

# Recurrent networks in geosciences

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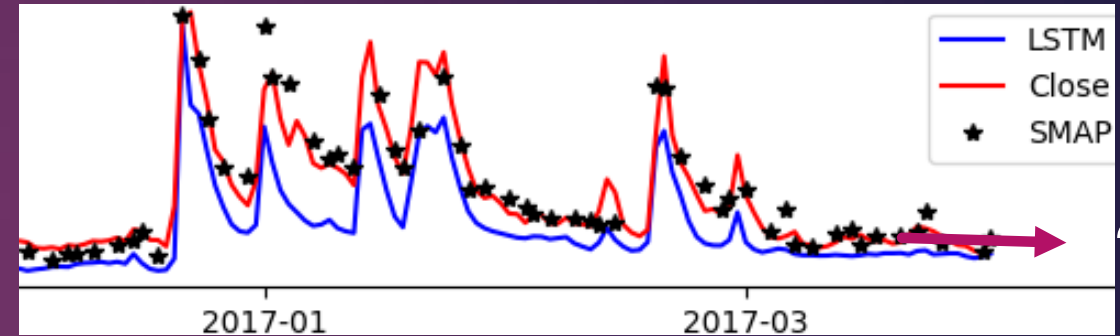
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# Overview

- ▶ Recurrent network applications in hydrology
- ▶ Code demo and walkthrough
- ▶ Hands-on!

# What does the society ask of hydrologists?

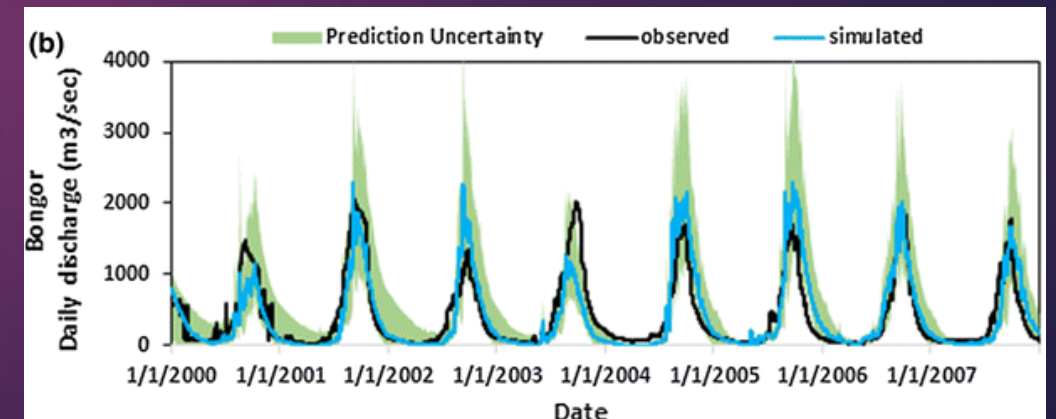
- ▶ Future trends/risks in hydrologic responses under climate change
- ▶ Short-term forecast/states update
- ▶ Gauged vs ungauged locations
- ▶ Uncertainty quantification
- ▶ Water interactions w/ ecosystem/human systems (ET, moisture, GW, etc)



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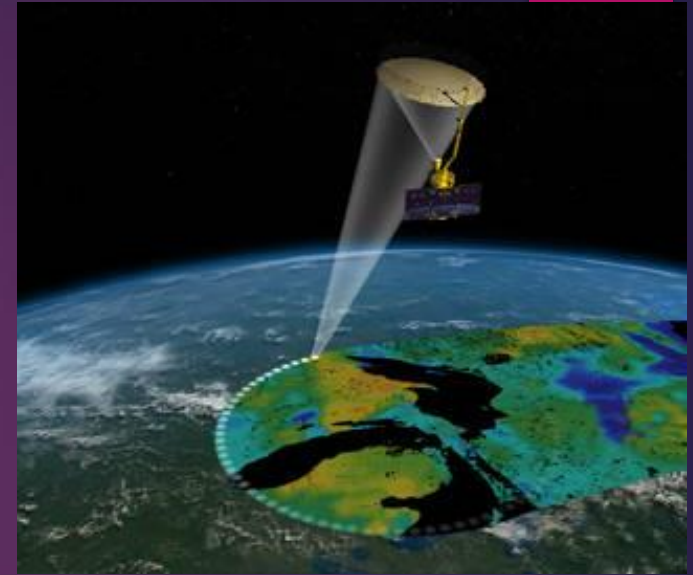


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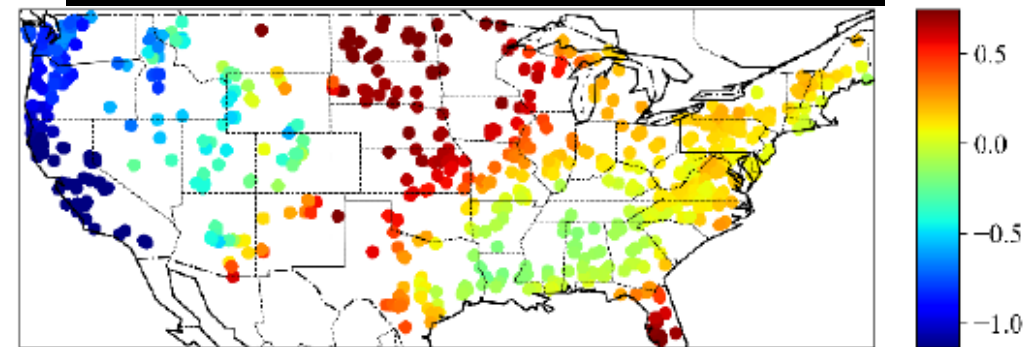


# Two case studies

- ▶ Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP)
  - ▶ Launched recently (2015/04)
  - ▶ 2~3 days revisit time
  - ▶ Senses moisture-dependent top surface soil
- ▶ Streamflow modeling (beyond CAMELS  
→3000 basins)
  - ▶ Daily data
  - ▶ Accompanying attributes



Rainfall seasonality for USA basins



# What is DL and why DL?

a rebranding of neural networks featuring

- (i) Large capacity
- (ii) Hidden layers that automatically extract features
- (iii) Improved architecture/regularization
- (iv) Working directly with data

a primary value proposition is the avoidance of expertise!

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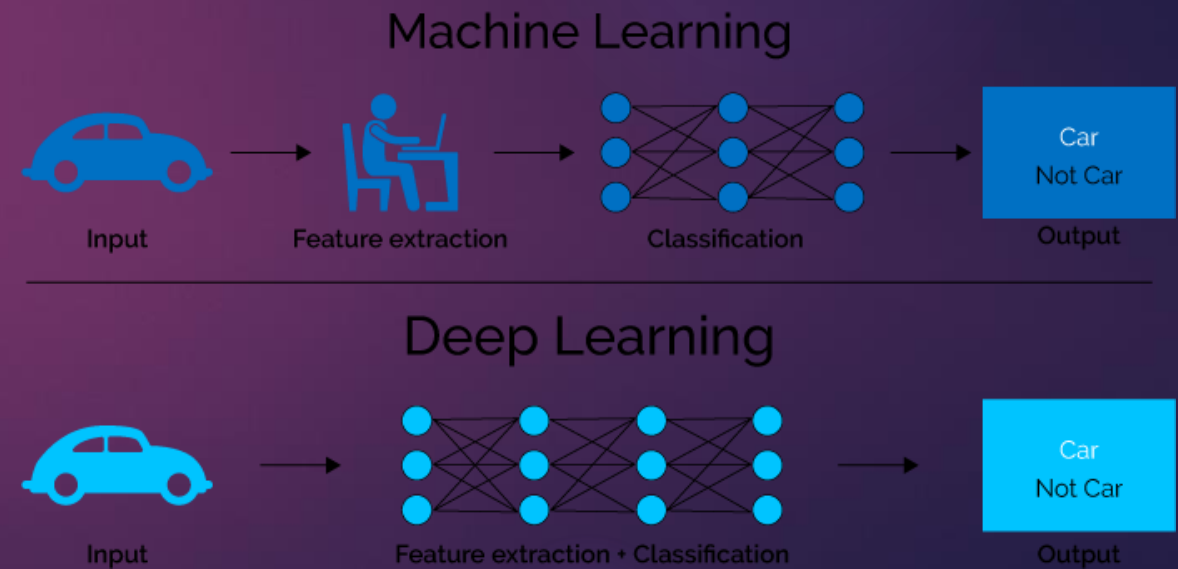
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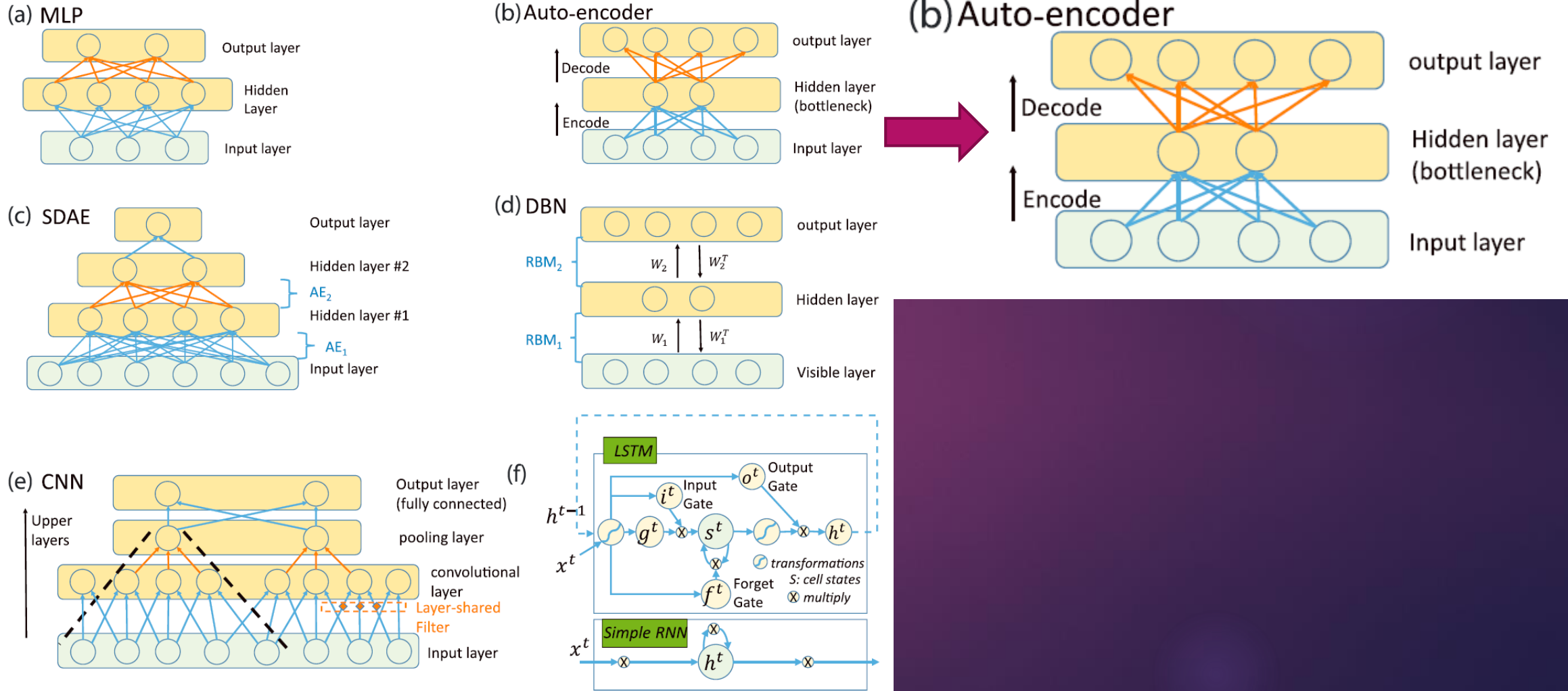
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$X \rightarrow Y$



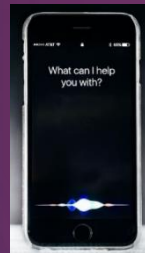
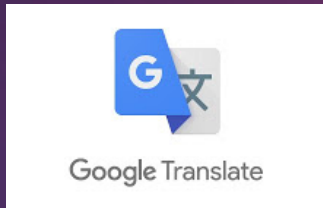


# Some basic deep learning architectures



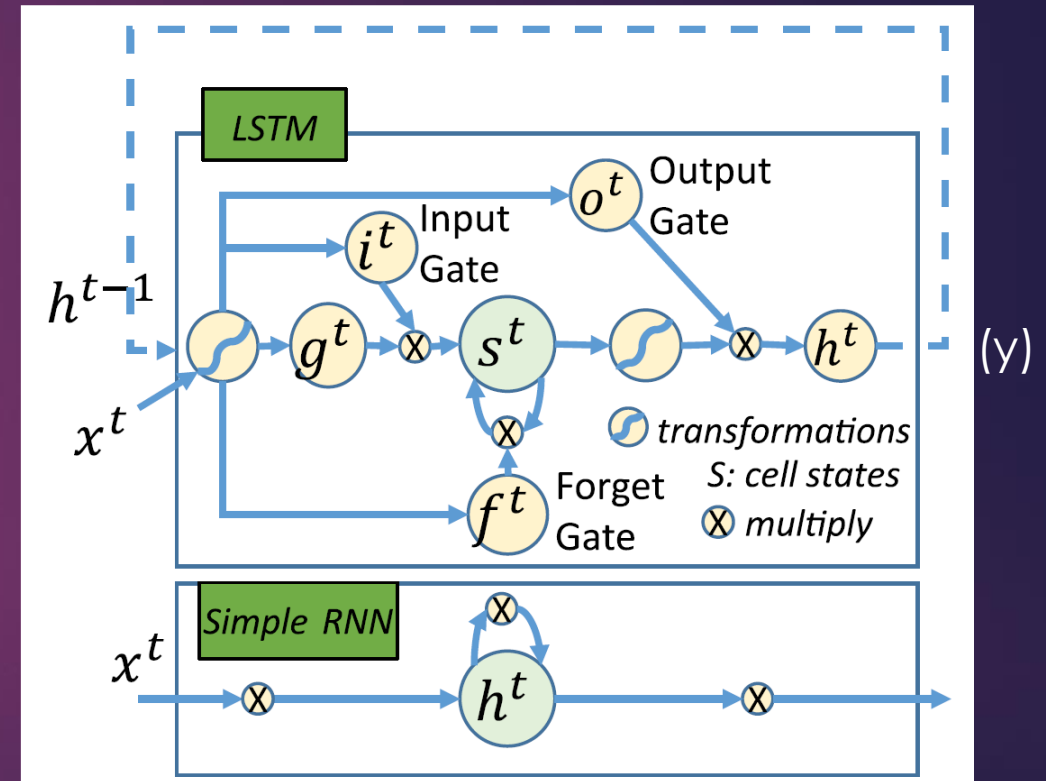
# Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

▶ Time Series Deep Learning (DL)



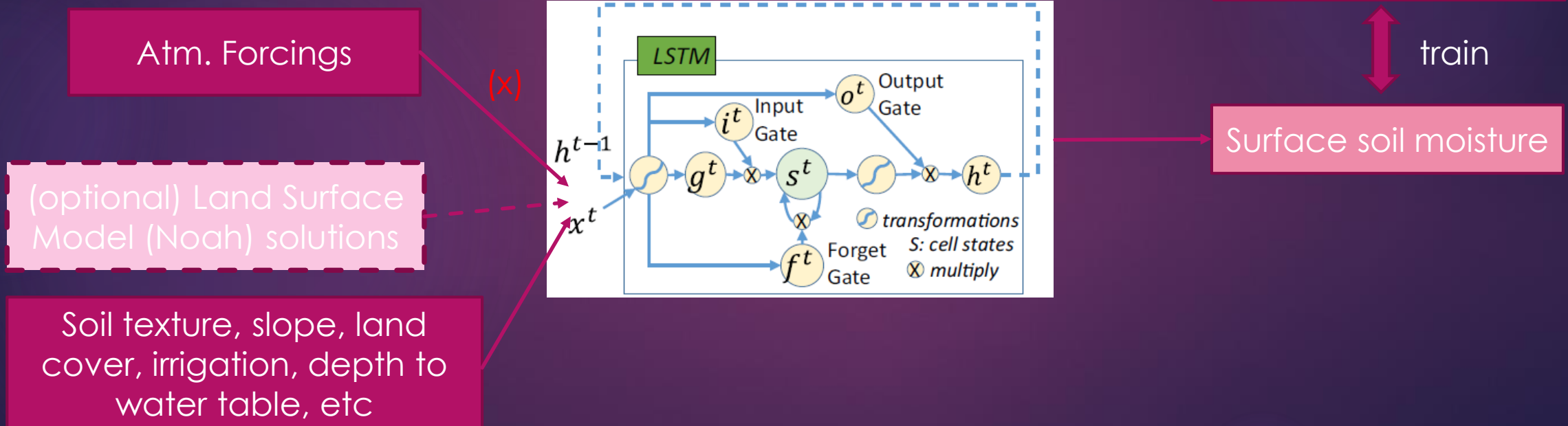
→ Free from structural assumptions

## Self-learned Memory system



# A hydrologic model w/o structural assumptions...

## LSTM model





# Long-term projections

- ▶ Examined comparison with in-situ data & long-term projections

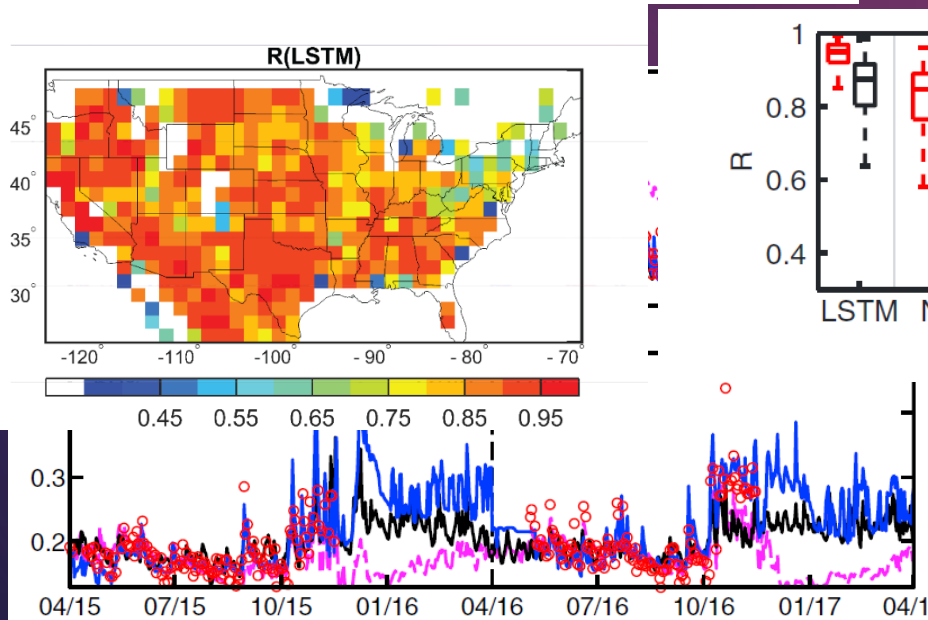
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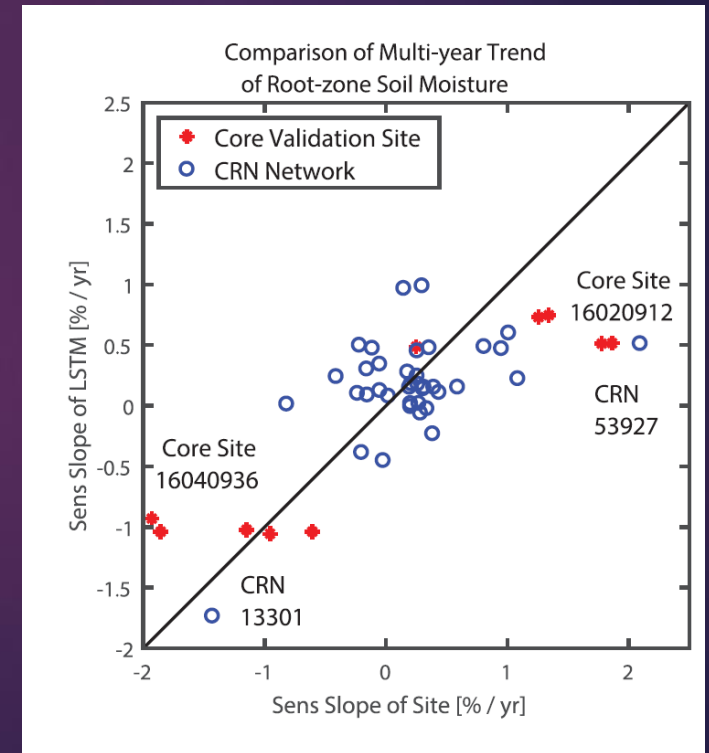
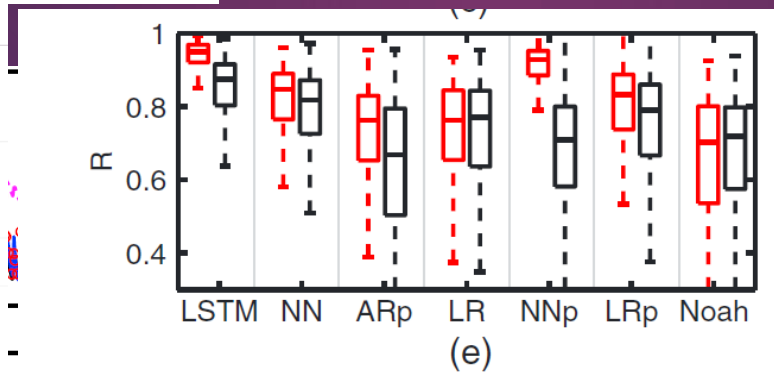


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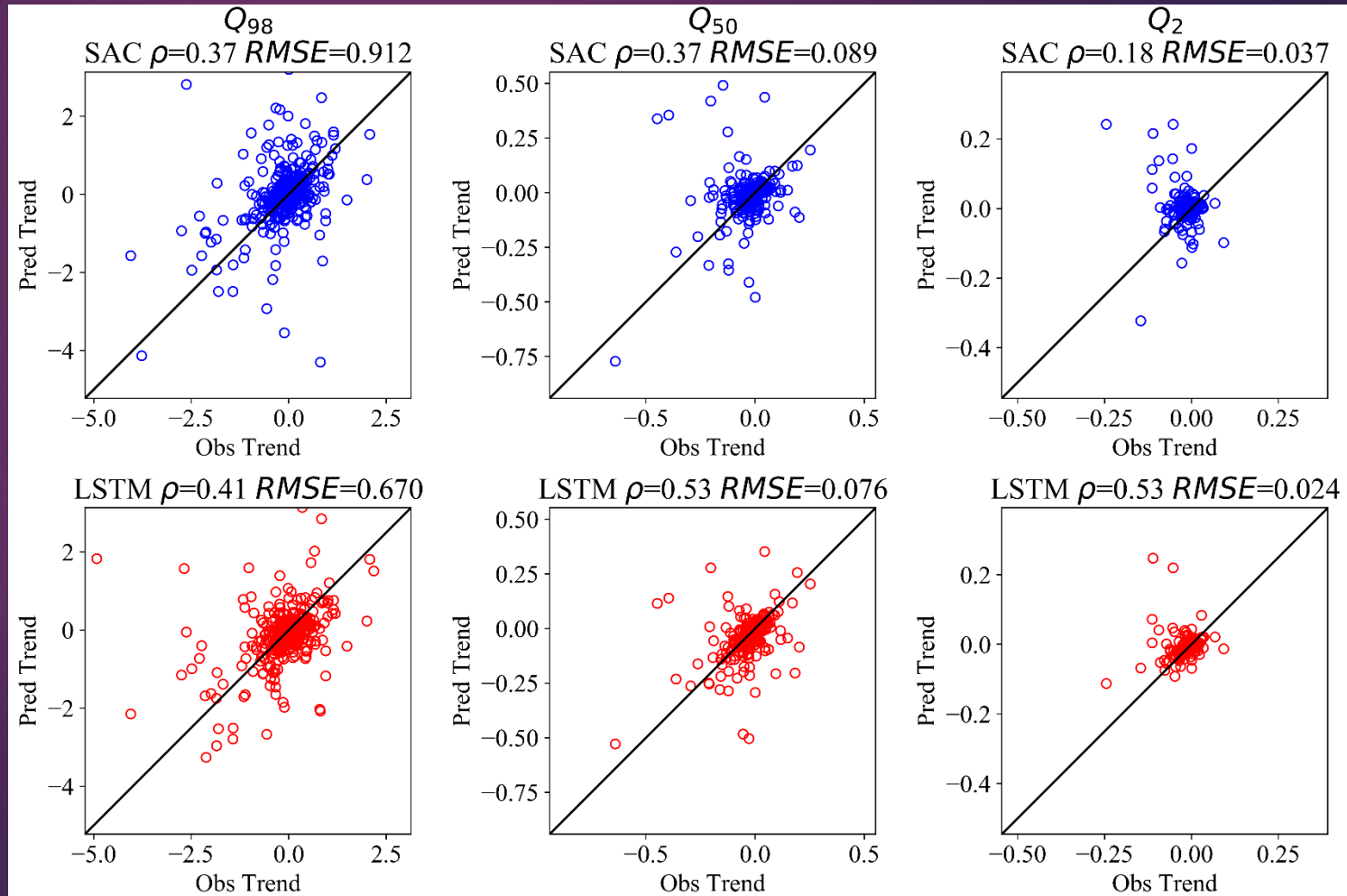


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# Long-term projections

- ▶ LSTM better than SAC-SMA at capturing the long-term trends

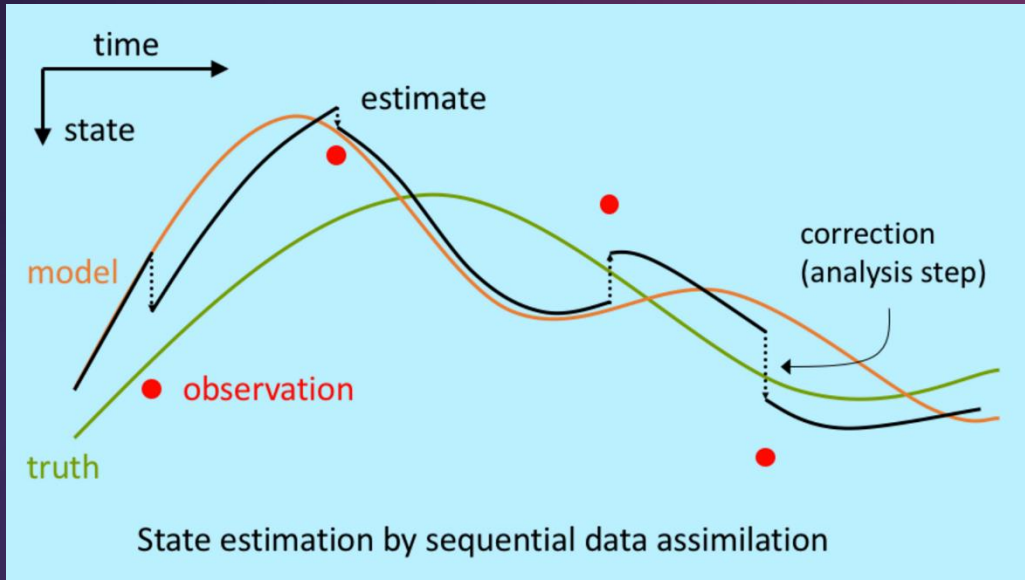
SAC



LSTM

# Short-term forecast

- ▶ Traditional “data assimilation” scheme

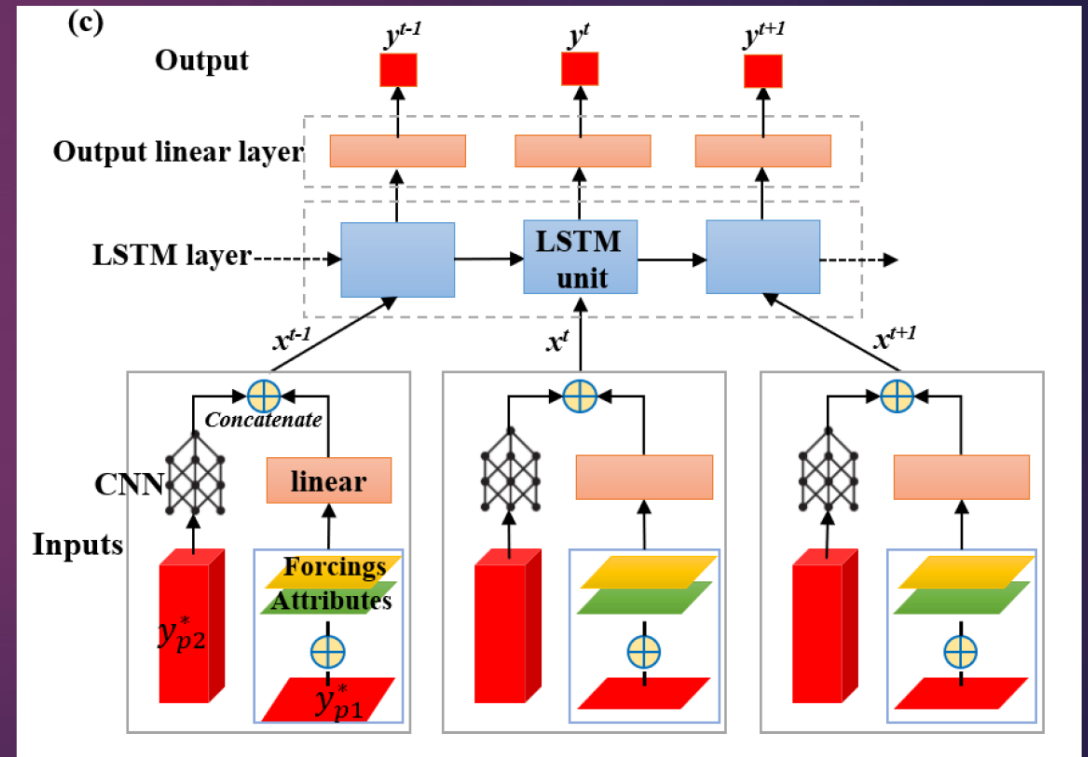


Simulation → Observation – (ENKF) → Correction

Choices: covariance matrix, what to include, how to solve, bias correction, etc.

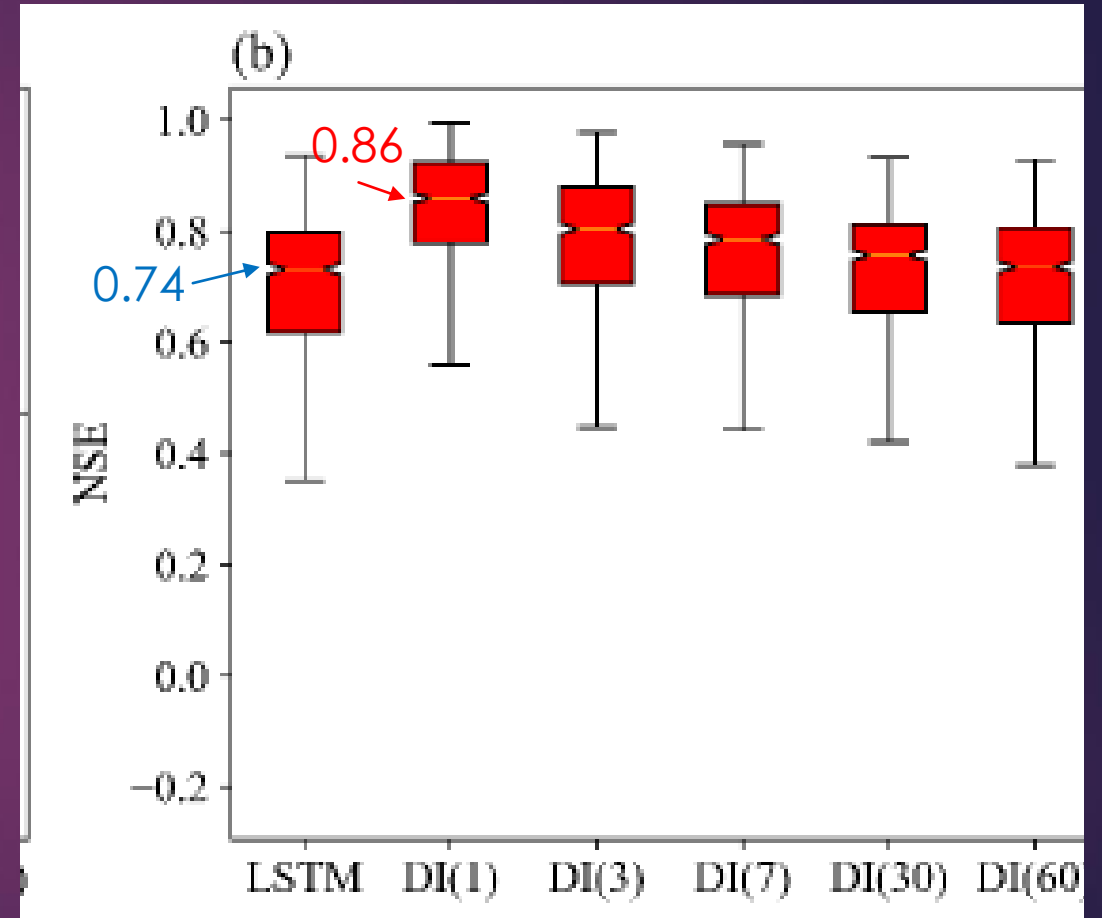
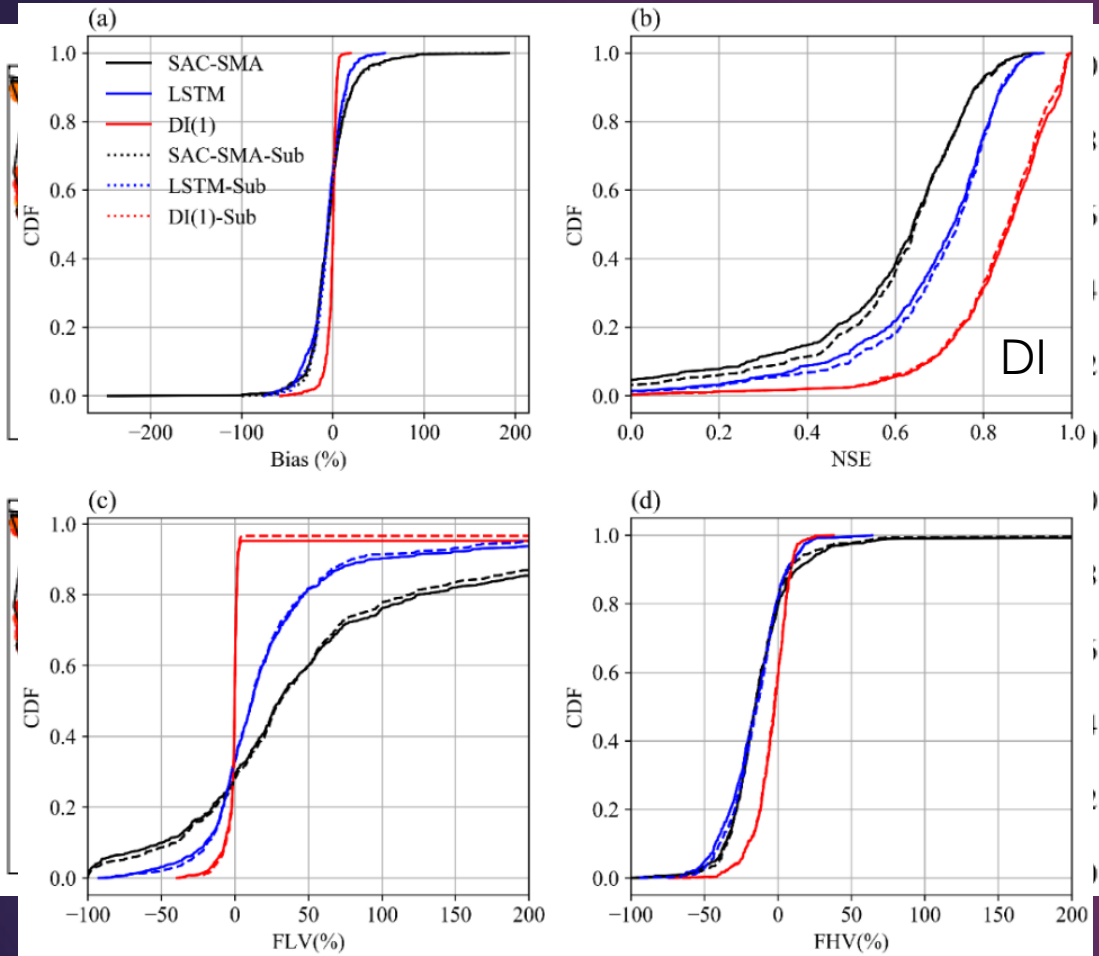
## “Data Integration” (DI)

Observation → Corrected Simulation



$Q^{t-1}, Q^{t-2}, \text{ etc}$

# Forecast for streamflow

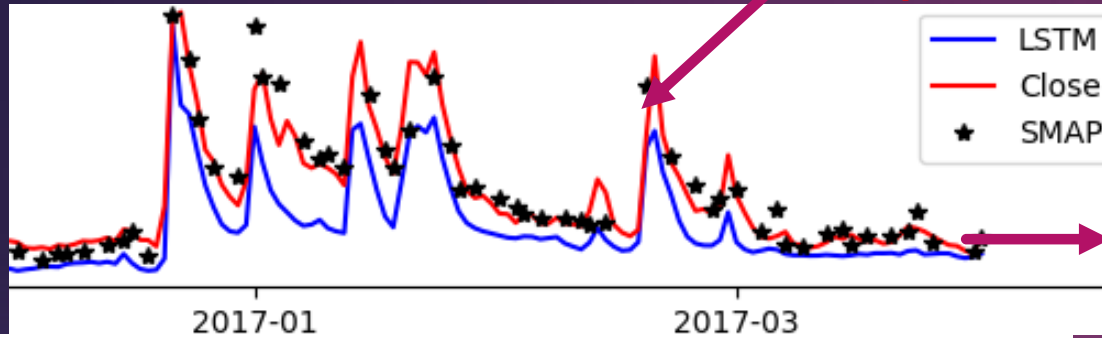


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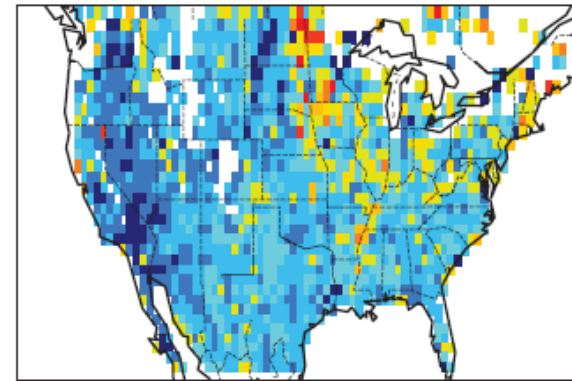
# Forecast for (i) soil moisture (ii) streamflow

Gaps?

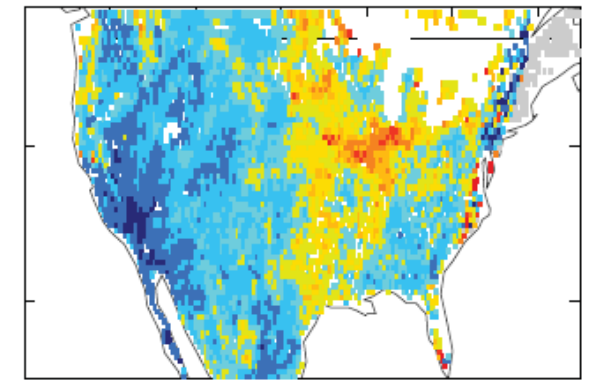


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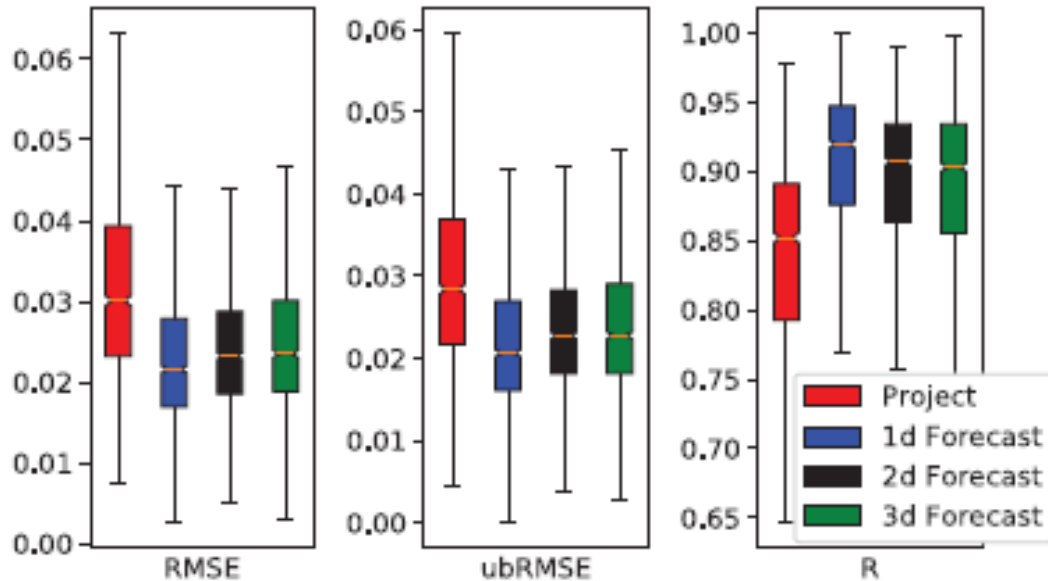
3d Forecast RMSE using DI-LSTM



3d Forecast RMSE from Koster2017



Error metrics of projection and forecast model



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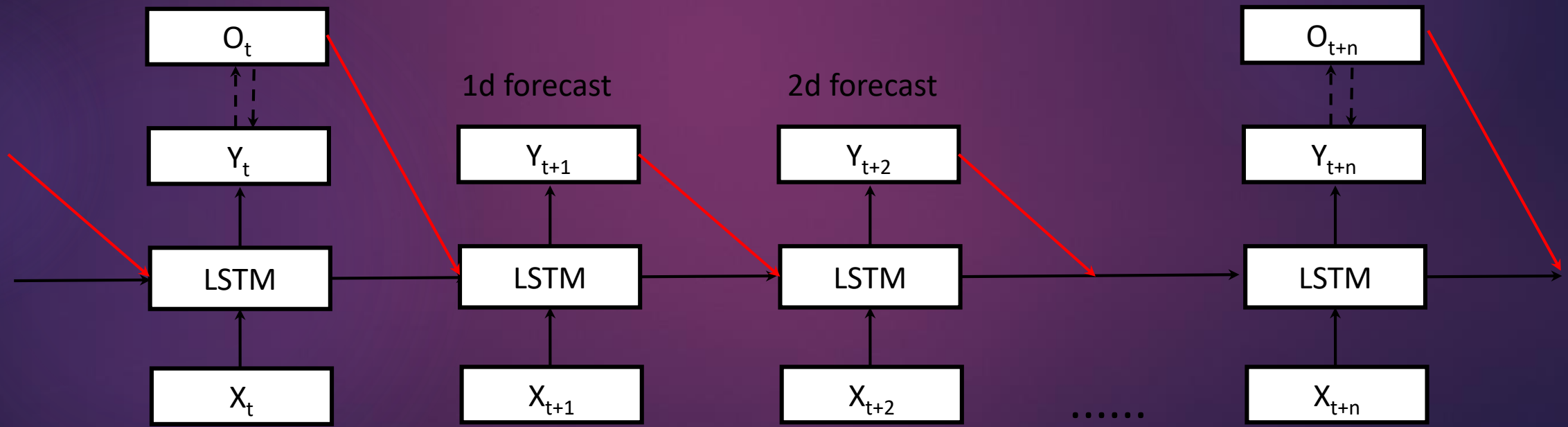
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# What about missing data? Extensive w/ SMAP

- use LSTM as a forward extrapolator!
- a general solution for time-stepping problems where input data stream is also the output.

X - model input  
Y - model output  
O - SMAP observation  
dash lines - backward  
solid lines - forward



# Uncertainty estimation

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## Training

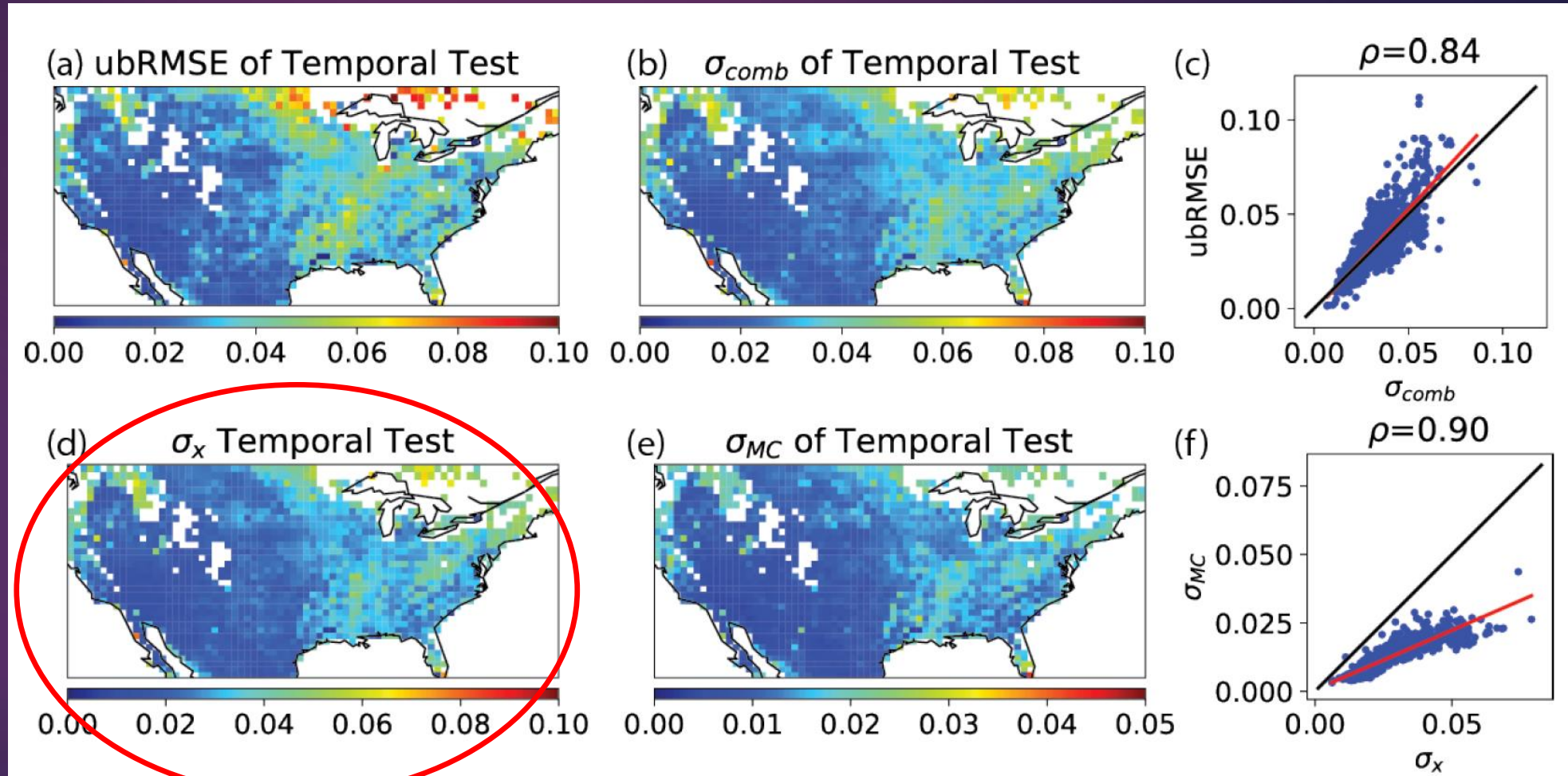
- 2015/04 - 2016/04

## Validation

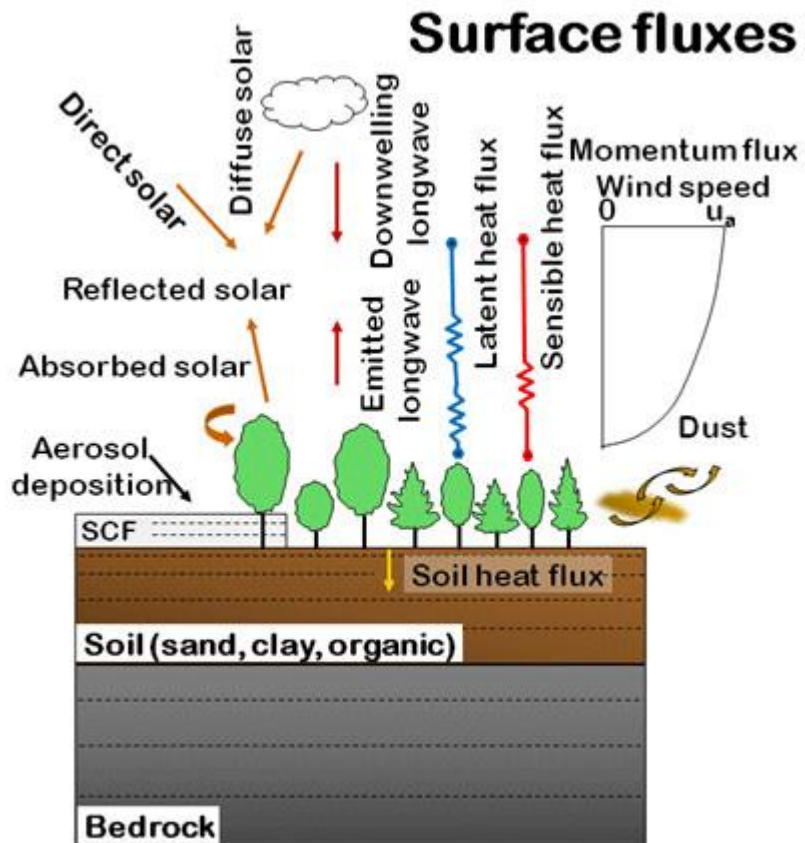
- 2016/04 - 2017/04
- hyper-parameter ( $\sigma_{mc}$  is a function of the dropout rate)

## Temporal test

- 2017/04 - 2018/04
- same pixels as training set



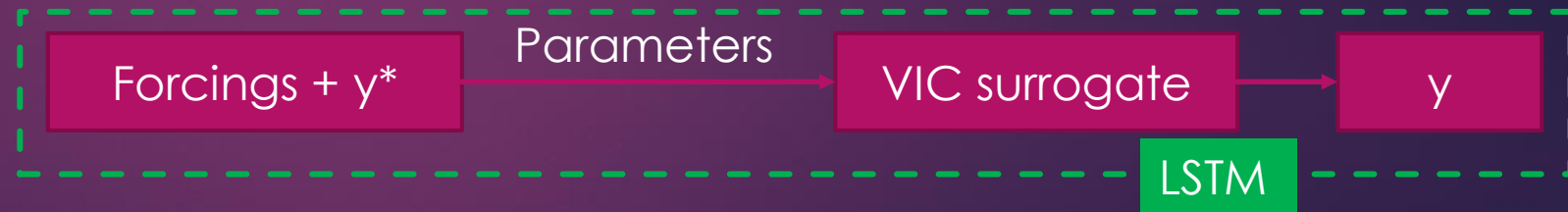
# Interactions w/ ecosystem/biogeochemistry



How about variables we cannot observe accurately on large scales?

ET, Groundwater, deeper soil moisture

From parameter calibration to →  
parameter learning (fPL)

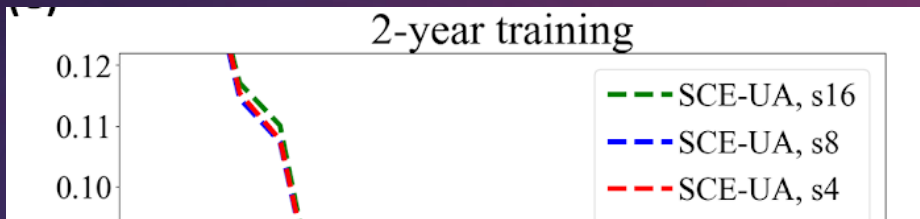


We calibrated VIC model using SMAP data and the LSTM-based fPL scheme

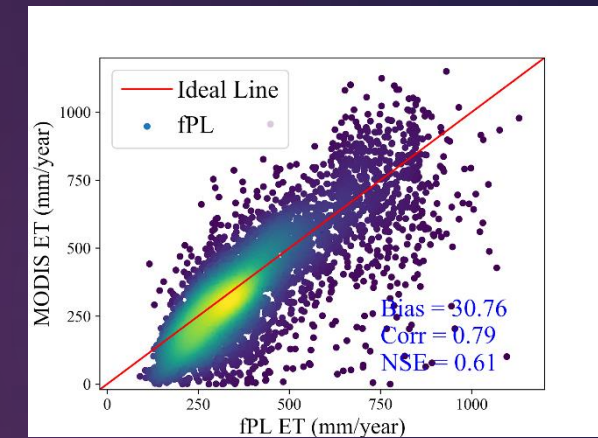
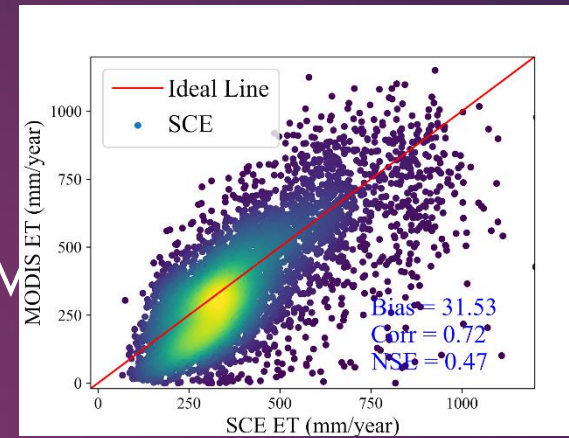


# Parameter learning (fPL) -- results

- Stronger than SCE-UA!
- Saves  $O(10^4)$  computation!
- Now capable of modeling other variables such as ET and/or streamflow

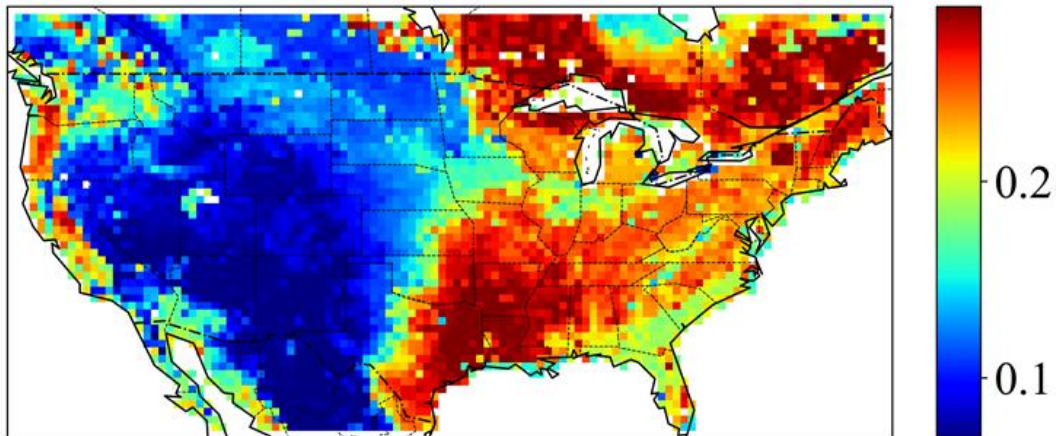


Uncalibrated variable: ET

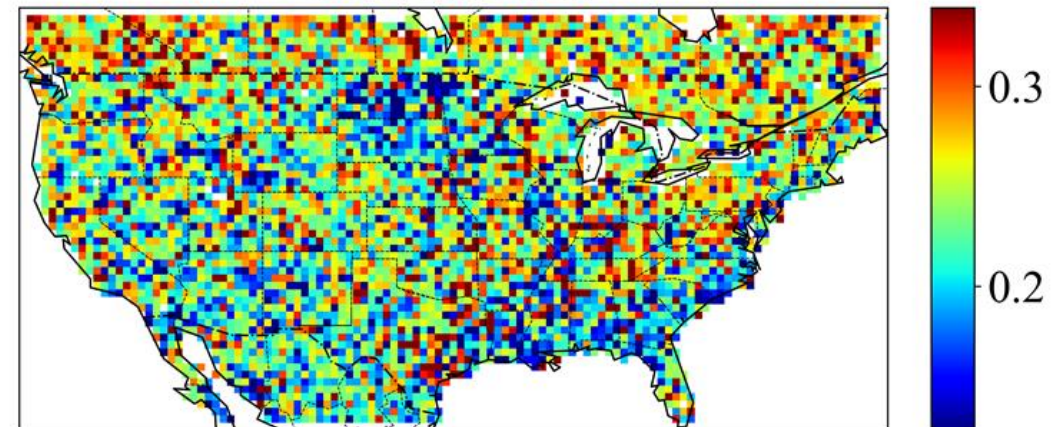


Spatial extrapolation

fPL INFILT



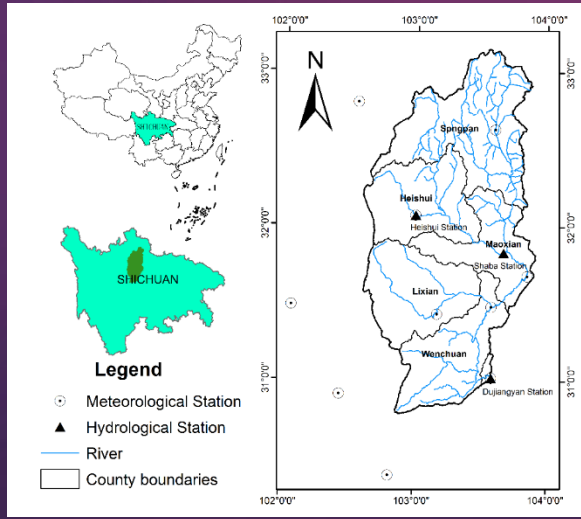
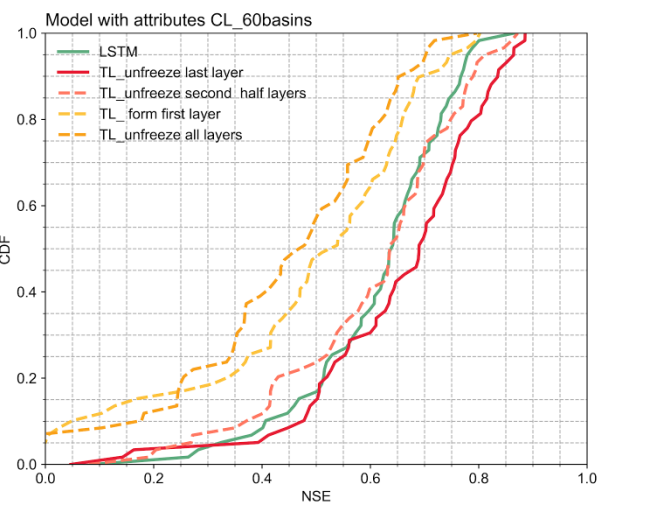
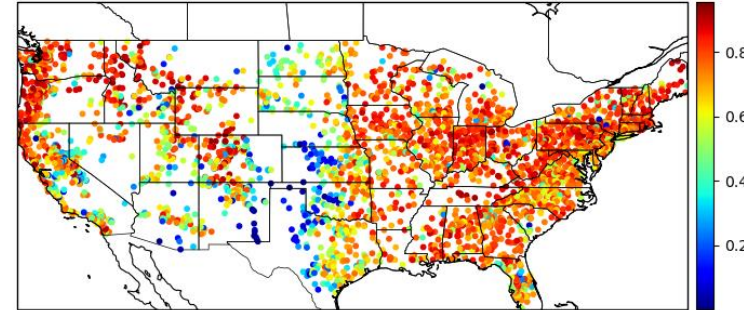
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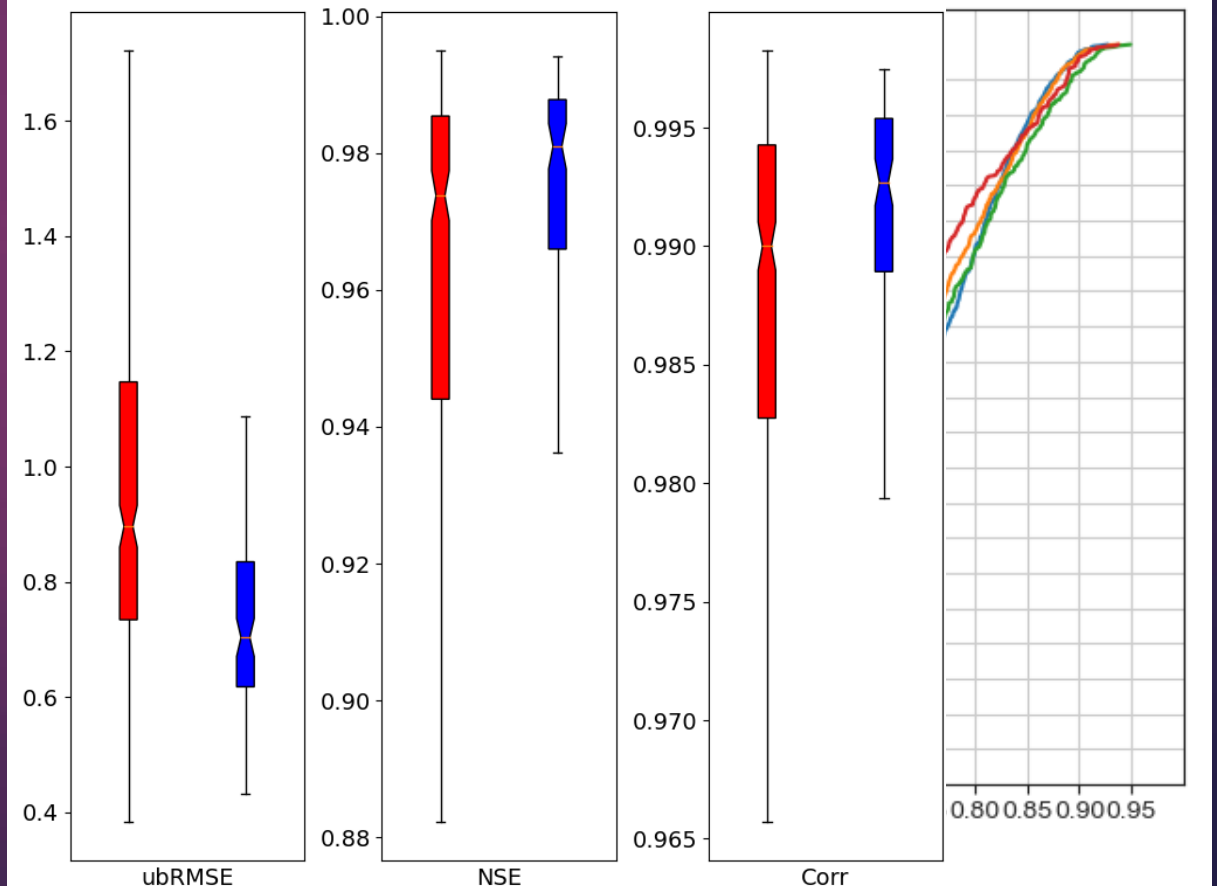
# Ongoing LSTM work beyond CAMELS

- ▶ LSTM can also model (small) reservoirs
- ▶ We can migrate knowledge across continents and support modeling in sparsely gauged sites.
- ▶ Great results with stream water temperature as well!

3551 basins across CONUS



00010\_Mean ,epochs=2000 ,Hiddensize=100 ,RHO=365 ,Batches=158





# Process-based modeling vs machine learning

## ==== PBM strength ====

- ▶ Built from the bottom-up to observe emergent patterns
- ▶ We know what we put in
- ▶ We can do experiments & identify causal relationships

## ==== Limitations ====

- ▶ Human biases
- ▶ Parameter calibration
- ▶ What we don't know?
- ▶ Errors compound?

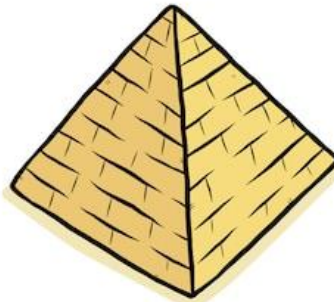
Synergy?  
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## ==== BDML strength ====

- Built from the top-down, directly from observations → accurate
- Less biased
- Identify things we don't know?
- Highly efficient in computation

## ==== Limitations =====

- Can't observe everything!
- May be difficult to interpret
- May not fully respect physical laws
- Does not understand causal relationships



Bottom up



Top down

# Where to go from here?

- ▶ Hydrologic DL has launched a full-on assault to offer a full suite of hydrologic services with higher accuracy and lower cost.
- ▶ Time series DL will spread over to many geoscientific domains.
- ▶ DL will not replace PBM. On the contrary, there will be a class of **unified model** that links together PBM and DL.
- ▶ Powerful applications have emerged from hydrologic DL, while PINN near completes its proof of concept. In the future there PINN may see more growth.
- ▶ DL may be deeply ingrained into next generation models for science and practical operations

*Perhaps one day DL will become an inalienable component of the hydrologic discipline itself*

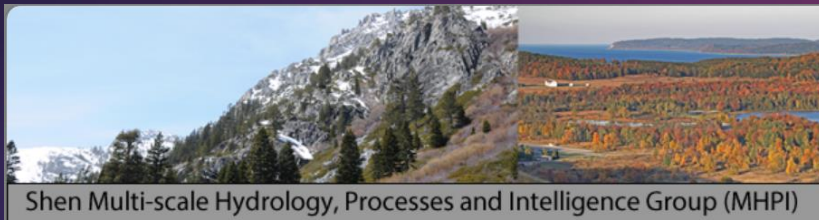
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deepLDB

# deepLDB -- a machine-learning-based Landslide database and modeling system

# Code walkthrough w/ an example

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