Deep Learning & Data-Driven Approaches to Modeling Suspended Sediment Loads

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Using Hysteresis Analysis to Characterize Hydrological Events



 Untapped potential in data-mining high-frequency data
 Automation w/ Deep Learning

 Can improve constituent load estimates and guide modeling
 Watershed characterization

State of the Art Deep Learning Implementations

Model algorithms & architecture

 Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)



- 3-D CNNs
 Recurrent Neural Networks
- Autoencoders
 Deep Belief Neural Networks

ResNet50 Architecture



Kevin Andrew, Ali Javed, Maike Holthuijzen, Scott Turnbull, & Doug Denu

Comparison between human and machine learning classification of storm event hysteresis

 Highest Accuracy (68%) by 2-D Convolutional Neural Network
 Compare with human performance

by crowdsourcing experiments





A Framework for Identifying New Event Types

- Deep Learning for Feature Extraction
- □ Clustering of events
 - Visual patterns
 - Encoded features
 - Storm event metrics



 New pattern libraries for other hydrological variables
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- Nitrate
- Soil moisture
- Ground water level
- Stream temperature

Doug Denu

2-D vs 3-D "Trajectories" of Events



Expanding research out into new watersheds

- □ Range of:
 - Land Use/Cover
 - Geology
 - Soils
 - Drainage Area
 - Topography



A more varied set of watersheds



Distribution of Hysteresis Patterns Varies Across Watershed Types



How can we effectively collect reach geomorphic data?

(a) _____ 2017 - 2018 Difference



SenseFly eBee UAS



Hamshaw et al. (2018). "Application of unmanned aircraft system (UAS) for monitoring bank erosion along river corridors" Geomatics, Natural Hazards, & Risk (In Press)

Analyzing Geomorphic Change and Sediment Transport Regimes

Volumetric Change within River Corridor area of New Haven River Analysis of Streamflow above Threshold Value for Monitoring Intervals



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