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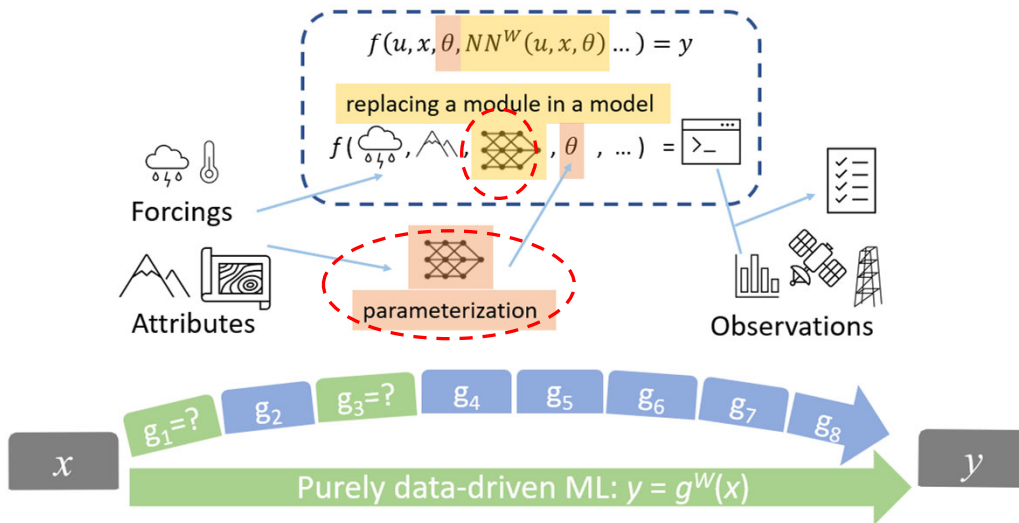
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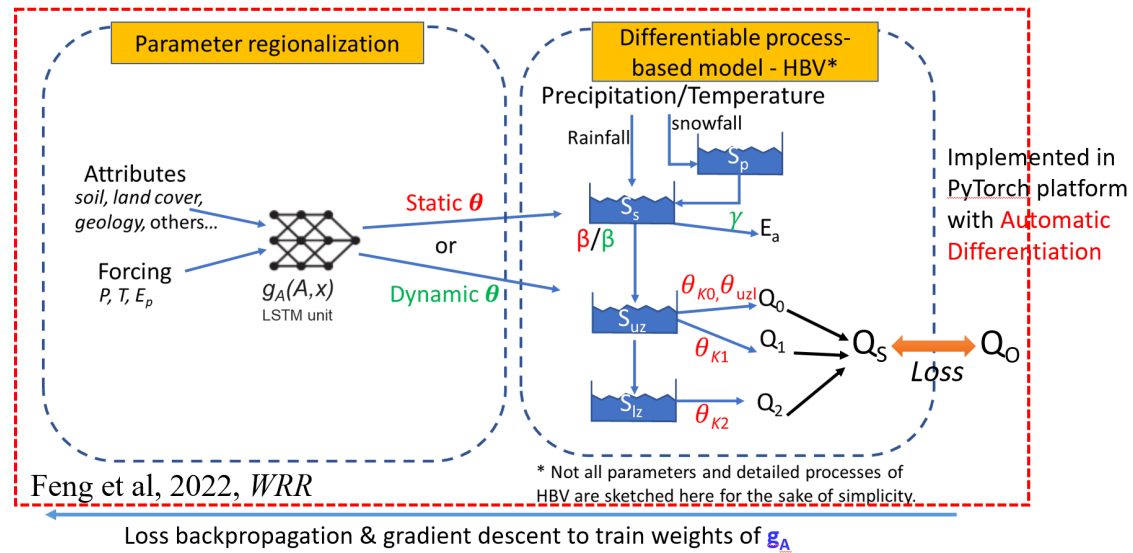
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Differentiable Modeling in Geosciences



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Example 3. differentiable, learnable models to learn functions



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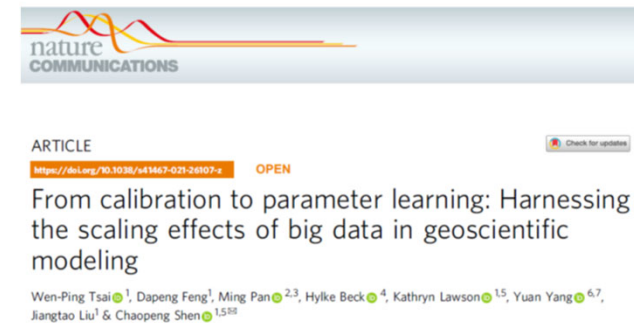
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Differentiable, learnable, regionalized process-based models with multiphysical outputs can approach state-of-the-art hydrologic prediction accuracy

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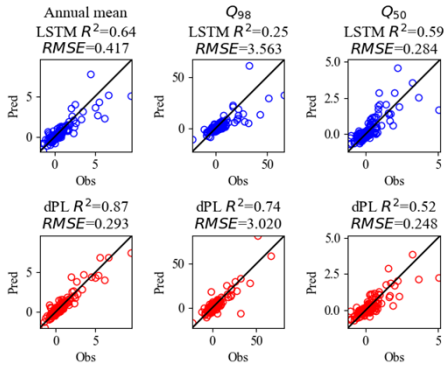
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Evolve model structure

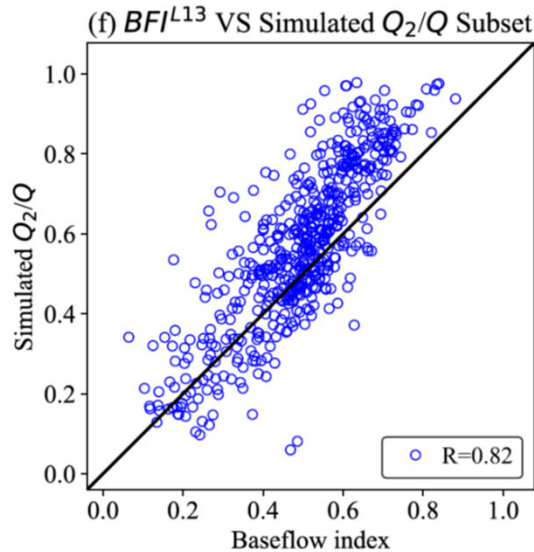
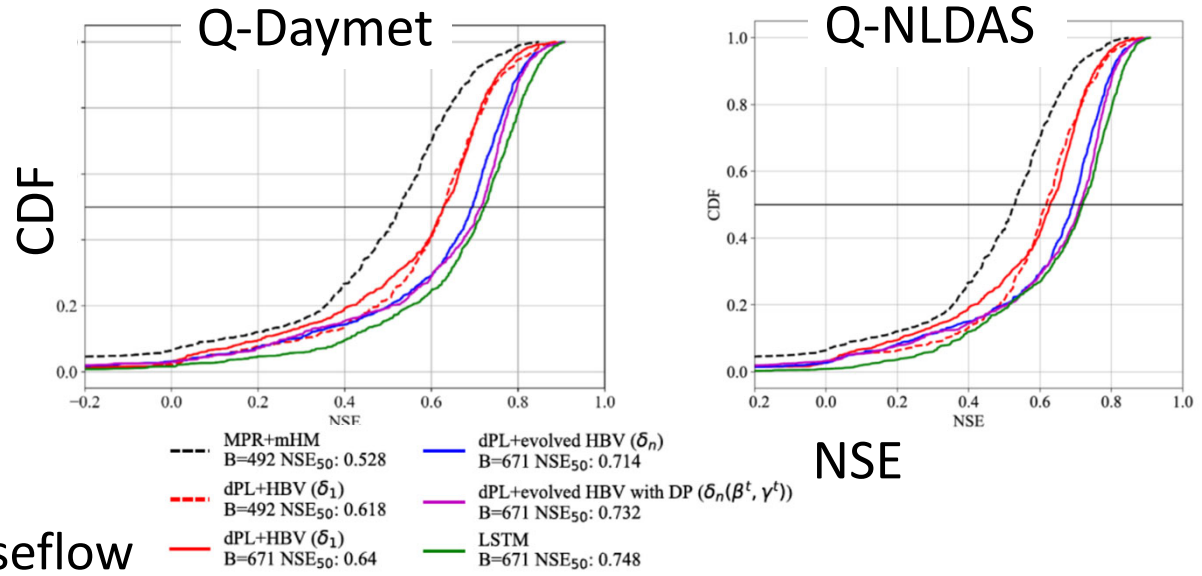


Approaching LSTM! But....

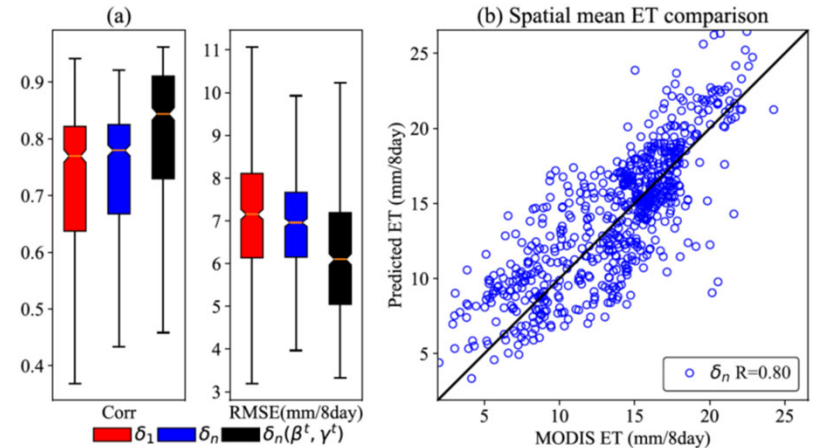
- Output untrained variables.
- Multivariate constraints.
- It extrapolates better.
- It can help us answer questions!



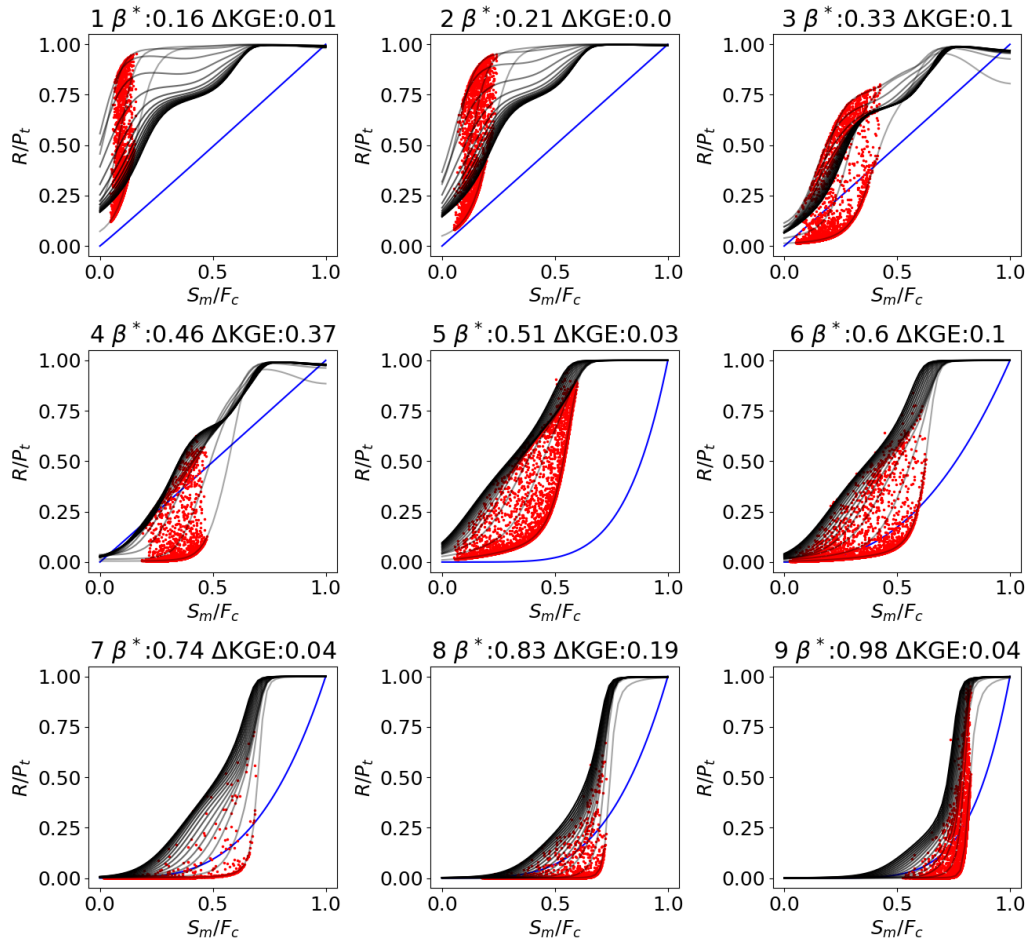
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Evapotranspiration



What the ANN learned functions look like?



$$R/P_t = (S_m/F_c)^\beta$$

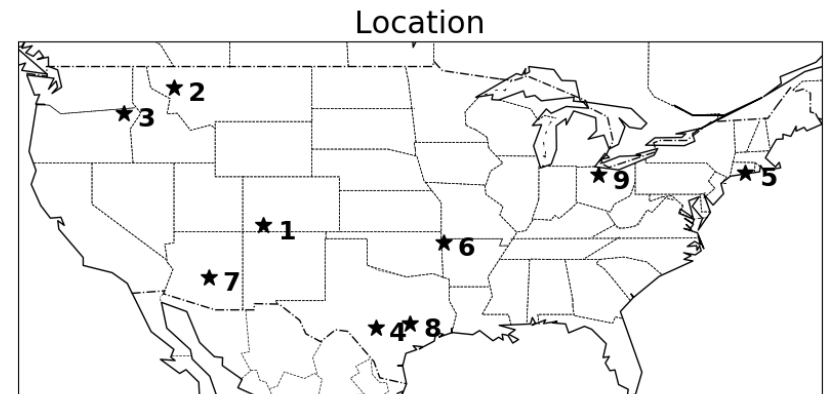


$$R/P_t = ANN(\beta^*, F_c, S_m, S_m/F_c, P_t)$$

Blue line: original power law relation

Red dots: ANN simulations

Black lines: continuous plotting of ANN functions



Thank you!



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HESS Opinions: Incubating deep-learning-powered hydrologic science advances as a community

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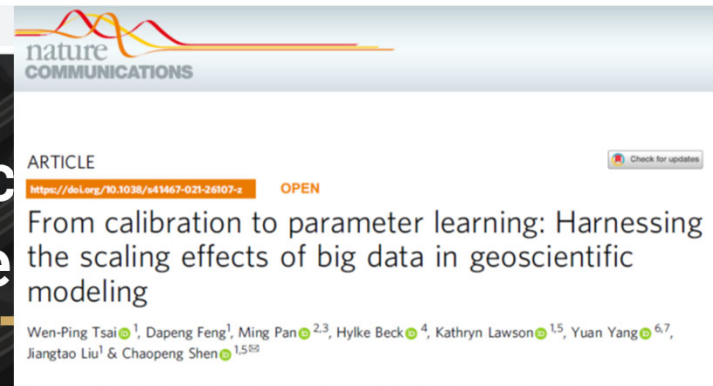
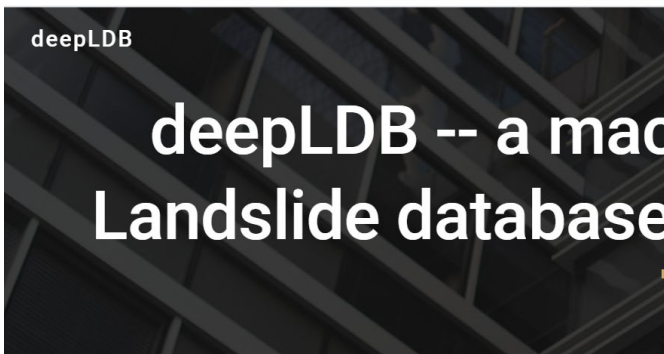
Big Data & Machine Learning in Water Sciences: Recent Progress and Their Use in Advancing Science

A Transdisciplinary Review of Deep Learning Research and Its Relevance for Water Resources Scientists

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Differentiable parameter learning



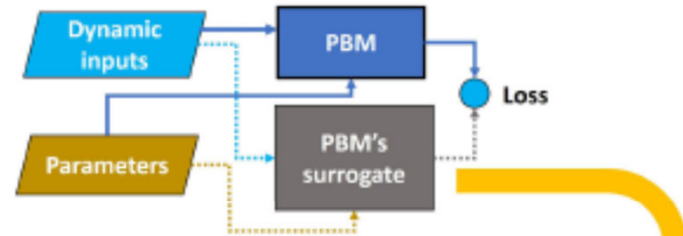
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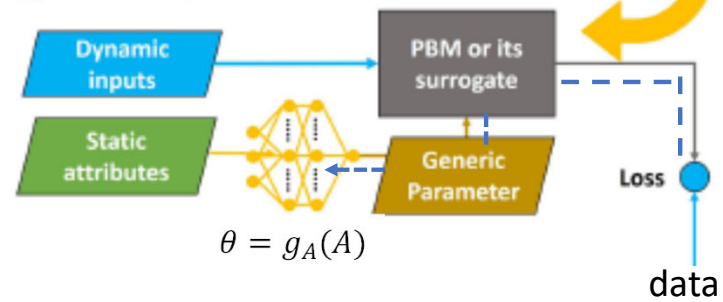
From calibration to parameter learning: Harnessing the scaling effects of big data in geoscientific modeling

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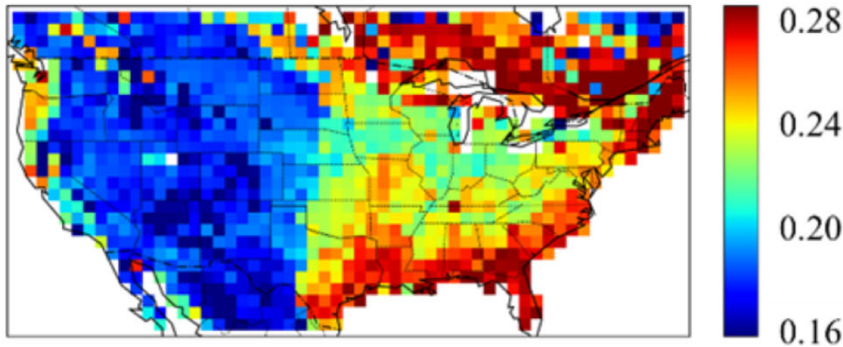
(a) PBM or PBM's surrogate (optional)



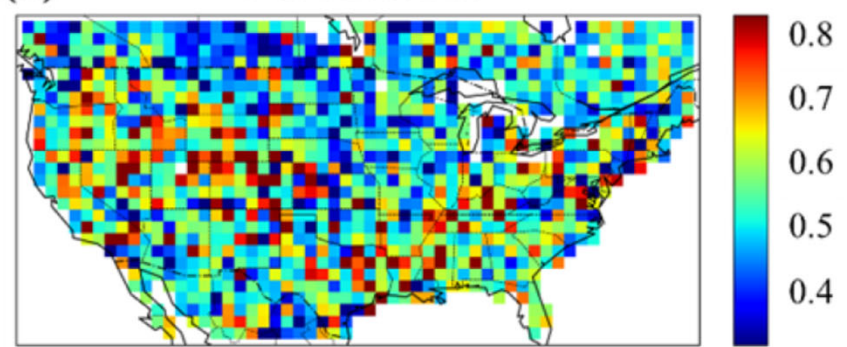
(b) dPL g_A framework (if historical observations are unavailable)



(a) dPL g_Z INFILT



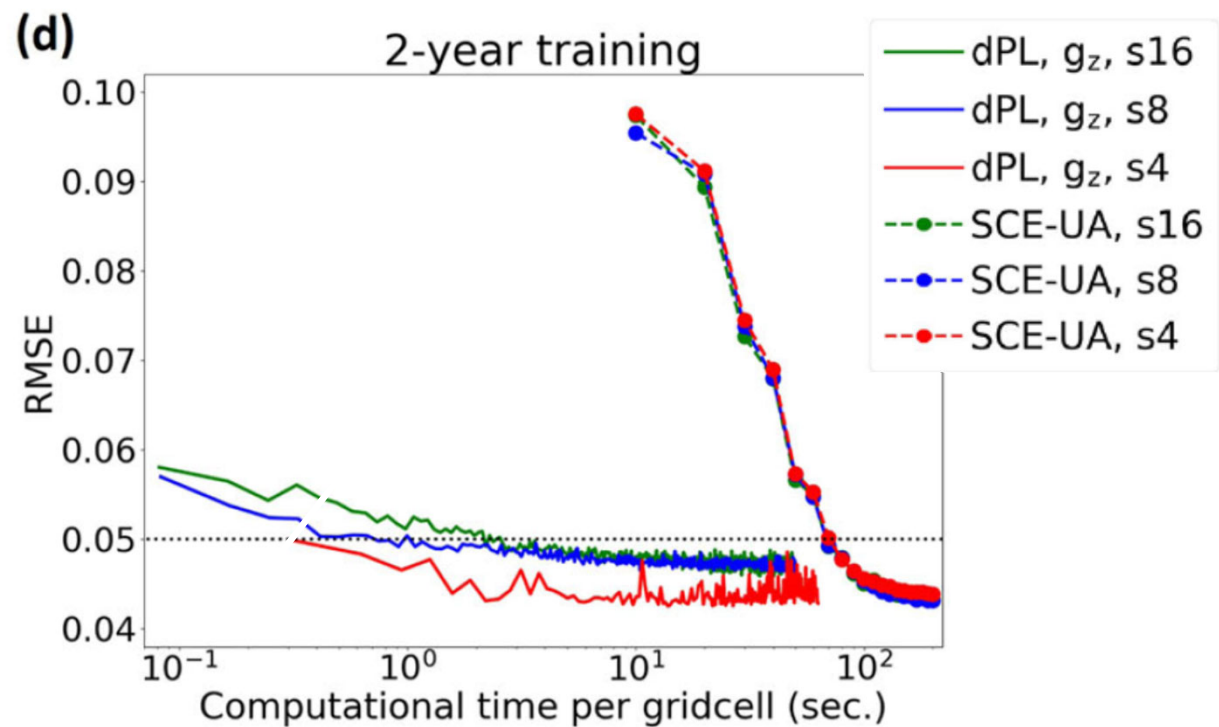
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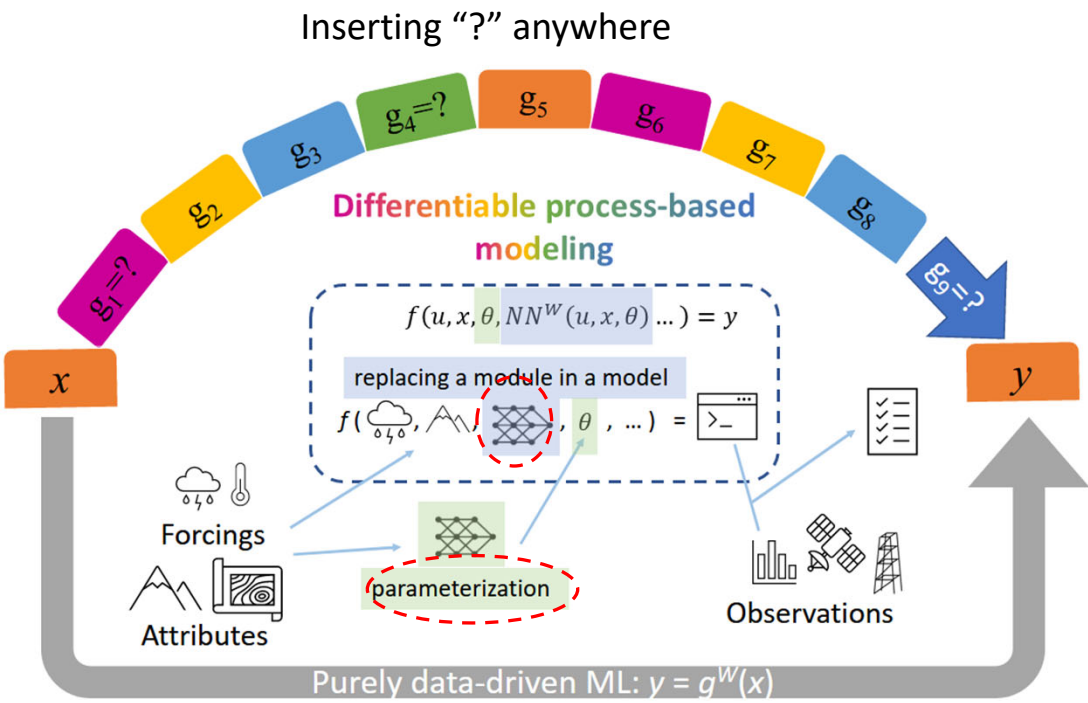
Point #1. Data scaling relationships (network effect?)

1. dPL = SCEUA for lowest RMSE
2. dPL scales better with more data
3. Orders of magnitude more efficient
4. (not shown) better results for **untrained** variables and better **spatial generalization** than traditional approach!

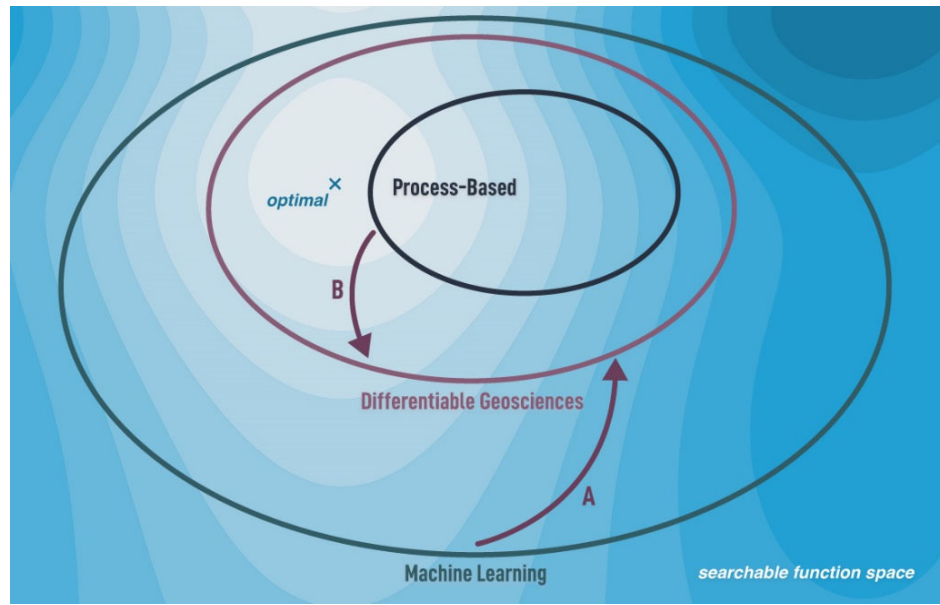
Relies on differentiable programming!



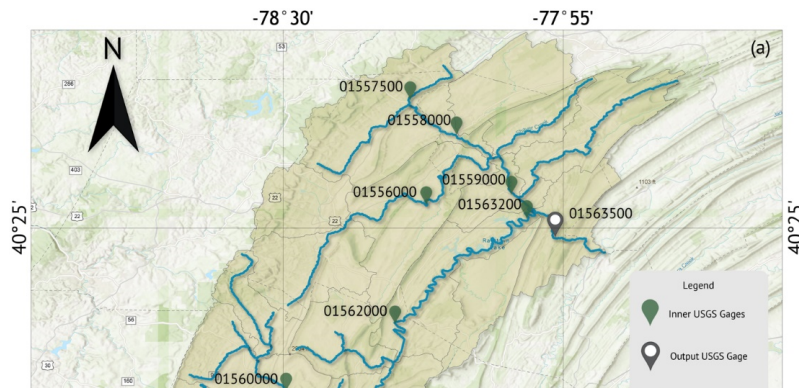
What is Differentiable Geoscientific Modeling (DG)?



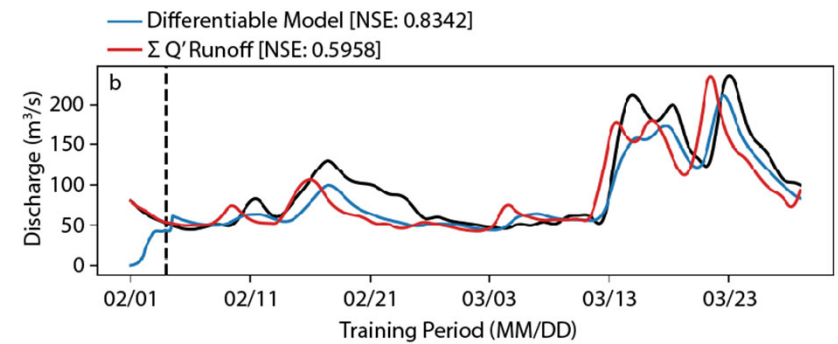
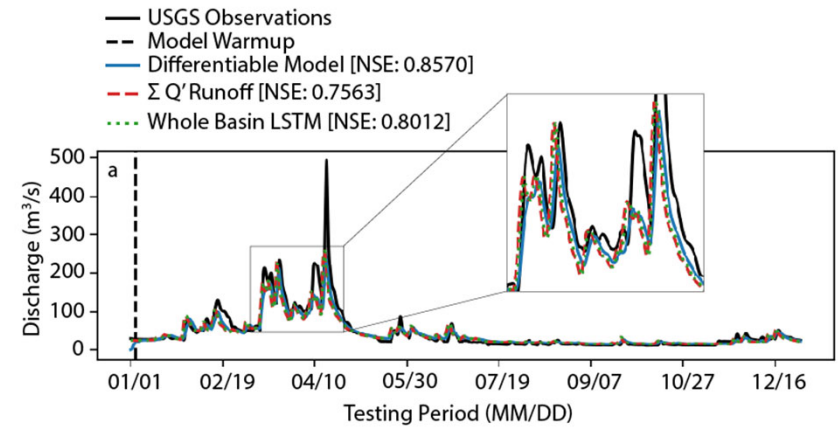
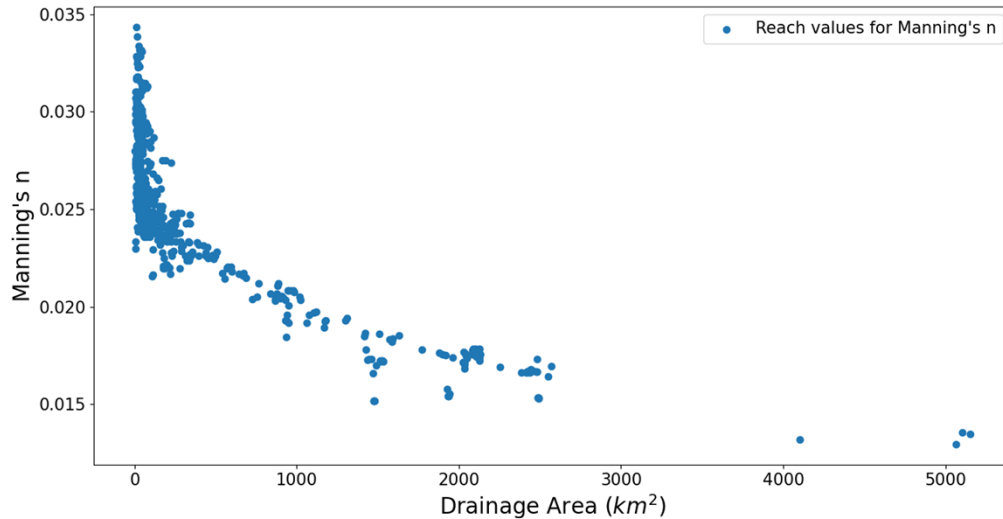
2 perspectives



Example 2. River graph



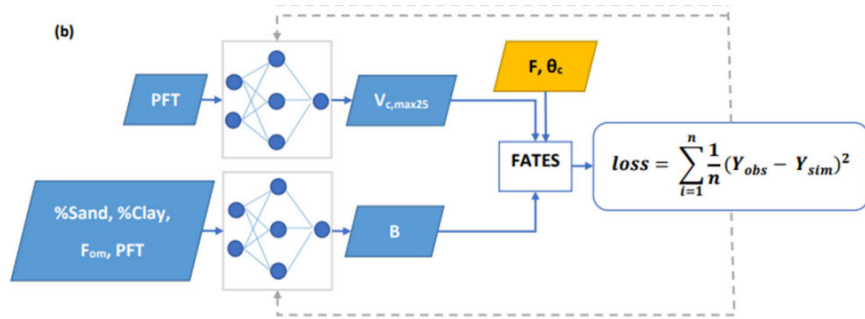
Learned Parameter Values from Trained Model



Learn physics on the river graph

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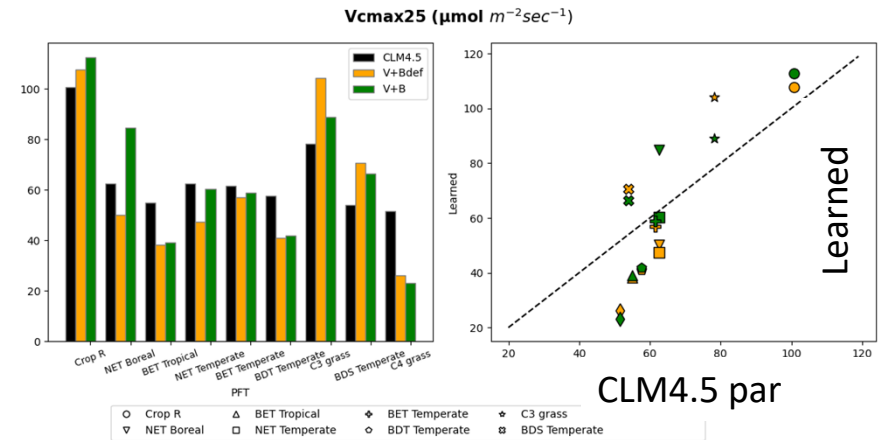
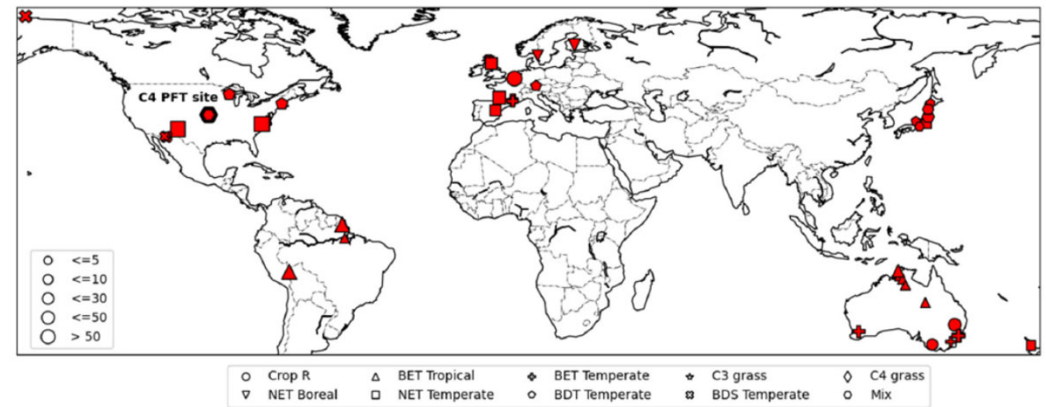
Example 3. Ecosystem modeling (photosynthesis)



(a) Temporal holdout test for the following system

Runs	Corr		RMSE ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)		Bias ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)		NSE	
	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test
V_{def}+B_{def}	0.565		6.780		1.476		0.041	
V _{def} +B _{def} **	0.592		5.488		1.034		0.318	
V _{def} +B	0.678	0.547	5.887	6.730	1.353	1.754	0.321	-0.084
V+B _{def}	0.769	0.593	4.595	5.677	-0.129	-1.368	0.587	0.229
V+B	0.800	0.748	4.299	4.421	0.037	0.347	0.638	0.532
V+B**	0.774	0.768	4.269	4.198	0.056	0.092	0.597	0.581

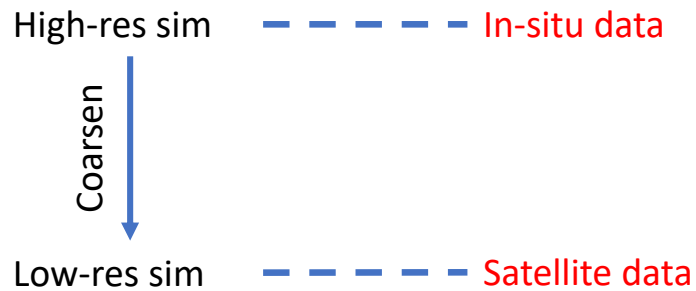
** refers to using C3_only plants in dataset



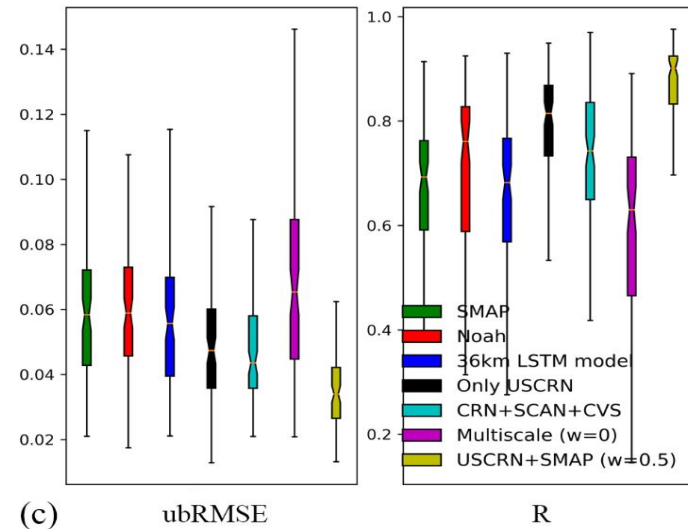
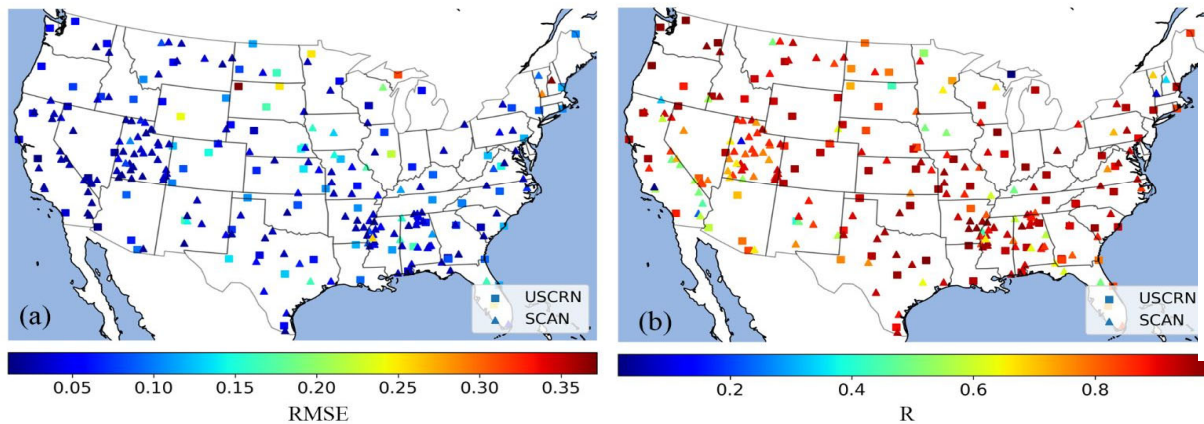
Ecosystem modeling – DoE SC0021979

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Example 4. Multiscale soil moisture – learning from two teachers



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



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A multiscale deep learning model for soil moisture integrating satellite and in-situ data

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