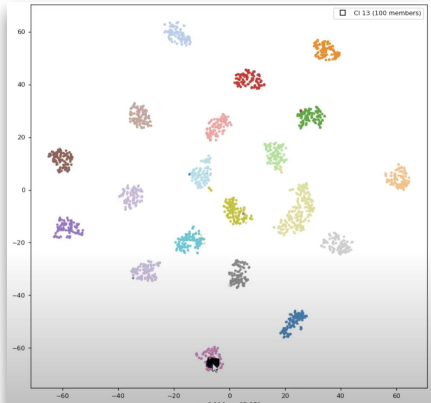
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Downloader

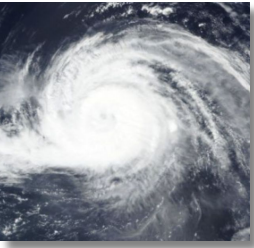
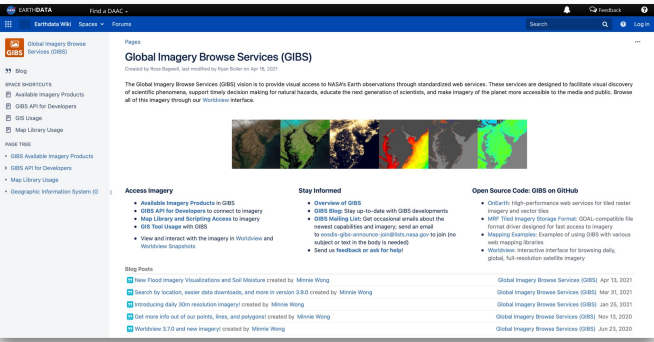
Self Supervised Trainer

Model Store

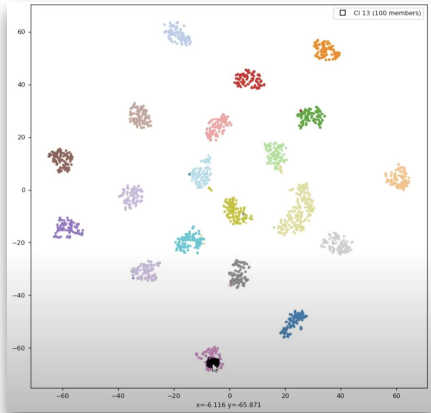
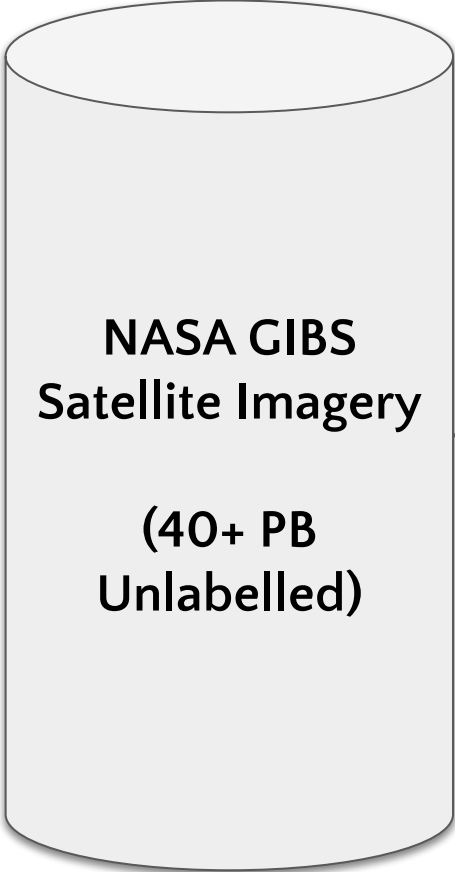








Example Image

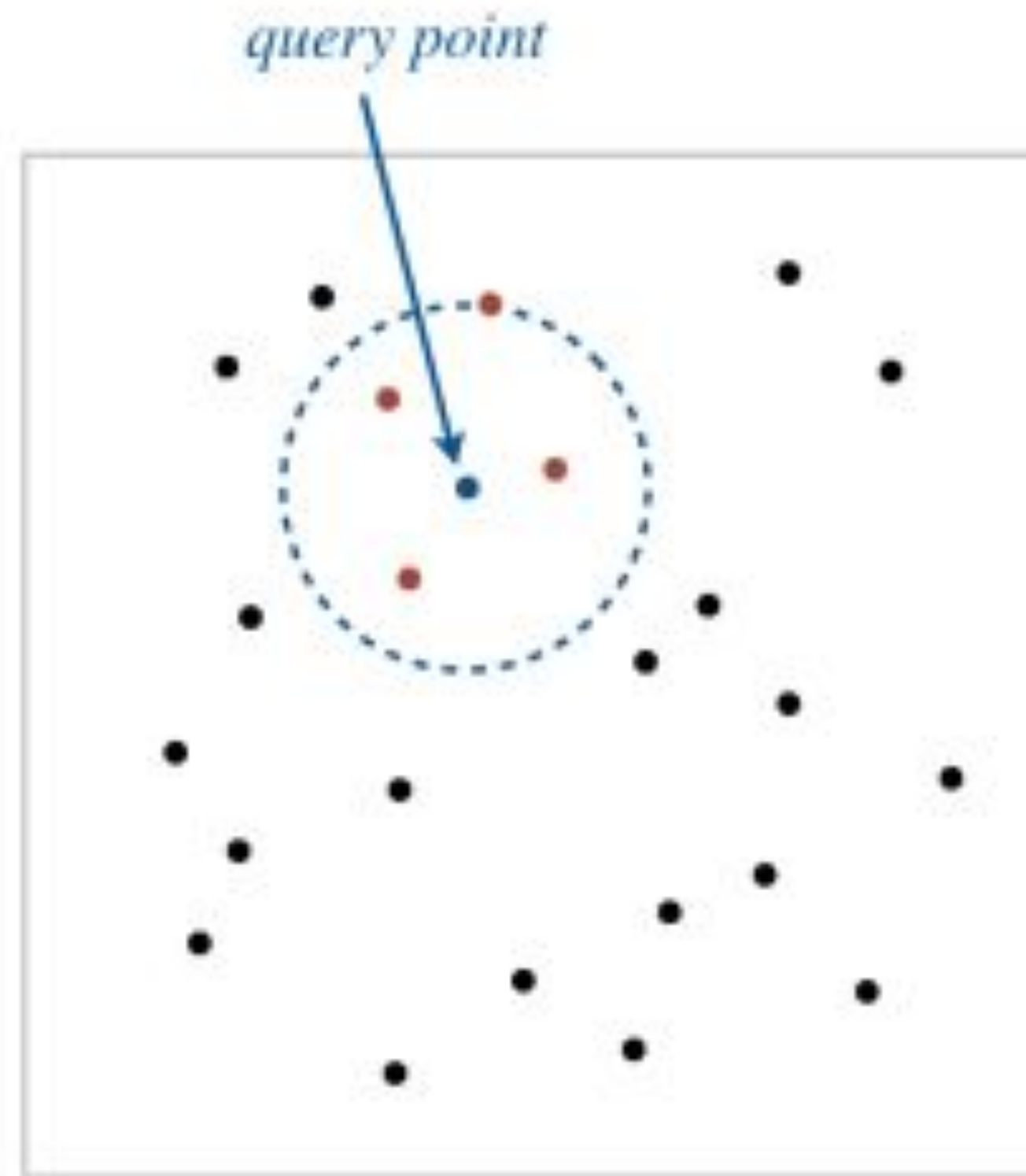


# Scalable Indexing and Search API

- Parallized downloading and embedding generation
- Approximate nearest neighbour searching for sub-second million scale search for each index
- Partitioning - Individual Indexes per product, day, resolution
- API accept images (or embeddings), return nearest images
- Decoupled components: Indexes addition without taking API down
- And 30+ cloud tricks for fast but cost effective operations

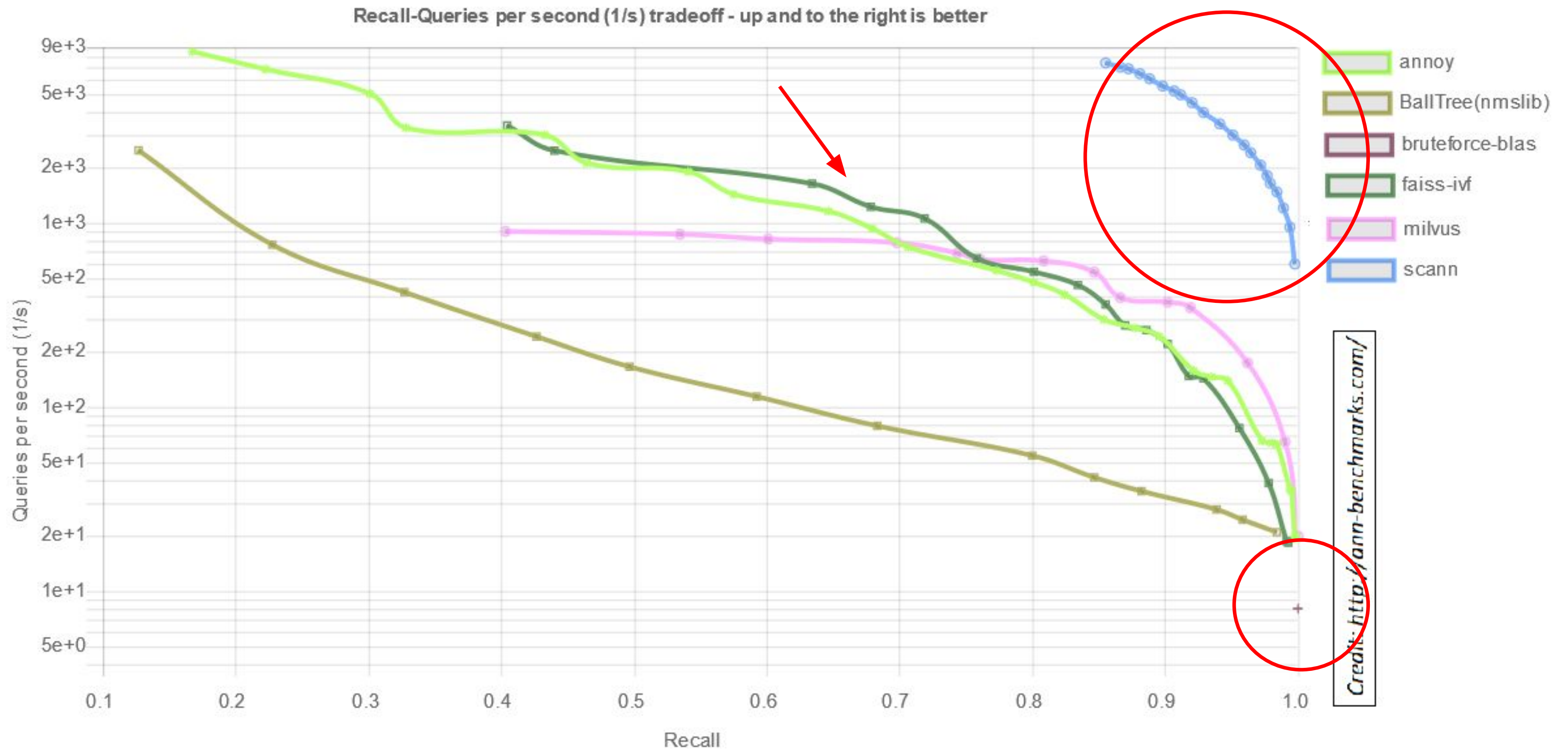


# K Nearest Neighbor Search

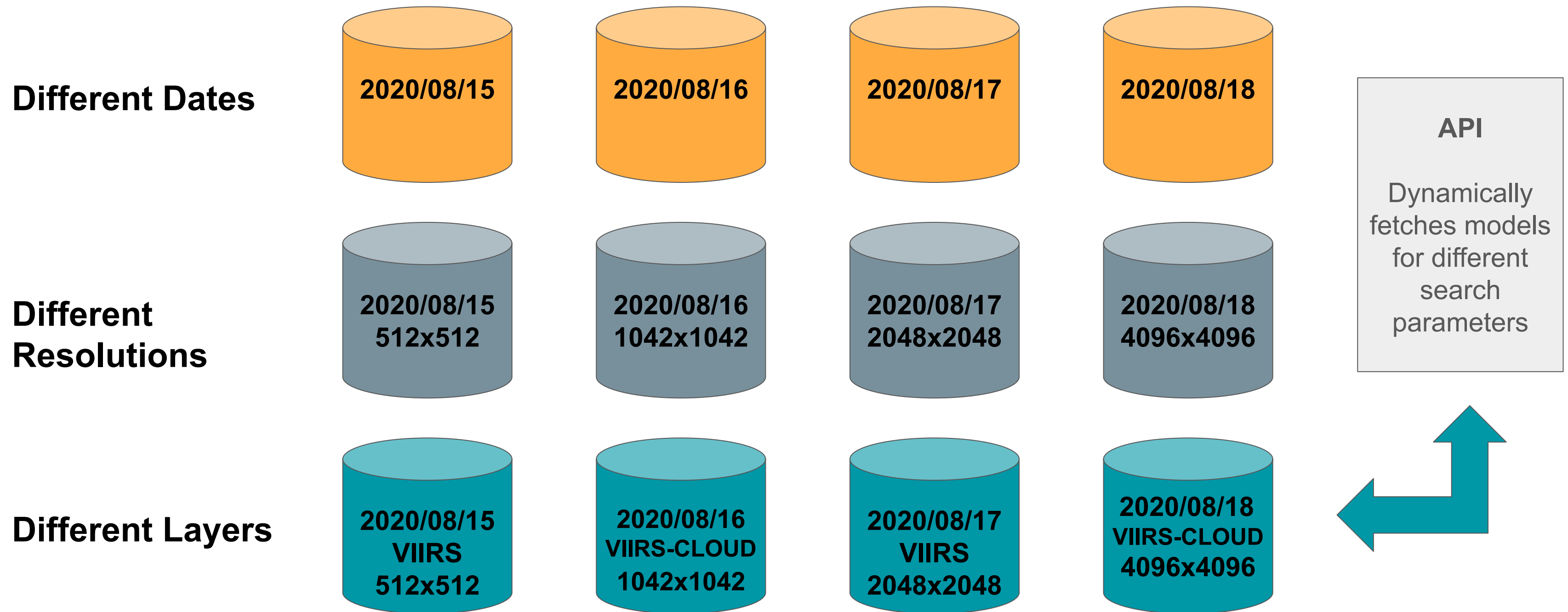


4 nearest neighbors

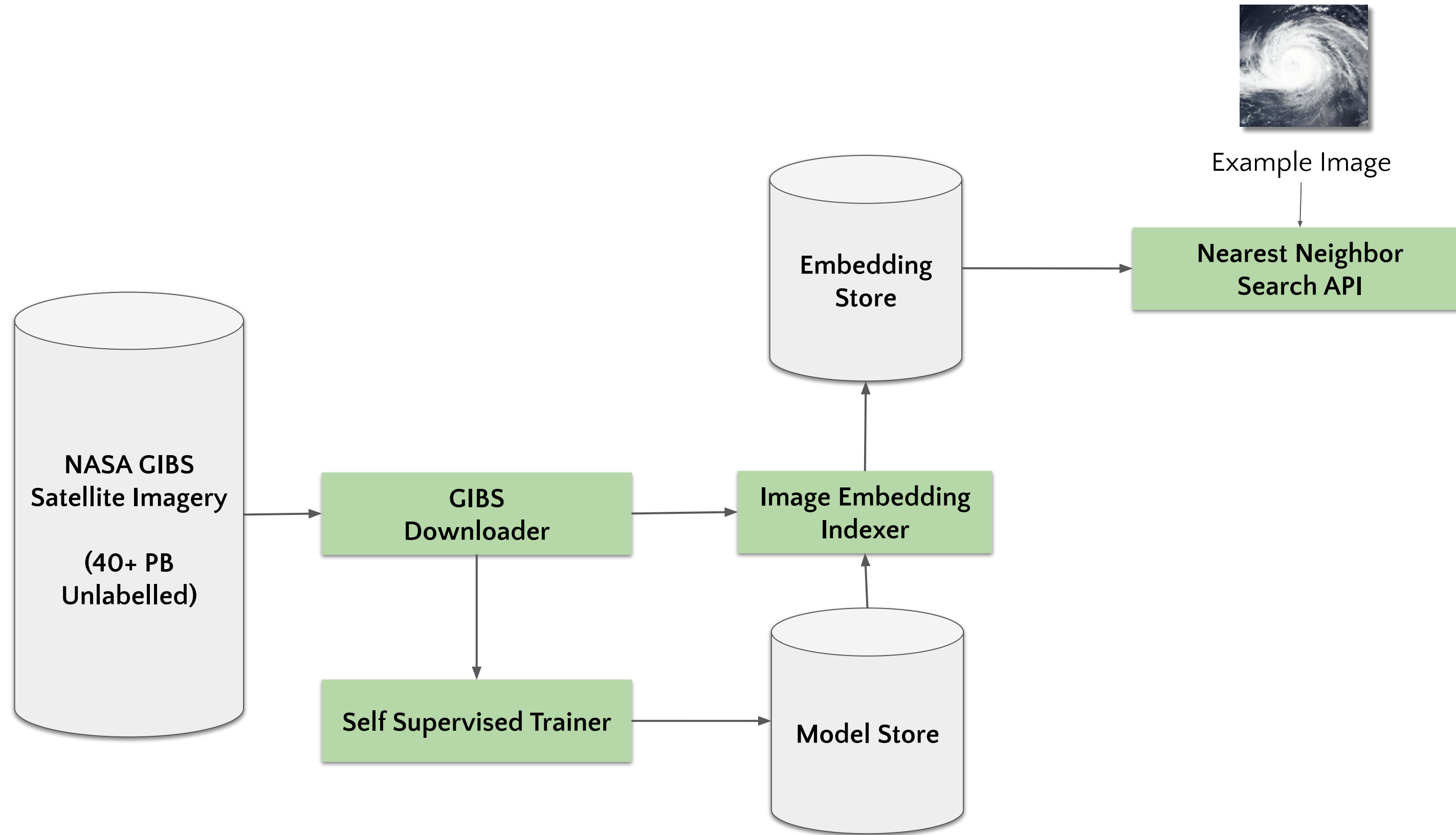
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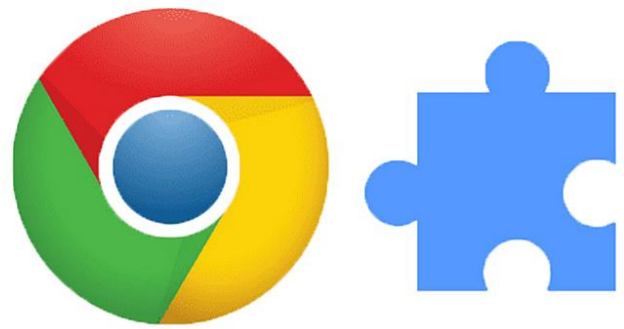




# Searching indices intelligently







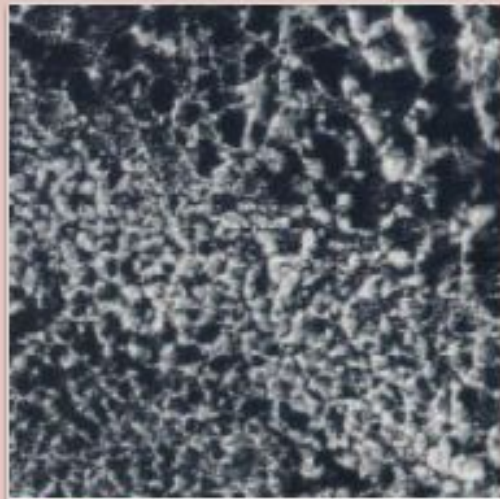
# Worldview Search Chrome Extension

Researchers:  
Sumanth Ramesh, Ricardo Lisboa, Leonard Silverberg

WORLDVIEW SEARCH

close

SEARCHING FOR: 1




KEEP DISCARD


REFINE SEARCH

DOWNLOAD ALL


FOUND SIMILAR IMAGES: 10



KEEP DISCARD



KEEP DISCARD



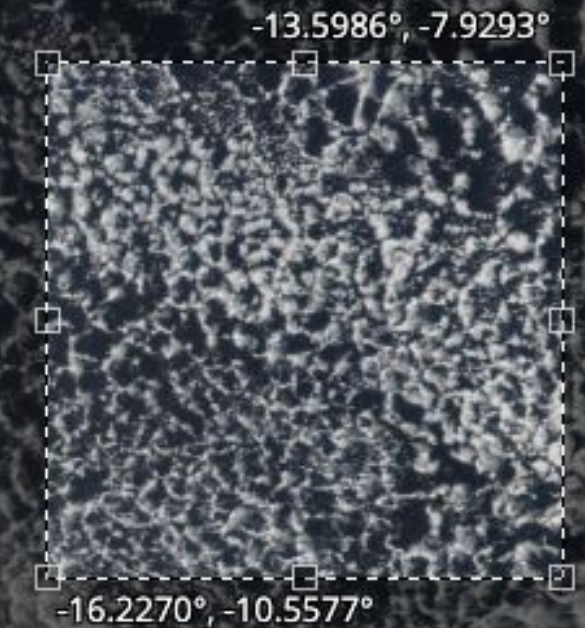
KEEP DISCARD

2020 OCT 02

1 DAY

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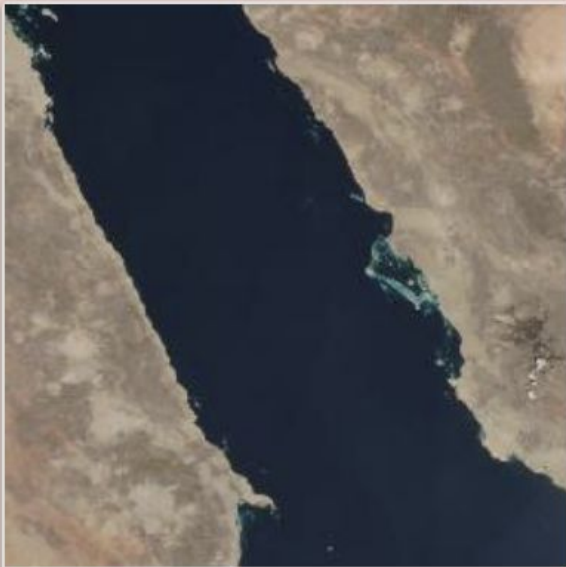




WORLDVIEW  
SEARCH

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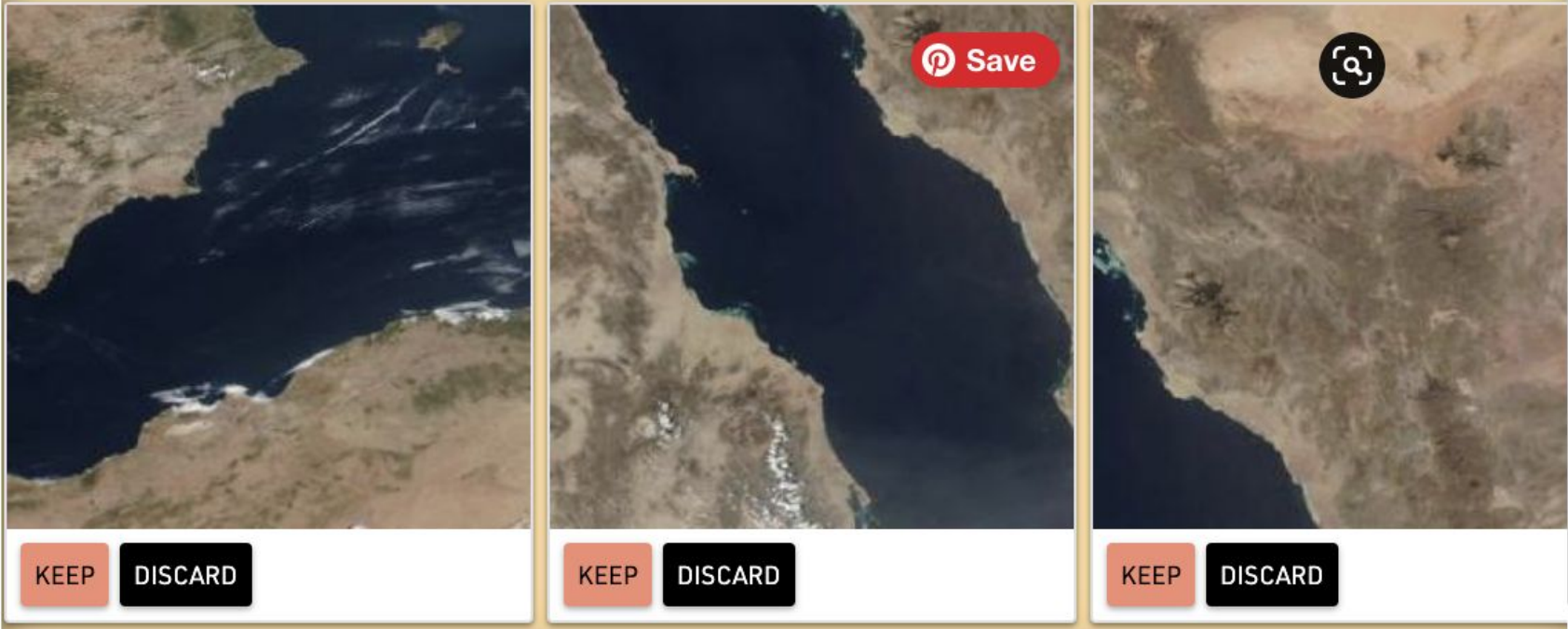
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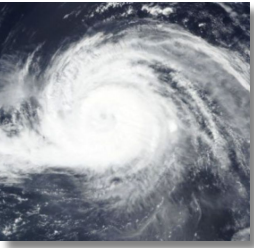
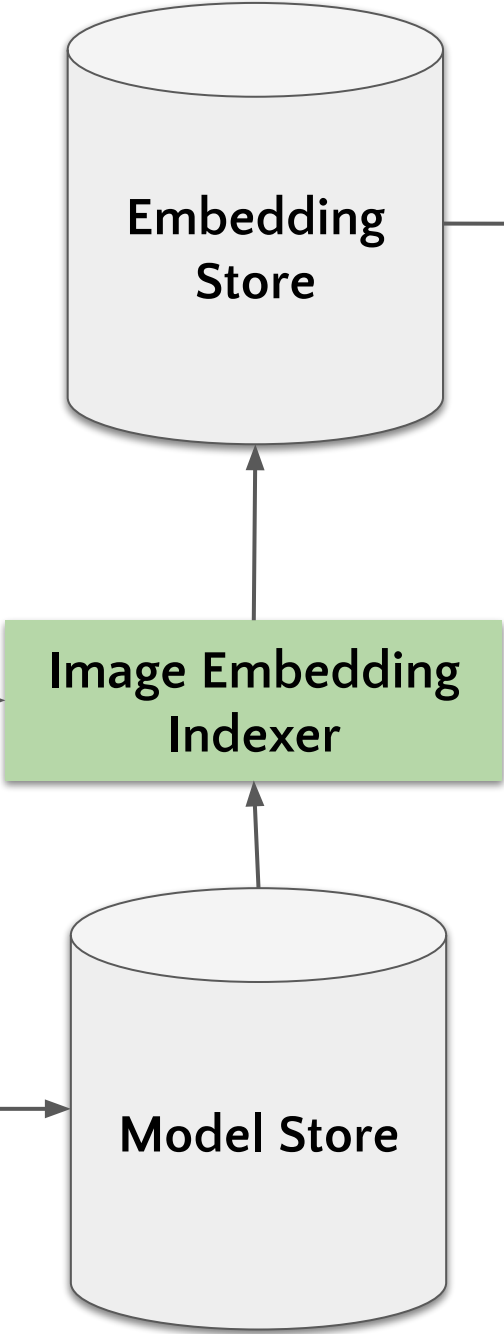
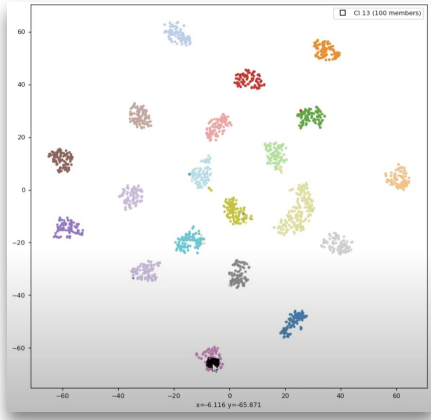
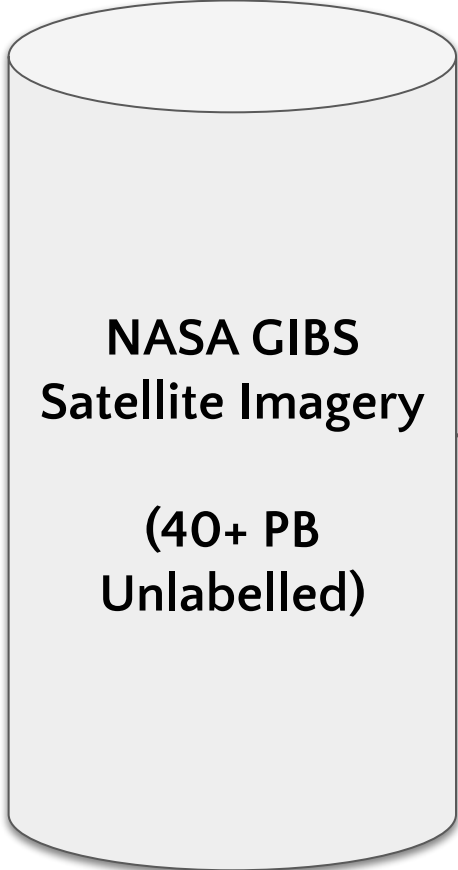
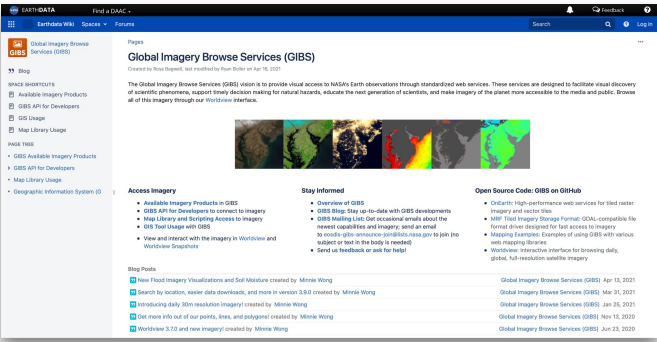
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27.5704°, 38.1108°

23.2755°, 33.6219°



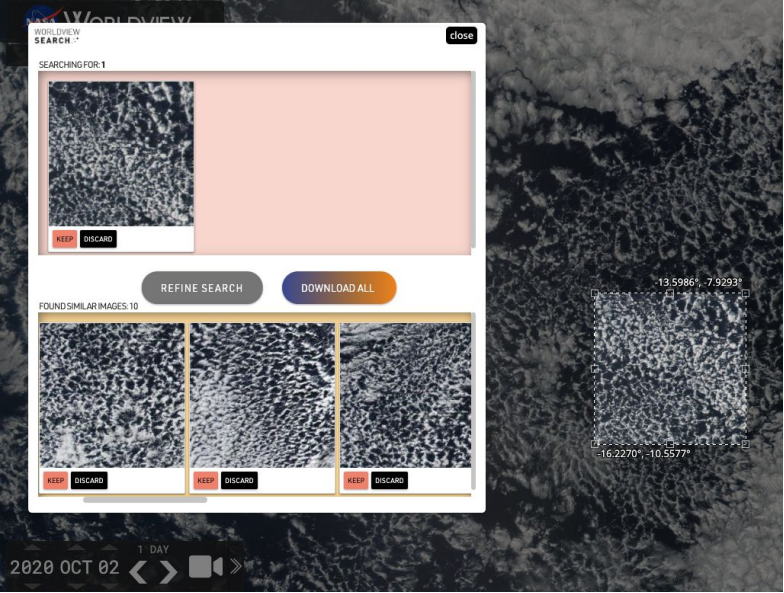


Example Image



Identify Relevant Examples

Expand Search on Positive Examples

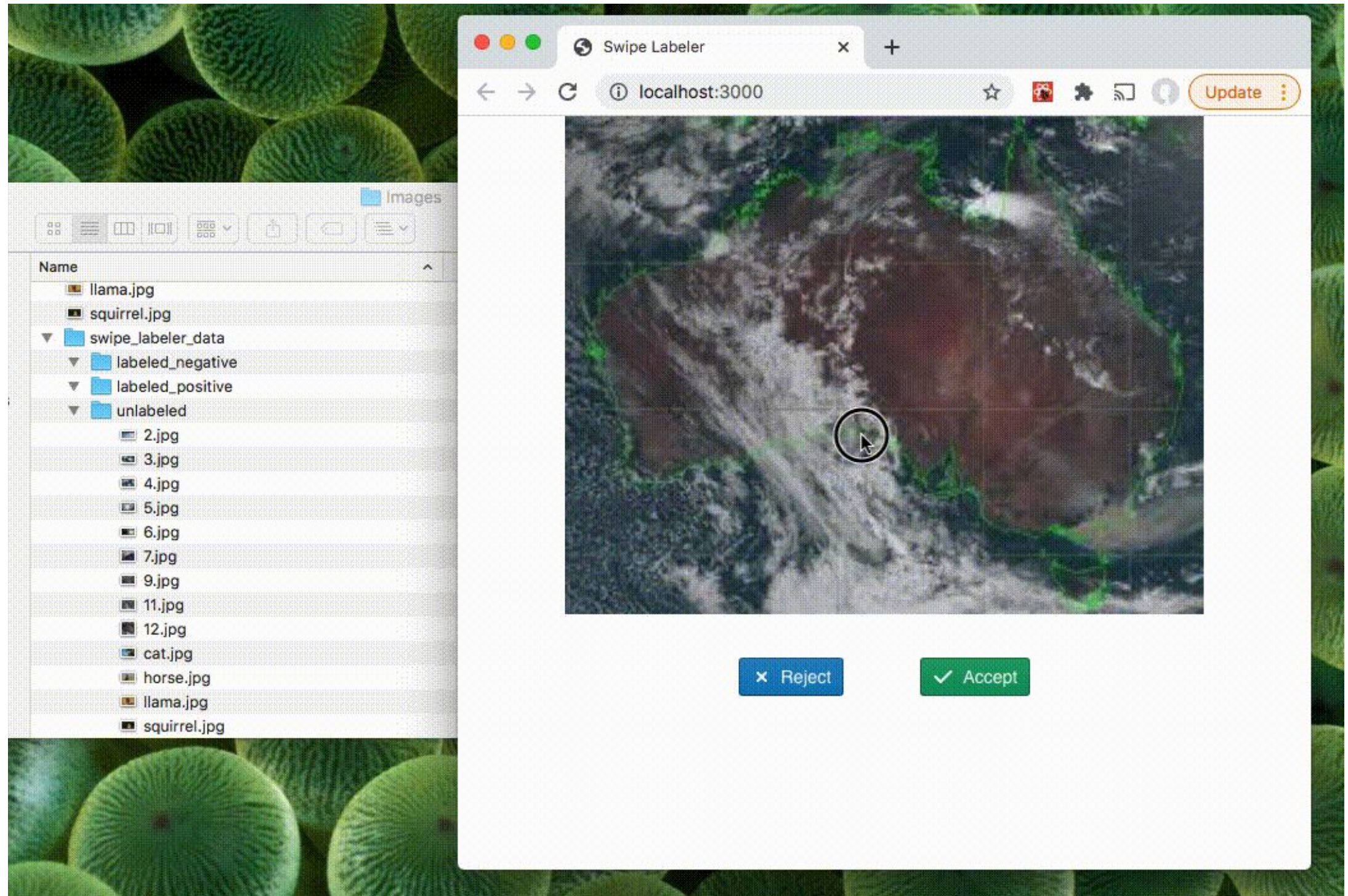


# Producing labeled datasets

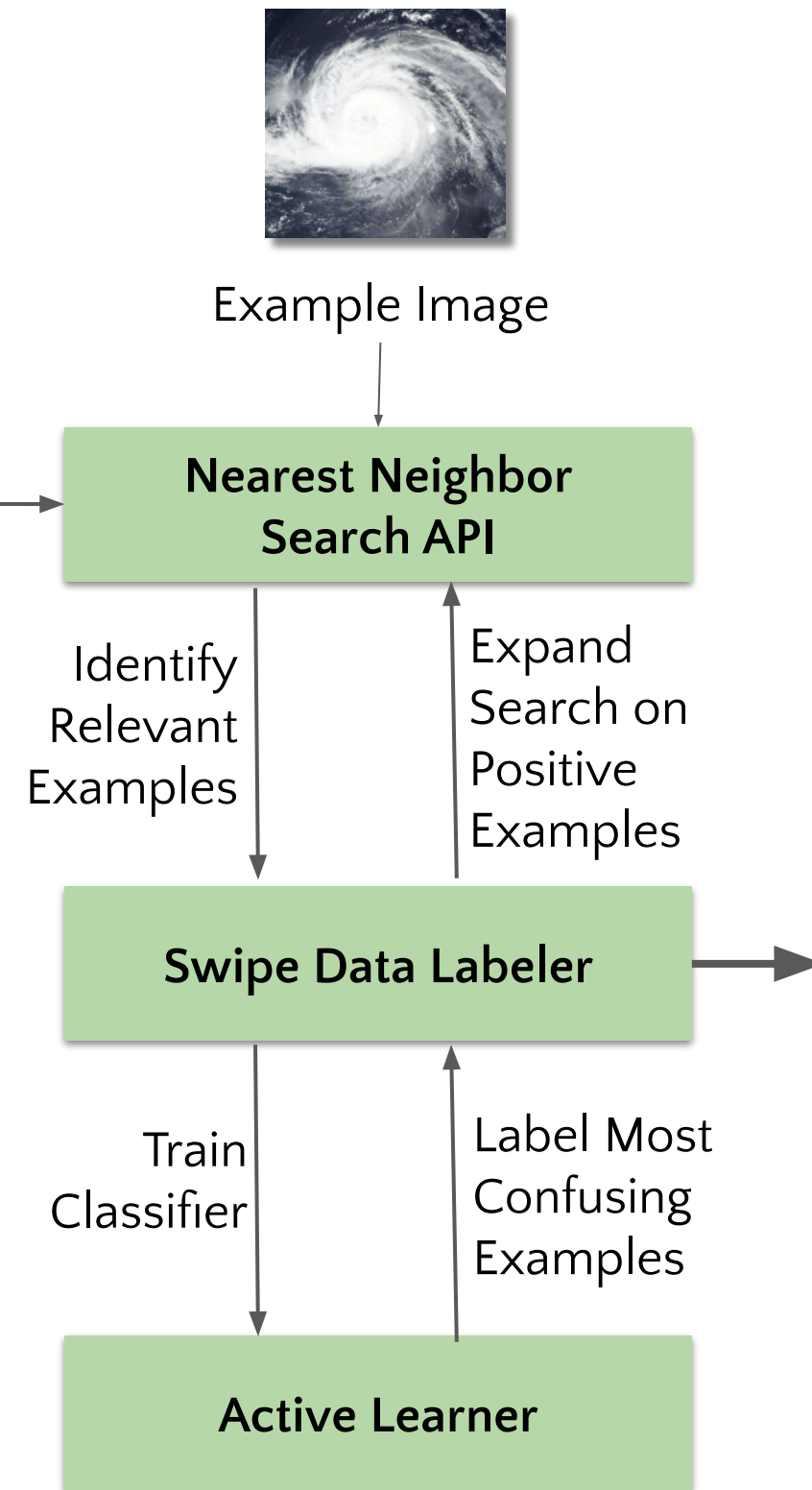
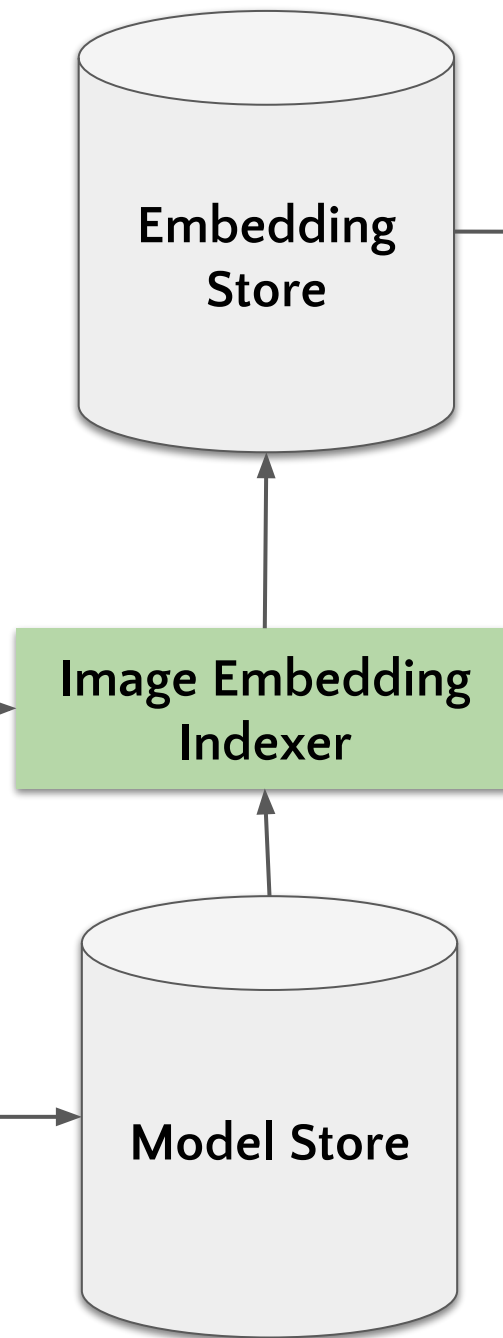
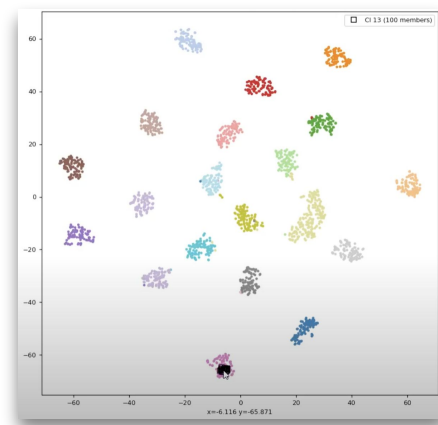
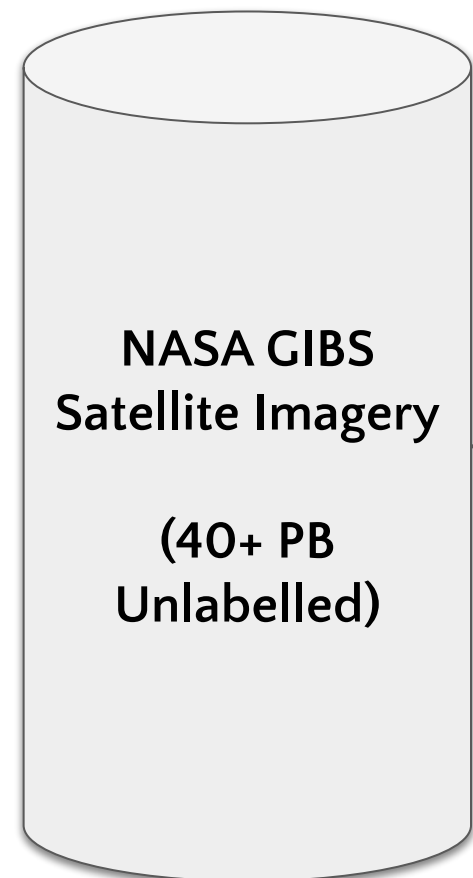
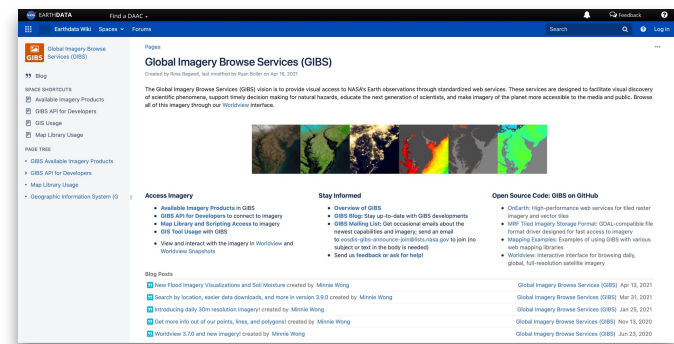


# Introducing : “Swipe Labeler”

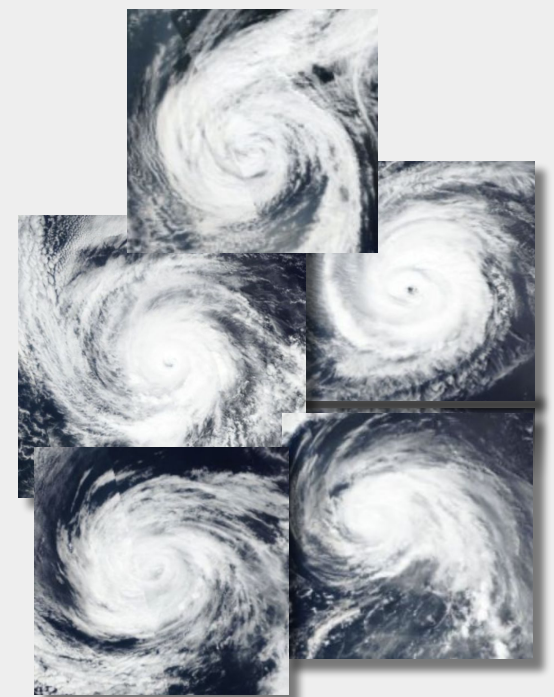
- Label with Ease
- On Mobile & Website
- Single line command
- Collaborative & Sharable





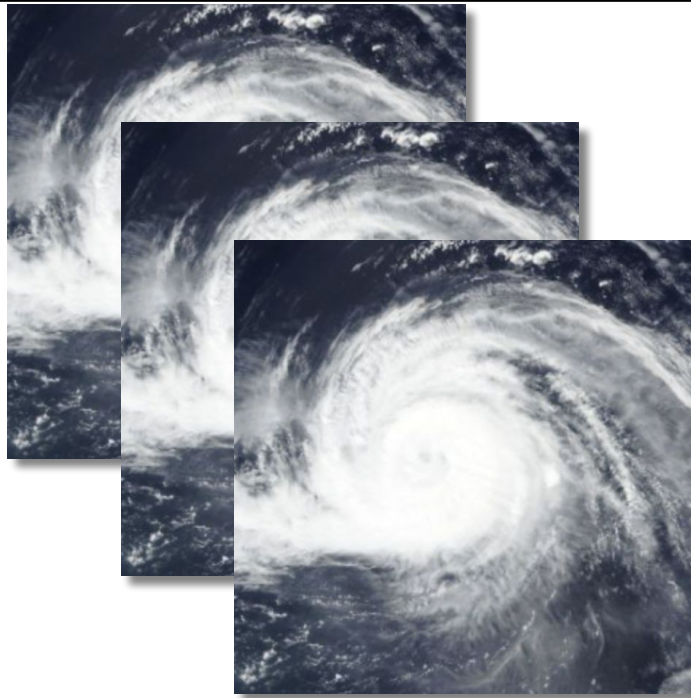


# Catalogue Quality Datasets



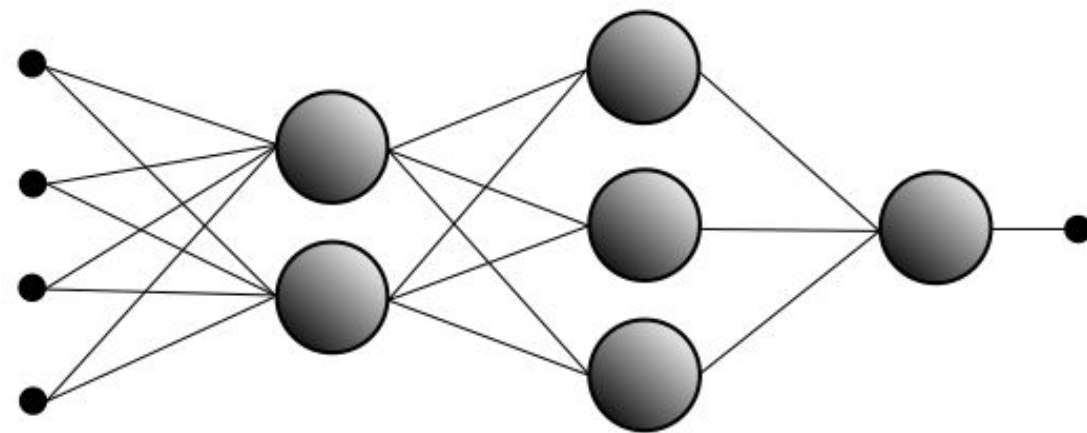


How do we improve  
performance?



**Similarity Search**

**Accuracy**  
**30%**

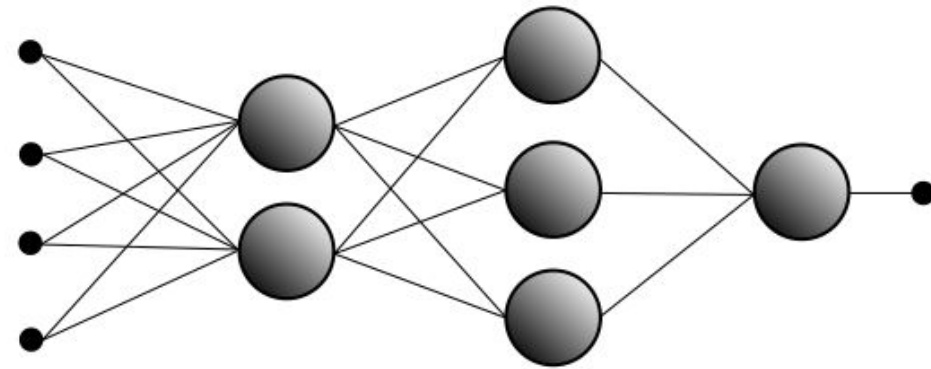


**Classifier**

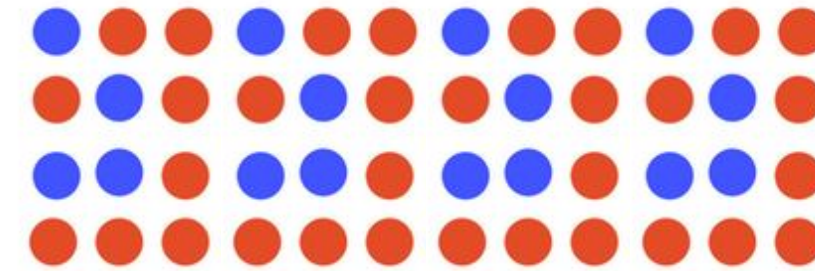
**Accuracy**  
**80 - 90%**



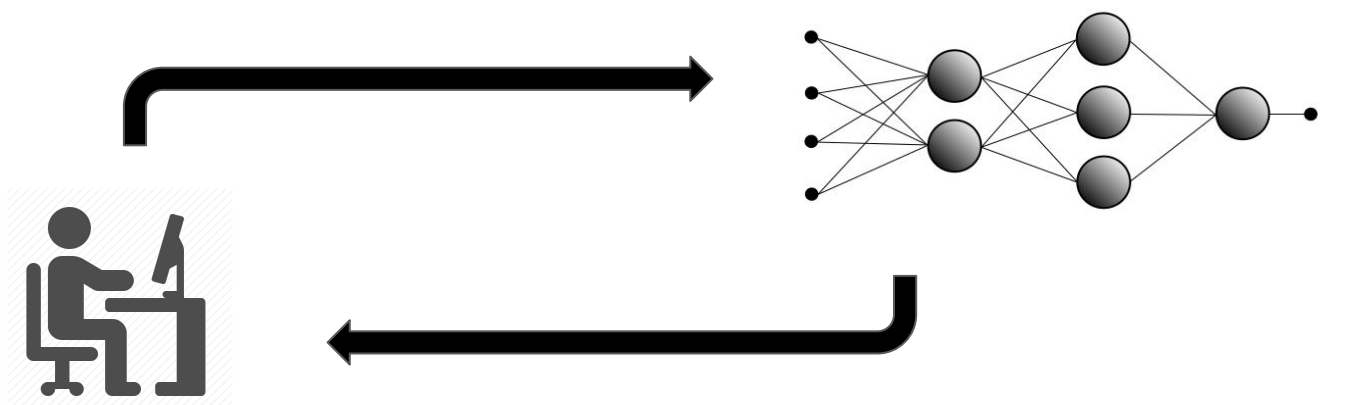
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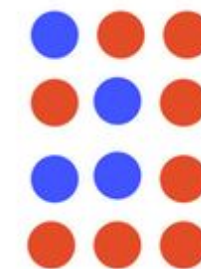
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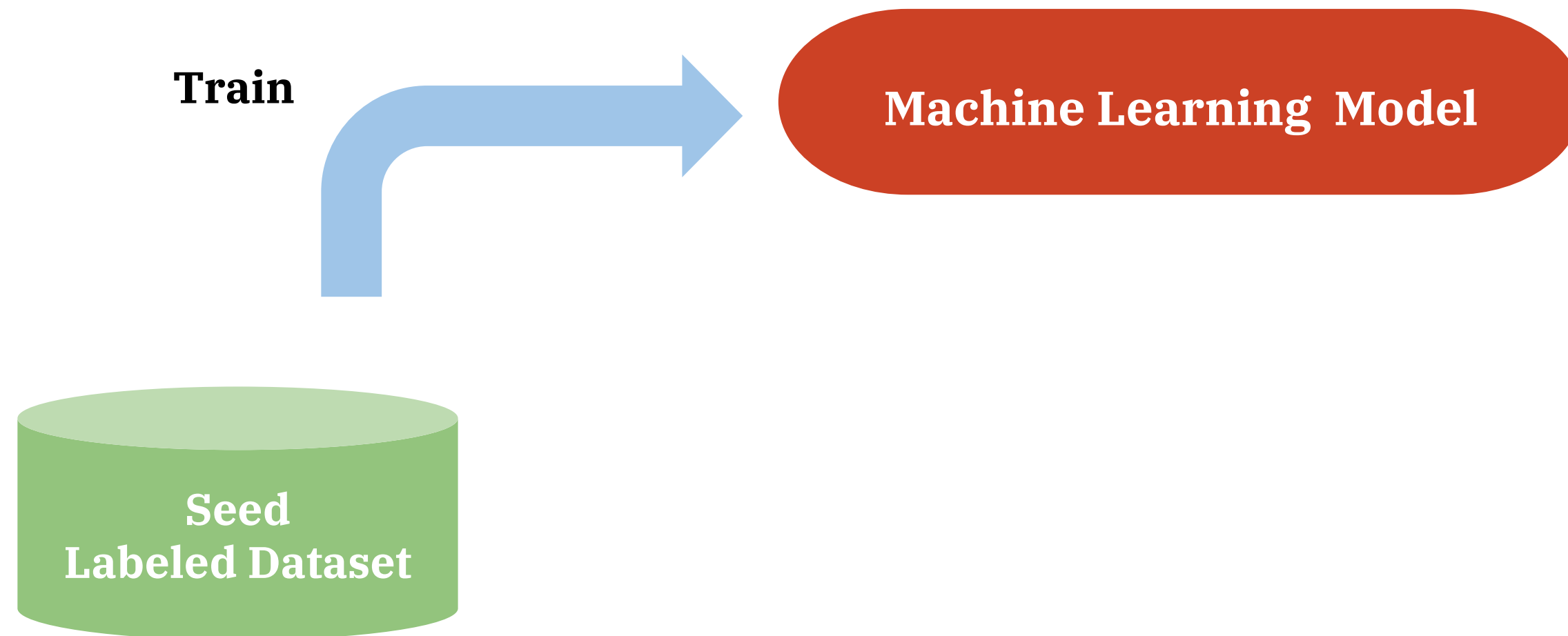


## Active Learning

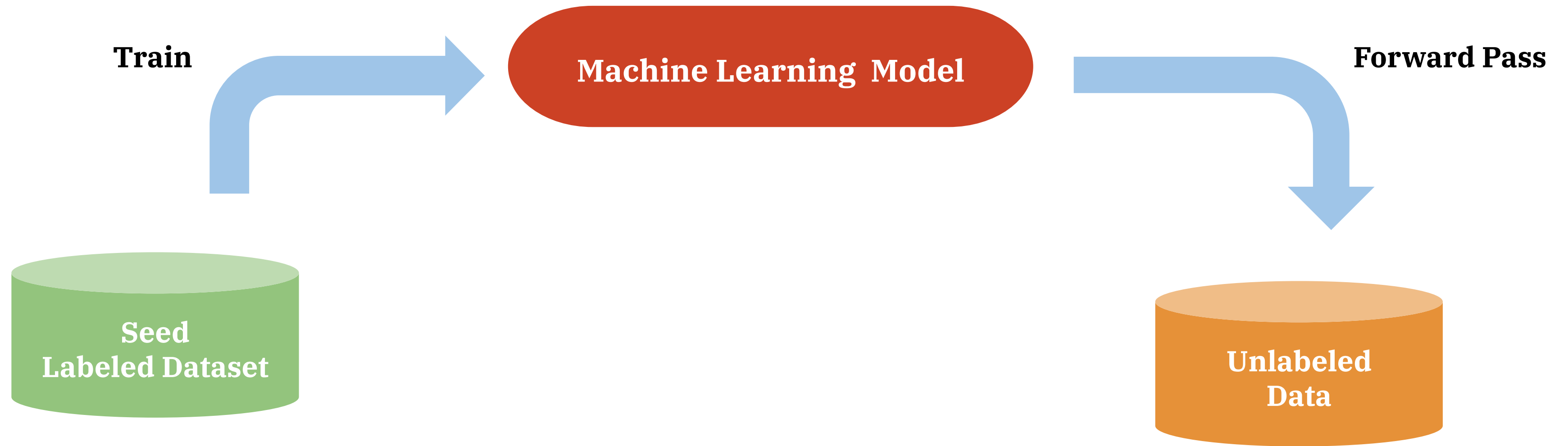


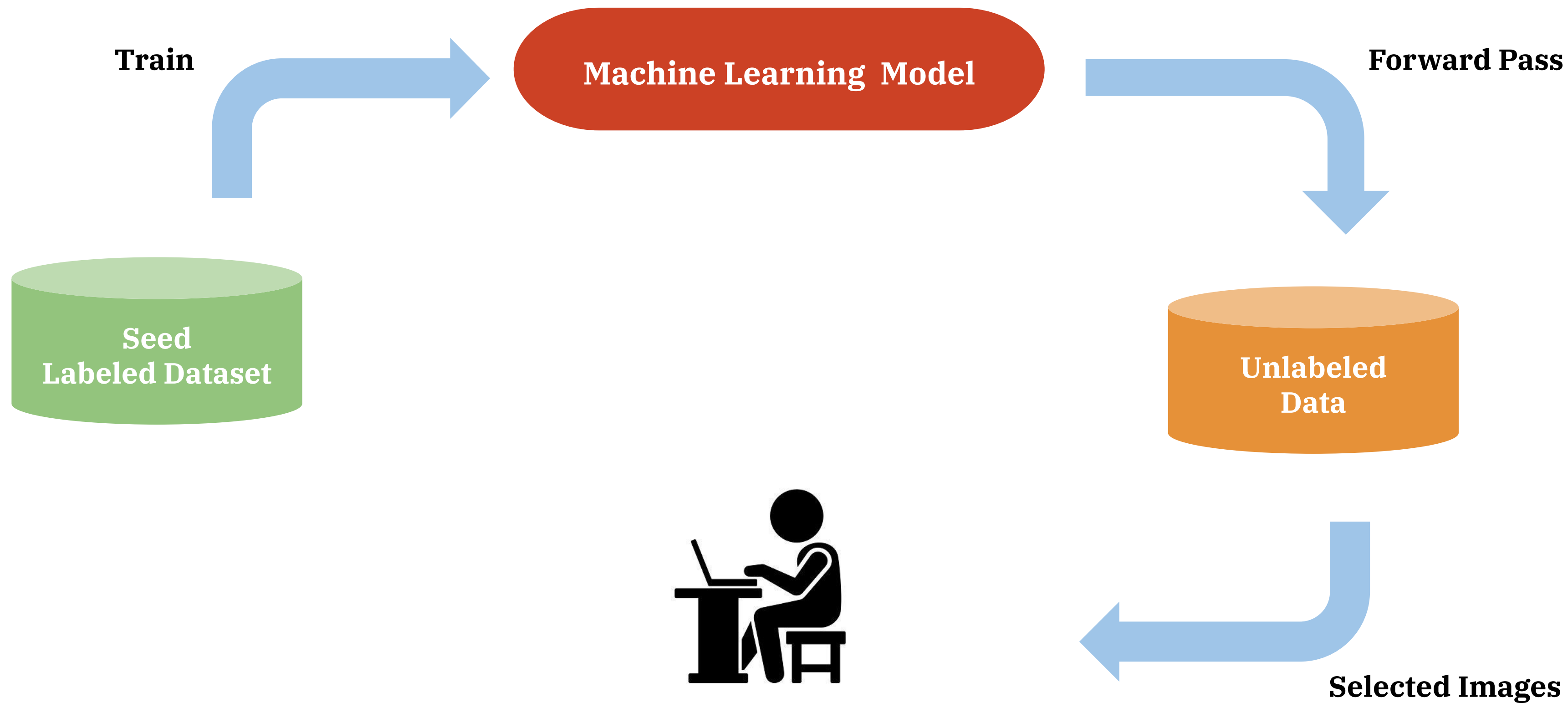
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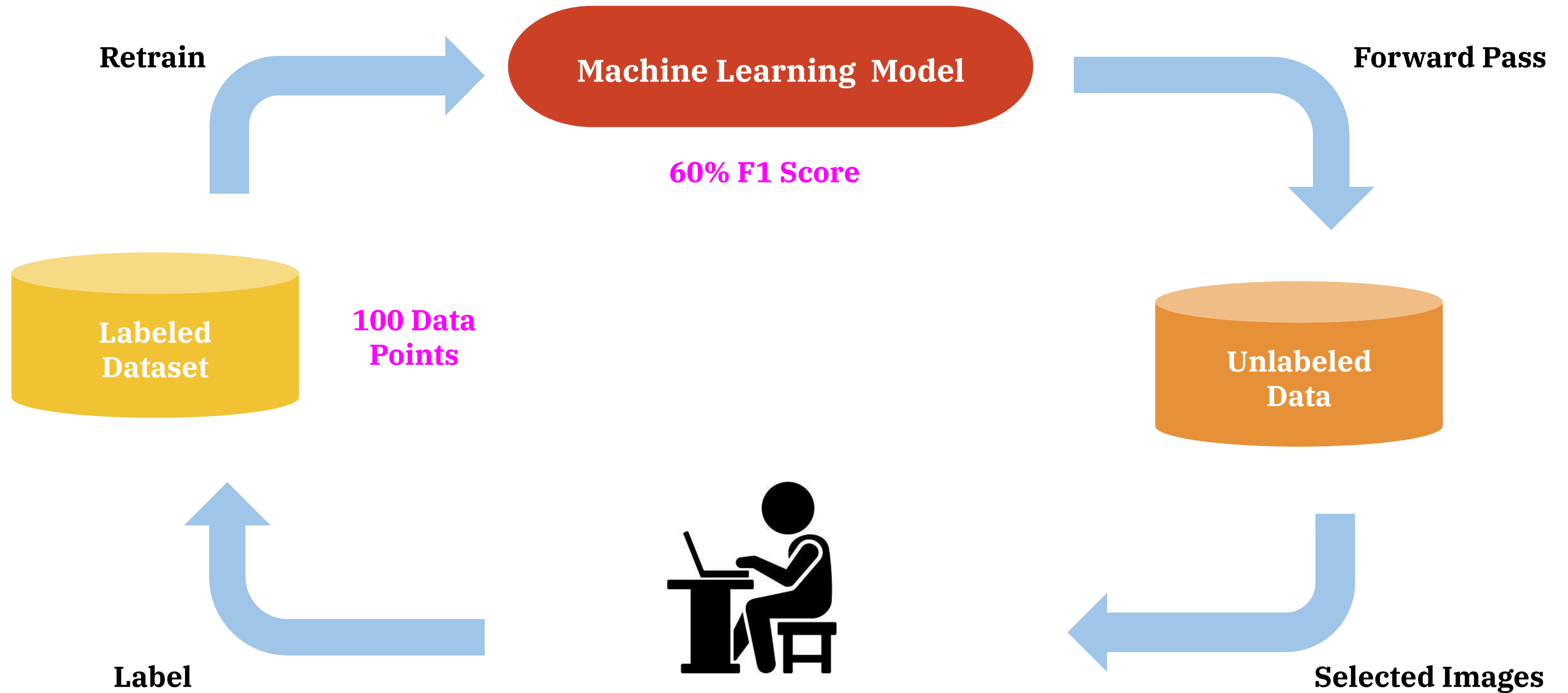


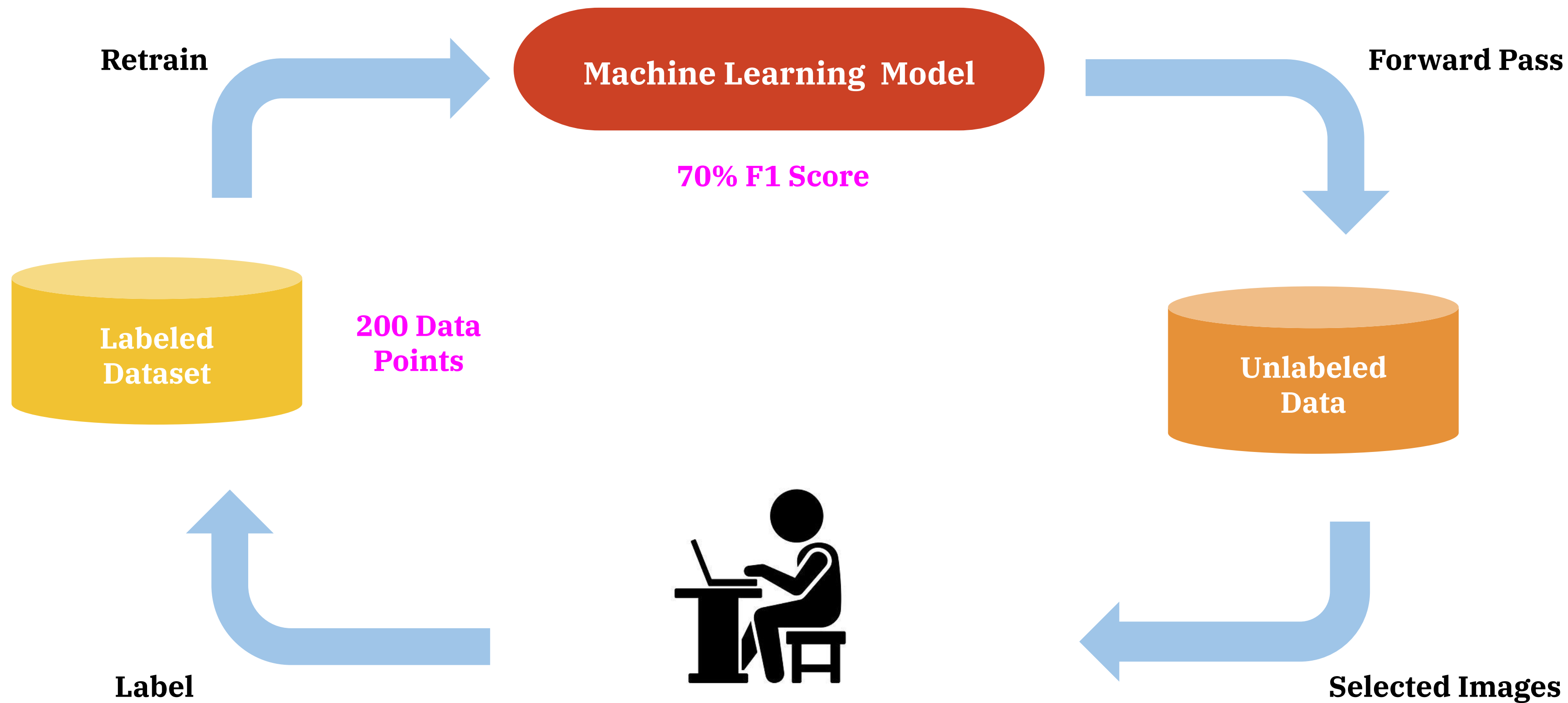




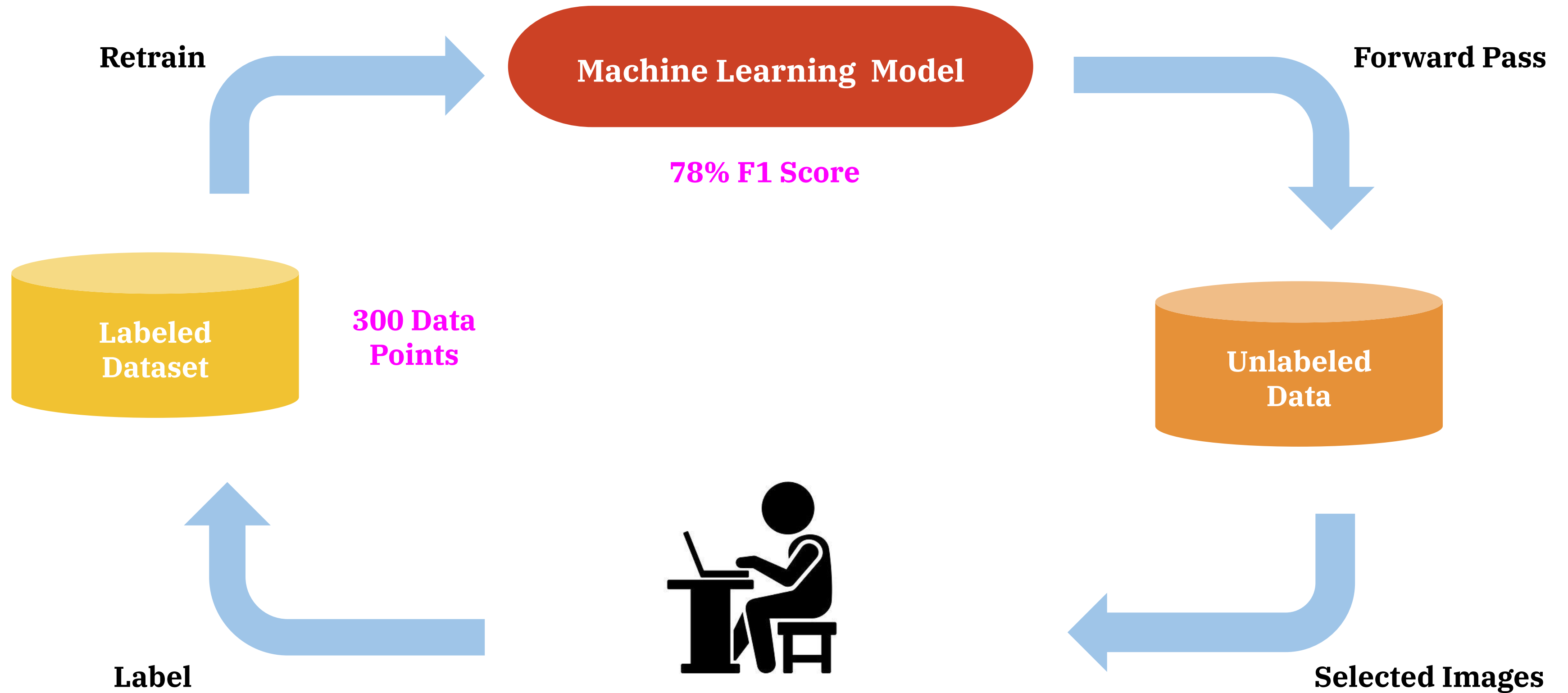


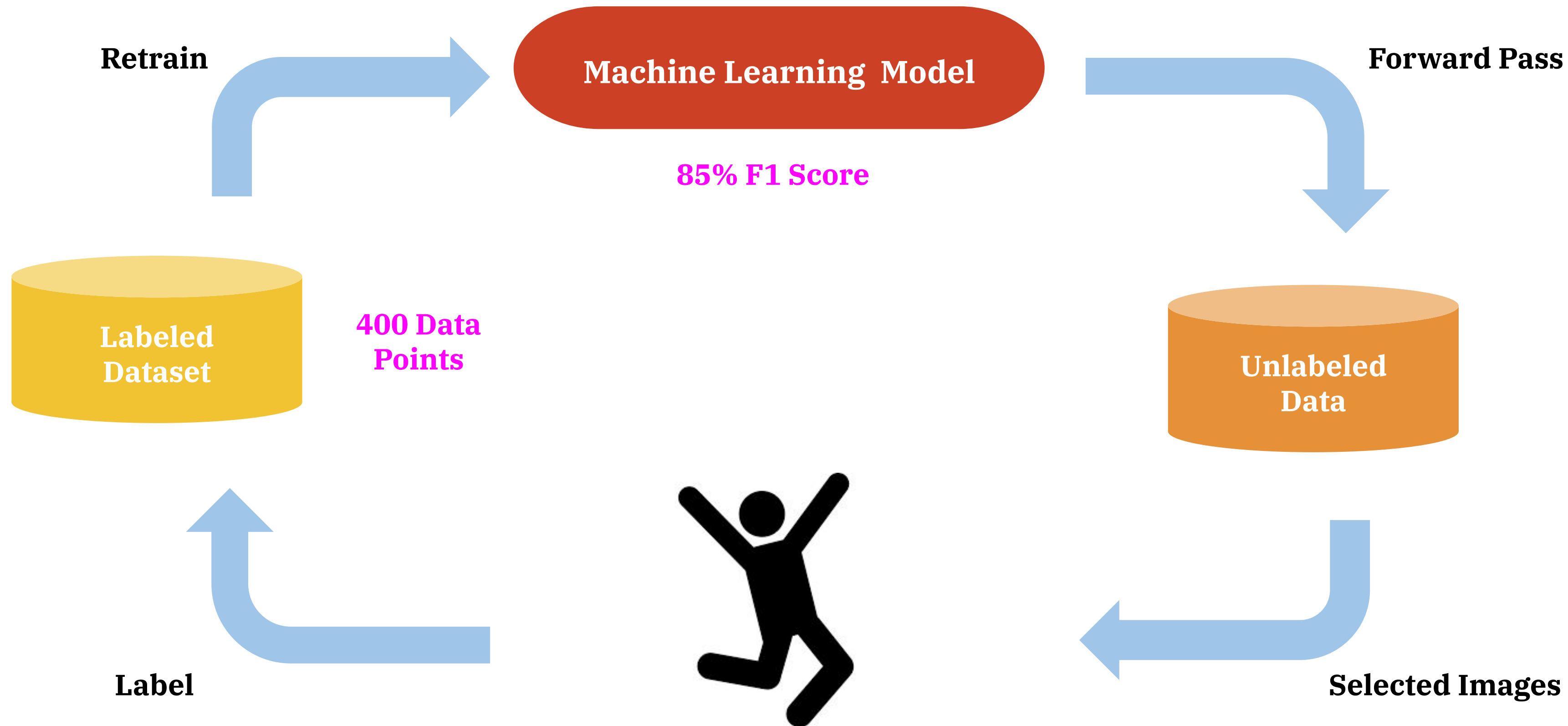














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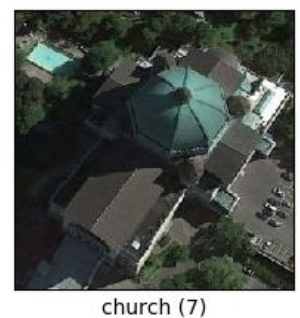
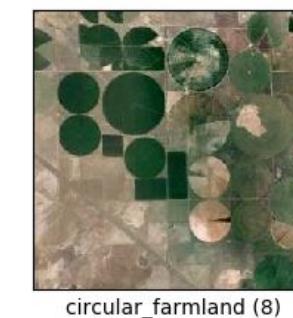
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tennis\_court (41)



commercial\_area (10)



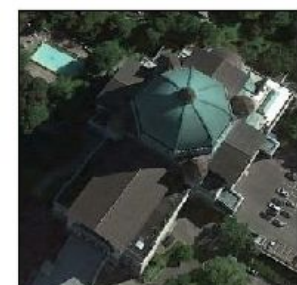
river (32)



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palace (27)



church (7)



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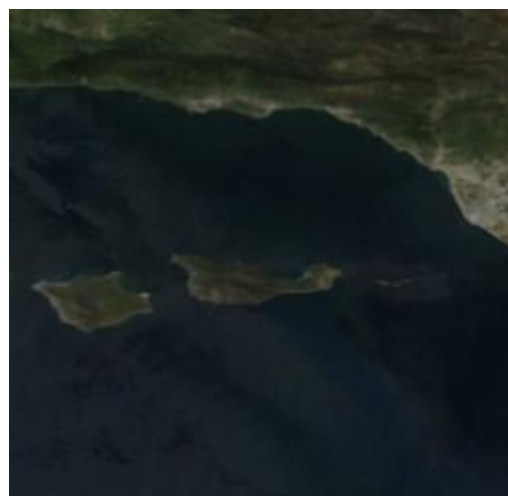
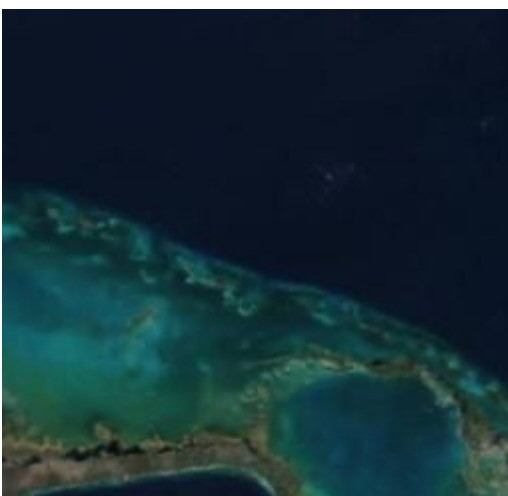


out of **5M** potential tiled images.



*We Identified*  
*~1000 islands out of*  
*With probability  $> 0.75$*

*In just 52 minutes*





# Hand Labeling = expensive

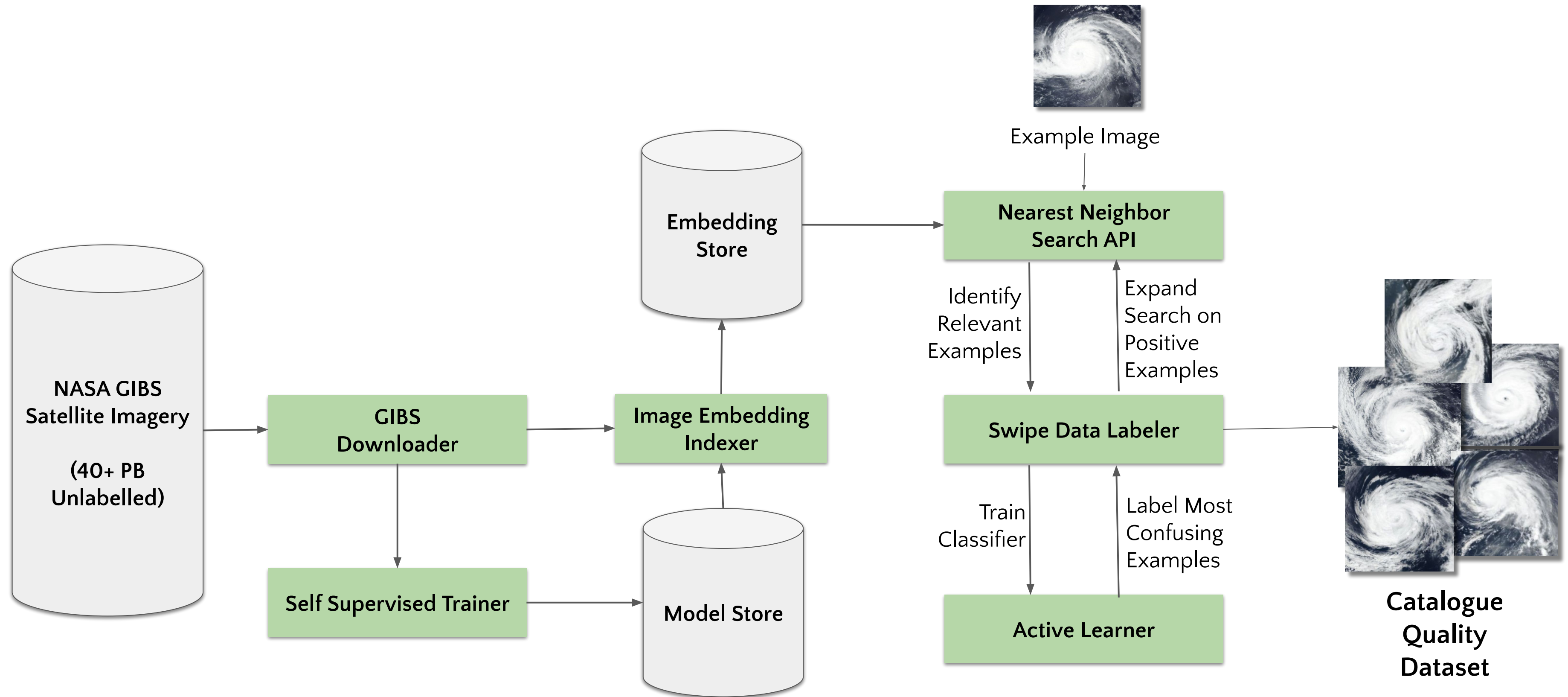
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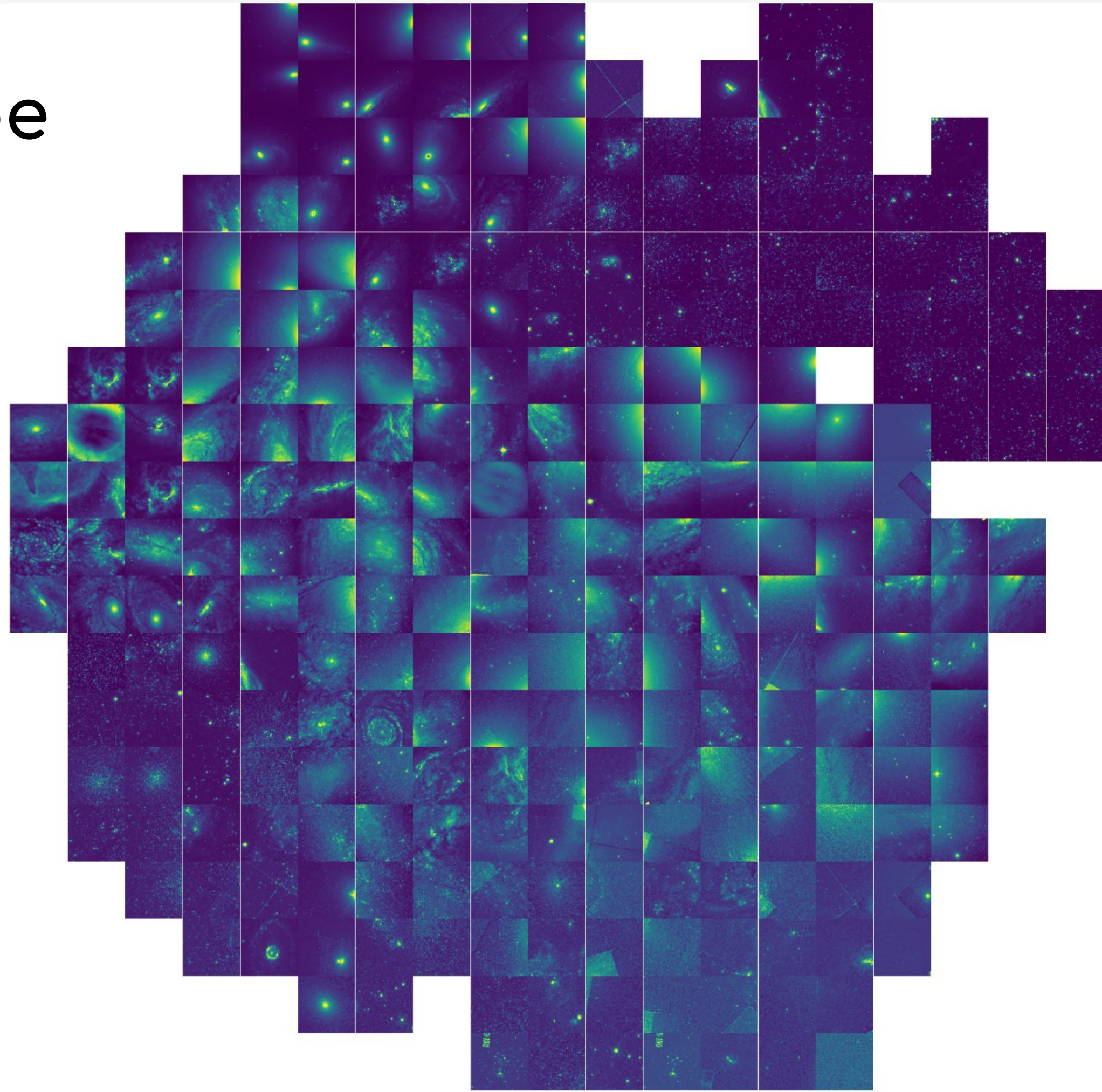


# Cross Domain Applications



# Hubble Space Telescope

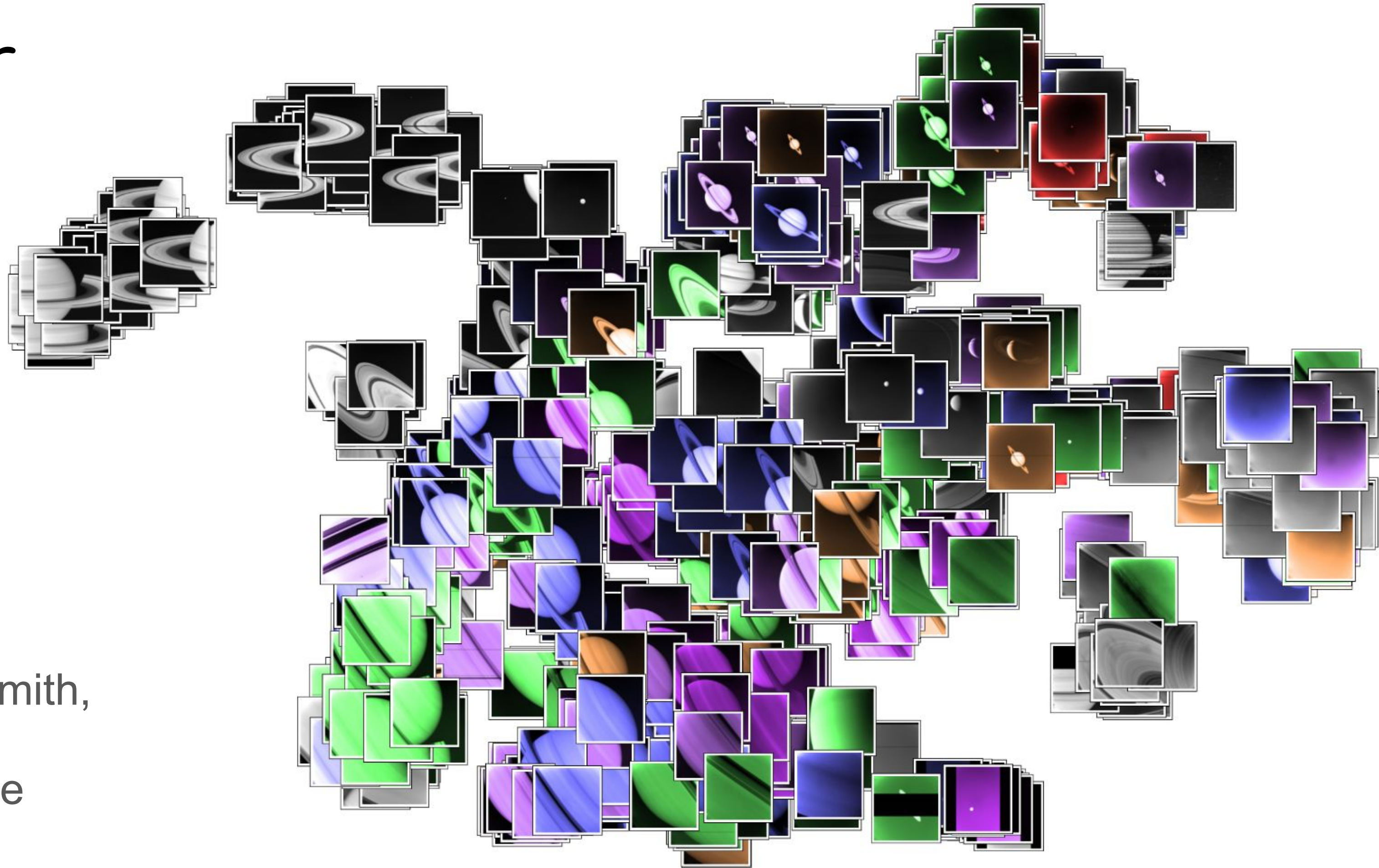
- In collaboration with Rick White and Joshua Peek from Space Telescope Science Institute
- Dataset: Hubble Image Similarity Project





# Voyager

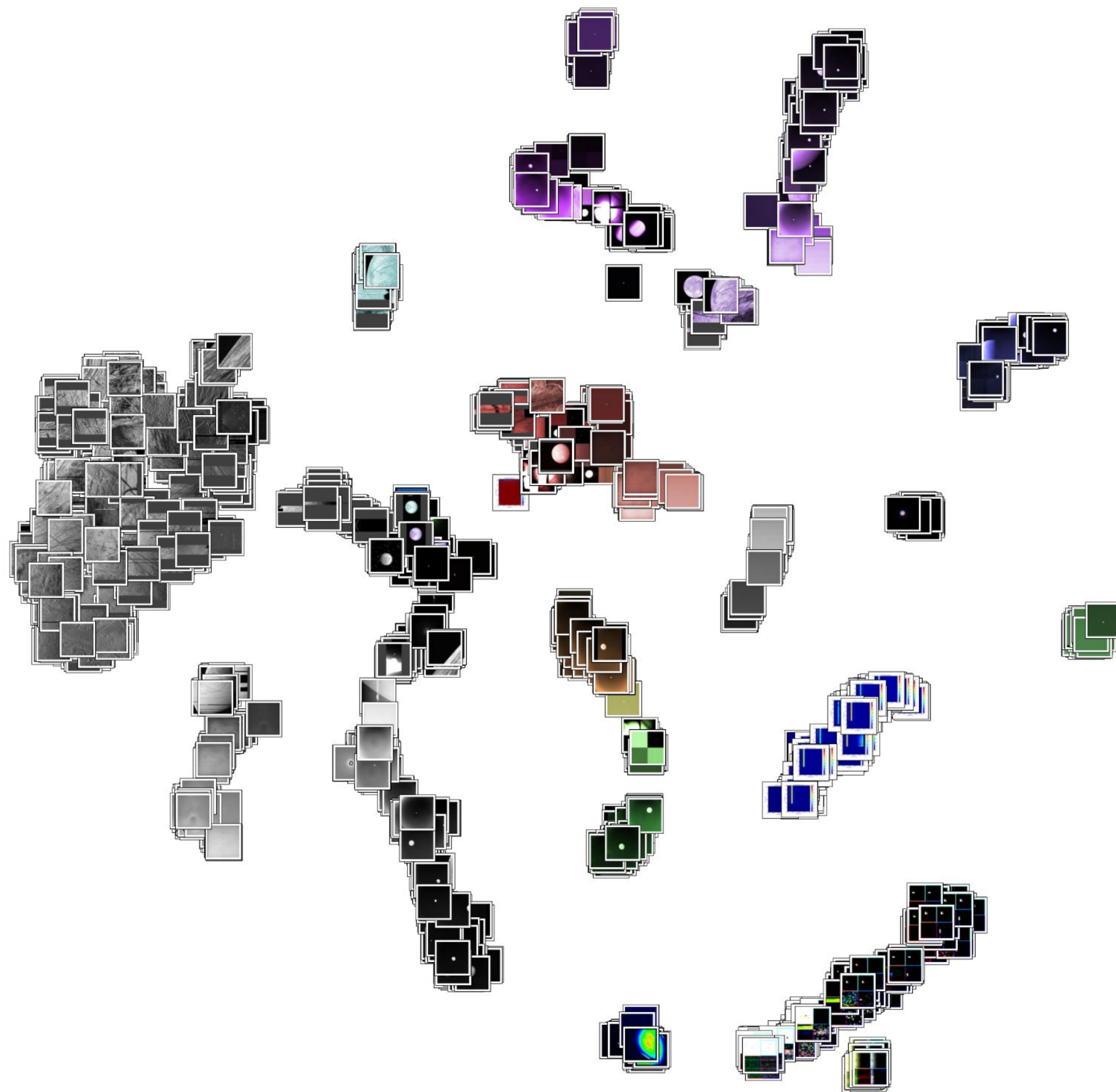
- By Jeffrey Smith,  
SETI Institute





# Europa

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# Other Wins

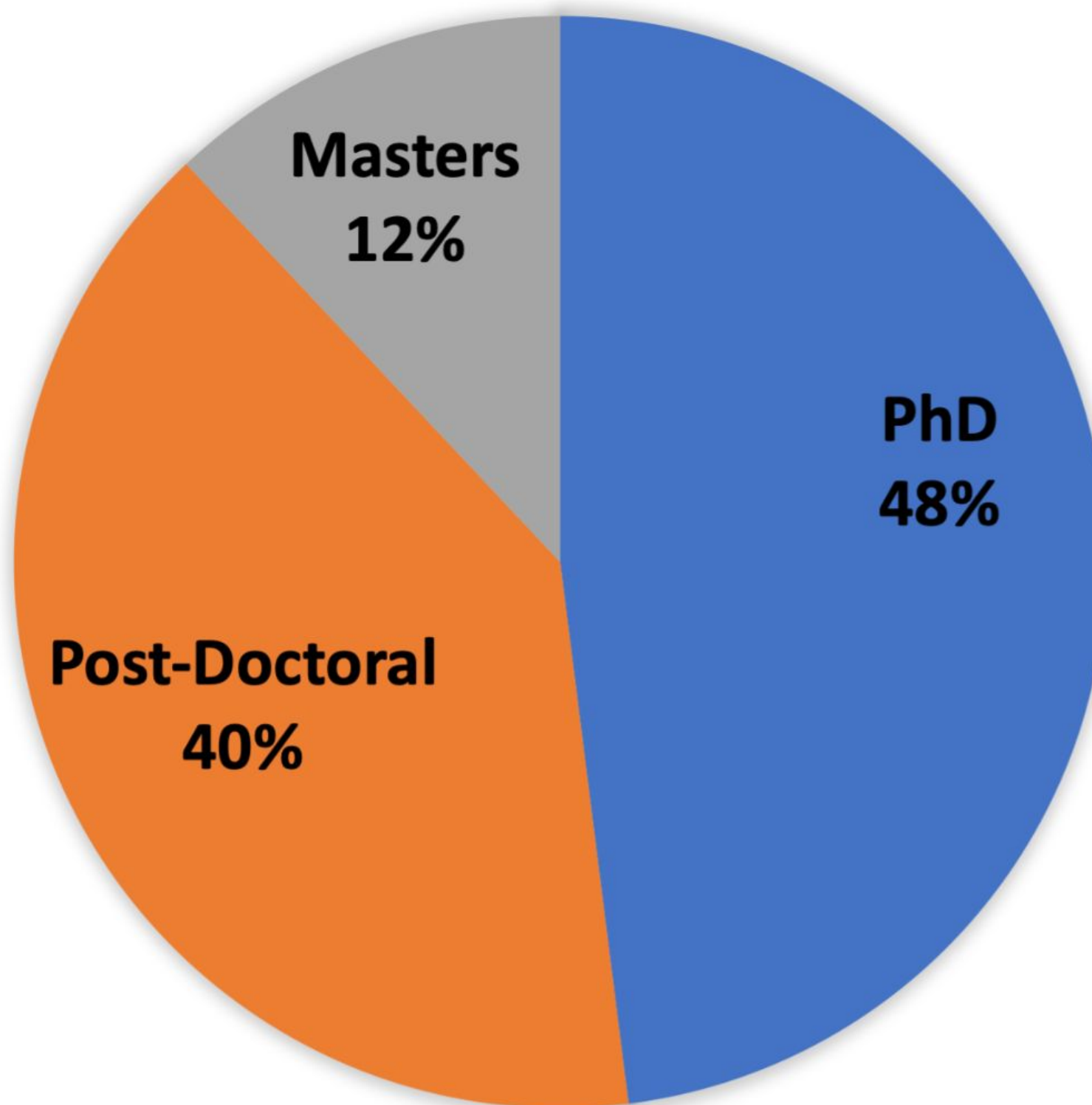
- NASA/MSFC IMPACT Team - Integration in Phenomena portal
- NASA/MSFC IMPACT Team - Automate creation of new labels
- NASA/GSFC ESDIS (Ryan Boller) - Investigating infusion into WorldView



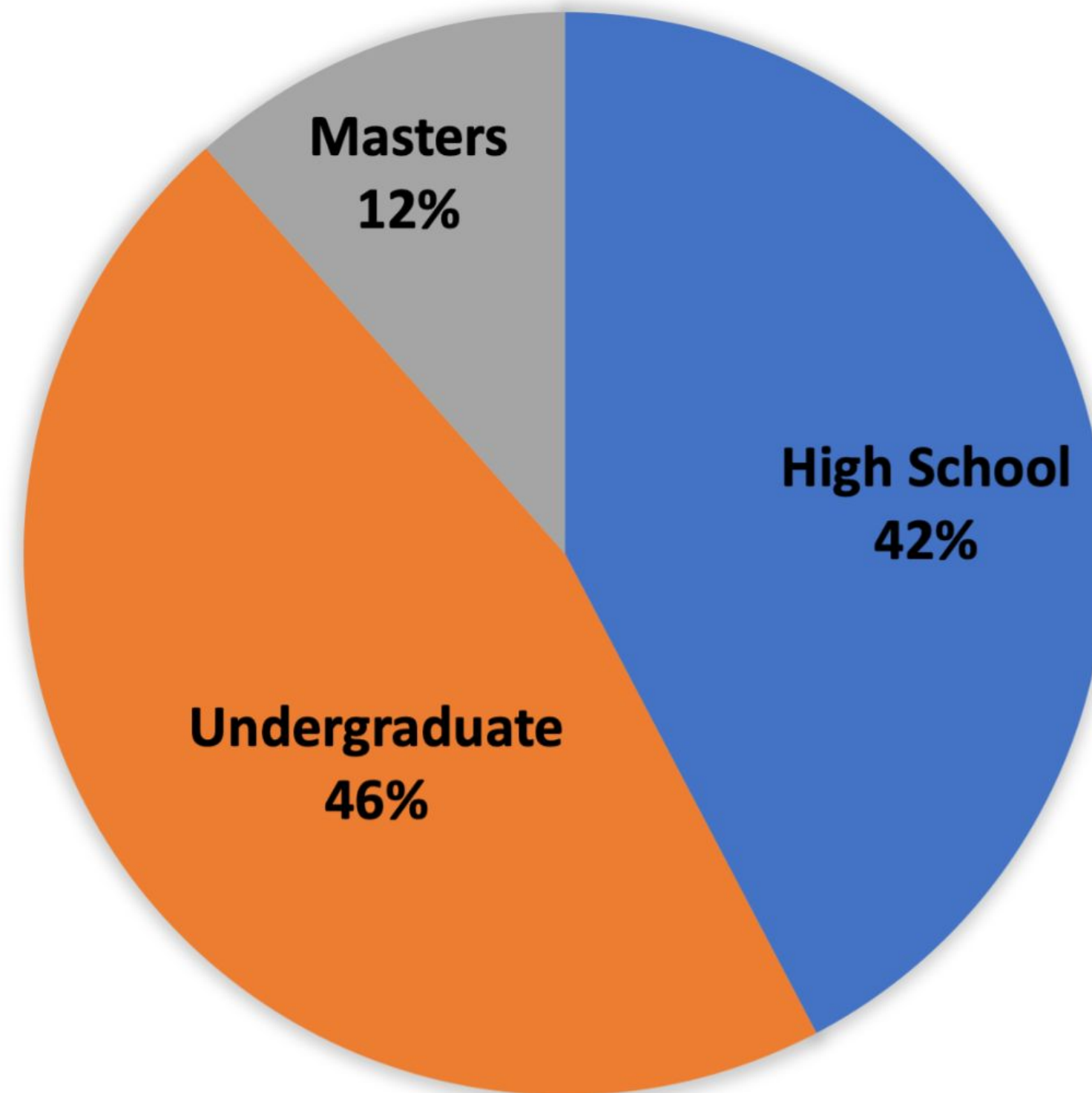
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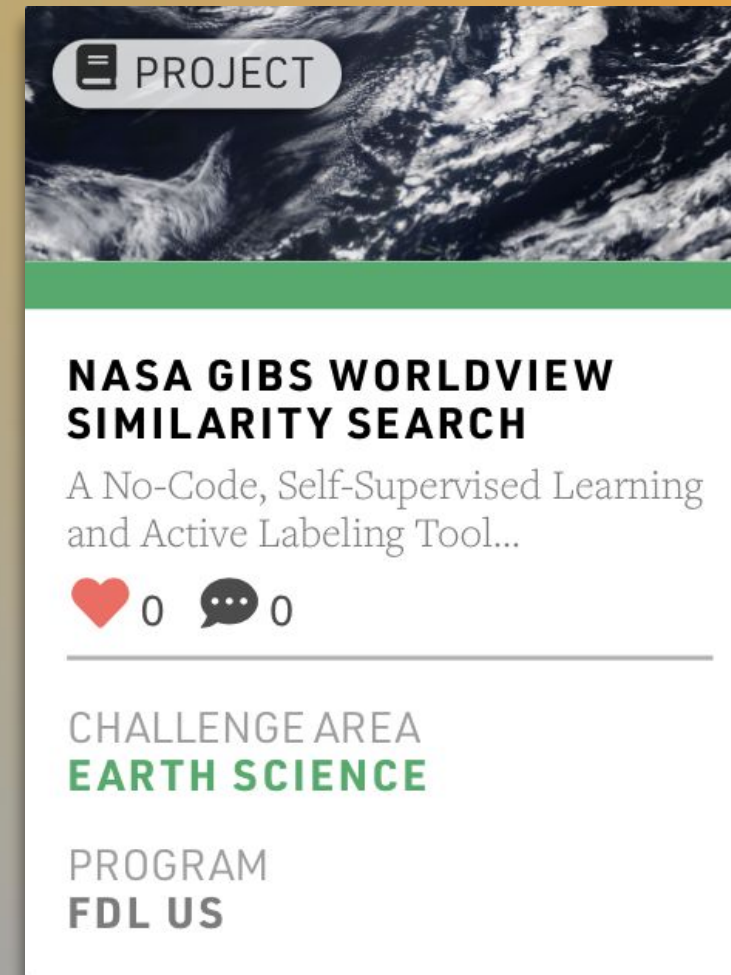
Germany





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