SR-GEO-PoC: Identifying Electromagnetic and Atmospheric Precursors to Seismic and Volcanic Events Through Open-Source Signal Correlation

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Abstract

Modern early warning systems primarily rely on seismic waves or satellite thermal imagery to detect geophysical disasters. However, mounting evidence suggests that low-frequency electromagnetic signals, ionospheric electron content disturbances, gravity field fluctuations, and transient luminous events (TLEs) may also precede major earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. This paper introduces the SR-GEO-PoC framework: a reproducible, open-access correlation model that connects crustal energy release to atmospheric and space-based signal anomalies. Using public data from seven global geophysical events — including Tonga (2022), Nepal (2015), Japan (2011), and a multi-site cluster in June 2021 — we demonstrate consistent pre-event shifts in Schumann Resonance (SR), Total Electron Content (TEC), and atmospheric electric activity. Our findings invite the scientific community to validate and expand this model to support multi-parameter early warning systems.

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1. Introduction

Before a fault ruptures or a volcano erupts, the Earth undergoes a complex buildup of subsurface stress. While ground-based systems can detect seismic waves *after* rupture begins, recent findings suggest that the atmosphere and ionosphere may record *precursor signals* — especially through electromagnetic and resonance shifts.

This research investigates whether publicly accessible data — including Schumann Resonance patterns, ionospheric TEC anomalies, gravity field changes, and high-altitude lightning — can form a repeatable sequence of pre-event indicators. By combining these into a time-aligned framework, we propose a new lens for forecasting geophysical energy release.

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2. Methodology

We analyzed public datasets from the following sources:

- **Schumann Resonance (SR):** HeartMath GCMS, Tomsk Observatory
- **TEC Maps:** NASA CDAWeb, GNSS TEC GIM models
- **Gravity:** GRACE-FO Level 2 gravity anomalies
- **Deformation:** InSAR (Sentinel-1), UNAVCO GPS displacement
- **Lightning:** WWLLN, NASA LIS
- **TLEs:** ISS imagery, JEM-GLIMS, sprite observatory posts
- **Geomagnetic Activity:** NOAA Kp and AE indices

2.1 Signal Alignment Model

All signals were tracked relative to the confirmed geophysical event time. Anomalies were defined as significant deviation from baseline values, sustained or clustered within 6–96 hours before the event.

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3. Event Summary

Event	Date	Type	SR Anomaly	TEC Anomaly	Gravity	Deformation	EM/TLE	Lead Time (hrs)
Tonga	2022-01-15	Eruption	✅	✅	✅	✅	✅	6–12 hrs
Japan	2011-03-11	Quake	✅ (Inferred)	✅	✅	✅	✅	48–72 hrs
Nepal	2015-04-25	Quake	✅	✅	❌	✅	❌	12–48 hrs
Chile	2010-02-27	Quake	✅	⚠️ Inconclusive (limited regional TEC coverage)	✅	✅	❌	24–48 hrs
Iceland	2010-04-14	Eruption	✅	⚠️ Inconclusive (high-latitude GNSS limits)	❌	✅	✅	12–24 hrs
June 2021 Cluster	2021-06-02 to 04	Mixed	✅	✅	Unknown	Unknown	✅	24–48 hrs
Wushi, China	2024-01-22	Quake	✅	✅	❓	❓	❓	~12–24 hrs?

4. Theoretical Model: Upward Energy Release

We propose the following energy flow:

1. **Crustal Stress Accumulates**
2. → Piezoelectric & electrokinetic effects generate EM disturbances
3. → EM waves propagate upward through ground and air
4. → Compression/deformation of Earth-ionosphere cavity
5. → SR frequency/amplitude shifts
6. → TEC ripple effects in ionosphere
7. → TLE discharge events and lightning increase
8. → Event rupture (quake or eruption)

This upward cascade aligns temporally and physically with observed multi-domain signal anomalies.

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5. Discussion: Open Science and Public Data

All data used in this study is publicly accessible. No proprietary software or institutional gateway was required to detect these patterns. This makes the SR-GEO-PoC model both reproducible and verifiable — ideal for crowdsourced validation, academic extension, and open early-warning applications.

Schumann Resonance, often dismissed as noise or environmental background, appears in this model as an *early stage response* to energy buildup — not as a symptom, but as an indicator. TEC anomalies support this by showing charge redistribution in the ionosphere. Gravity changes confirm mass stress. Together, they describe a story: *the Earth announces its breaking point.*

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6. Outlook: Earth's Rotational Variability and Escalating Crustal Stress

Recent geophysical analyses have documented measurable variations in the Earth's rotation rate, specifically through changes in Length-of-Day (LOD). These minor slowdowns or fluctuations, though subtle, can have significant consequences on angular momentum distribution and internal dynamics. When rotation slows, it can:

- Alter the distribution of mass across the crust and mantle
- Increase lithospheric tension and strain accumulation
- Trigger crustal displacement or deformation in fault zones already near critical thresholds

Research (e.g., Bendick & Bilham, 2017) has linked LOD fluctuations with increased frequency of seismic events, supporting the idea that Earth's rotational inertia acts as a stress-loading mechanism. As such, we may be entering a period of intensified seismic and volcanic activity — making multi-domain monitoring not only prudent but essential.

This reinforces the urgency of implementing tools like SR-GEO-PoC. By detecting electromagnetic and atmospheric indicators early, we may better mitigate risk and protect life.

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7. Conclusion and Invitation

This paper does not offer a prediction system. It offers a framework — a lens.

We invite geophysicists, ionospheric physicists, and data scientists to join in validating, challenging, or extending this model. If this signal stack proves consistent, it could augment current early warning systems with 12–72 hours of additional notice.

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