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Machine Learning Models for Hydrological Inference: A Case Study for Flood Events

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Floods represent one of the most widespread and destructive natural hazards worldwide, posing significant threats to human life, infrastructure, and socioeconomic systems. In this context, machine learning and other advanced intelligent technologies are offering new opportunities for hydrological inference and flood modeling, marking a paradigm shift in traditional hydrological practices. In recent years, machine learning techniques have demonstrated considerable potential in various aspects of floodrelated studies, including flood forecasting, streamflow simulation, rainfall-runoff modeling, data assimilation, and filling the gaps of hydrological records. These datadriven approaches have contributed to enhanced accuracy and efficiency in hydrological inference. However, several challenges remain, such as limited model interpretability. This Special Issue thus aims to bring together researchers, engineers, and practitioners from the fields of hydrology, artificial intelligence, disaster risk reduction, and related disciplines to share their latest insights, methodological innovations, and practical experiences in applying machine learning to flood events.

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