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Al-Driven Approaches for Hydrological Forecasting and Flood Susceptibility Analysis in Florida

This research explores the potential of artificial intelligence to enhance the forecasting of water resource variables at both field and regional scales. Accurate prediction of hydrological and water quality parameters is critical for effective water resource management, particularly in regions like Florida, where water systems are integral to the environment and economy. Florida's



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hydrology characterized by an extensive surface water network and the highly productive Floridan Aquifer offers a complex but essential setting for such studies. In one study, a statewide analysis was conducted to evaluate the performance of four advanced deep learning models using 23 years (2001–2023) of data from 45 surface water stations and 45 groundwater observation wells. The findings offer key insights into the application of deep learning for hydrological forecasting, with broad implications for water resource planning in Florida and comparable regions. In another study, flood susceptibility mapping was improved through hybrid machine learning and deep learning approaches. This work employed an explainable AI framework using SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP) to interpret model outputs and assess variable contributions to flood risk. Collectively, this research demonstrates the promise of advanced AI methodologies in addressing complex water resource challenges and presents Florida-based case studies as illustrative examples.

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