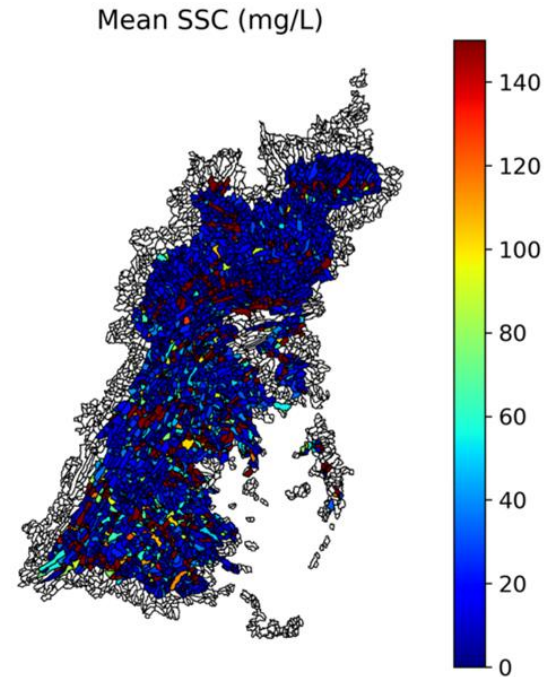


# Multiscale machine-learning sediment prediction update

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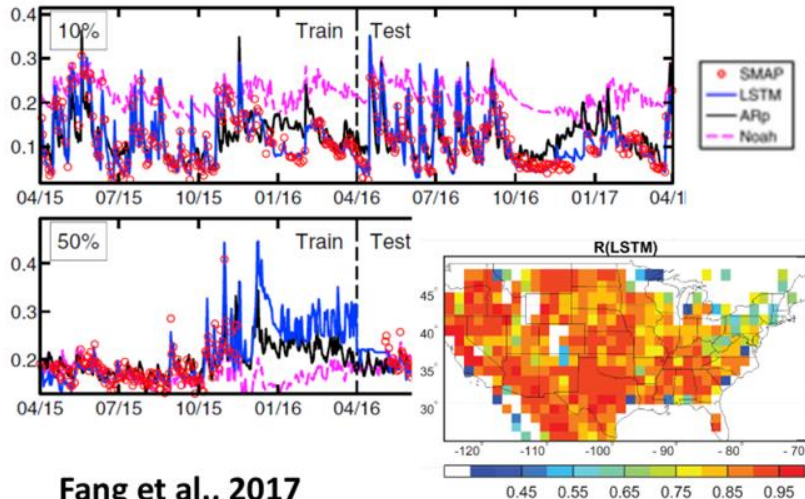
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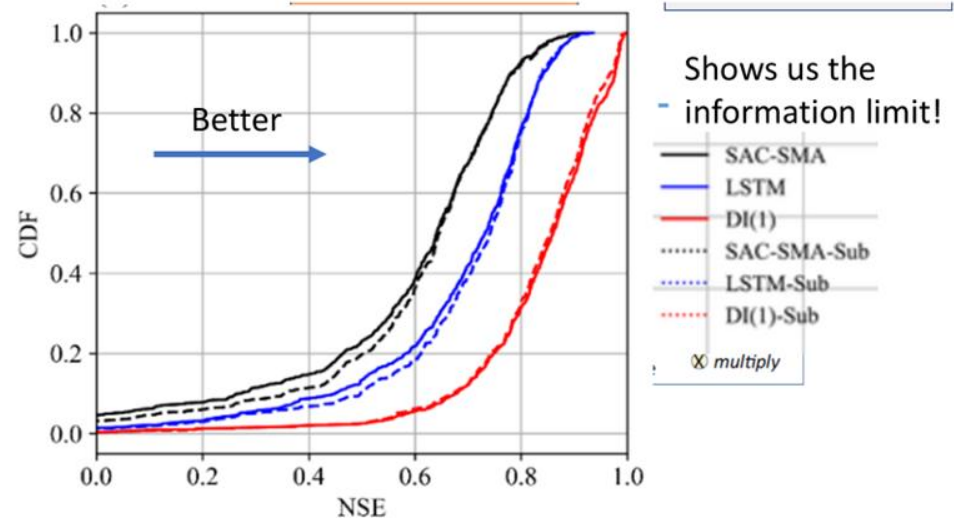
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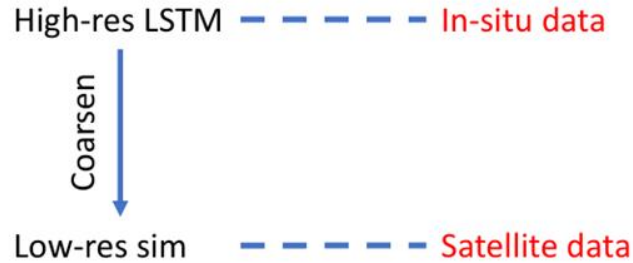
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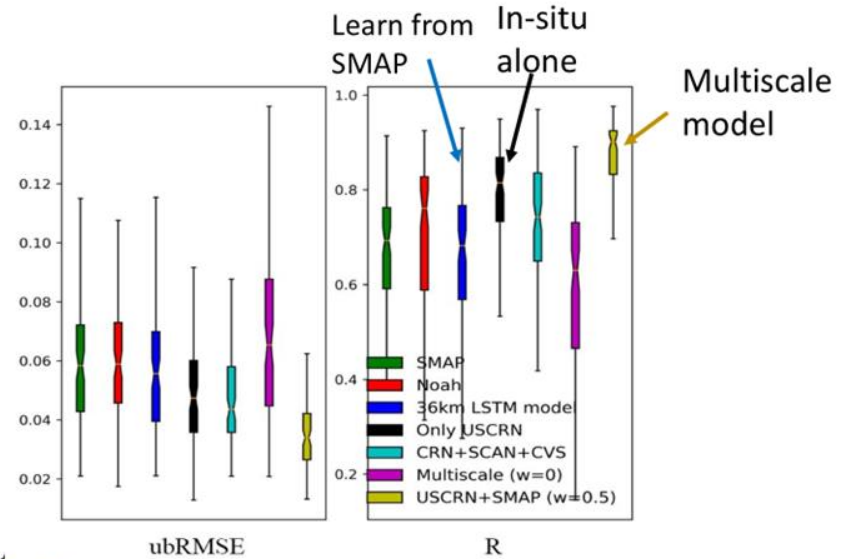
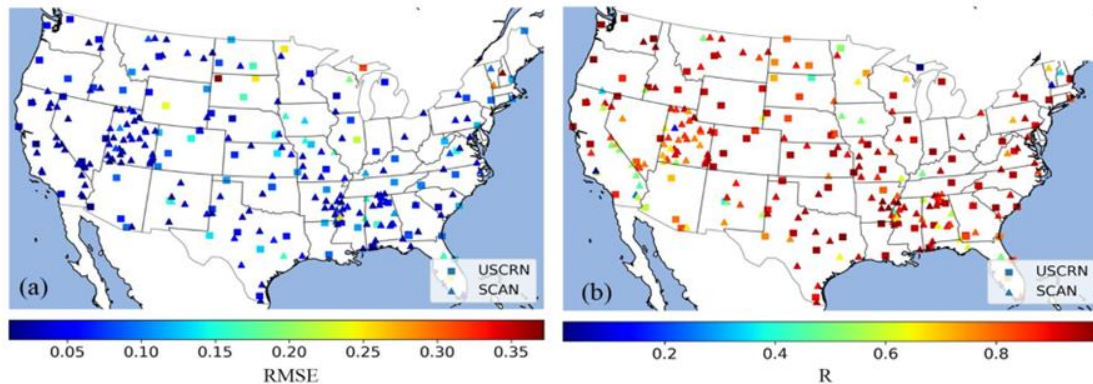
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# Multiscale soil moisture – learning from two teachers



Test period: 2015-04-01 to 2020-03-31



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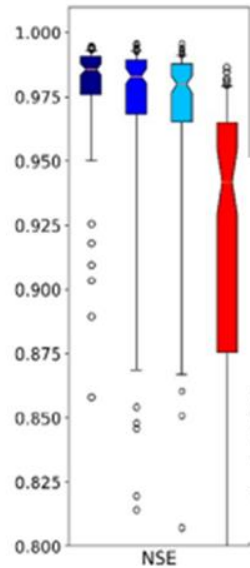
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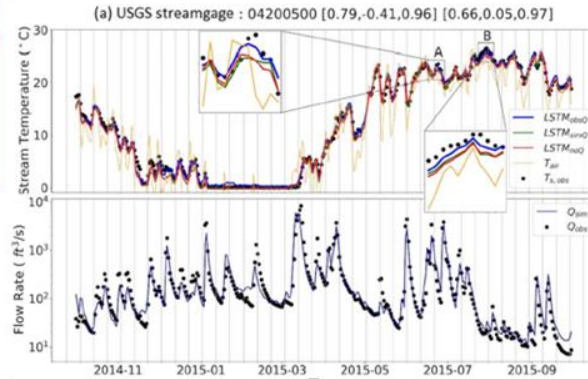
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# LSTM applications in water quality



## Water temperature

Rahmani et al., 2021, ERL



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## Suspended Sediment Conc

Research papers

Deep learning insights into suspended sediment concentrations across the conterminous United States: Strengths and limitations

Yalan Song<sup>a, \*</sup>, Piyaophat Chaemchuen<sup>a</sup>, Farshid Rahmani<sup>a</sup>, Wei Zhi<sup>a</sup>, Li Li<sup>a</sup>, Xiaofeng Liu<sup>a</sup>, Elizabeth Boyer<sup>b</sup>, Todd Bindas<sup>c</sup>, Kathryn Lawson<sup>c</sup>, Chaopeng Shen<sup>a, \*</sup>



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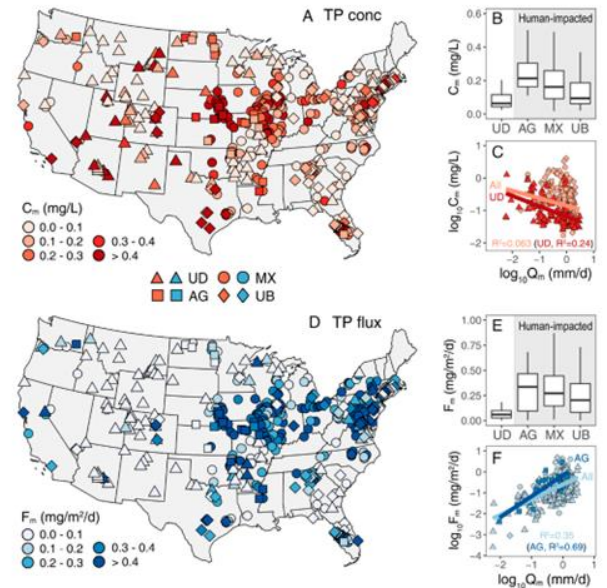
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A deep learning-based novel approach to generate continuous daily stream nitrate concentration for nitrate data-sparse watersheds

Gourab Kumar Saha<sup>a</sup>, Farshid Rahmani<sup>b</sup>, Chaopeng Shen<sup>a</sup>, Li Li<sup>b</sup>, Raj Gibin<sup>a,b,c</sup>

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## Dissolved Oxygen & Total Phosphorous (Wei Zhi & Li Li)



PNAS

RESEARCH ARTICLE | ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

## Increasing phosphorus loss despite widespread concentration decline in US rivers

Wei Zhi<sup>a, \*</sup>, Hubert Bamwile<sup>a, \*</sup>, Jiangao Liu<sup>a</sup>, Elizabeth Boyer<sup>a, \*</sup>, Chaopeng Shen<sup>a</sup>, Gary Shen<sup>a</sup>, Xiaofeng Liu<sup>a</sup>, and Li Li<sup>a</sup>

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Temperature outweighs light and flow as the predominant driver of dissolved oxygen in US rivers

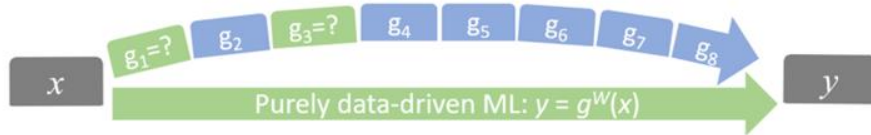
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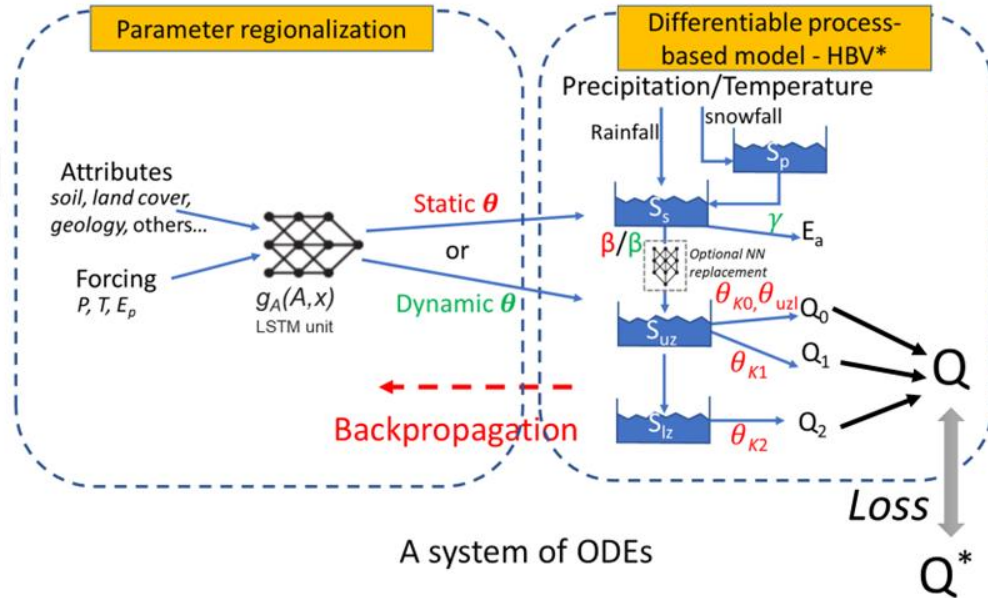


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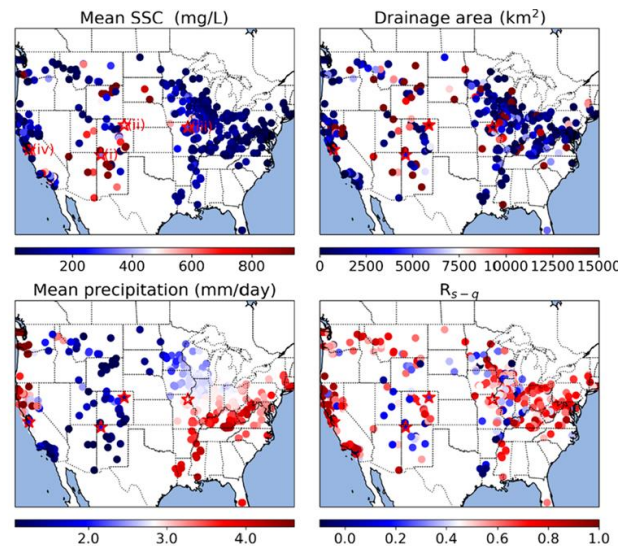
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- NNs (“?”) mixed w/ process-based equations (priors)
- Breaks a problem into parts, with some as priors
- “end-to-end” training on big data
- The priors constrain the learning to an interpretable scope.
- Can be used a forward simulator as well as








This is NOT physics-informed neural network (PINN)!




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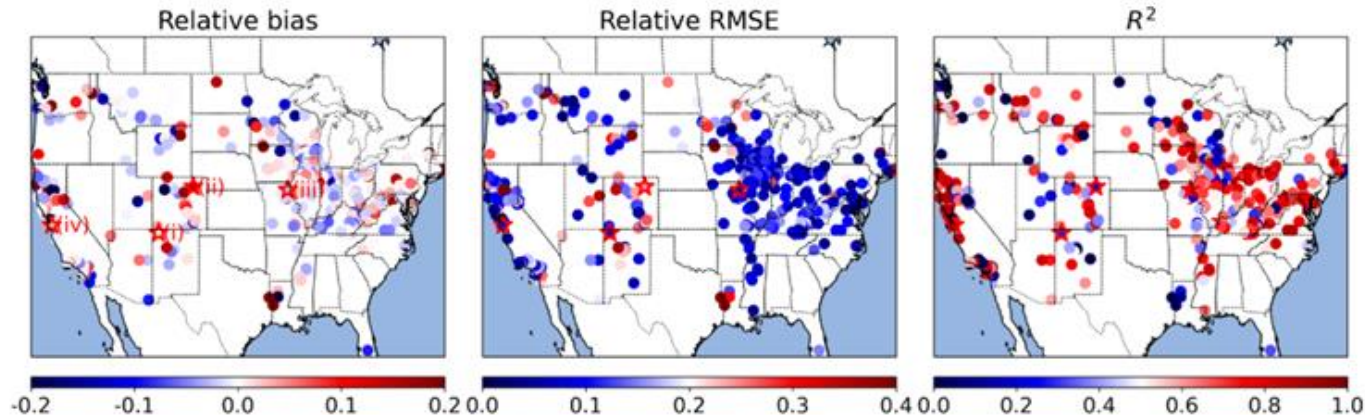
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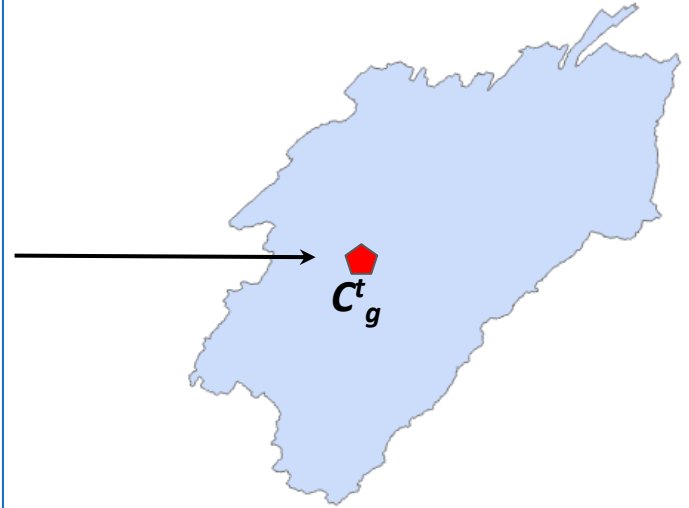
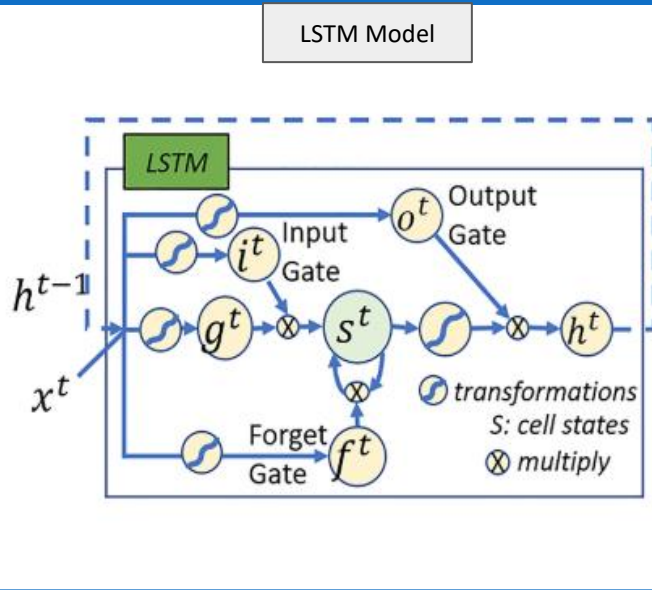
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# Lumped LSTM

Basin averaged inputs  $x_g^t, A_g$



$A = [\text{'ETPOT\_Hargr'}, \text{'FW'}, \text{'HWSO\_clay'}, \text{'HWSO\_gravel'}, \text{'HWSO\_sand'}, \text{'HWSO\_silt'}, \text{'NDVI'}, \text{'Porosity'}, \text{'SoilGrids1km\_clay'}, \text{'SoilGrids1km\_sand'}, \text{'SoilGrids1km\_silt'}, \text{'T\_clay'}, \text{'T\_gravel'}, \text{'T\_sand'}, \text{'T\_silt'}, \text{'aridity'}, \text{'glaciers'}, \text{'meanP'}, \text{'meanTa'}, \text{'meanelevation'}, \text{'meanslope'}, \text{'permafrost'}, \text{'permeability'}, \text{'seasonality\_P'}, \text{'seasonality\_PET'}, \text{'snow\_fraction'}, \text{'snowfall\_fraction'}, \text{'area'}]$

$x = [P, PET, Temp]$

$SSC_g^t = LSTM(x_g^t, A_g)$

# Multiscale LSTM

$SSC_m^t = LSTM(x_m^t, A_m)$  #  $m$  is a merit basin.

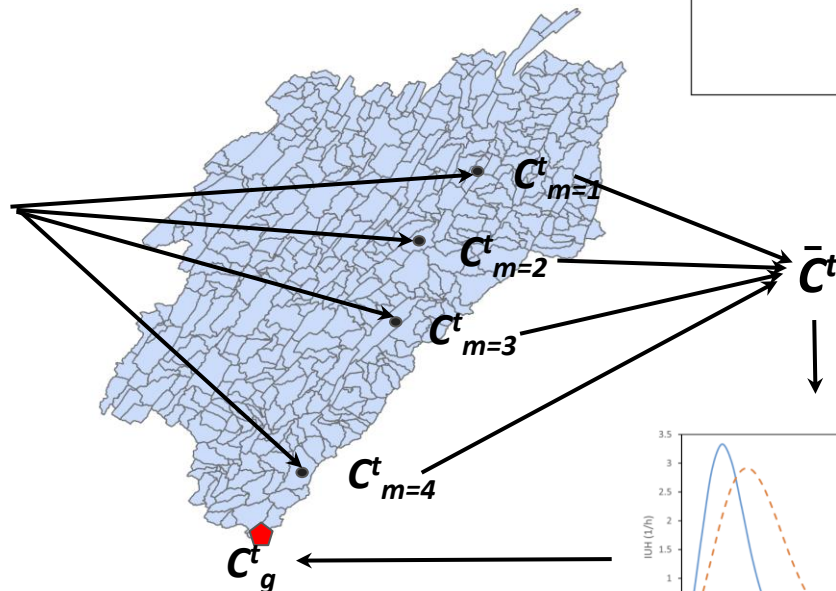
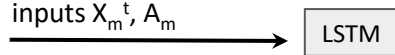
$SSC_g^t = \text{average}(SSC_m^t)$

$SSC_G = \text{Routing}(SSC_g^t, A_{r,G})$  #  $G$  is a gage containing one or more merit basins

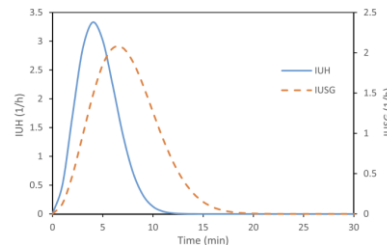
# Routing0: average the SSCm belong to a gage

# Routing1: unit hydrograph

MERIT basin averaged  
inputs  $X_m^t, A_m$

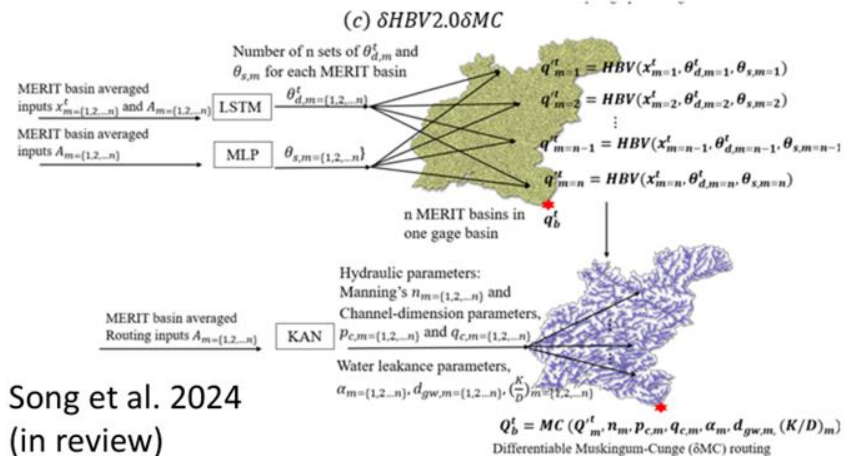


Unit hydrograph



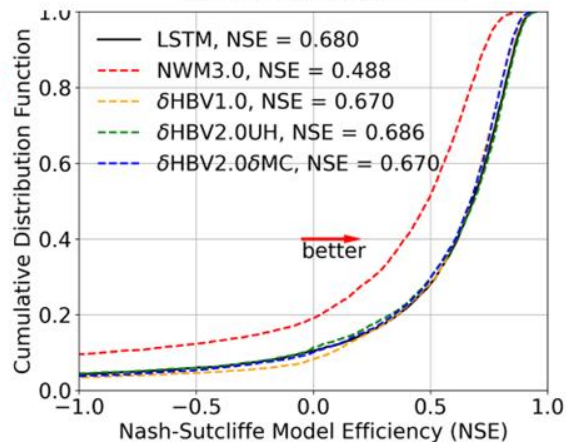


# Large-scale, operational



Song et al. 2024  
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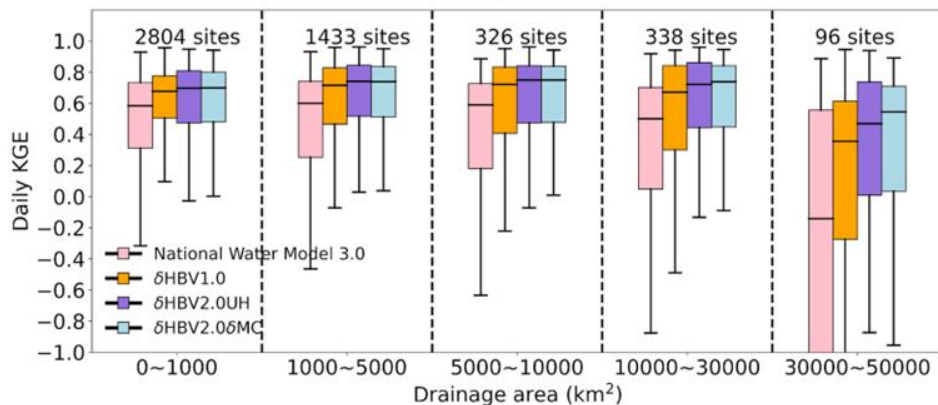
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The mean seamless daily streamflow of 1995WY on the MERIT river network

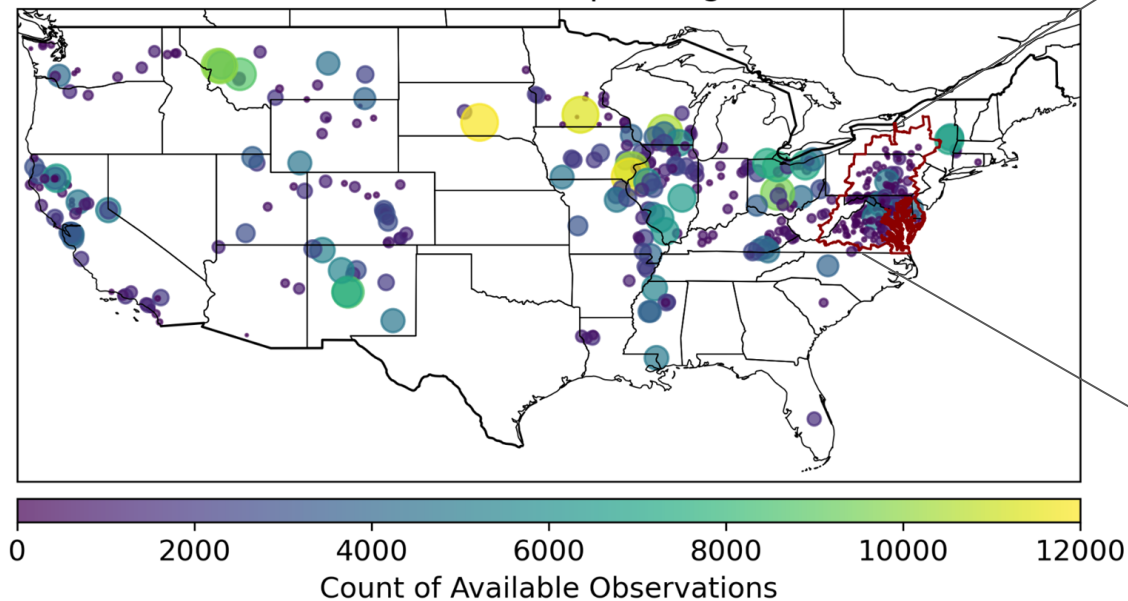


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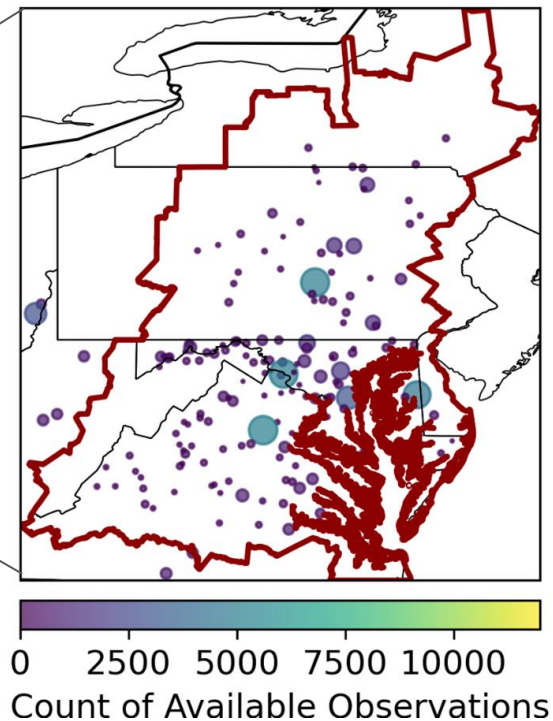


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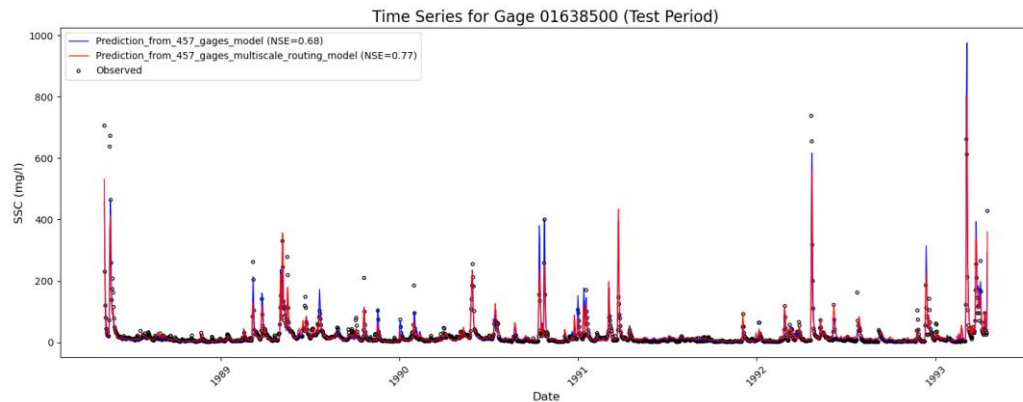
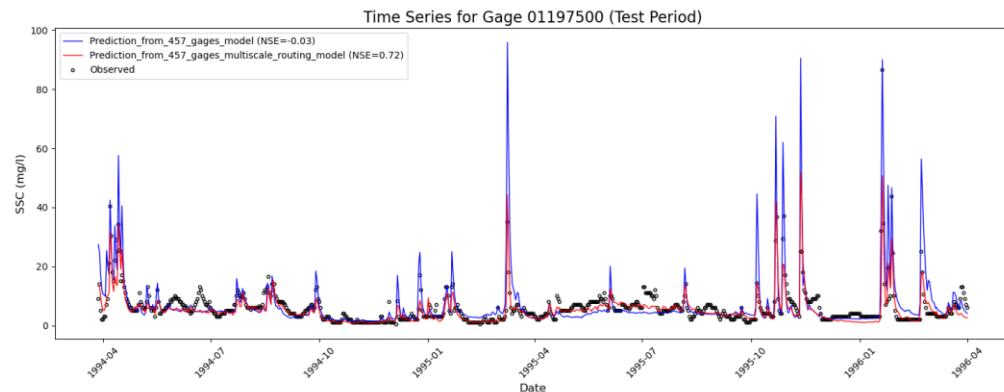
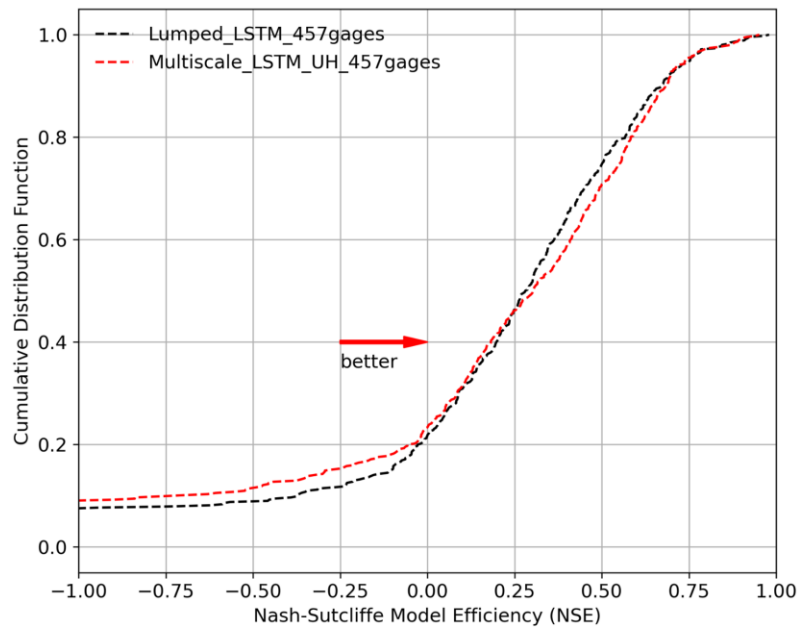
Available Observations Count per Gage on 457 Dataset



154 Gages in Chesapeake Bay

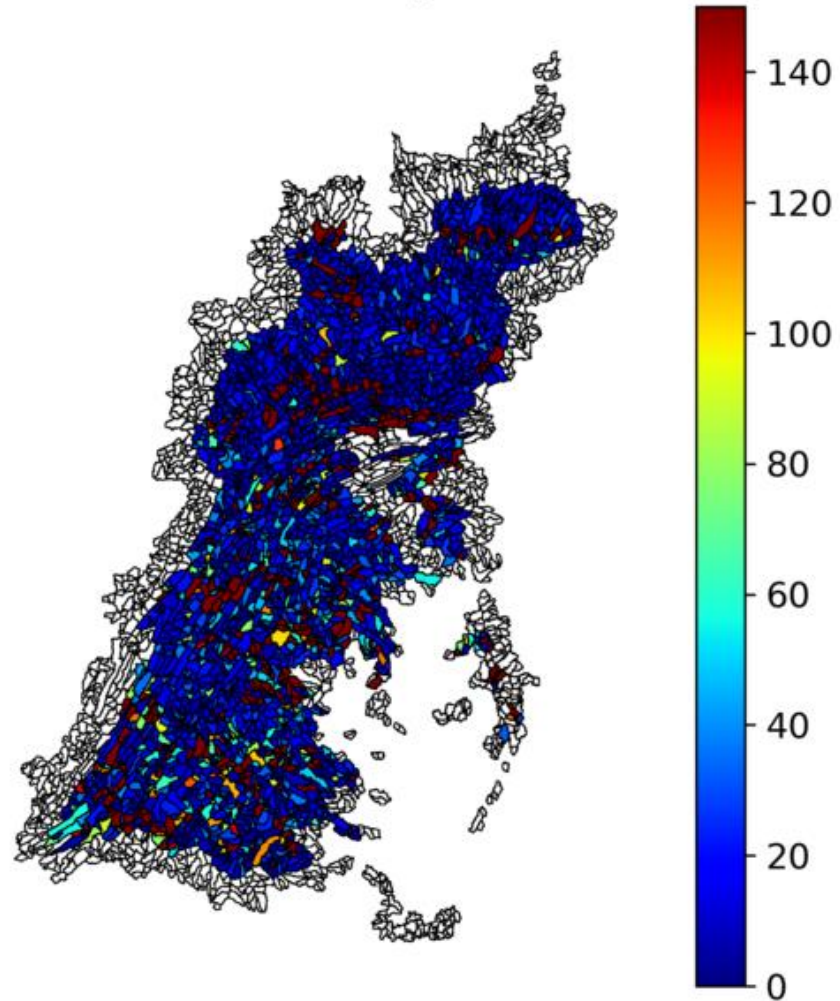


# Results



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Mean SSC (mg/L)





## Next steps:

- Incorporate more input descriptors (connectivity? Buffer strips? Aggregated Geomorphic units? Management? Intersection(soil, slope, LULC)) and forcings (maximum rainfall?)
- Include more sites for training, small and large
- Add physical constraints (sensitivity, variance, known relationships)