Applying Deep Learning to Hydrological Events for Watershed Modeling



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Regional climate (including extreme meteorological events) Land use Hydrology (flow, solute transport) biogeochemistry (P, N, C) Lake (hydrodynamics, water quality)

Identifying where riverine sediments originate

Watershed Modeling



SOURCE: Stryker, et al., 2018, Journal of Hydrology: Regional Studies.



Streambanks

Roads



Agricultural

Forest

Topsoils

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Another approach to understanding sediment dynamics in watersheds





 Mine high-frequency water quality data

Identify "types" of hydrological events



Date

Streamflow (m³/s)

What if we let the watershed tell us what is going on?







Garnett Williams, USGS, 1989

Class I – Linear



Class II – Clockwise



Class III -Counterclockwise



Class IV – Linear then Clockwise



Class V – Figure-Eight







□ Garnett Williams, USGS, 1989



Expanded Hamshaw Classes/Patterns

Hysteresis Type Key







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Automated event classification system





Hamshaw et al. (2018). "A new machine learning approach for

classifying hysteresis in suspended sediment-discharge relationships using high- frequency monitoring data", Water Resources Research

Hamshaw & Rizzo. (2019). "Using Machine Learning to Leverage the Value of Big Data and High-Frequency Monitoring in Characterizing Watershed Sediment Dynamics" in DOE Open Watershed Science Report (Invited)

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- 53% 72% Accuracy
- Need for larger storm event data set

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Leveraging EPSCoR in-stream water quality sensors





Automated, supervised event extraction



BREE Basin Resilience to Extreme Events in the Lake Champlain Basin

Simultaneous water quality (turbidity, DOC) and streamflow event analysis

Hamshaw & Javed, 2019. Improvements to Event-based Analysis of High-Frequency Turbidity and Suspended Sediment Monitoring Data.

CUAHSI Hydroinformatics Innovation Fellowship

Expansion of event classification to state of the art deep learning algorithms



Basin Resilience Extreme Events

Classification of Hysteresis in Event Concentration-Discharge Relationships." In Proceedings of SedHyd 2019 Conference

Visual representation of hydrological event data

• Color as Time





BREE Undergrad Interns Eric Romero & Nicole Dávila

Romero, *et al.* (2018). "Automating the Classification of Hysteresis in Event Concentration-Discharge Relationships." *In AGU Fall Meeting 2018*



• Evaluation of human visual interpretation



Group

Data-driven identification of new categories of events



• Leverage temporal information in sensor signal "3-D trajectories"



Javed et al. (2019) In preparation.

Connection to LULC/BMP



- Watersheds have existing characteristic distribution of Wade Brook event types
 - Affected by changes in
 - Climate & extreme events
 - LULC & BMP adoption



Hungerford Brook







Smart detection of shifts in storm event behavior

Watershed 3: Hungerford Brook



Watershed 2: Potash Brook







Watershed 1: Wade Brook





Maps courtesy Matt Vaughan

Scaling event analysis to Solutional watersheds in the IAM

• Regionalization approach





Extreme Events



 Predict hysteresis type occurring at subwatershed outlet



Output \rightarrow Informs BMP Implementation and Adoption:

- RHESSys (e.g., alter manure application at subwatershed level)
- ABM (e.g., alter intent to adopt)