

# Accelerating Disruption Database Studies with Semi-Supervised Learning

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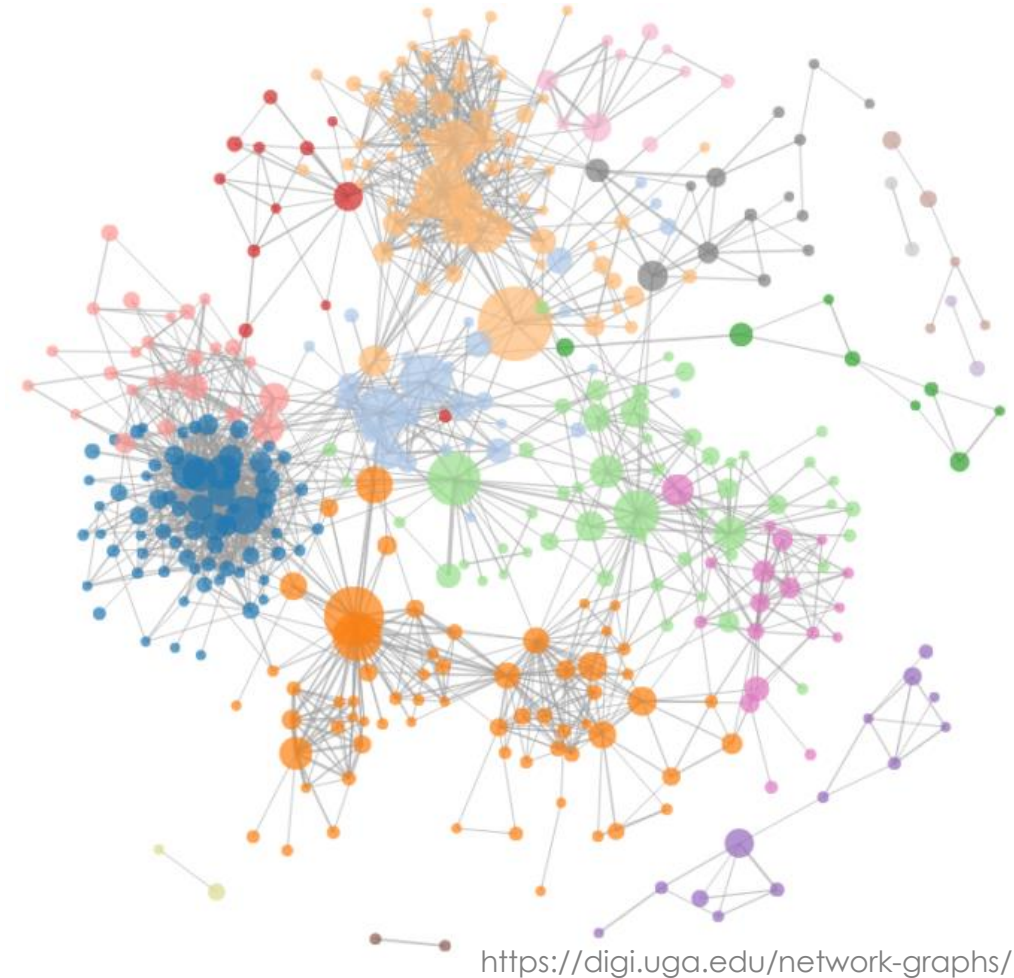
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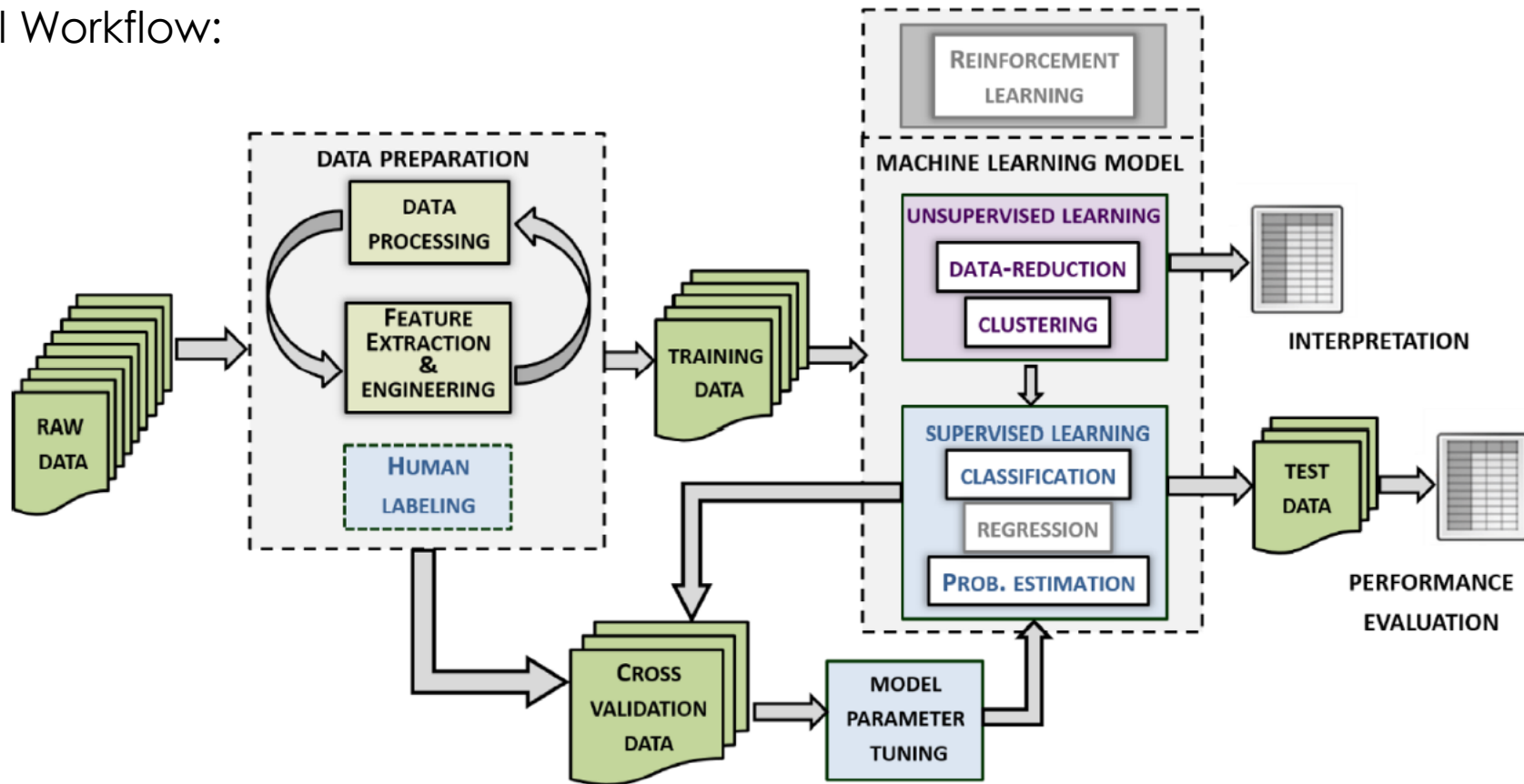


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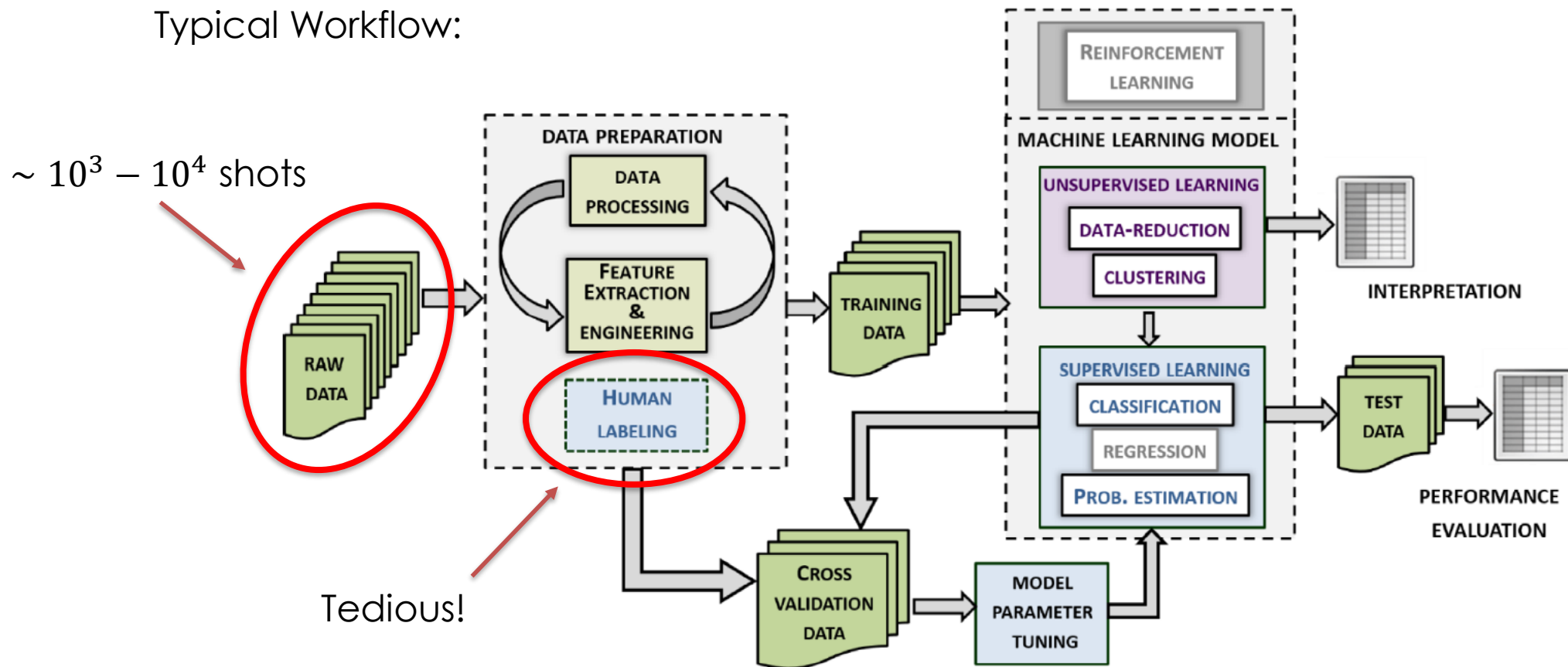


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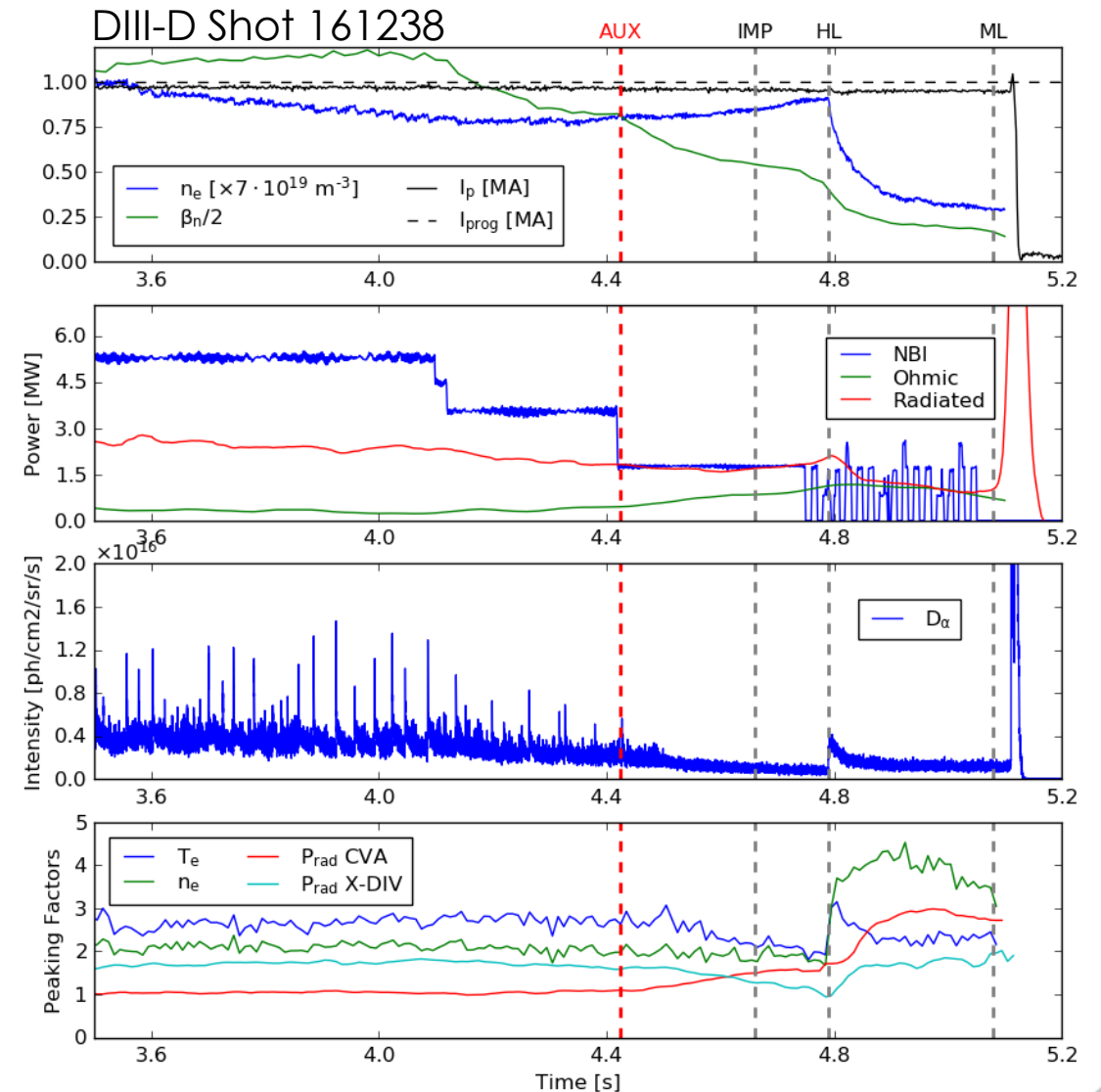


# Labeled disruption precursor event chains can further understanding

- **Built dataset of manually labeled disruption precursors**
  - ~ 300 discharges from DIII-D 2015 & 2016
  - Recorded start time and type of each event
- **Inspired by study of disruption causes on JET<sup>1</sup> that labeled 2309 discharges!**
  - Later extended<sup>2</sup> to complement & interpret a machine-learning disruption predictor

<sup>1</sup> P.C. de Vries et al 2011 *Nucl. Fusion* **51** 053018 ([doi](#))

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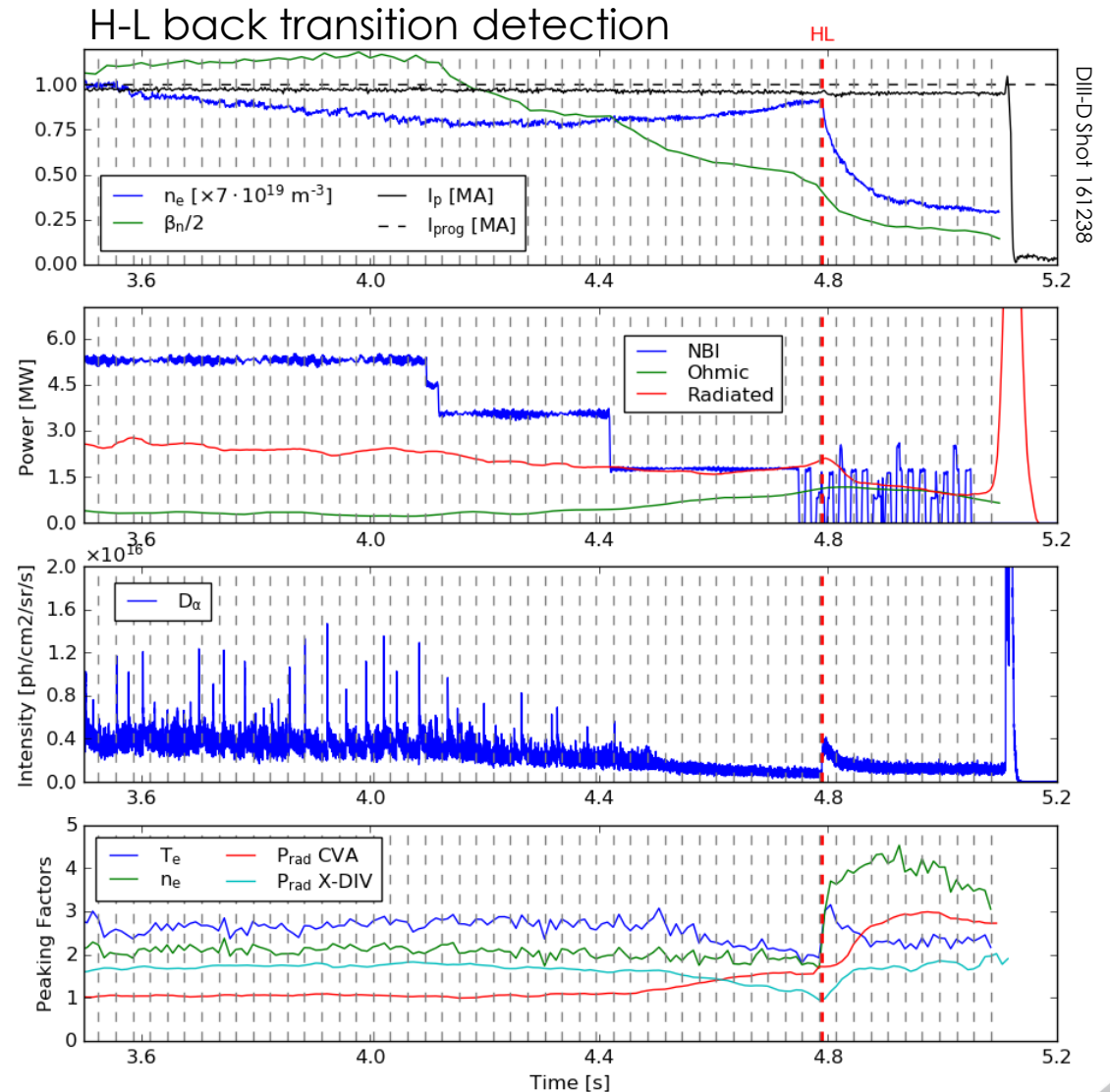


# Semi-supervised learning on time-sequences helps detect/label events

- **Sample time sequences from each shot (endpoints are shown) with...**
  - Duration > event timescale
  - # of steps > event resolution
- **Choose  $N$  signals to identify event. Each sequence  $\vec{x}_i$  now a point in high-D space:**

$$\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{N \cdot (\# \text{ of steps})}$$

- **Dataset was standardized (scaled & offset so that  $\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$ )**



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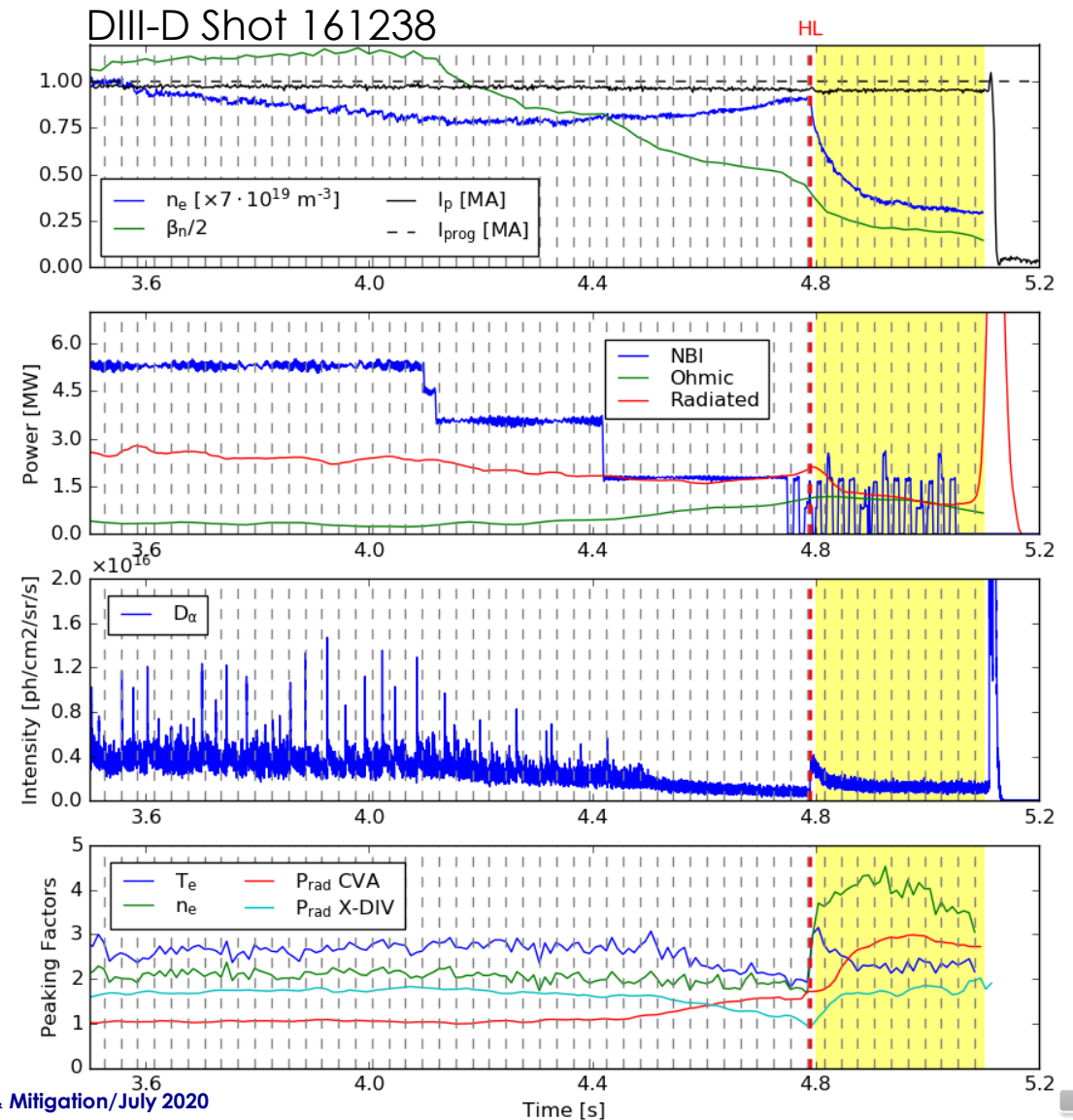
- **Assign  $\ell$  sequences from this shot a class:**
  - Positive ( $y_i = 1$ ) if it overlaps with event
  - Negative ( $y_i = -1$ ) otherwise

$$Y_L = \{y_1, \dots, y_\ell\}$$

- **Assign a placeholder class to  $u$  sequences from unlabeled shots**
  - Unobserved ( $y_i = 0$ )

$$Y_U = \{y_{\ell+1}, \dots, y_{\ell+u}\}$$

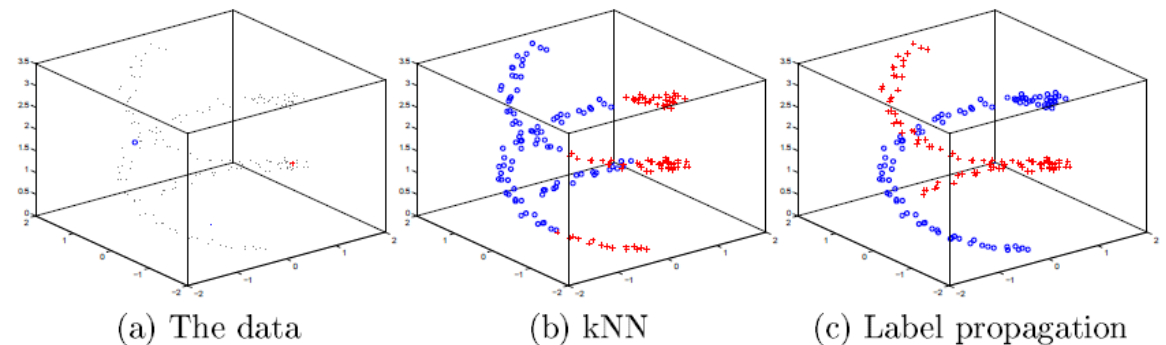
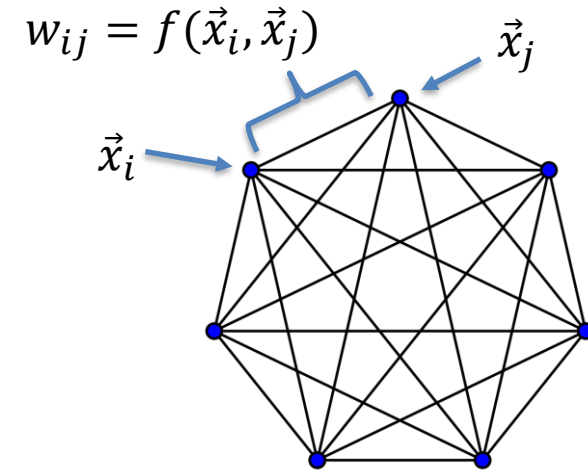
- **Goal of Semi-Supervised Learning:**
  - Infer  $Y_U$  using all  $\vec{x}_i \in X$  and  $Y_L$ , typically for cases where most data unlabeled ( $\ell \ll u$ )





# Label Propagation Algorithm

- **Key Assumption:** data points that lie close together have similar labels
1. **Visualize dataset as fully connected graph**
    - Nodes are data points with values  $0 \leq Y_i \leq 1$  representing probability  $\vec{x}_i$  is in positive class
    - Edges are weighted by Euclidean proximity
  2. **Algorithm iteratively updates  $Y$  with transition matrix  $T$** 
$$T_{ij} = P(j \rightarrow i) \propto w_{ij}$$
  3. **On each iteration, reset (clamp) originally labeled data  $Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell$  to original value**



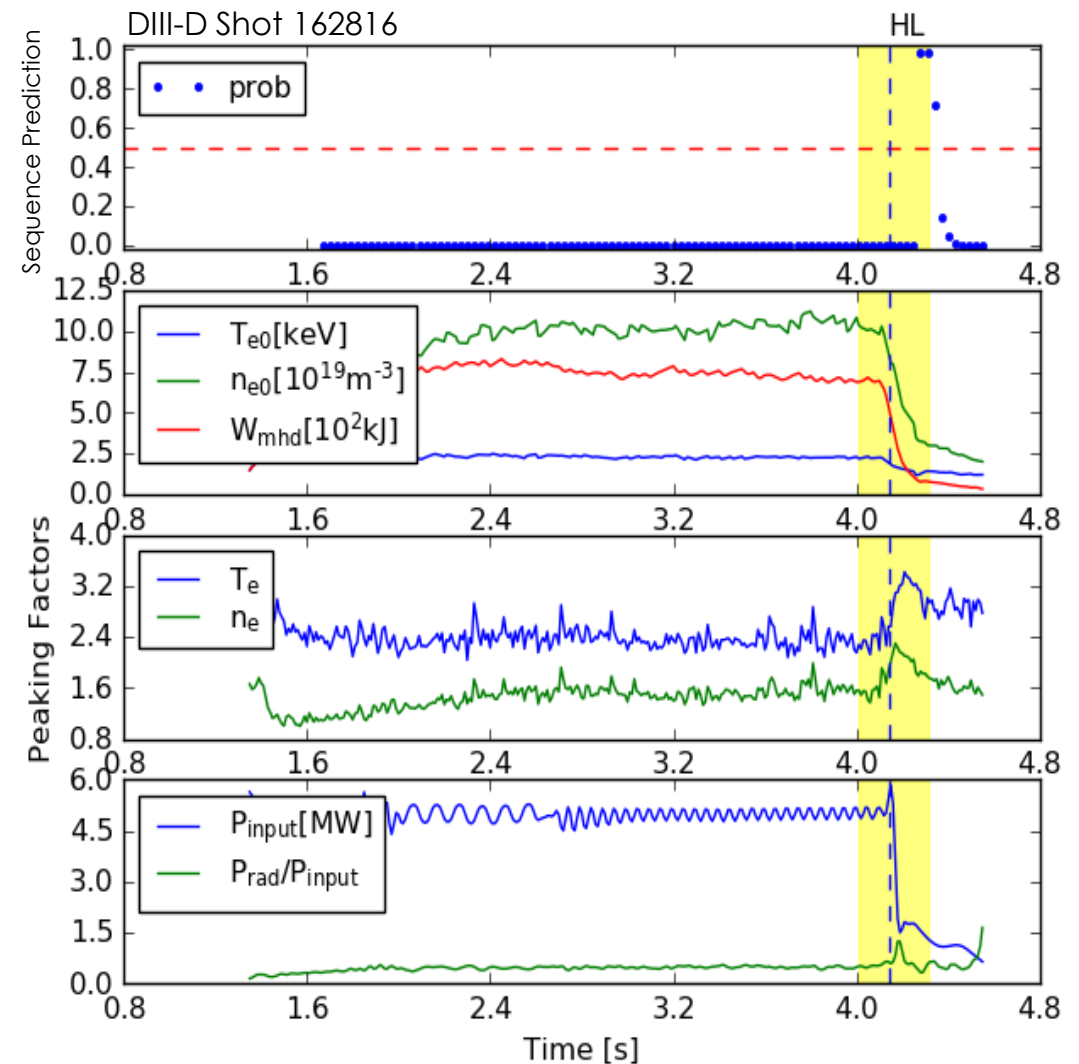
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# Applied label spreading<sup>1</sup> to detect H-L back transitions

- **Event Prevalence:** ~ 74% (206/277) of shots
- **7 signals used, 6 time steps/sequence (42-D)**
- **Initially labeled 1.5% of shots**
  - Example shot 161238, along with 2 others with H-L transition & 1 without
- **Detection interval highlighted**
  - Remember, sequences depicted by endpoints
- ~ **91% true positive rate (TPR)**
  - Fraction of shots w/ H-L back transition that had a successful detection
- ~ **25% false positive rate (FPR)**
  - High-end estimate (for nuance, see extra slides)

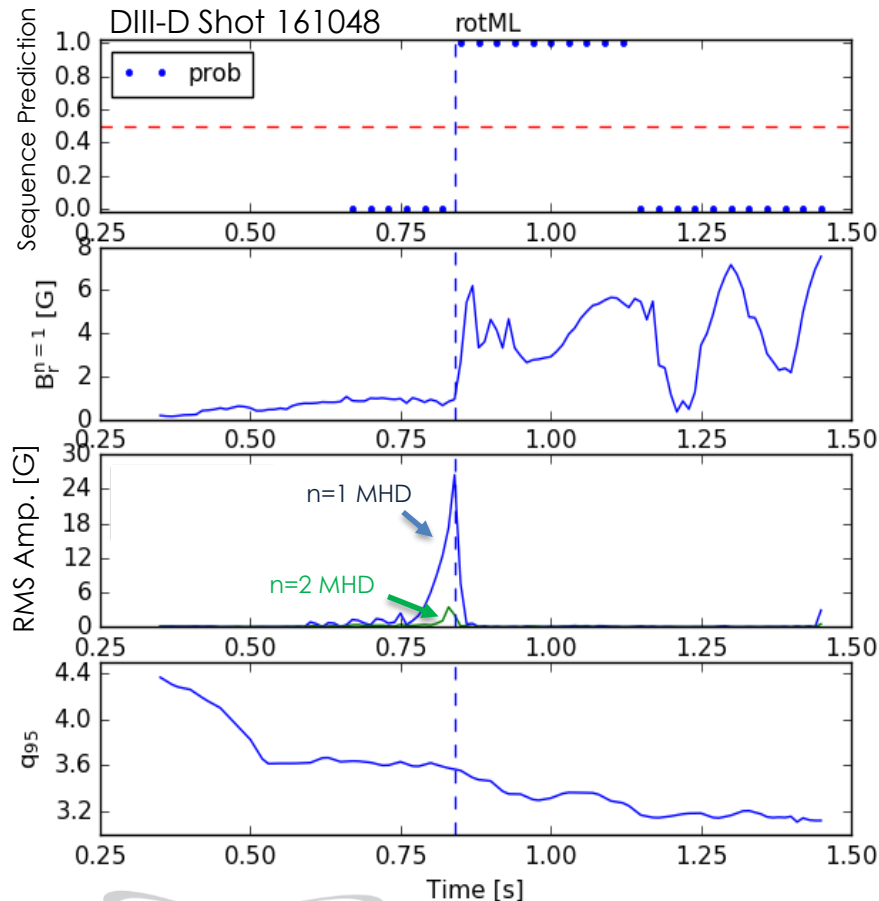
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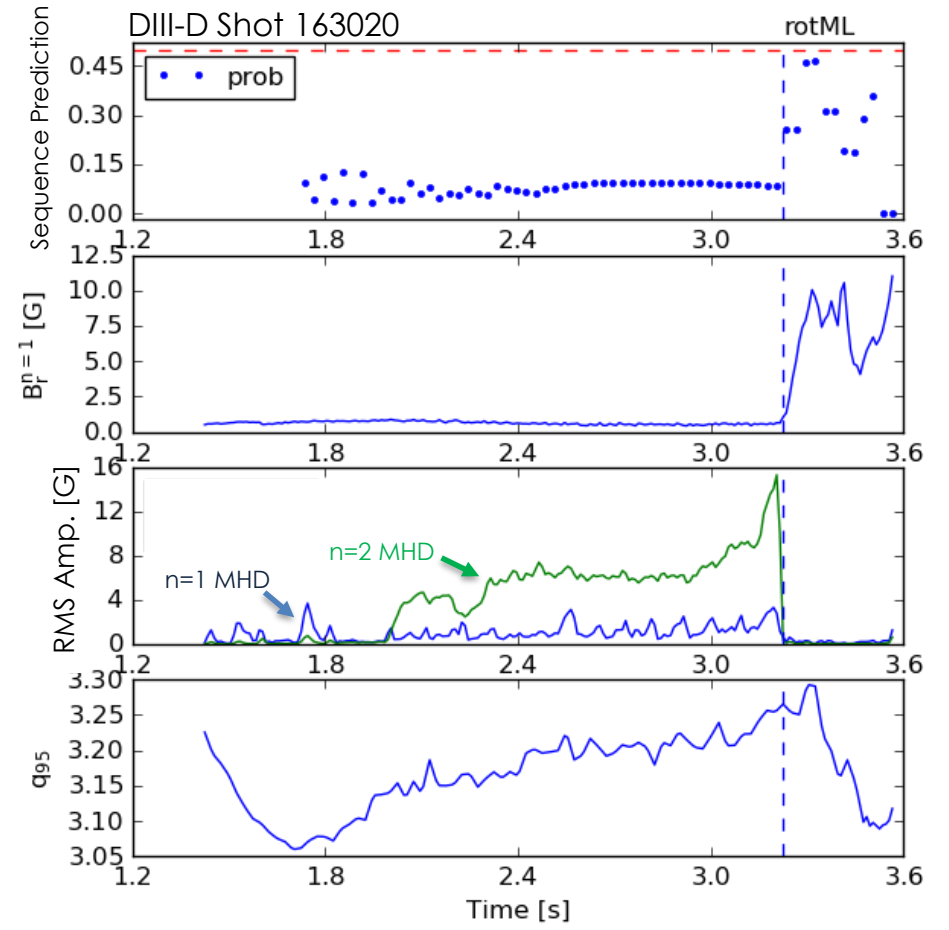


# Applied same algorithm to detect locked modes with rotating precursors

- **Prevalence: ~ 65% (180/275) of shots**
- **Started with only 1 shot labeled (161048) and searched for marginal detections**



$TPR = 86\%$   
 $FPR = 15\%$



# Iterative labeling method shows performance increase as shots added

- Then, added the 'marginal' shot (163020) to the set of initial labels and retrained algorithm

$TPR = 86\%$

$FPR = 15\%$

1<sup>st</sup> iteration



$TPR = 92\%$

$FPR = 16\%$

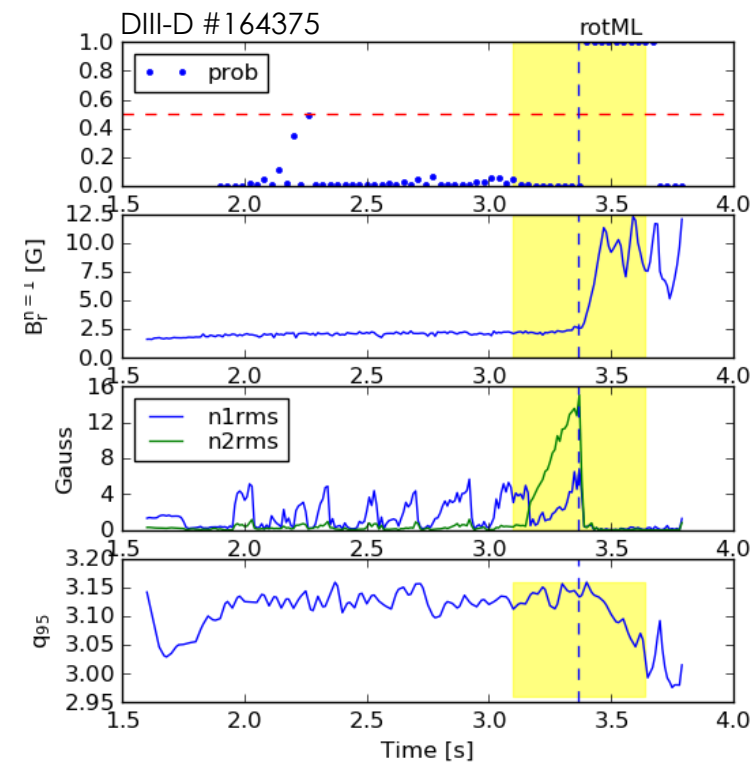
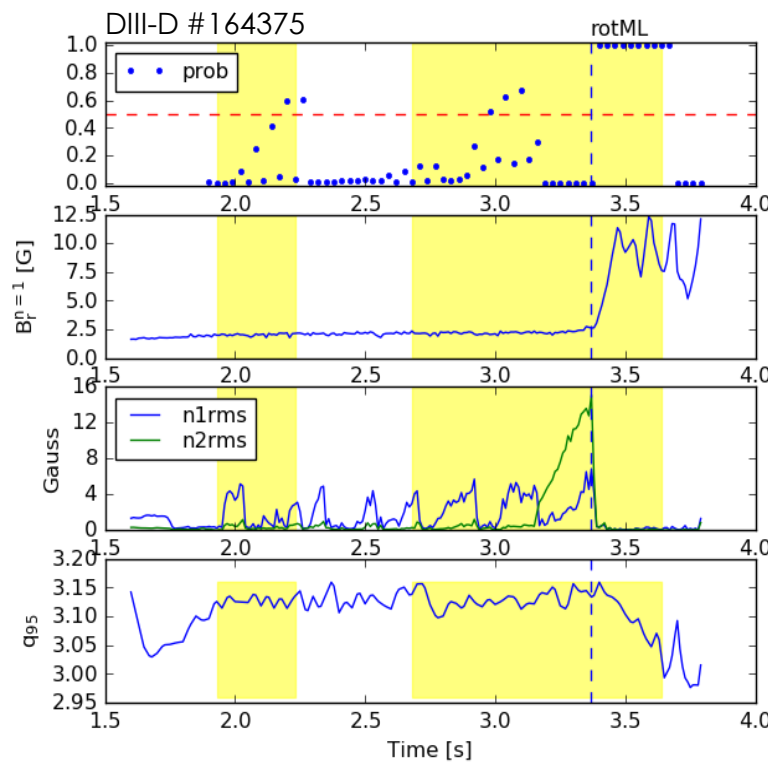
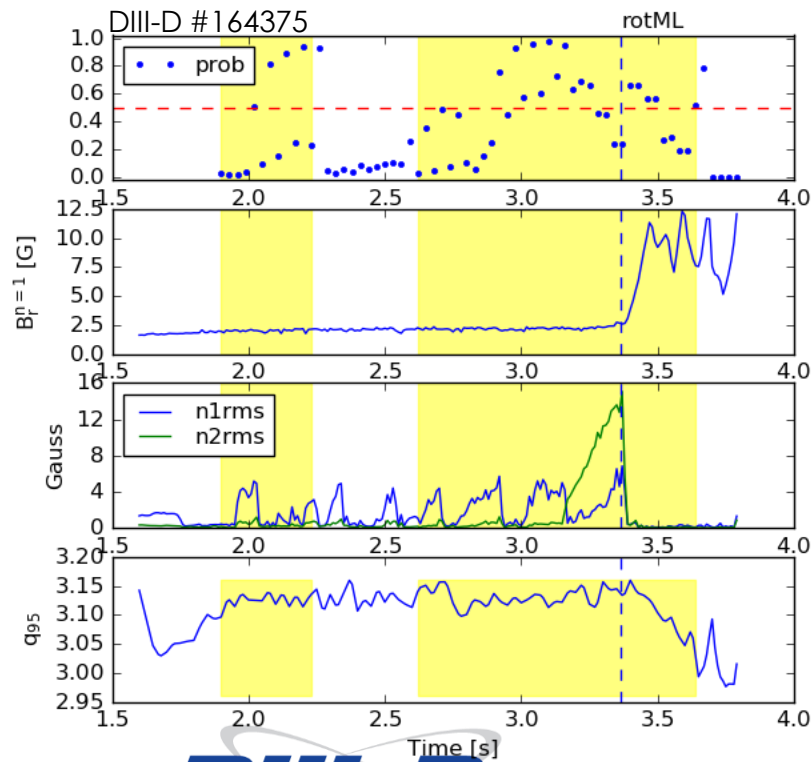
2<sup>nd</sup> iteration



$TPR = 94\%$

$FPR = 9\%$

9<sup>th</sup> iteration



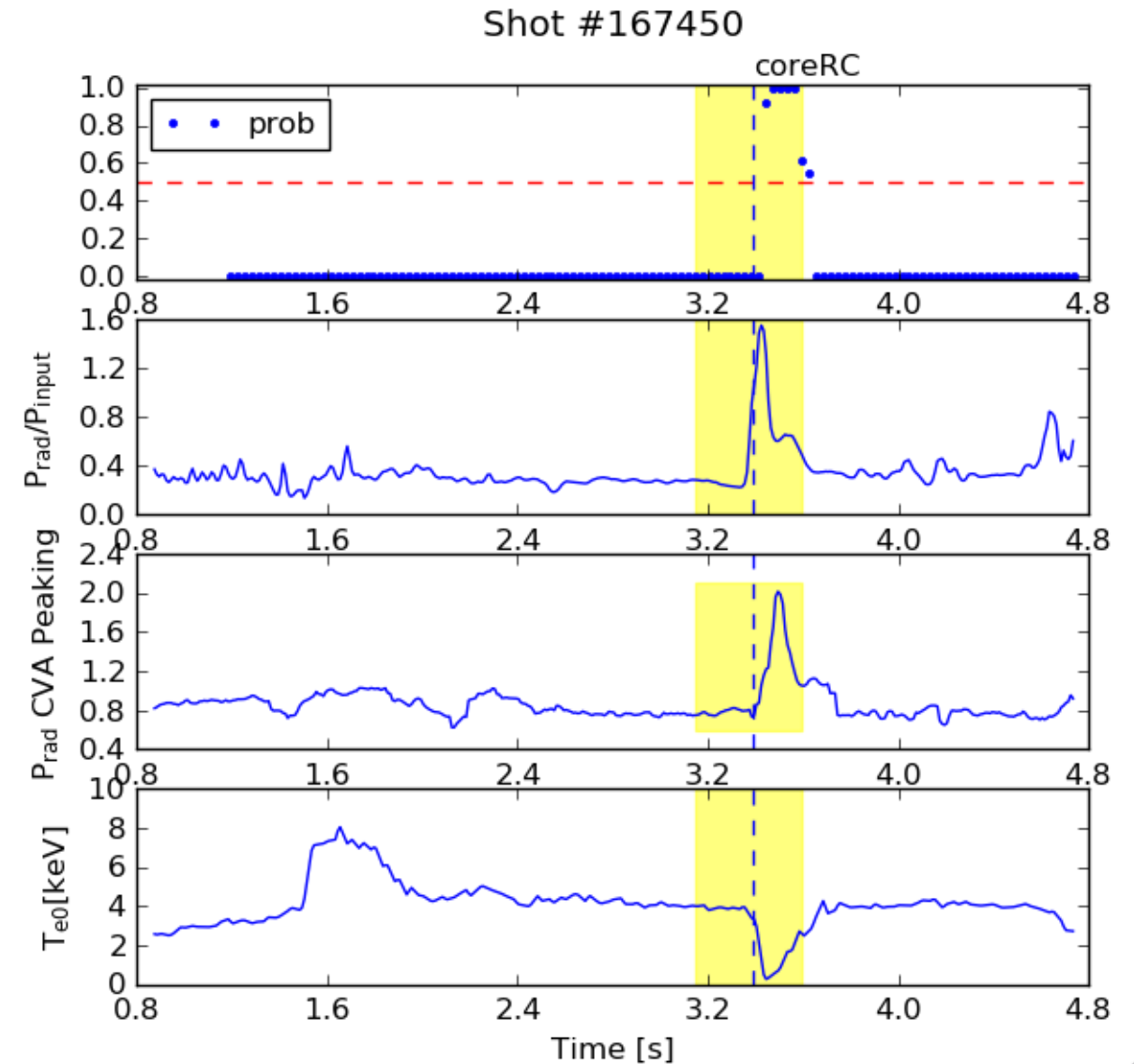
# Application to core radiative collapses, a low prevalence event

- **Prevalence: ~ 8% (25/294) of shots**
- **3 signals (18-D space)**
- **3 initial labels (2 with event, 1 without)**

$TPR = 68\%$  (15/22 shots)

$FPR = 9\%$  (24/269 shots)

- **Restricting dataset to shots w/ detections increases event prevalence by 5 times!**
  - Conservative estimate (see extra slides)
- **Can also be used as an experimental search engine (see extra slides)**



# Summary

- **Event databases can contribute to progress in disruption avoidance**
- **Reliable detections of multiple events demonstrated using the same algorithm**
  - Success with H-L transitions, initially rotating locked modes, and core radiative collapses
  - Suggests extension to arbitrary events is promising
- **Label spreading shows reasonable performance with little initial information**
  - All applications shown used only 1-5% of samples as initial labels
- **Performance increase observed as labeled examples are added**
  - “Pull up by the bootstraps” dataset construction method
- **Future work...**
  - Test other kernel functions and compare performance (see extra slides)
  - Finish developing OMFIT<sup>1</sup> module to share work & apply to arbitrary events
    - In progress (see extra slides for details)
  - Extend this analysis to a larger dataset to build an events database for avoidance studies

<sup>1</sup> O. Meneghini *et al* 2015 *Nucl. Fusion*, **55**, 083008 (2015) ([doi](#))



# Extra Slides

# Label Spreading Algorithm – how is it different?

- **Uses a modified transition step with a modified clamping procedure<sup>1</sup>**

- Given each edge weight  $w_{ij}$ , the transition matrix  $T$  has elements

$$T_{ij} = \frac{w_{ij}}{(\sum_k w_{ik})^{1/2} (\sum_k w_{jk})^{1/2}}$$

- Let  $Y^*$  be the initial probability vector  $Y$  (either 1 for manually labeled, or 0 otherwise). At iteration  $t$ , update  $Y$  according to the rule:

$$Y(t + 1) = \alpha TY(t) + (1 - \alpha)Y^* \quad [0 < \alpha < 1]$$

- Here,  $\alpha$  is called the **clamping factor**. Whereas label propagation performs a hard reset, or clamping, on each iteration, label spreading has a soft clamping effect.
  - $\alpha$  is chosen by the user. It can be changed to yield a softer clamping effect, allowing the algorithm to change the weight of the true ground labeled data to some degree<sup>2</sup>

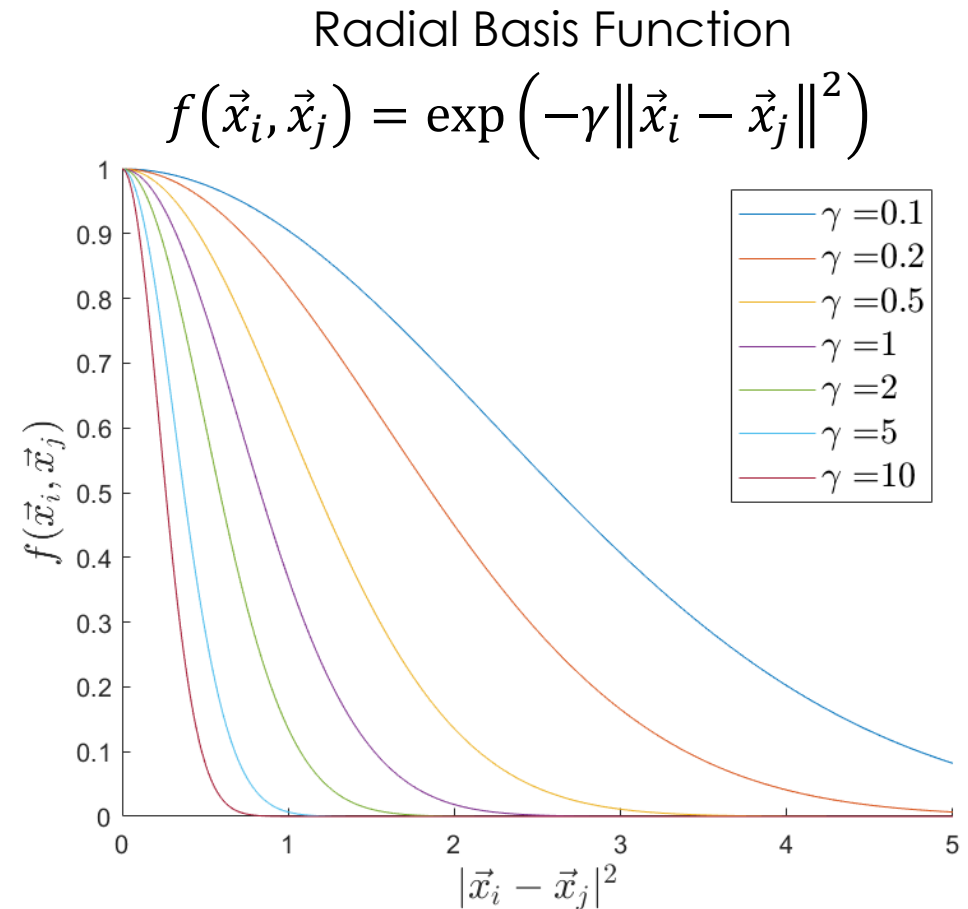
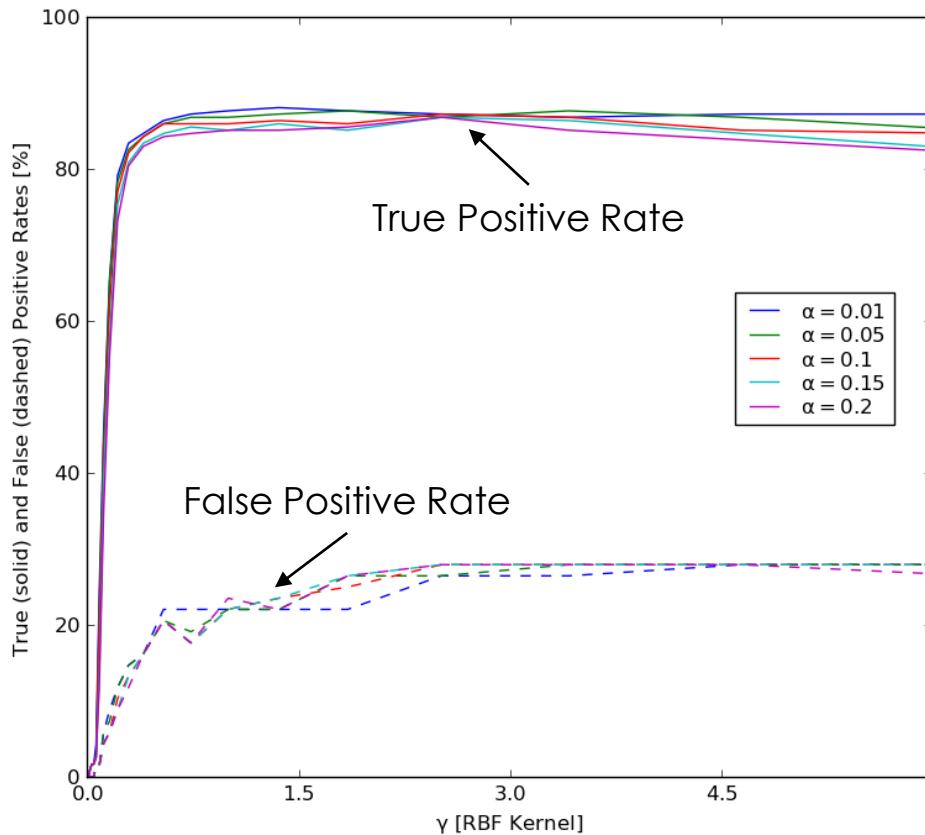
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<sup>2</sup> [https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/label\\_propagation.html](https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/label_propagation.html)



# Performance is Sensitive to Kernel, Less Sensitive to Clamping Factor ( $\alpha$ )

- Performances increases with decreasing kernel width until hitting a plateau
- H-L performance shown, but same trend holds for other events



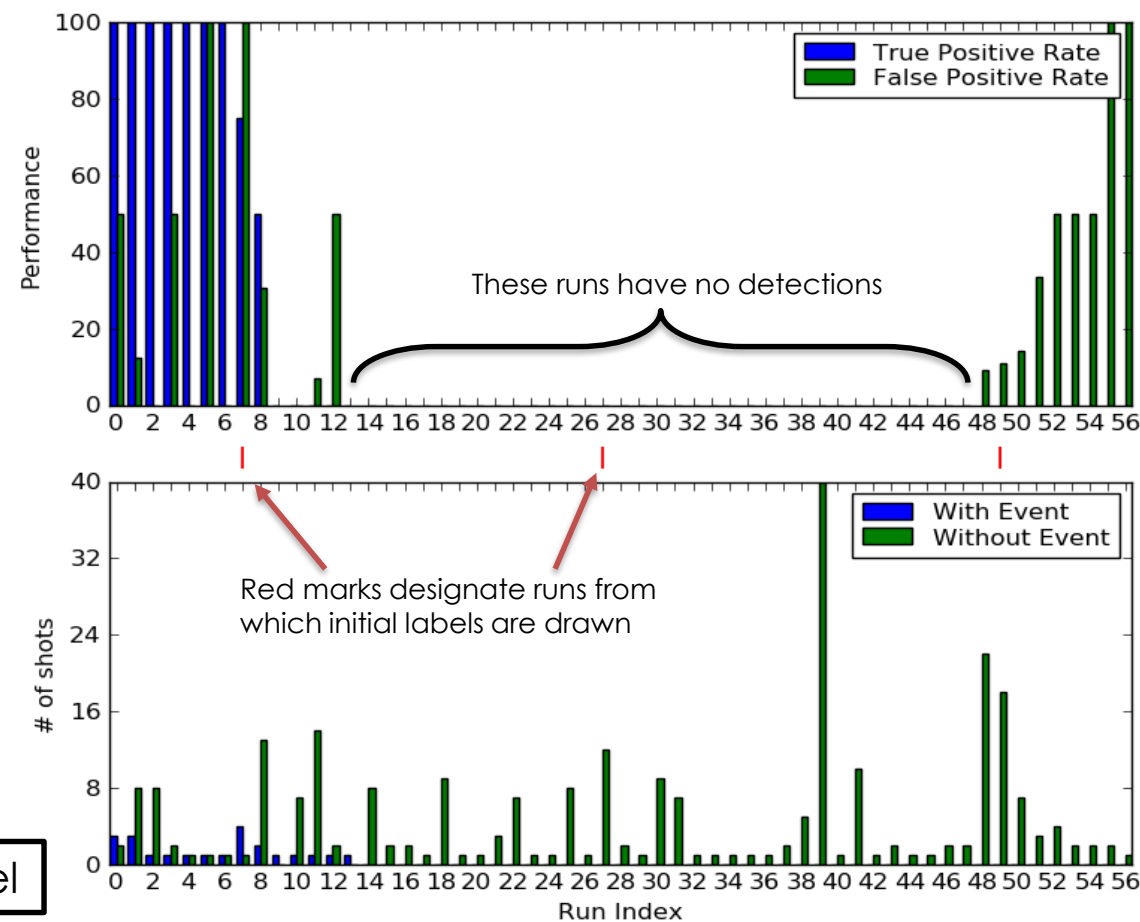
# Can use event detection to find experiments with common themes & dynamics

- **57 runs from 2015/2016 campaigns with disruptions in core radiative collapse dataset**
  - Sorted by performance (best/worst, left/right)
- **Correlation b/w experiment & event found**
  - Impurity accumulation, high-Z divertor, ELM control associated w/ core radiative collapse

## Best Performing Run Days

- 0 Isotope scaling L-H and H-L power thresholds
- 1 Impact of High Power AT Operation ... using W Tiles
- 2 End of Metal tiles campaign tasks
- 3 High Frequency D2 Pellet ELM Pacing
- 4 Plasma Startup and Systems Checkout - Day 2
- 5 Detachment onset at the inner and outer divertor
- 6 Impurity Granule Injector and D2 Fueling
- 7 Zonal Flow Damping in L-H Transitions
- 8 Effect of RMP ELM Control on W Divertor Erosion...

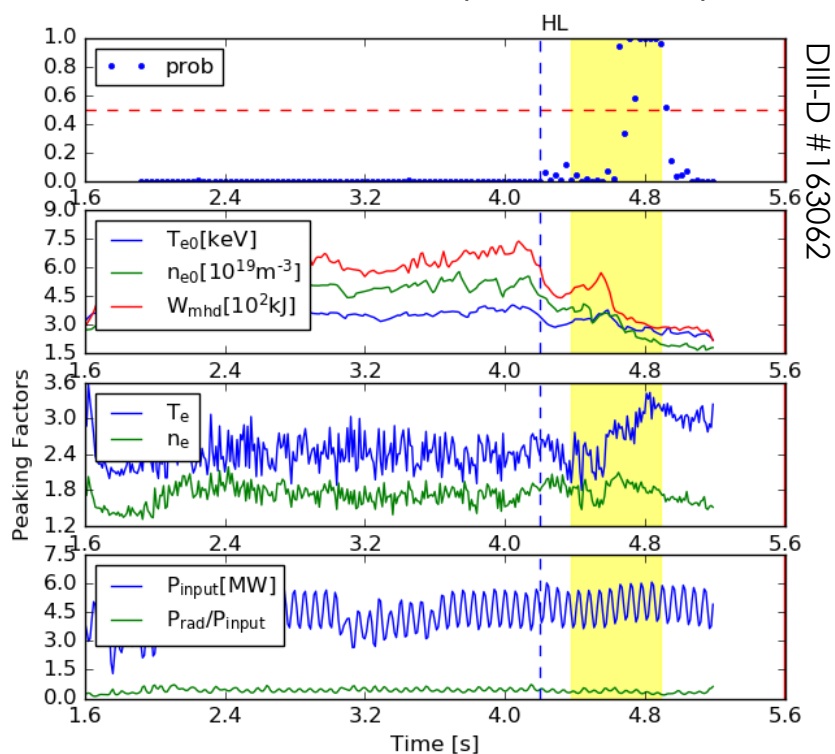
■ Metal Ring Campaign   
 ■ ELM pacing   
 ■ Initial Label



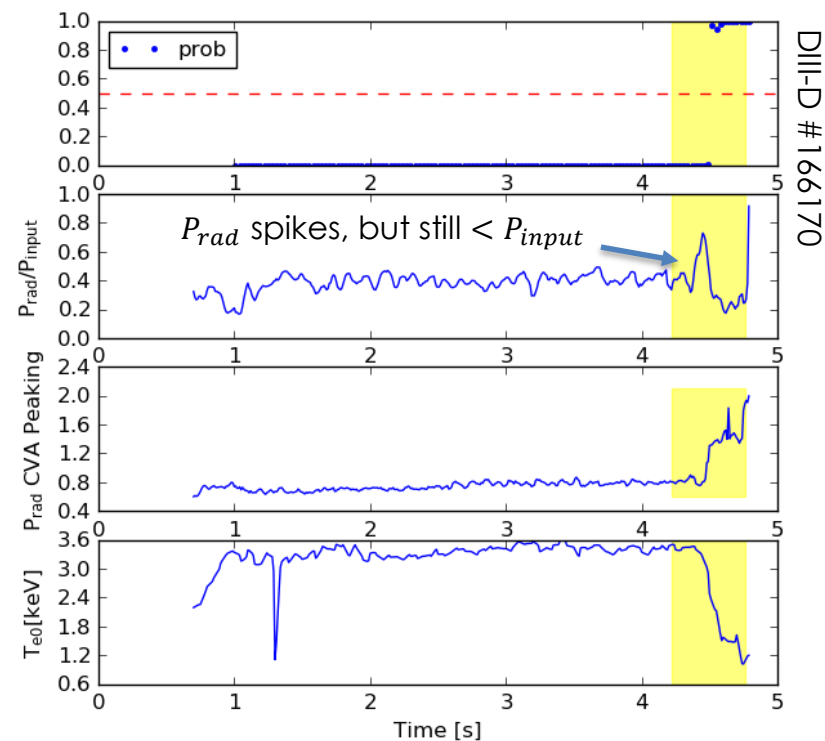
# What went wrong? Common causes of missed detections & false positives

- Early/late detections can cause missed warnings (classified as false negatives here)
- Several false positives due to strict event definitions (inflates FPR estimate)
  - Better features (a binary threshold signal for  $P_{rad} > P_{input}$ , in the case below) can help

Late Detection (H-L transition)



False Positive (core radiative collapse)



# Some other things to worry about ...

- **Curse of Dimensionality**

- Recall each sequence  $\vec{x}_i$  lives in  $(N \times T)$ -dimensional space, where  $N$  is the number of input signals and  $T$  is the number of time steps per sequence
- Applications in this presentation were in 42, 24, and 18 dimensional spaces
- Adding time resolution or signals could eventually make the problem intractable

- **Aliasing**

- Number of time steps  $T$  should cover typical frequency of each input signal
- For this application, several signals ( $P_{input}, B_r^{n=1}$ ) were filtered

- **Kernels**

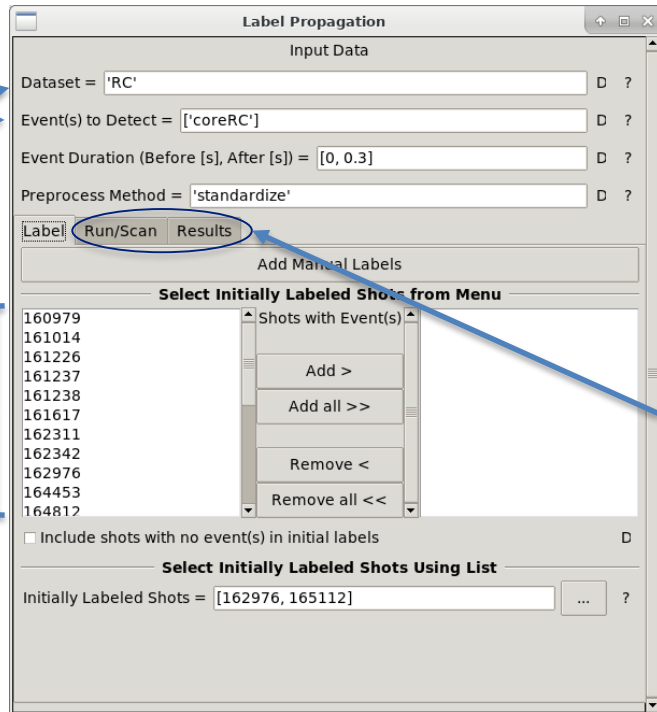
- For this application, the radial basis function was used to find neighboring sequences
- Other kernel functions may be better suited (think k-nearest neighbors, KNN)

# OMFIT Module in Development for Arbitrary Event Detection

- **Module workflow facilitates using label propagation to quickly build a database**
  - label events, execute label propagation runs & parameter scans, and validate results

User can import arbitrary dataset for arbitrary event

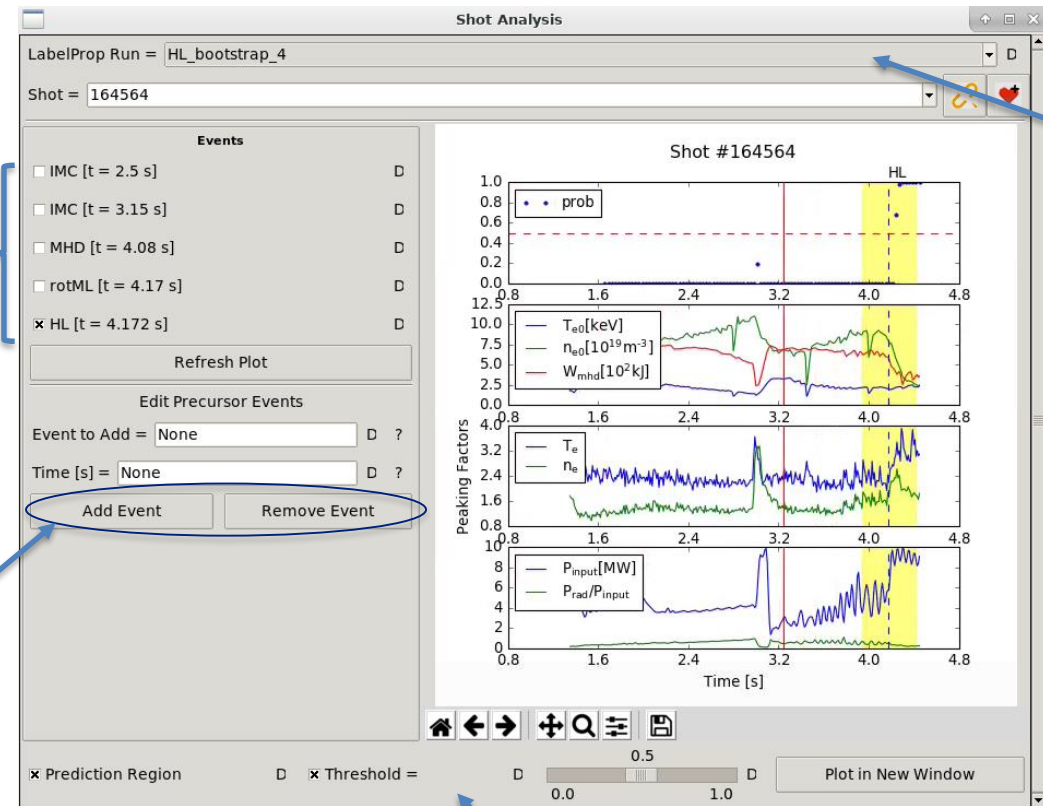
Choose shots to initially label



View chain of events for any shot

Generate customized label prop graph & view performance results

Add/remove verified events to/from the database



Compare predictions from many versions of algorithm

Change threshold for more confident predictions

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