

## **ML Applications for River Hydromorphology**



River responds to changes in geohydrological and hydromorphological factors



(b)

(d)

(a)



(c)



Floodplain Zone

### https://www.nps.gov/subjects/geology/fluvial-landforms.htm



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Commonly used approaches for hydromorphology:

- Physical based or deterministic models: physical laws
- Empirical models: observed data and predefined relationship
- ⇒ A nonlinear partial differential equations system with initial and boundary conditions
  - Numerical methods
  - Model parameters need to be calibrated

### ML approaches for hydromorphology:

- Explore complex nonlinear relationship from data set
- Save CPU-time and improve predictive accuracy

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Frequently used keywords on river sediment prediction employing artificial intelligence / Machine learning models



### Example 6.1

Application of artificial neural networks for river regime M.D. Bui<sup>1</sup>, D. Huber<sup>1</sup>, K. Kaveh<sup>1</sup>, A.M. da Silva<sup>2</sup>, P. Rutschmann<sup>1</sup>

- An alluvial stream does not accept any channel form provided for it by humans or nature. Instead, it creates the stable or regime channel, which, under ideal conditions, does not vary with time.
- Conventional regime models:
  - establish the relationship between the geometry of a stable channel (width, depth and slope) and the external controls (water discharge and sediment load).
  - ✓ are almost empirical methods (need prior knowledge about the nature of the relationships among the data) and have restricted ranges of application.
- Artificial neural networks (ANN):
  - ✓ learn from data examples to capture the subtle relationships among the data, even if the underlying relationships are unknown or the physical meaning is difficult to explain.
  - $\checkmark$  have proven a high tolerance against data sample errors.
- > Develop an optimal ANN model for regime channel characteristics.

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### Data

- The regime channels are assumed to be of the "R-type" (Yalin and da Silva, 2001), and thus determined by the bankfull discharge (*Q*) and the grain size *D*.
- A data set of 509 observations collected by different authors has been divided randomly into three subsets: 70% for training, 5% for validating,15% for testing.

Limit	h(m)	B(m)	<b>S</b> (-)	D(m)	Q(m <sup>3</sup> /s)
lower	0.018	0.3475	35×10 <sup>-6</sup>	55×10-6	0.0037
upper	20.12	1381.40	0.06	0.1758	42468.9

- Since the different behavior of sand- and gravel-bed channels regarding the grain size a distinction is necessary:  $D_1$  for sand and  $D_2$  for gravel.
- Since the difference between max and min water discharge as well as the variation of its observation accuracy is very large, the dataset is divided into two groups concerning the discharge:  $Q_1$  for Q < 2 m<sup>3</sup>/s and  $Q_2$  for the rest.



### h[m] B[m] 600 14 12 500 400 300 200 . 100 2 0 300 500 600 100 200 400 0 12 14 2 10 4 6 8 **OBSERVED WIDTH OBSERVED DEPTH** S[] 0.04 0.03 CALCULATED SLOPE . 0 0.02 0.01 0 0 0.02 0.04 0.01 0.03 **OBSERVED SLOPE**

### Designed network

- The ANN architecture was modified by changing the number of hidden layers and its neurons, the initial weights, as well as the type of the transfer function (>70 models).
- An optimal model was determined based upon evaluating the difference and correlation between the predicted values and the desired outputs.

### Model evaluation

• Performance indices of various methods for the testing data set: ANN is compared against the Thermodynamic Entropy Theory (Yalin and da Silva, 2001) and the Stability Theory (Julien and Wargadalam, 1995).

		B[m]	h[m]	S[-]
	RMSE	17.7	0.3	0.0019
AININ	R	0.990	0.970	0.929
Yalin & da	RMSE	37.9	1.2	0.0053
Silva	R	0.935	0.897	0.866
Julien &	RMSE	37.2	2.5	0.0050
Wargadalam	R	0.930	0.886	0.842

1. Width





IW <sup>s</sup>					
11.6941	-10.0254	12.8639	3.9292	-2.2914	1.6707
4.7240	0.7294	4.7956	1.9810	-4.4402	1.2225
42.8973	-0.4062	-3.9882	-8.7085	21.3059	75.8515
-3.3486	5.6306	5.3187	5.7861	8.0982	-10.8346

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0.8905



### Conclusion

- An explicit neural networks formulation has been developed using sigmoidal shaped activation functions and optimal weights obtained from training processes.
- The ANN based model is found to be capable of predicting channel regime characteristics in a range given for the minimum and maximum data used in network training and validation process.
- The estimations by the ANN model were clearly better than those of two conventional approaches, with lower error (RMSE) and higher correlation coefficient (R).
- The analytical equations obtained by the ANN can also easily be applied for estimating the regime characteristics in other hydromorphological conditions.

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Example 6.2

**Original Articles** 

## Contraction scour estimation using datadriven methods

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 $\overline{d_s} = \frac{d_s}{b_1}; \overline{d} = \frac{d_m}{b_1}; \overline{h} = \frac{h_1}{b_1}; \overline{b} = \frac{b_2}{b_1}; \overline{Fr} = \frac{v_1}{\sqrt{\Delta g d_m}}; \Delta g = \left(\frac{\rho_s - \rho}{\rho}\right) g$   $\overline{d_s} = F\left(\overline{d}, \overline{Fr}, \overline{h}, \overline{b}, \sigma_s\right)$ 

- 182 measured data sets for the equilibrium depth of contraction scour
- Inputs and Output
- Feedforward Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)
- Training and Test: Trial-and-Error

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	ANN	Dey & Raikar	Richardson & Davis	Komura	Lim & Cheng
R	0.965	0.836	0.853	0.790	0.748
RMSE [m]	0.015	0.035	0.054	0.170	0.048
MAE [m]	0.006	0.013	0.028	0.084	0.016



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The importance of the individual input parameters was checked with a sensitivity analysis:

• The contraction ratio is the most sensitive parameter, followed by the impact of the formation of the armoring layer for non-uniform sediments.



$$(\overline{d}_s)_{pr} = LW^{21} \times \operatorname{tansig} \left[ IW^{11} \times \begin{bmatrix} \overline{d} \\ \overline{Fr} \\ \overline{h} \\ \overline{b} \\ \sigma_g \end{bmatrix}_{pr} + b^1 + b^2 \right]$$

$$IW^{1,1} = \begin{bmatrix} -61.7540 & 0.7590 & 16.0804 & -2.2736 & -1.3754 \\ -36.1590 & -1.9702 & -18.4141 & 3.2689 & 3.0961 \\ 12.5222 & -0.0331 & -14.5885 & 8.0144 & -0.2061 \\ 112.9620 & 1.4127 & 2.7952 & -5.7359 & -1.0236 \\ -26.4800 & 0.0029 & 13.6386 & 8.1508 & -0.0300 \\ 128.5200 & -1.6282 & 8.8843 & -0.1999 & 0.2204 \\ -65.1840 & -1.1853 & -12.4488 & -0.9877 & -0.6407 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$LW^{2,1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0276 & -0.0258 & -0.0726 & 0.0241 \\ & -0.0312 & 0.2775 & -0.0295 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\vec{b}^{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.1017\\ 1.7659\\ -0.0878\\ 0.1017\\ -7.2220\\ 4.7620\\ 3.9530 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$b^{2} = [-0.1876].$$

- The trained network maps non-linear input-output relationships in complex systems.
- In the form of a matrix equation.



Physical suitability of the ANN-based model

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### Performance Analysis Of Different Model Architectures Utilized In An Adaptive Neuro Fuzzy Inference System For Contraction Scour Prediction

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Testing different ANFIS networks and training methods.

⇒ Using the zero-order Takagi-Sugeno model with 4 bell-shaped membership functions for each input, the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm for training yields best results for contraction scour depth.







Example 6.3





### Article Variability and Trend Detection in the Sediment Load of the Upper Indus River

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- Estimation of the sediment load for boundary conditions in numerical models.
- Very difficult to estimate accurately in an area with a strong hysteresis phenomenon and a disproportionate spatio-temporal trend between water runoff and suspended sediment rate.
- Development of an ANN model combined with Discrete Wavelet Transform (WAANN).

$$f_{i} = A_{M,i} + \sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{n=0}^{(2^{M-m}-1)} W_{m,n} 2^{\frac{m}{2}} \Psi \left(2^{-m}i - n\right)$$
$$f_{i} = A_{M,i} + \sum_{m=1}^{M} D_{m,i}$$



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- WA-ANN gives good results for the extraordinary events and fills the gap between the intermittent measurements of the suspended sediment concentration (SSC).
- Analysis of the temporal change in sediment transport rates (SSL) and water runoff using non-parametric trend tests.

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**Original Research** 

A comparative study of three different learning algorithms applied to ANFIS for predicting daily suspended sediment concentration

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## Long short-term memory for predicting daily suspended sediment concentration

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### Example 6.4 New concept for hydromorphological modelsystems

$$\frac{\partial z_{\flat}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{1-p} \frac{\partial q_{\flat}}{\partial x}$$

∂z,	Val OZ,	C(z) =	1	∂q₅
at + C	$\frac{\partial (2_b)}{\partial x} = 0$	$C(2_{b}) = $	1 – p	$\partial Z_b$

- Using Empirical Formulas to Calculate
  Sediment Transport Rates in Exner's Equation :
  - The results of the different formulas often vary widely.
  - In many cases unsatisfactory morphological changes are predicted.





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### Integrating artificial neural networks into hydromorphological model for fluvial channels

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 $U_{(i-1)}^{n}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  Stable numerical solution with a large time st (3000 times larger than using conventional numerical methods)





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# Integration of artificial neural networks into TELEMAC-MASCARET system, new concepts for hydromorphodynamic modeling



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## Example 6.6 A new concept for sediment transport in gravel bed rivers



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### Article

### Combination of Discrete Element Method and Artificial Neural Network for Predicting Porosity of Gravel-Bed River

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Article

### The Prediction of Fine Sediment Distribution in Gravel-Bed Rivers Using a Combination of DEM and FNN

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### Motivation: Limitations of current models

- Consider the porosity as a constant
- Fine sediment exchange in the voids contributes on morphological changes
- Neglect the fine sediment exchange between layers
- ⇒ Develop a framework combining the Discrete Element Method (DEM) and Machine Learning (ANN) to predict the porosity and fine sediment distribution.
- $\Rightarrow$  Analyze the bed characteristics by using the developed algorithms and applying the image processing.
- ⇒ Build a new numerical model for bed variation of gravel-bed rivers considering porosity variation and exchange flux of fine sediment between two layers.
- ⇒ Verify the combine framework of DEM and ANN and to test the new bed variation model.





### Verification of DEM porosity simulations

- Samples
  - Pure gravel (a): 1864 grains porosity 0.3520
  - Fine fraction 0.4003
    (b): porosity 0.1856, 355891 grains.
- Gravel bed
  - Flume filled by uniform gravel with D = 8 mm with the experimental porosity.
  - Porosity obtained from DEM simulations in comparison with the porosity measurement of Navaratnam, Aberle et al. (2018).



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### DEM simulation of fine sediment exchange rates

- Different ratios (d/D): 0.45, 0.414, 0.4, 0.35, 0.3, 0.25, 0.20, 0.15, 0.10
- (d<sub>m</sub>/D<sub>m</sub>) Larger than
  0.45 impossible to get infiltration
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  0.30 bridging
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Smaller than 0.1 statistic percolation

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### DEM simulation of the infiltration process

Bridging (a):

 Fine grains connect to build the 'bridge' across gravels

Percolation (b)

 Increase of fine fractions near the flume bed



### Verification of DEM models

- Fine sediment distribution
- Compare with Gibson (2009) (a, b) and Gibson (2010) (c, d)
- Good results in bridging.
- The wall effects on amplitude of wave distribution.
- Acceptable agreement (percolation)





### DEM based data

500 cross sections z- direction for

- Uniform fine sediments (2 size classes)
- Non-uniform fine sediment (9 size classes)
- Bridging and percolation





Porosity prediction - (z-direction)

- Bridging (a,b,c)
  Percolation (d,e,f)
- 500 samples were used to train the ANN
- Classification in 2 size classes and 9 size classes



### Fine fraction prediction

- The bed was divided in two layers.
- In some points, the FNN gave poor results.
- Acceptable results in whole domain.
- The framework DEM and FNN is successful in predicting sediment distribution



### <u>Notes</u>

- Using appropriate network architectures and training processes, the ML models can be developed for different sediment problems.
- Comparing with the observed data, the performance of the ML models are significantly better than those of traditional approaches with lower error and higher correlation coefficient.
- The equations obtained from the ML can also be easily applied to estimate the properties of sediment transport under other hydromorphological conditions.
- A coupling of ML methods with numerical models provides promising results.
- ML can become a useful tool for sediment transport calculation and modelling hydromorphological processes.