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## **APPLICATIONS OF STATISTICAL METHODS AND MACHINE LEARNING IN THE SPACE SCIENCES**

Virtual Conference Announcement

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Over 200 scientists and students from around the world will be participating in the virtual science conference titled "Applications of Statistical Methods and Machine Learning in the Space Sciences" to be held during May 17 -20, 2021 (<http://spacescience.org/workshops/mlconference2021.php>).

The week long meeting, hosted by Space Science Institute, SSI, headquartered in Boulder, Colorado, will consist of invited keynote talks and contributed oral talks as well as poster presentations, and informal scientific discussions.

The virtual conference will focus on bringing together researchers from 19 different countries and all areas of space science to leverage the advancements in statistics, data science, and methods of artificial intelligence (AI) such as machine learning and deep learning, and information theory.

Conceived as a multidisciplinary gathering, the event aims to improve analytic models and their predictive capabilities in making use of the enormous datasets available in the field of space sciences. "It will also offer a unique opportunity for students and young researchers to enhance their knowledge in the emerging techniques of AI and statistical studies in addition to being a platform for future collaborations," says Dr. Karly Pitman, Executive Director of SSI in Boulder.

"The sheer variety of presentations at the event will give participants an overview of significant works in disciplines related to space sciences (such as solar physics and aeronomy, planetary sciences, geology, exoplanet and astrobiology, galaxies), artificial intelligence, statistics and data science," says Dr. Bala Poduval, Chair of the conference's Scientific Organizing Committee.

Contributions on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, advanced statistical methods, deep learning, and neural networks, times series analysis,

Bayesian methods, feature identification, and feature extraction, physics-based models combined with machine learning techniques and surrogate models, space weather prediction and other domain topics where AI is applied are among the highlights of the conference.

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