

# Physics Guided Machine Learning: A New Paradigm for Accelerating Scientific Discovery

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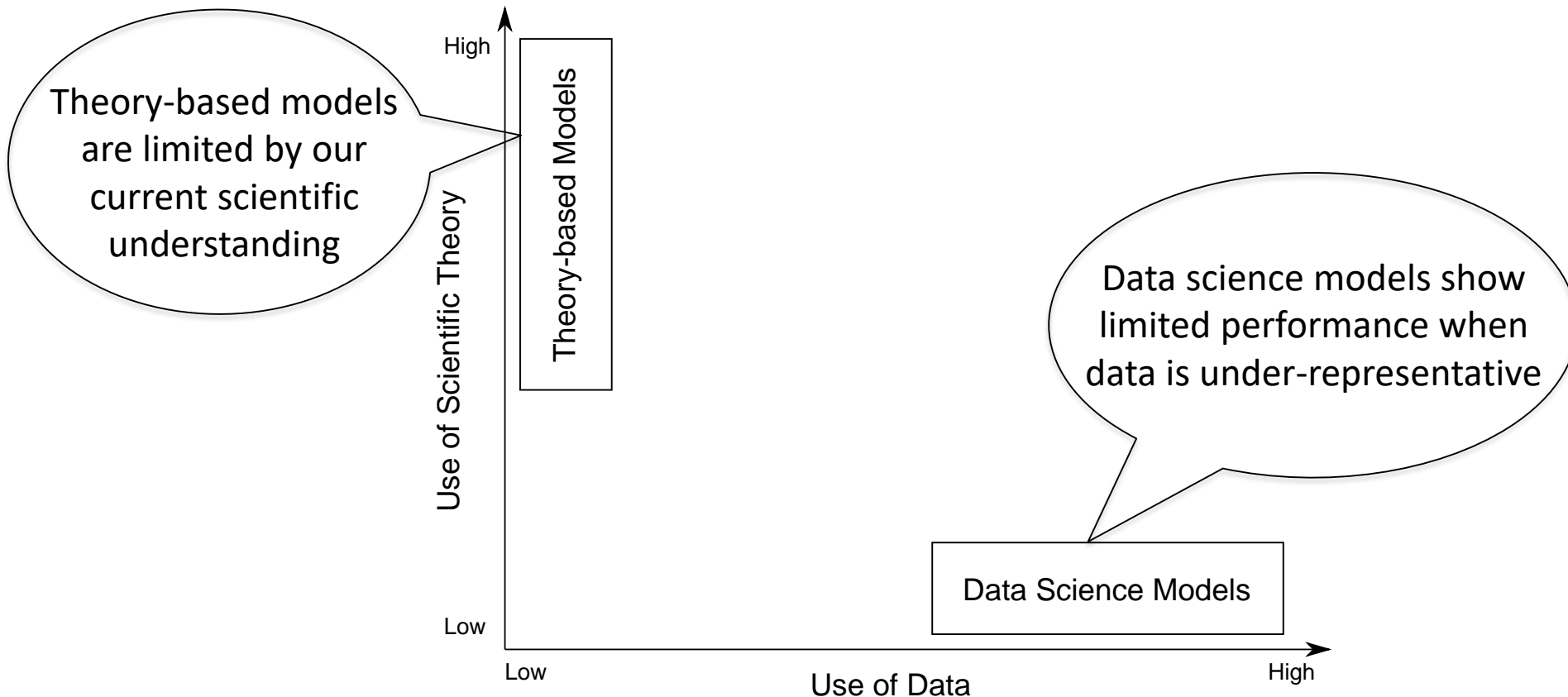


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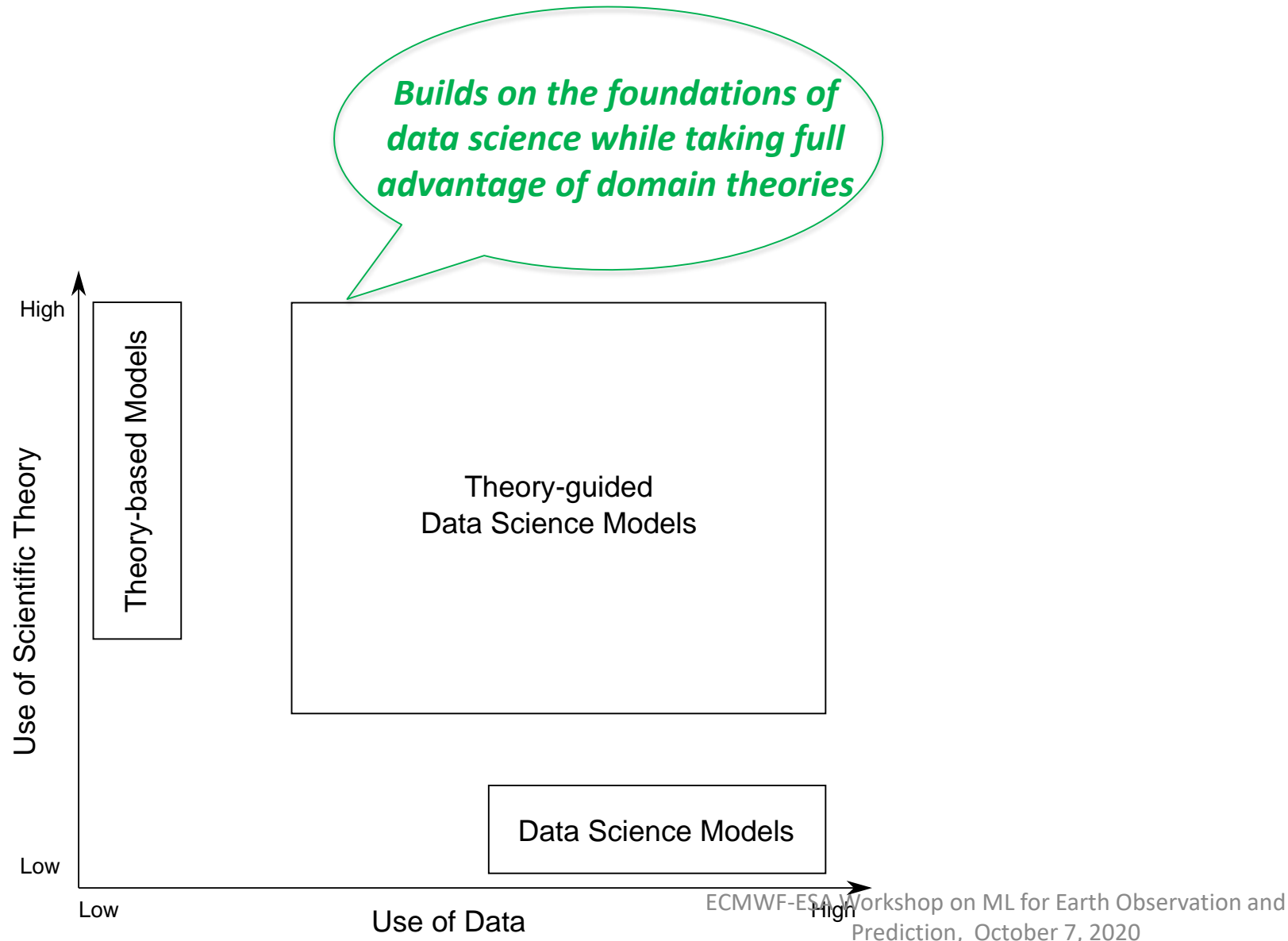


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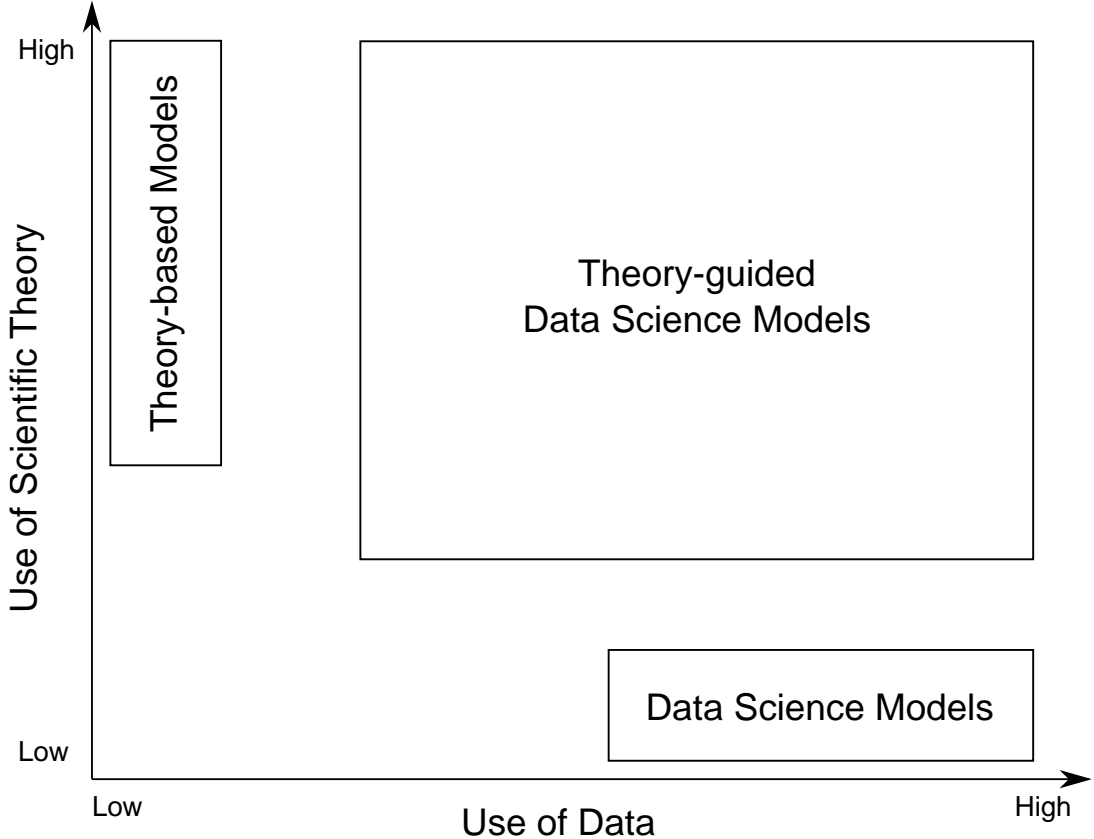


**Both use incomplete sources of information about the two key components of knowledge discovery: *scientific theory* and *data***

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## Theory-Guided Data Science: A New Paradigm for Scientific Discovery from Data

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Anuj Karpatne, Gowtham Atluri, James H. Faghmous, Michael Steinbach, Arindam Banerjee, Auroop Ganguly, Shashi Shekhar, Nagiza Samatova, and Vipin Kumar

### A Big Data Guide to Understanding Climate Change: The Case for Theory-Guided Data Science

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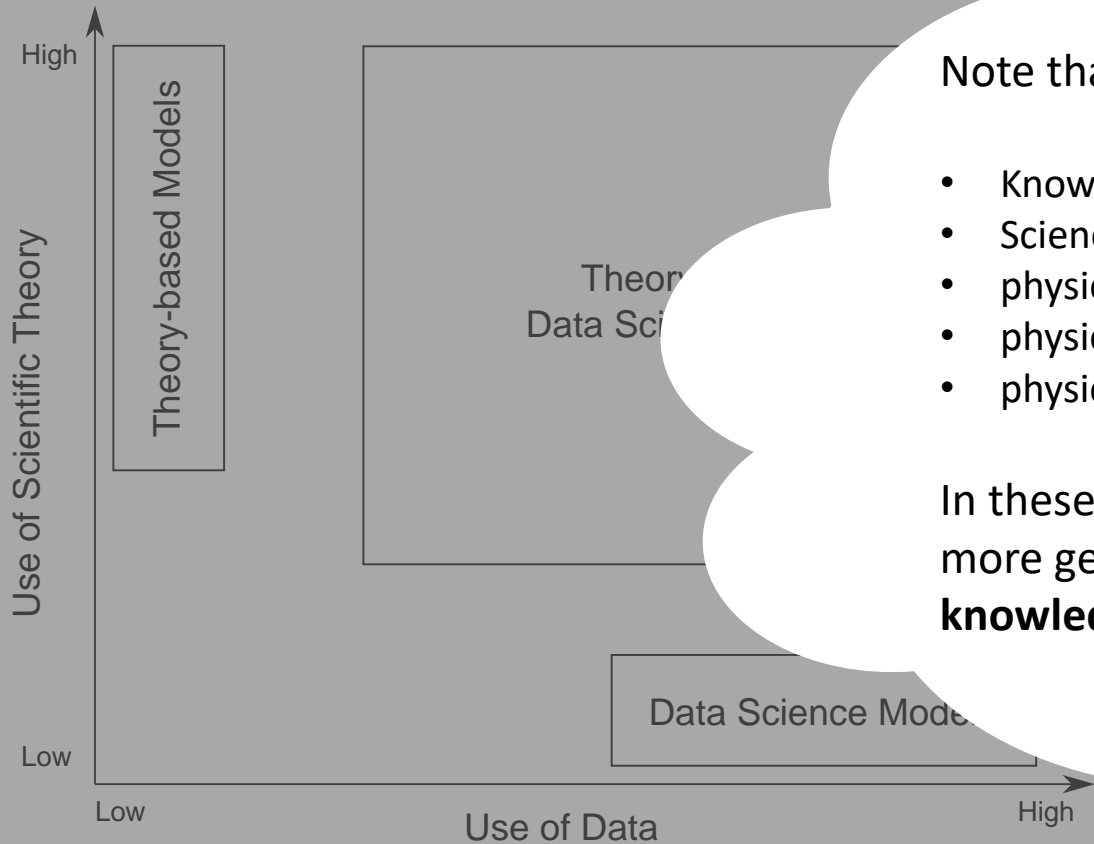


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To adequately address climate change, we need novel data-science methods that account for the spatiotemporal and physical nature of climate phenomena. Only then will we be able to move from statistical analysis to scientific insights.

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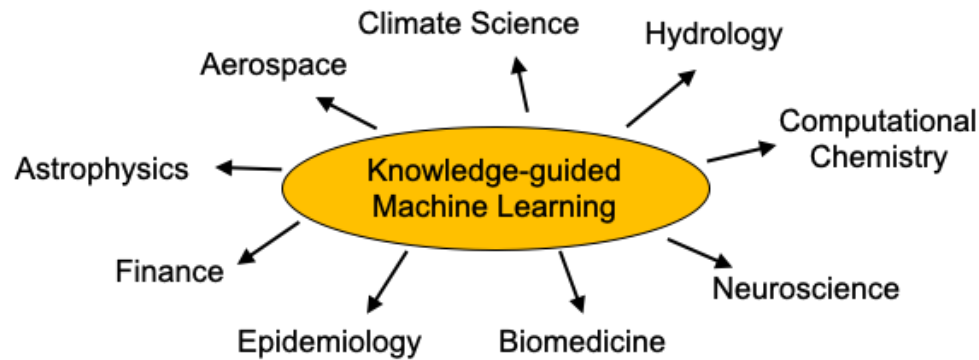
- Knowledge-guided ML
- Science-guided ML
- physics-guided ML
- physics-informed ML
- physics-aware AI

In these works, “**physics**” or “**physics-guided**” should be more generally interpreted as “**science**” or “**scientific knowledge**”.

# Knowledge Guided Machine Learning:

## A Paradigm Shift in Scientific Discovery

Surveys more than 300 papers



### Integrating Physics-Based Modeling With Machine Learning: A Survey [arXiv:2003.04919](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.04919)

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There is a growing consensus that solutions to complex science and engineering problems require novel methodologies that are able to integrate traditional physics-based modeling approaches with state-of-the-art machine learning (ML) techniques. This paper provides a structured overview of such techniques. Application areas for which these approaches have been applied are summarized, then classes of methodologies used to construct physics-guided ML models and hybrid physics-ML frameworks are described. We then provide a taxonomy of these existing techniques, which uncovers knowledge gaps and potential crossovers of methods between disciplines that can serve as ideas for future research.

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency > Program Information

### Physics of Artificial Intelligence (PAI)



The Physics of Artificial Intelligence (PAI) program is part of a broad DAPRA initiative to advance AI capabilities, to control and coordination of composable systems. However, despite rapid progress in machine learning – AI's successful integration into numerous DoD applications – the development of causal, predictive models and dealing with incomplete, sparse, and noisy data remains a challenge.

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Catalyzing the computing research community and enabling the pursuit of innovative, high-impact research.

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### Visioning Activity

#### Artificial Intelligence Roadmap

In fall 2018, the Computing Community Consortium (CCC) initiated an effort to create a 20-Year Roadmap for Artificial Intelligence, led by Yolanda Gil (University of Southern California and President of AAAI) and Bart Selman (Cornell University and President-Elect of AAAI). The goal of the initiative was to identify challenges, opportunities, and pitfalls in the AI landscape, and to create a compelling report to inform future decisions, policies, and investments in this area.

The Roadmap was based on broad community input gathered via a number of forums and communication channels: three topical workshops during the fall and winter of 2018/2019, a Town Hall at the annual meeting of the AAAI, and feedback from other groups of stakeholders in industry, government, academia,

### Many conferences/workshops

- 2020 Knowledge-guided Machine Workshop
- 2020 AAAI Spring Symposium on ML in Physical Sciences
- 2020 AAAI Fall Symposium on Physics-Guided AI
- 2020 SIAM MDS Mini-symposium on Physics-guided AI
- 2020 Physics-informed Machine Learning Workshop at LANL,
- 2020 Physics-Informed Learning Machines for Multiscale and Multiphysics Problems at PNNL

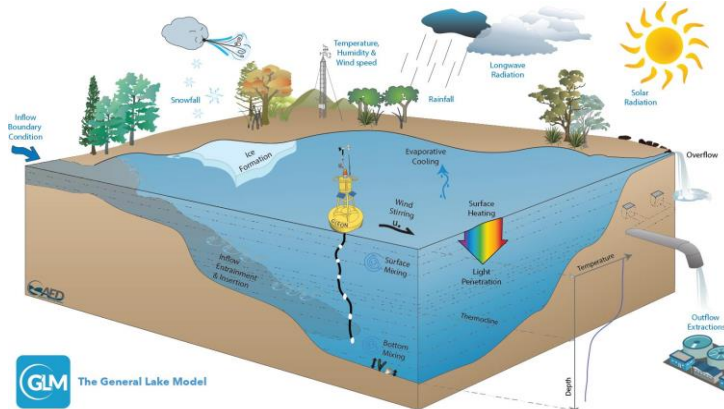
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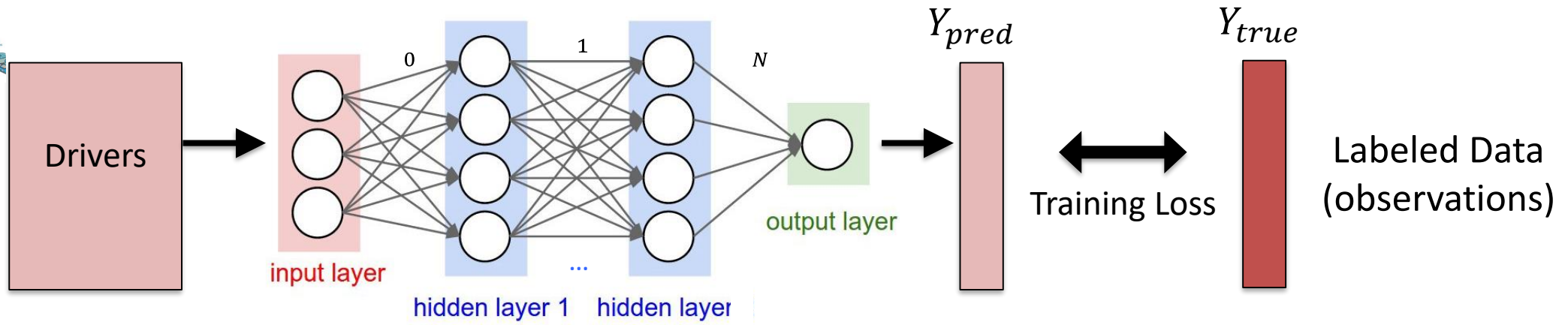
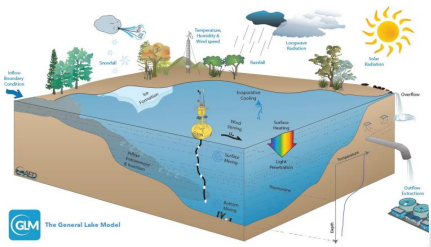


Modeling Lake Water Temperature dynamics

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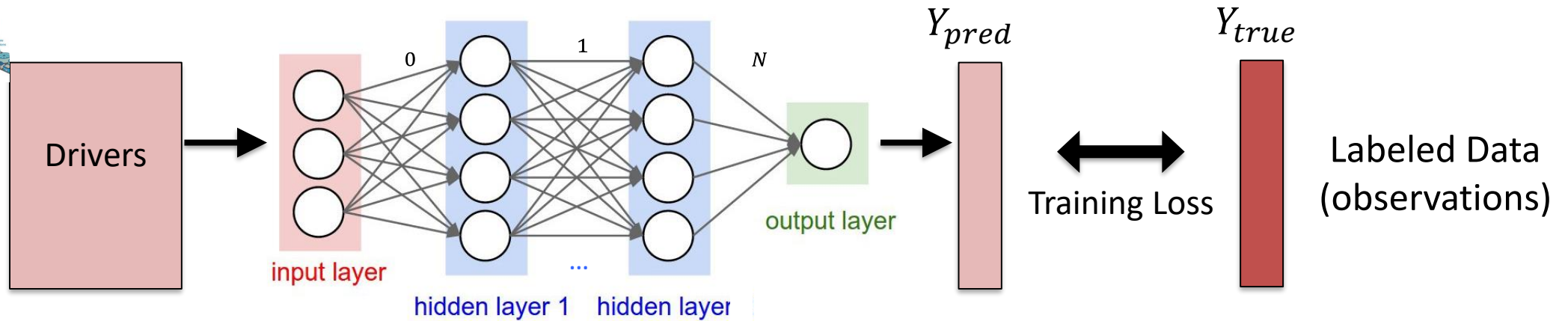
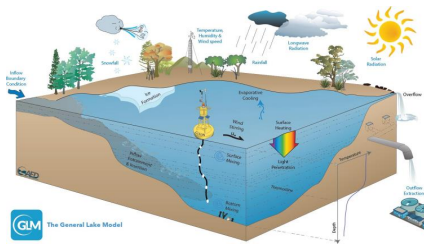
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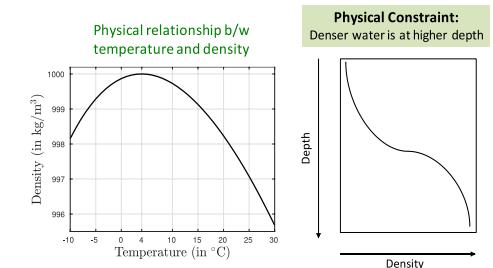
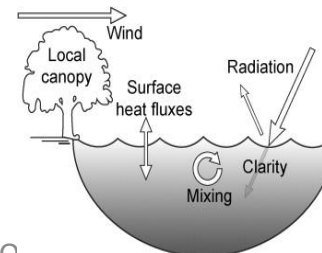


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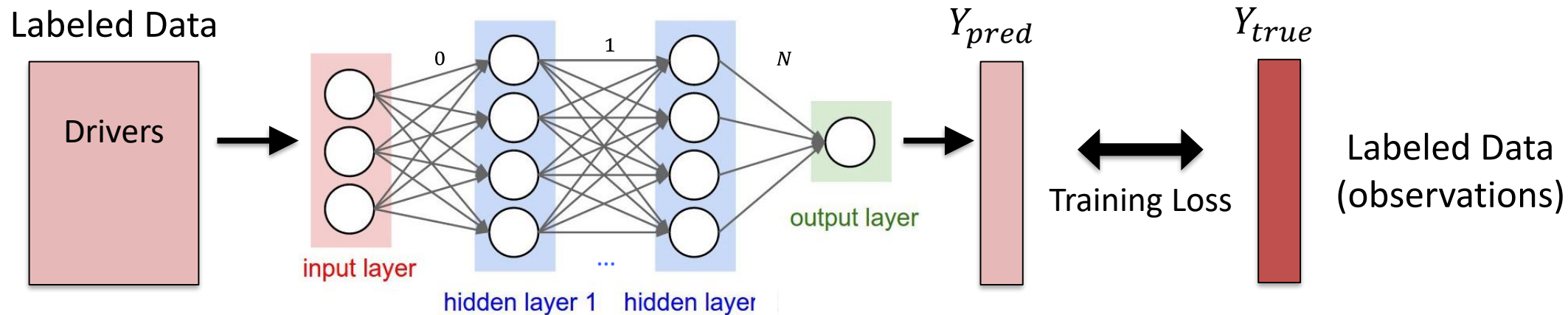
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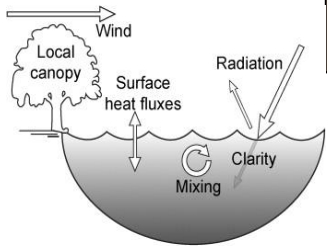


# Incorporating Physics in ML Models



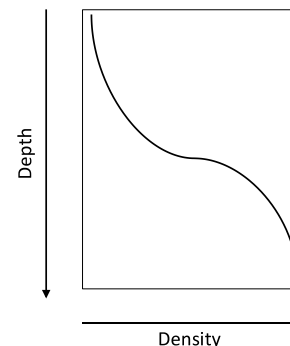
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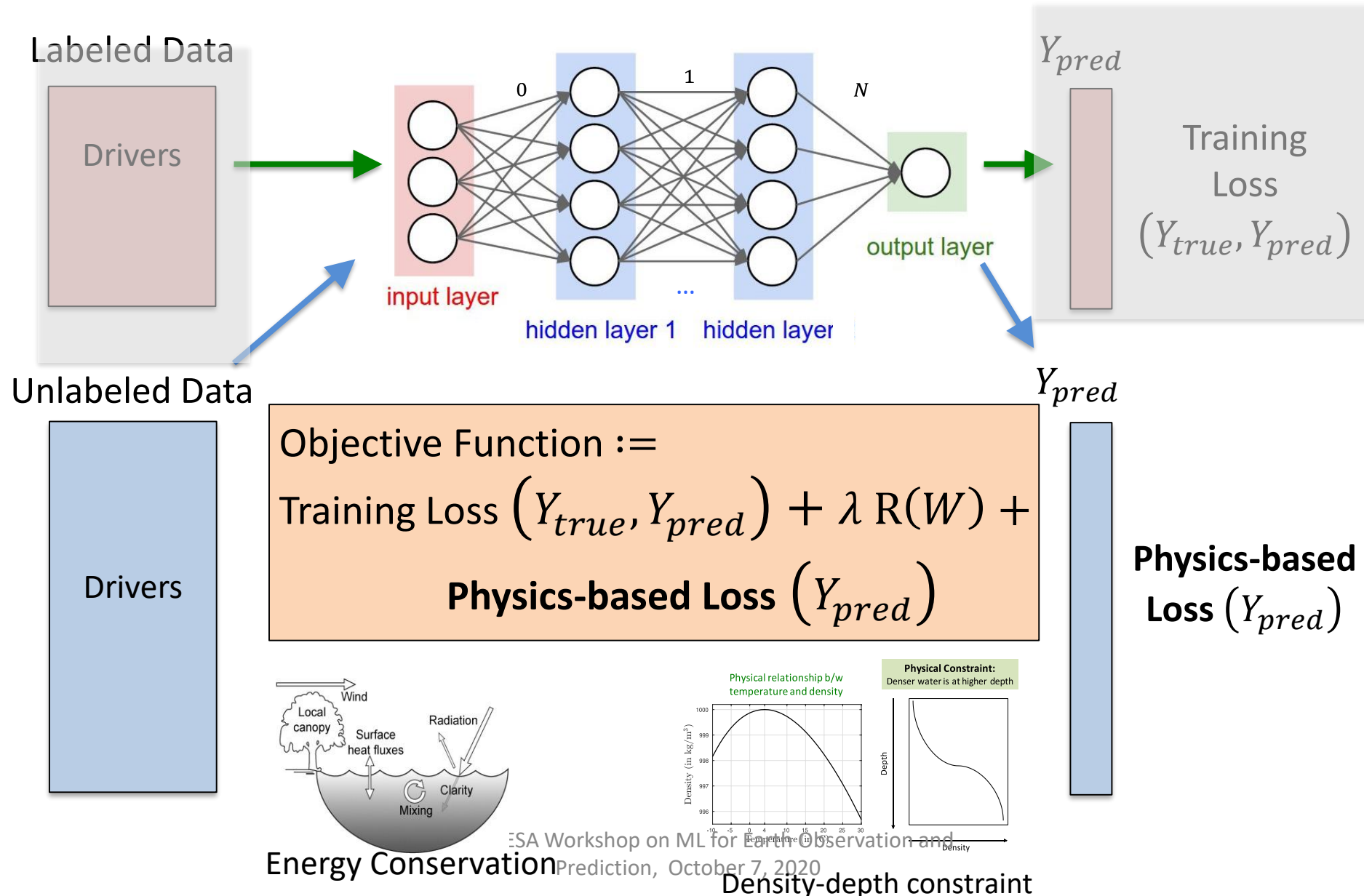
Energy Conservation

Denser water is at higher depth

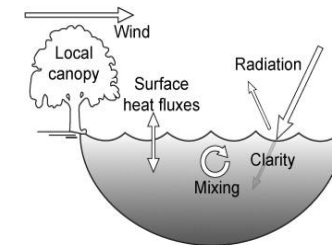
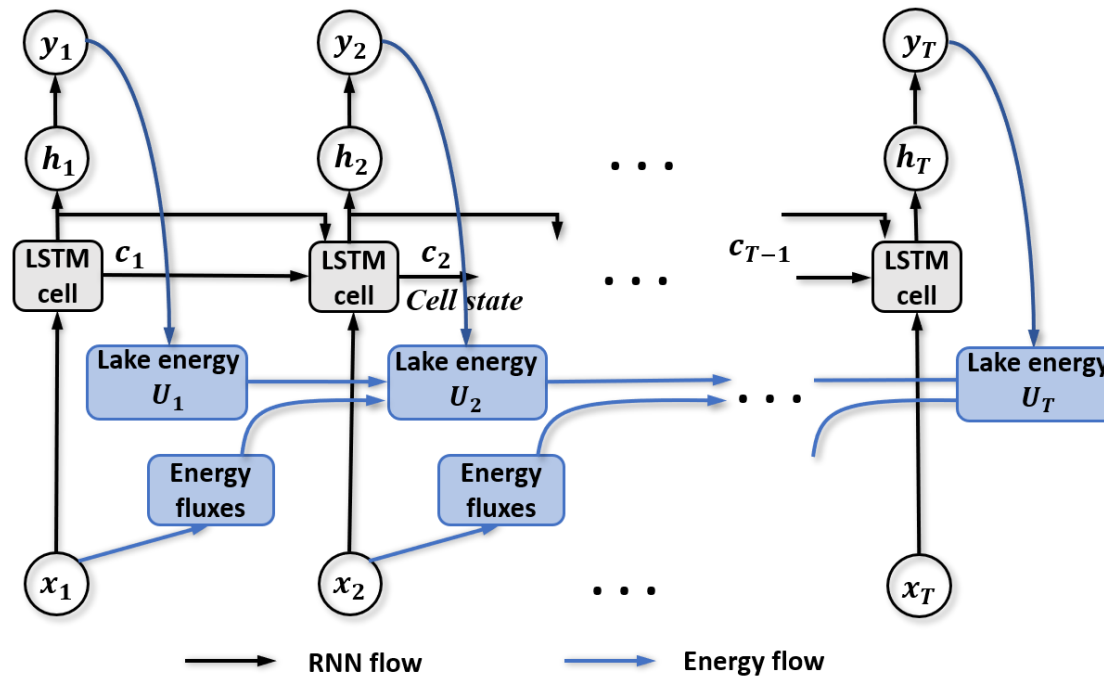


Density-depth constraint

# KGML Models Can Learn from Unlabeled Data



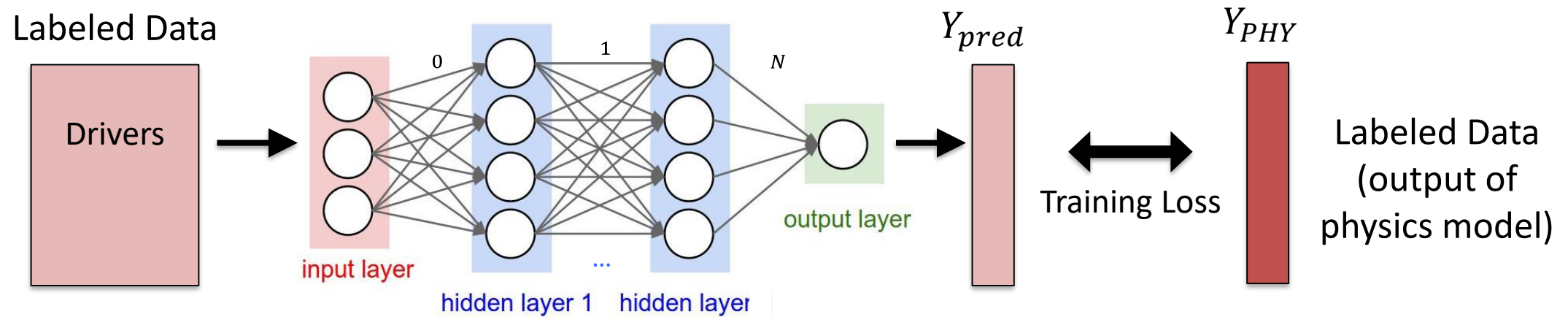
# Physics-Guided Recurrent Neural Network (PGRNN)



Incorporating Energy Consistency

Jia et.al SDM2019

# Overcoming the Data Sparsity Challenge by Pre-training with Physics-based Models

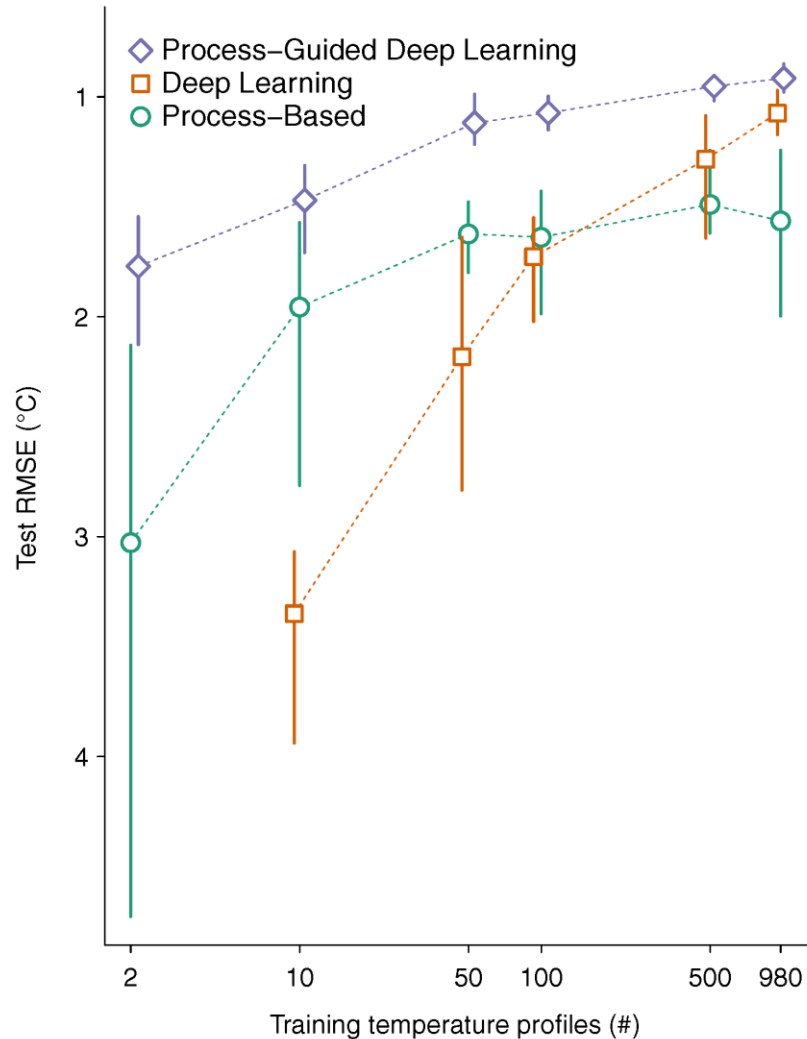


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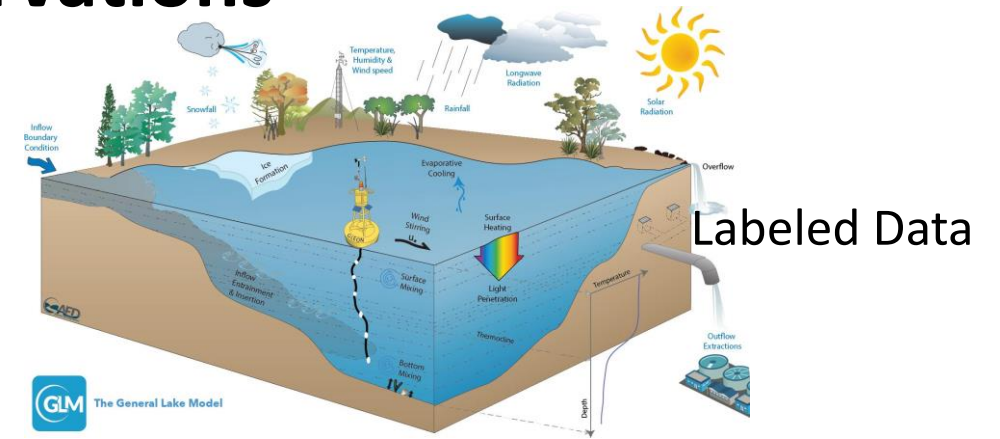
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# KGML for Modeling Lake Water Temperature: Performance under varving # of observations



Process-Guided Deep Learning Predictions of Lake Water Temperature, Read et.al. WRR, Nov. 2019.

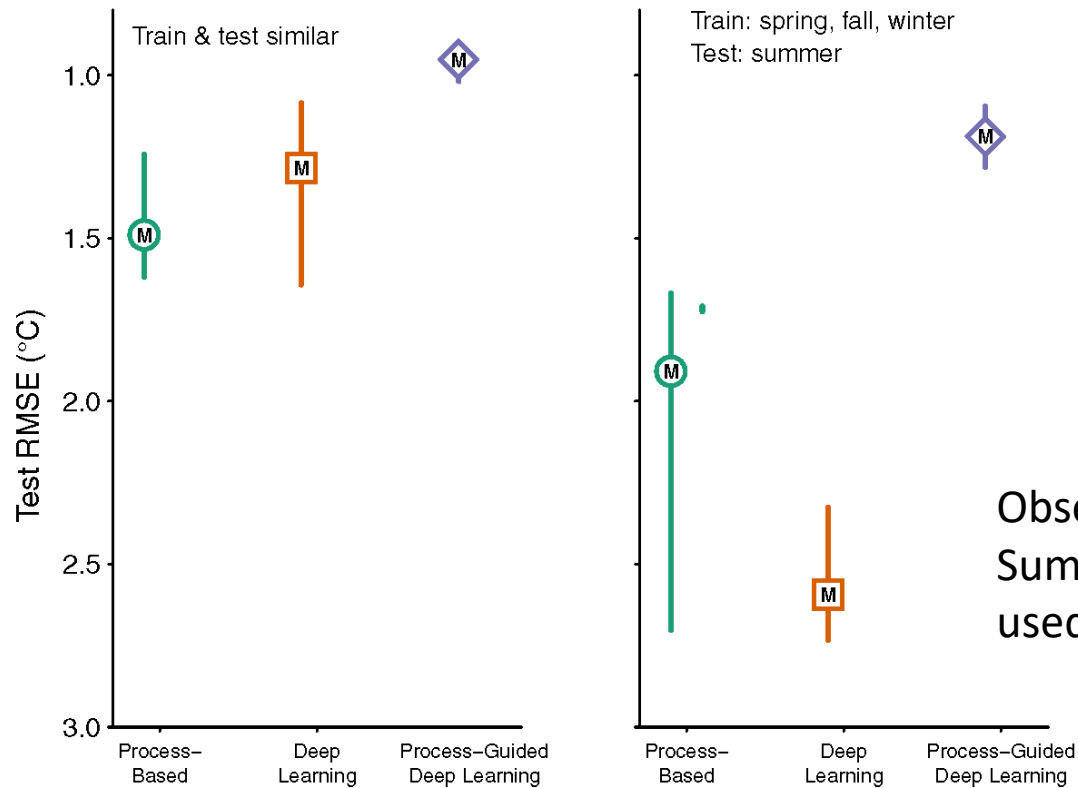


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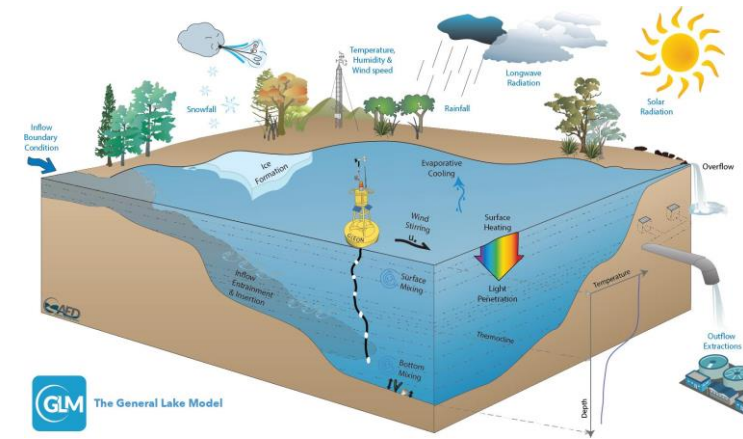
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# KGML for Modeling Lake Water Temperature: Performance in Novel Testing Scenarios



Observations from Summer seasons are used only during test



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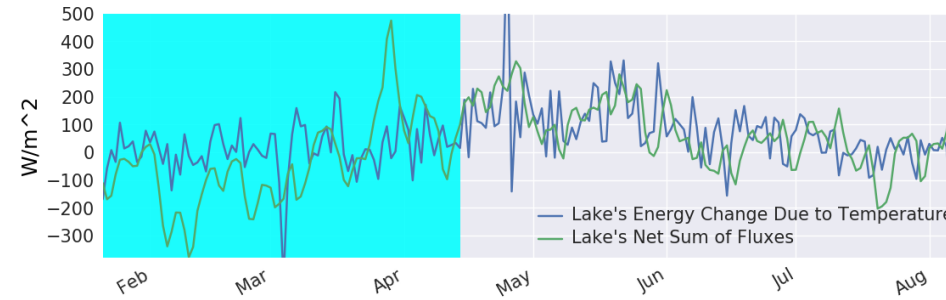
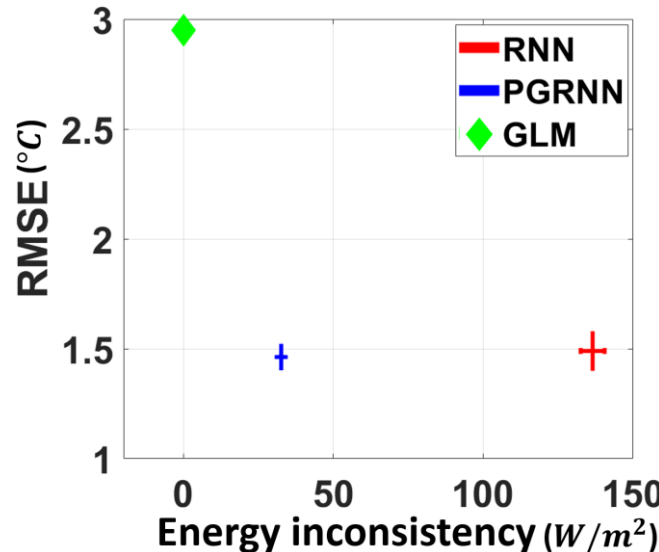
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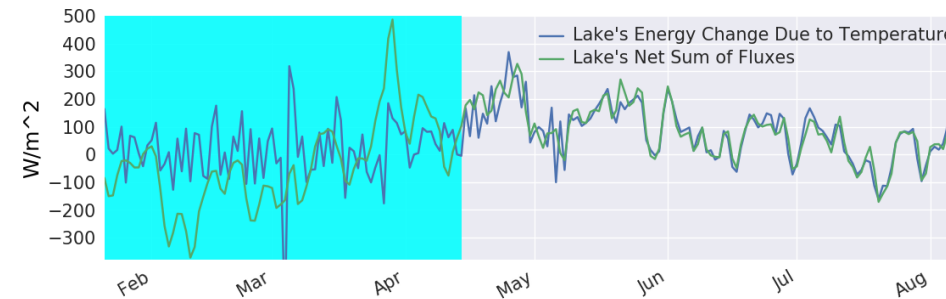
# Can KGML Models Maintain Energy Consistency?

$$dU_t/dt = R_{SW}(1 - \alpha_{SW}) + R_{LWin}(1 - \alpha_{LW}) - R_{LWout} - E - H$$

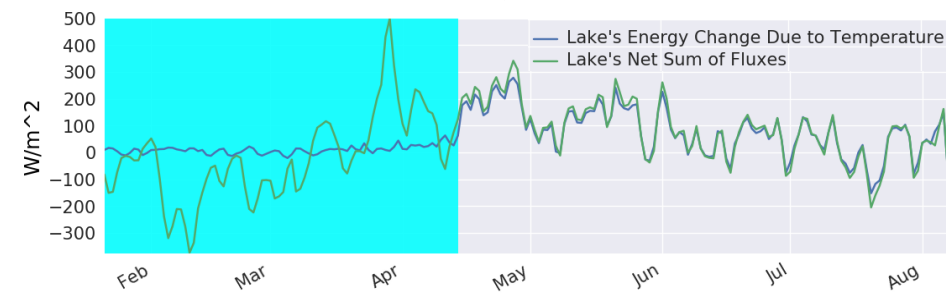
- Energy conservation loss penalizes if the model predicts an “impossible” energy change on a daily scale



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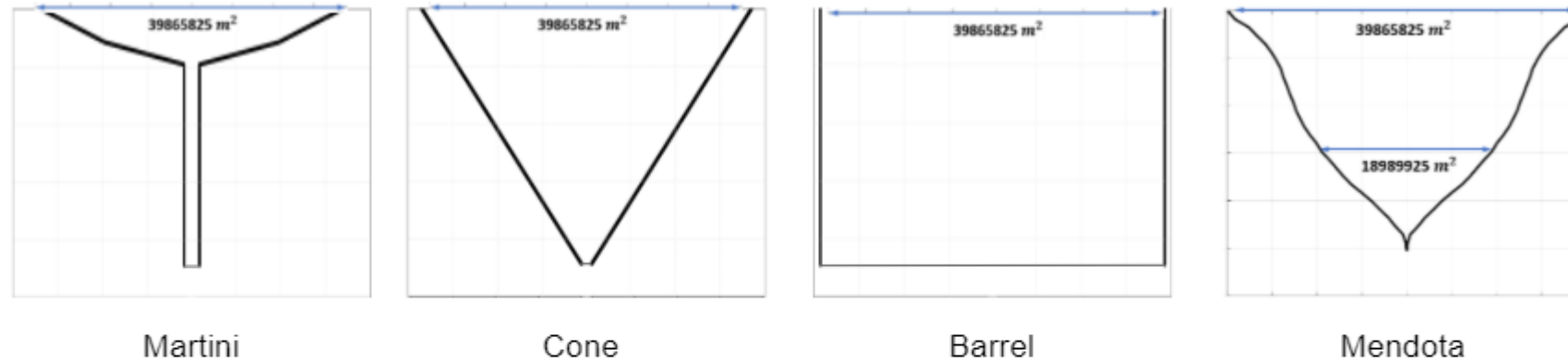


GLM

# Can we pre-train PGRNN using lakes that are very different from the target lakes?

- Key Parameters
  - Area Depth Profile
  - Lake Clarity
  - Climate Conditions

# Impact of Training with Incorrect Geometries



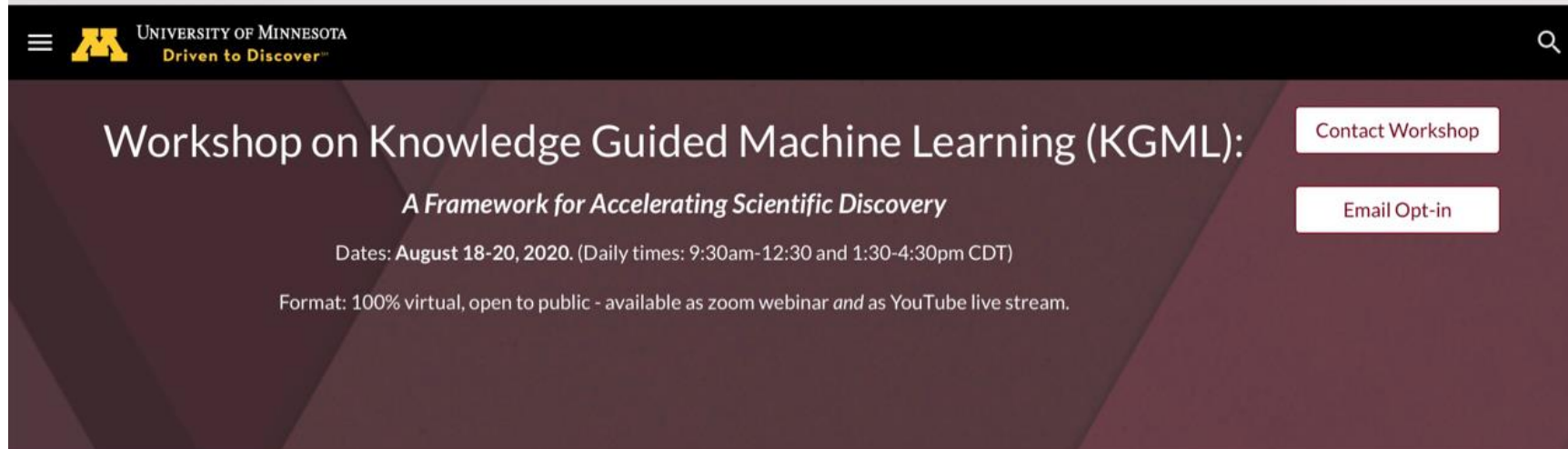
Method	0%	0.2%	2%	20%	100%
RNN	-	4.615(±0.173)	2.311(±0.240)	1.531(±0.083)	1.489(±0.091)
RNN <sup>EC</sup>	-	4.107(±0.181)	2.149(±0.163)	1.489(±0.115)	1.471(±0.077)
RNN <sup>EC, p(cone)</sup>	2.469(±0.168)	2.056(±0.184)	1.595(±0.097)	1.452(±0.113)	1.374(±0.074)
RNN <sup>EC, p(barrel)</sup>	3.239(±0.098)	2.060(±0.144)	1.617(±0.090)	1.401(±0.098)	1.383(±0.078)
RNN <sup>EC, p(martini)</sup>	5.340(±0.110)	3.033(±0.104)	2.216(±0.141)	1.485(±0.092)	1.459(±0.059)

# Concluding Remarks

- KGML offer a promising approach for addressing limitations of pure ML and pure process guided approaches.
- Future Directions:
  - How to incorporate complex physical knowledge into model learning and model architecture
  - How to model a system with multiple components (e.g., network of river streams, a complex hydrological system).
  - How to make use of real time observation data (i.e., data assimilation in KGML setting)?

# Publications

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