

# MLDL

## Machine Learning and Deep Learning Conference 2021

Physics-based Deep Learning Driven CO<sub>2</sub> Flow  
Modeling and Data Assimilation for Real Time  
Forecasting

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**Real-Time Visualization**  
*"CT" for the Subsurface*



**Rapid Prediction**  
*Virtual Learning*



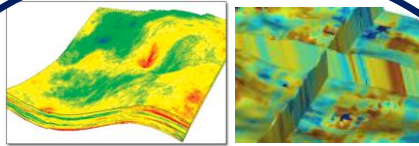
**Real-Time Forecasting**  
*"Advanced Control Room"*

**Transforming** decisions  
through **clear vision** of the  
present and future  
subsurface.

- DOE Office of Fossil Energy & Carbon Management Project
- Specific goal: Machine learning-driven CO<sub>2</sub> modeling by combining **fast ML-based forward modeling** with ensemble-based (multiple) **data assimilation** (EnDA), resulting in real-time history matching of CO<sub>2</sub> operations and **forecasting CO<sub>2</sub> and pressure plume development**

# Background: Building a Reservoir Model

## Task 6



**Geological fracture model & properties**

## Task 4 and Task 5

Reservoir model:

- Permeability/porosity/(fracture)
- Injection, production data
- Fluid property, water saturation

## Task 3

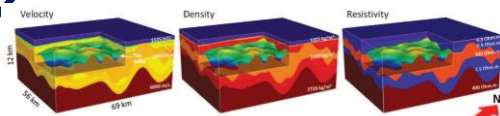
**Geomechanical model:**

- Stress
- Pore pressure
- Rock properties

$$K=f(\sigma)$$

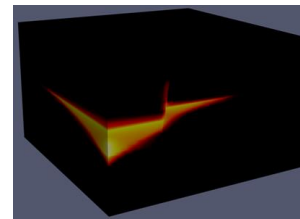
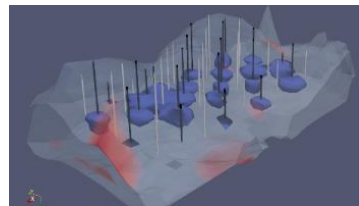
**Flow/Transport Properties**

## Task 2



**Rock Property models  
Geophysical survey**

**Fluid Plume Simulation**



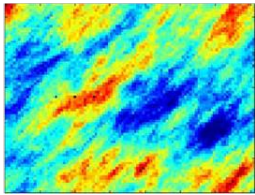
- Saturation/Pressure/Production/Displacement forecasting
- Update Reservoir model
- Development/monitoring decisions

# Examples of Previous Work

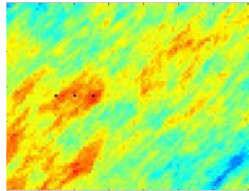
## History matching/Data Assimilation (CO<sub>2</sub> Injection at Cranfield, MS)

- Data: bottom hole pressure (BHP) at injection well and gas saturation at two obs. wells.
- Data integrated till 3000 days with prediction phase time of 5200 days.

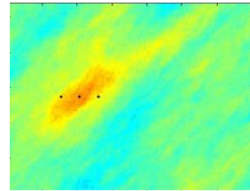
Synthetic  
Truth



Calibration-constrained NSMC



Ensemble-based  
filtering method

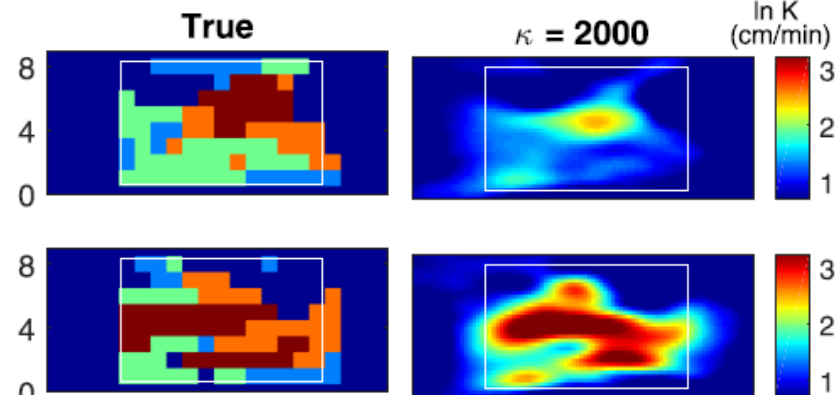
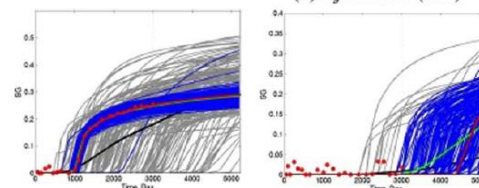
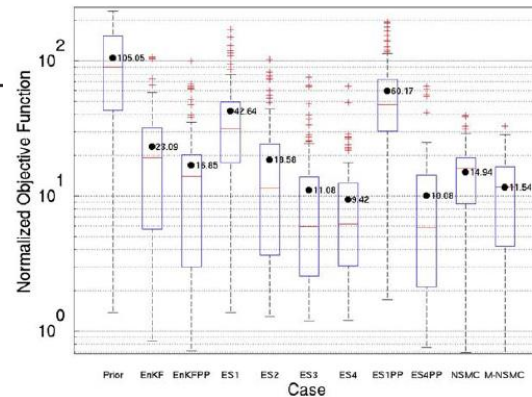


## Tracer transport in 3D sandbox with MRI-based spatio-temporal data

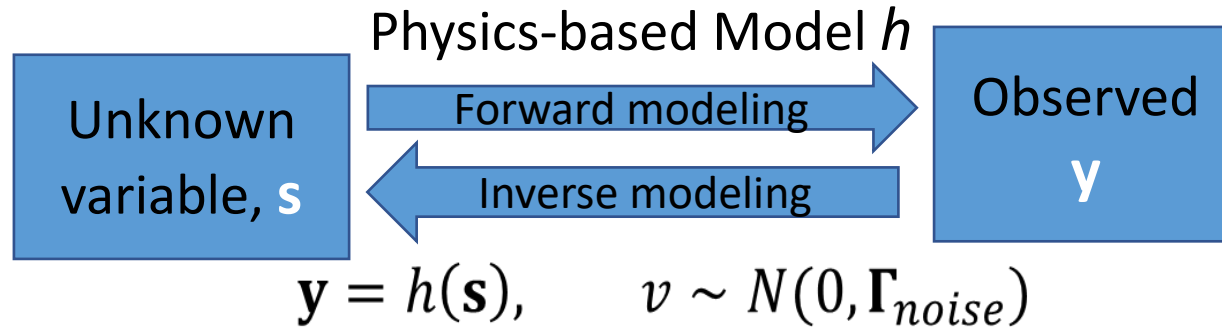
Principal Component Geostatistical Approach  
(Jacobian-free Stochastic Inversion)

Algorithm

Ensemble Kalman filter  
Ensemble smoother  
Ensemble smoother with  
multiple data assimilation  
Ensemble Kalman filter  
with pilot point  
ES4 with pilot point  
Null-space Monte Carlo<sup>b</sup>  
Multiple calibration-constrained  
NSMC



# Motivation for Deep Learning Based Approach



where

$y$  := observations ( $n_{obs}$ ); e.g., pressure, concentration

$s$  := model parameters ( $n_{unknowns}$ ) (e.g., permeability, porosity)

$h$  := forward operators

**Two major challenges** for high fidelity forward and inverse problems for real-time forecasting

## 1. Computational burdens with matrix calculations

=> ML-driven fast predictive reduced-order modeling

## 2. # of forward model simulations

=> Effective dimension reduction for data assimilation

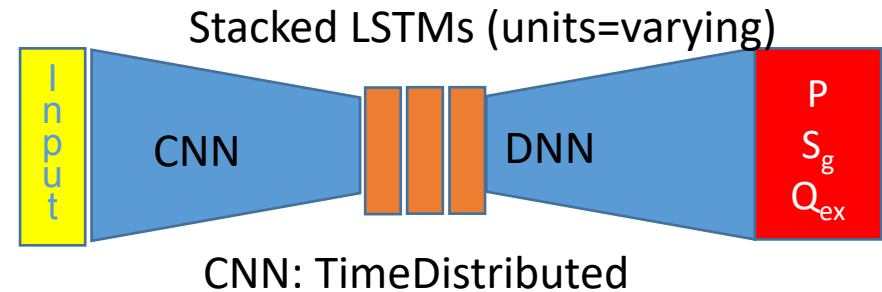
# Part 1: Forward ML Modeling

Figure 1 displays the spatial distribution of permeability ( $K$ ), porosity ( $\phi$ ), pressure ( $P$ ), and saturation ( $S$ ) across three layers (Layer 1, Layer 2, Layer 3) for a 25x25x3 layer reservoir. The plots are arranged in a 3x4 grid, showing the spatial distribution of these properties. The columns are labeled: Permeability, Porosity, Pressure, and Saturation. The rows are labeled: Layer 1, Layer 2, and Layer 3. The plots show the spatial distribution of these properties, with the Pressure and Saturation plots indicating the location of the Injection well (black triangle) and the Extraction well (blue star). The Pressure and Saturation plots show a high-pressure region (red) near the Injection well and a low-pressure region (blue) near the Extraction well. The Permeability and Porosity plots show spatial variations in these properties. The Ground Truth plots are shown for each layer, and the Predicted plots are shown for each layer. The Ground Truth plots are labeled 'Ground Truth at layer 1', 'Ground Truth at layer 2', and 'Ground Truth at layer 3'. The Predicted plots are labeled 'K at layer 1', 'phi at layer 1', 'P, psia at layer 1', and 'S, at layer 1'.



# DL for Forward Model Prediction

- **Stacked DL architecture:**
- **CNN-LSTM-DNN**

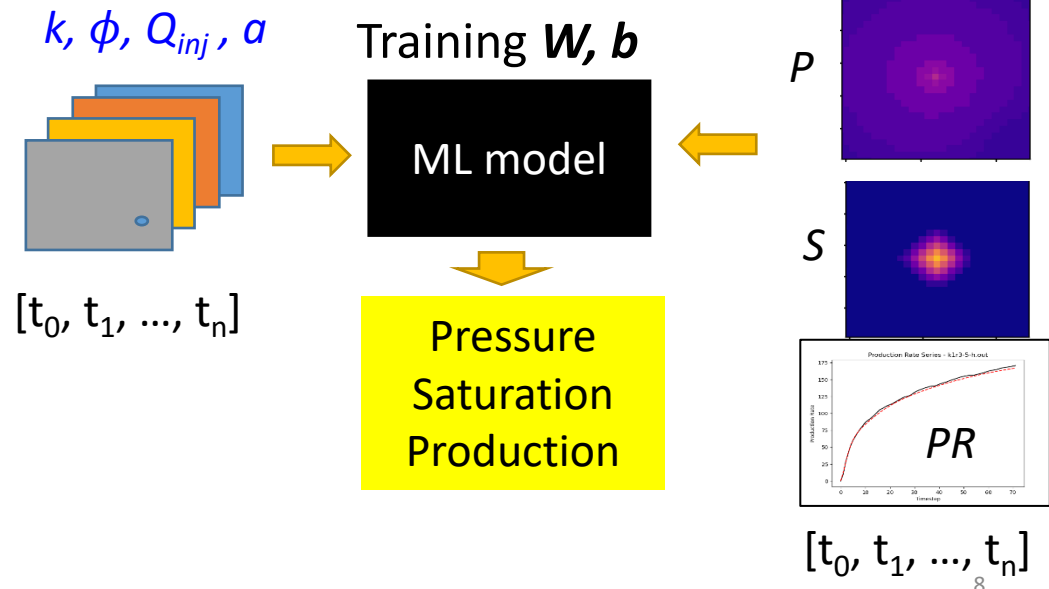


Input:

$k, \phi, Q_{inj}, a$  (active zone)

Output:

Pressure, Saturation,  
Well production





- **Loss functions can be constructed through governing equations**
  - Physical constraints, theoretical equations, and relations can be incorporated for data-driven model (e.g., trained model)
  - We incorporated different terms from governing equations into the loss functions
  - Flux, mass conservation, known quantities are used

Governing equations for two phase flow

$$\frac{\partial(\phi \rho_w S_w)}{\partial t} = \nabla \left( \rho_w \frac{k_{rw}}{\mu_w} (\nabla P_w - \rho_w g z) \right) + \mathbf{q}_w$$

$$\frac{\partial(\phi \rho_{nw} S_{nw})}{\partial t} = \nabla \left( \rho_{nw} \frac{k_{rnw}}{\mu_{nw}} (\nabla P_{nw} - \rho_{nw} g z) \right) + \mathbf{q}_{nw}$$

$$\text{Loss} = \text{MSE}(\hat{P}, P) + \text{MSE}(\hat{S}_{nw}, S_{nw}) + \text{MSE}(\hat{q}_{pr}, q_{pr})$$

$$+ \lambda_{flux} * \text{MSE}(\widehat{Flux}, Flux)$$

$$+ \lambda_{mass} * \text{MSE} \left( \frac{\partial(\widehat{M}_{nw})}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial(M_{nw})}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$+ \lambda_{binary} * \text{Binary Crossentropy}(\hat{S}_{nw}, S_{nw})$$

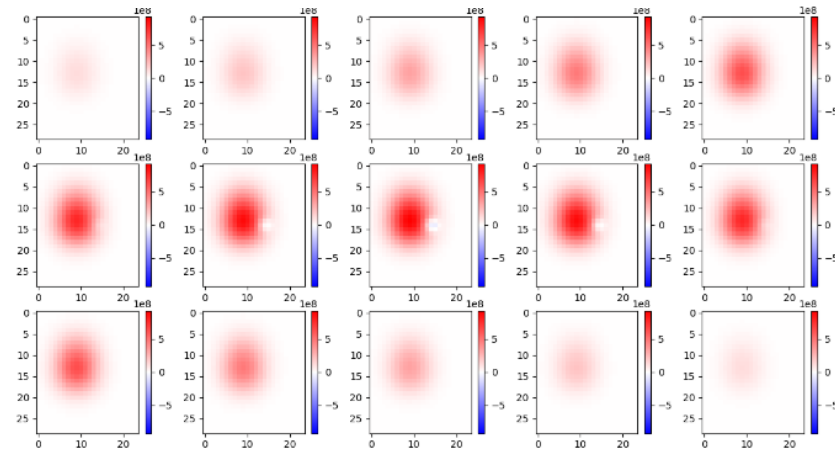
$$+ \lambda_{bhp} * \text{MSE}(\hat{P}_{bhp}, P_{bhp}) + \lambda_{pr} * \text{MSE}(\hat{P}_{bhp}, P_{bhp})$$

# Model Input

## • Pressure & Production Rate model

- Small model domain
  - Horizontal 29 x 24 cells (subsampling: every 10 cells in each x & y) from 290 x 240 original domain
  - 15 depth layers (whole layers)
  - Yearly data (up to 99 yrs) from monthly data
- Two injection wells and one (passive) production well
  - Cumulative injection amount over time
  - Radial Basis function to distribute injection amount
- 32 training/validation sets & 4 testing sets
- Binary active zone (also for saturation & production rate)
  - Zeros for inactive zones used in loss function

Distribution of radial basis function

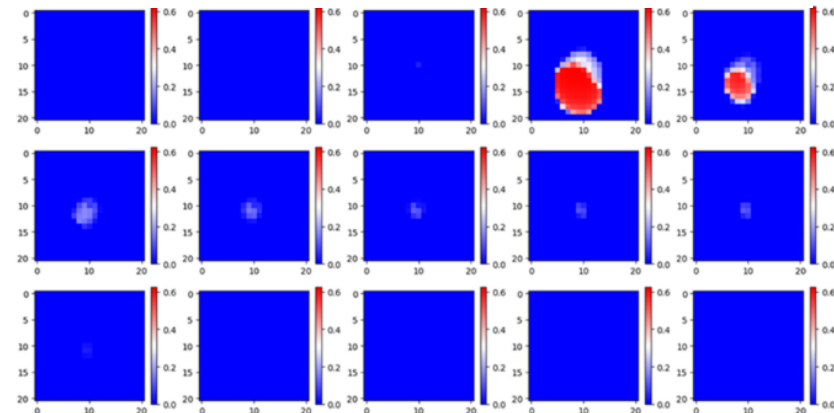


Weights: High, medium, low radial distance & point source at wells

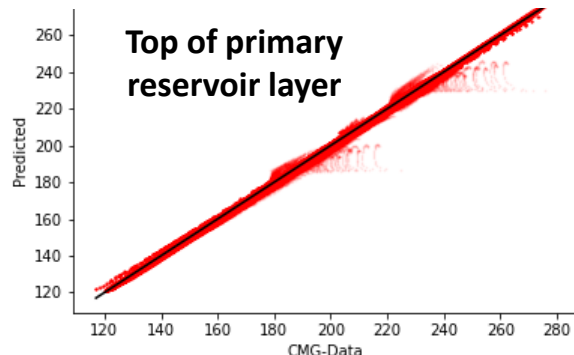
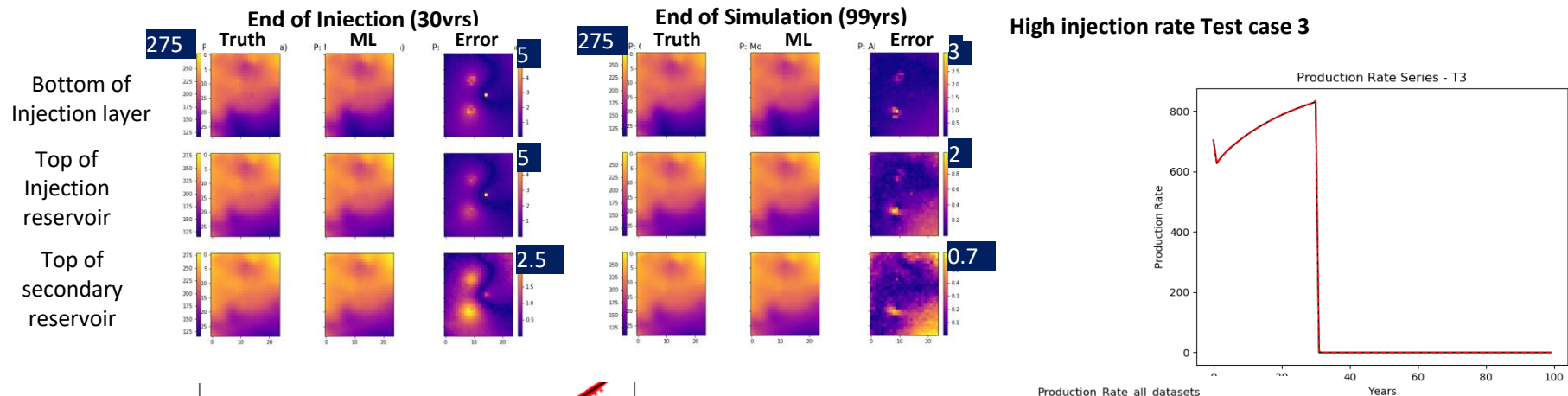
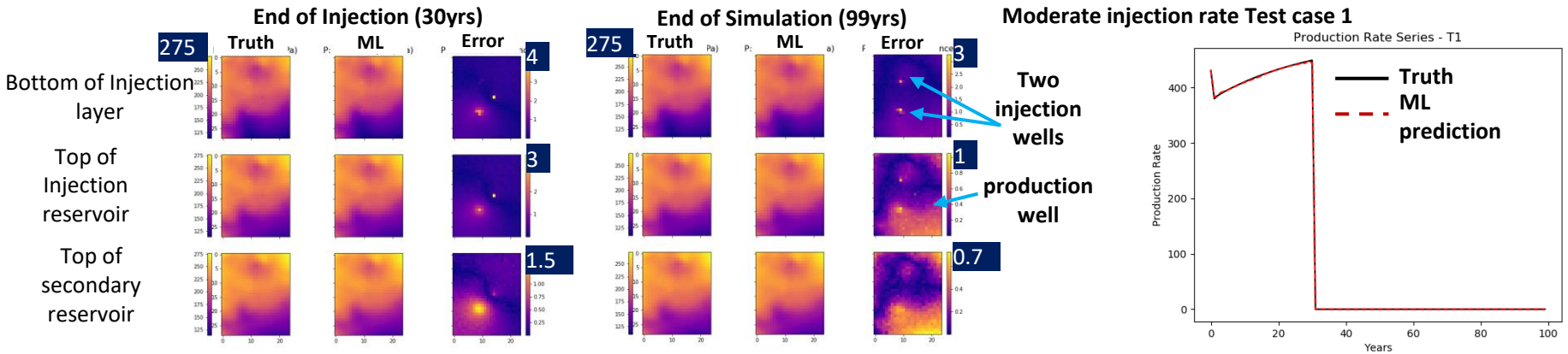
## • CO<sub>2</sub> Saturation model

- Small model domain
  - Two horizontal 21 x 21 cells around two injection wells where CO<sub>2</sub> plumes spread (subsampling: every 4 cells)
  - 15 depth layers (whole layers)
  - Yearly time interval (a total of 100 = initial + 99 yrs) from monthly data
- Injection rate
  - Cumulative injection amount over time at well locations

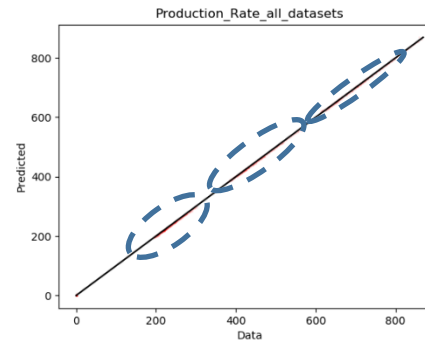
Distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> plume at t = 99 yrs



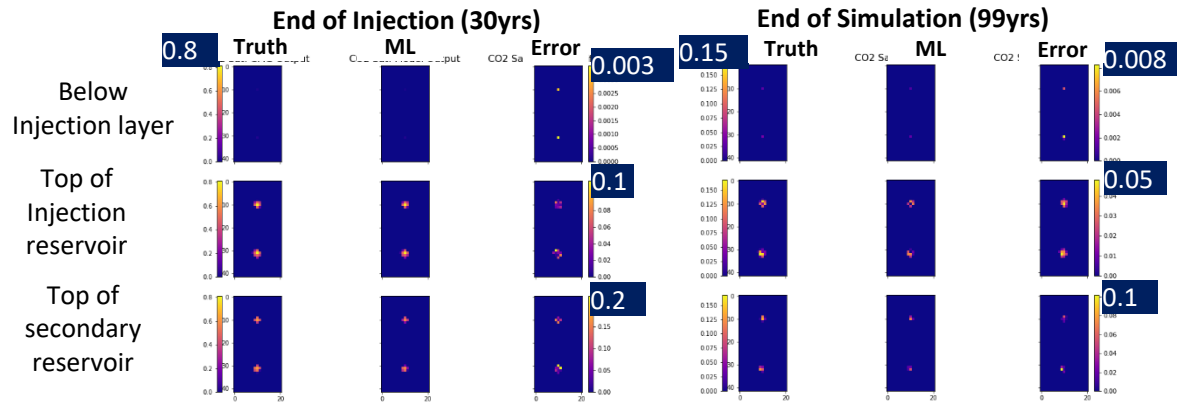
# Results – Pressure & Production Rate



**Parity plot  
(All 40  
datasets)**

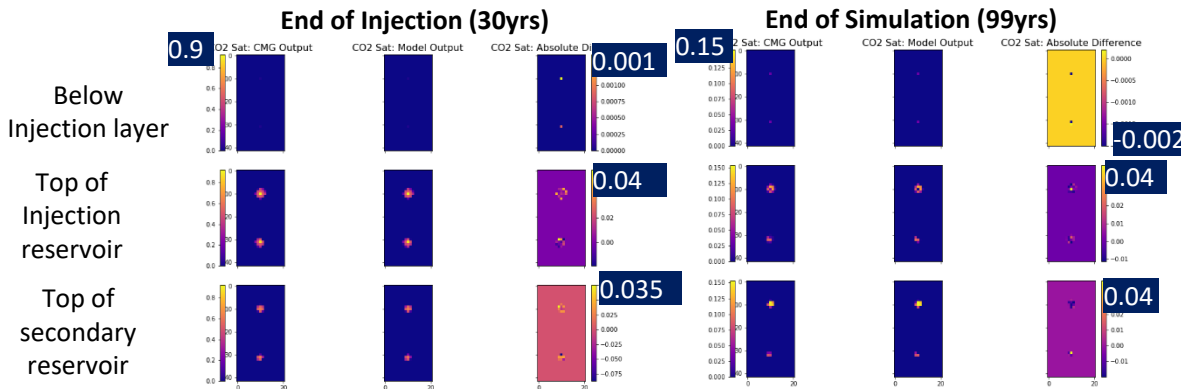
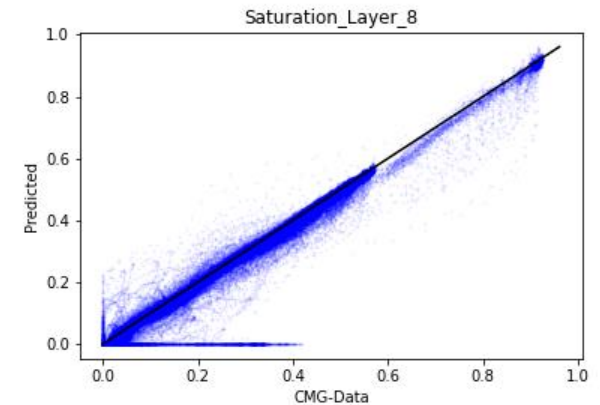


# Results – CO<sub>2</sub> Gas Saturation



**Moderate injection rate Test case 1**

**Top of primary reservoir layer**



**High injection rate Test case 3**

# Machine Learning Model Performance



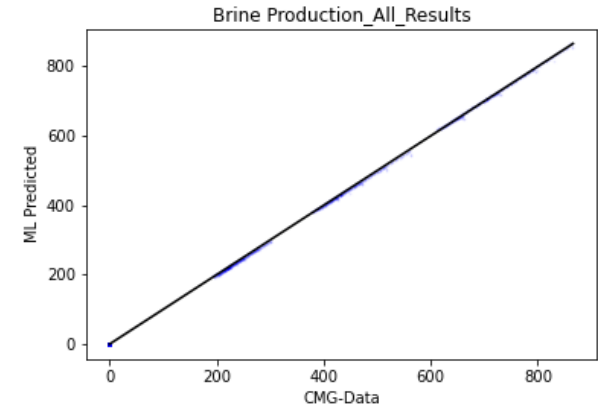
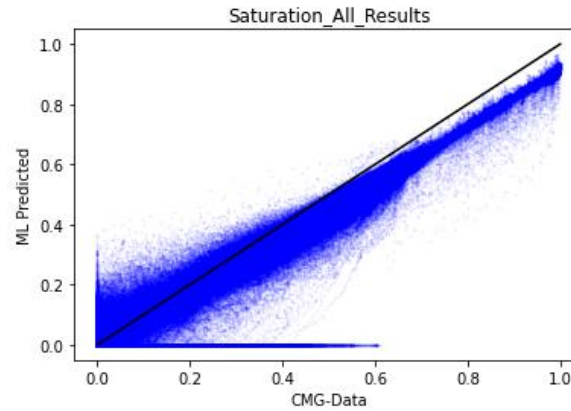
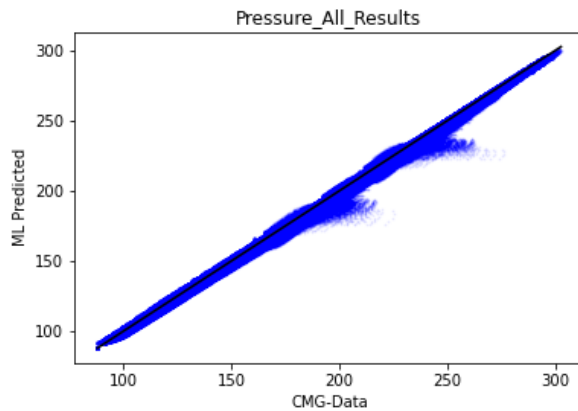
Output	RMSE	Unit	Min	Max	Training time*
Pressure	0.609	bar	87.966	302.795	1.77 hrs
Saturation	0.0089	--	0	0.92624	2.28 hrs
Production	1.687	STB	0	864.489	1.48 hrs

\* 1 NVIDIA GPU  
(Quadro 5000)

**All trained models  
executed within 1  
second**

STB: Stack Tank Barrel

## Parity plot (All 40 datasets)



# Part 2: Variational Autoencoder for Data Assimilation

# Variational AutoEncoder(VAE) & Ensemble-based data assimilation (EnDA)



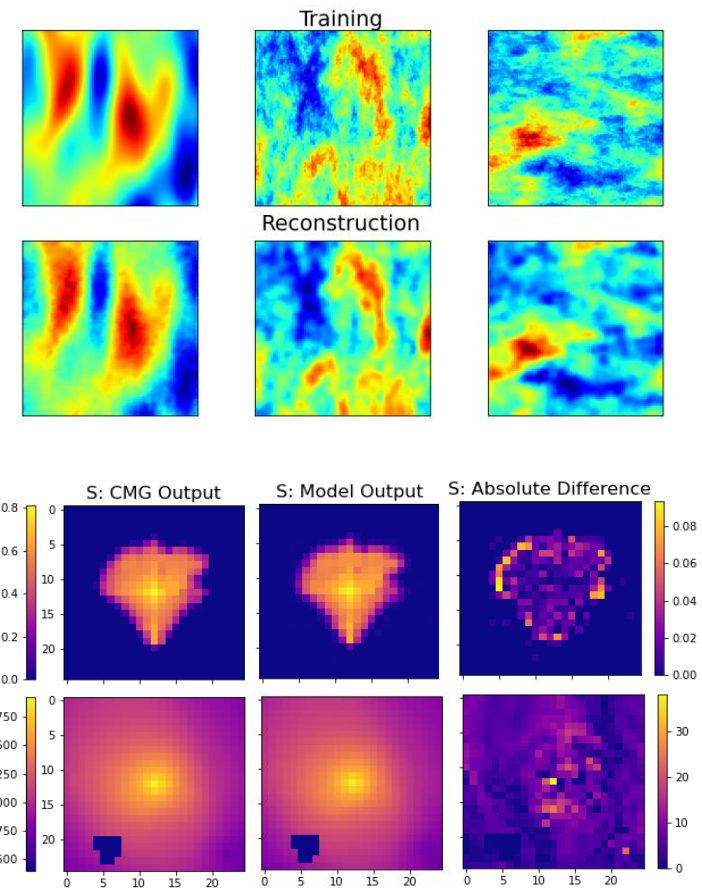
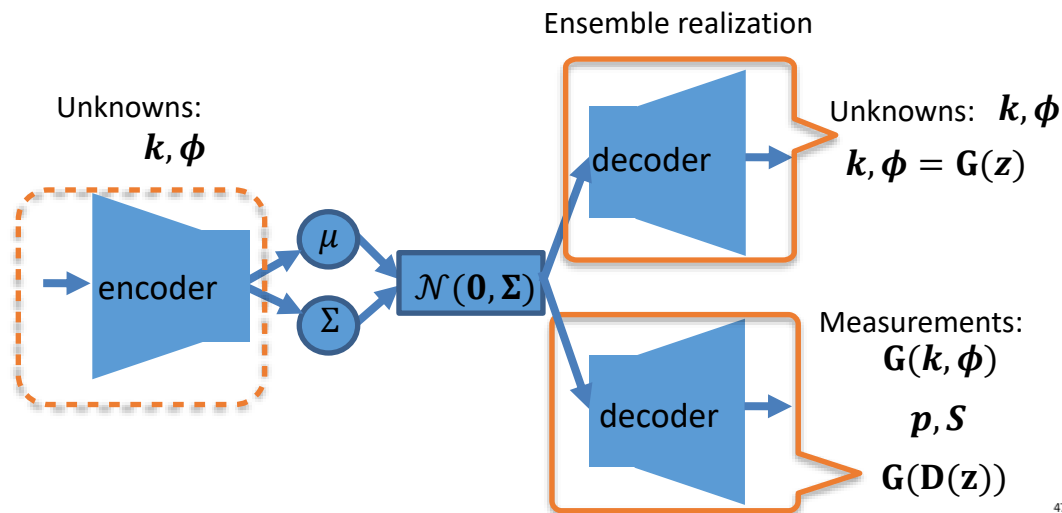
**Objective:** real-time history matching of CO<sub>2</sub> operations and forecasting CO<sub>2</sub> and pressure plume development

- Deep Learning-based nonlinear projection approach to accelerate the stochastic inversion.
- VAE and its decoder to map the permeability  $k$  to the latent vector  $z$  *whose dimension is much smaller than the original dimension of  $k$*  while ensuring a good approximation accuracy.

# Variational AutoEncoder(VAE)-based Inversion

- VAE to construct data-driven nonlinear dimension reduction model:

- Data assimilation in **small nonlinear latent space of unknown parameters with  $\dim(\mathbf{z})$**
- Only require “ **$\dim(\mathbf{z})$** ” forward model executions at each iterations instead of  $\dim(\mathbf{m})$  or  $\dim(\text{obs})$
- Can encode **prior beyond Gaussian**





# Variational AutoEncoder(VAE)-based Inversion



## Formulation for (optimization-based) Data Assimilation with VAE-based prior

Forward problem:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{m})$

with  $l$  Gauss Newton iterations from  $\mathbf{m}^0 = \mathbf{m}_{prior}$

$$\mathbf{m}^{l+1} = \mathbf{m}^0 + \mathbf{C}_{prior} \mathbf{J} (\mathbf{J} \mathbf{C}_{prior} \mathbf{J}^T + \mathbf{C}_{obs})^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{m}^l) + \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{m}^l - \mathbf{m}^0))$$

With any (nonlinear) dimension reduction  $\mathbf{G}$  of  $\mathbf{m}$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z})), \dim(\mathbf{z}) \ll \dim(\mathbf{m})$$

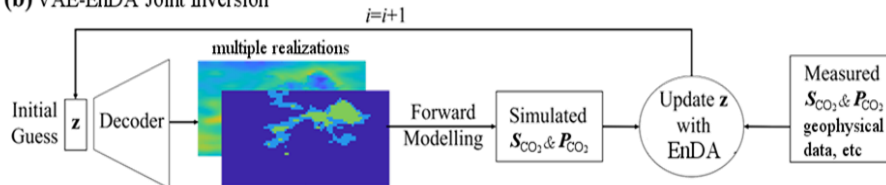
$$\mathbf{z}^{l+1} = \mathbf{z}^l + \alpha (\mathbf{J}_z^T \mathbf{C}_{obs}^{-1} \mathbf{J}_z + \mathbf{C}_{prior_z}^{-1})^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z}^l)) - \mathbf{C}_{prior_z}^{-1} \mathbf{z}^l)$$

with step length (learning rate  $\alpha$ ). And the posterior covariance is given as

$$\mathbf{C}_{posterior_z} = (\mathbf{J}_z^T \mathbf{C}_{obs}^{-1} \mathbf{J}_z + \mathbf{C}_{prior_z}^{-1})^{-1}$$

VAE is our choice since it constructs the prior  $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ !

(b) VAE-EnDA Joint Inversion



Latent space “ $\mathbf{z}$ ” obtained by VAE, i.e., deep learning-based encoder will be updated in EnDA-based methods for data assimilation with various measured data.

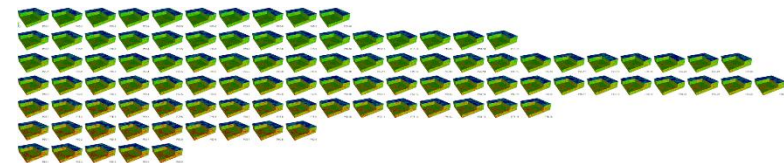
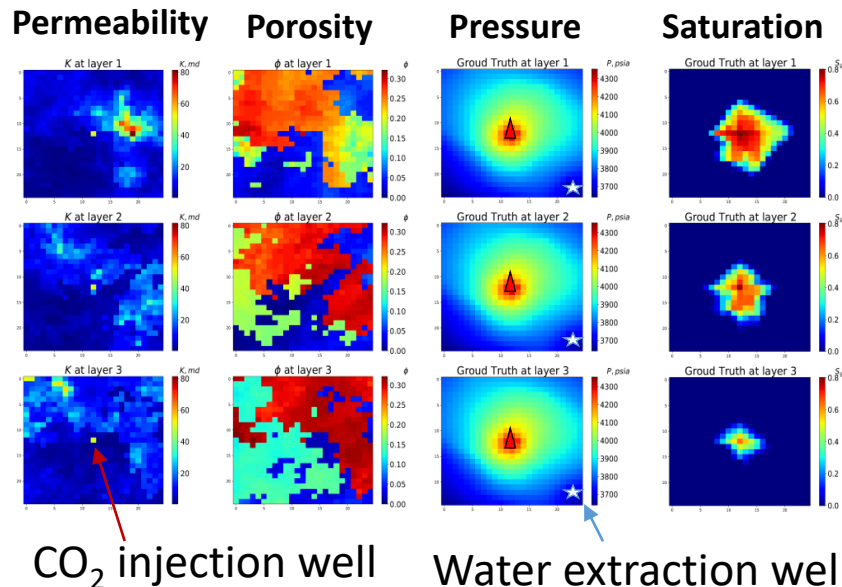
# Description of the data used

- **High fidelity numerical simulator to generate multiphase CO<sub>2</sub> flow in 3D heterogeneous field**

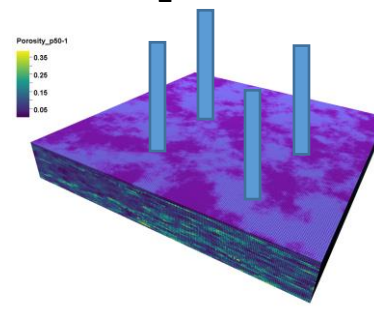
- Heterogeneous material properties (permeability & porosity)
- Injection & extraction well operations
- CO<sub>2</sub> saturation, pressure, and production in space and time

- **3D Toy problem (25x25x3)**  
[ a total of 27 cases with 3 permeability fields x 9 injection rates]

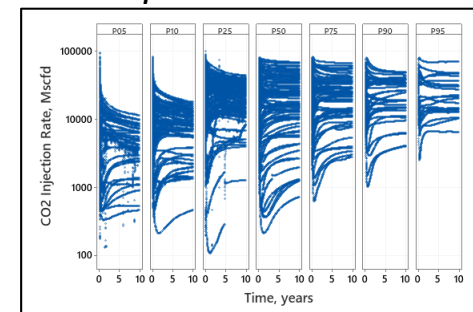
- Field scale-based permeability distribution
- 100 realizations based on probability (P05/10/25/50/75/90/95)



Four CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells



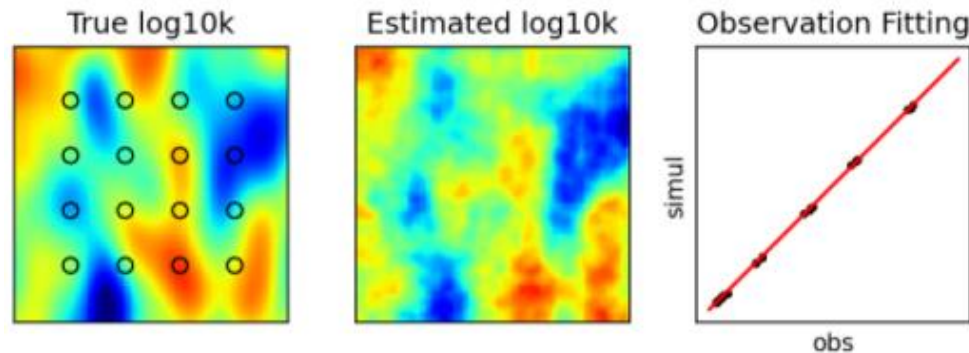
*Injection Rate per Well per Realization*



\* Visualizations provided by LLNL. Data generated by EERC (Courtesy: Nick Azzolina)

# Results I: Single phase flow

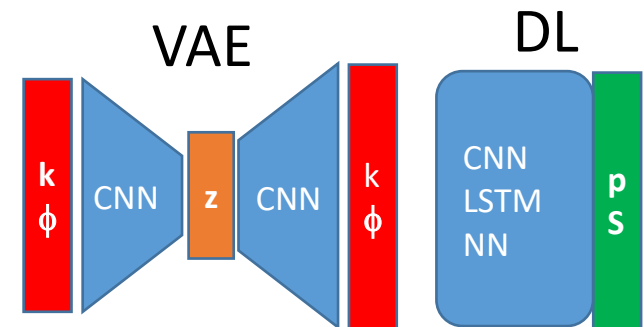
- Inversion example using a single-phase flow model:
  - Here we used a “full” physics single phase flow model
  - 10,000 (100x100) unknown permeability ( $\mathbf{k}$ )  
=> latent space ( $\mathbf{z}$ ) with 32 latent dimension
  - 16 observation wells with head data
  - **33** forward model runs/iteration to construct Jacobian
  - Initial guess: any guesses converged
  - Only 3-4 iterations required due to accurate gradient information in latent space



# Results II: Multiphase Flow

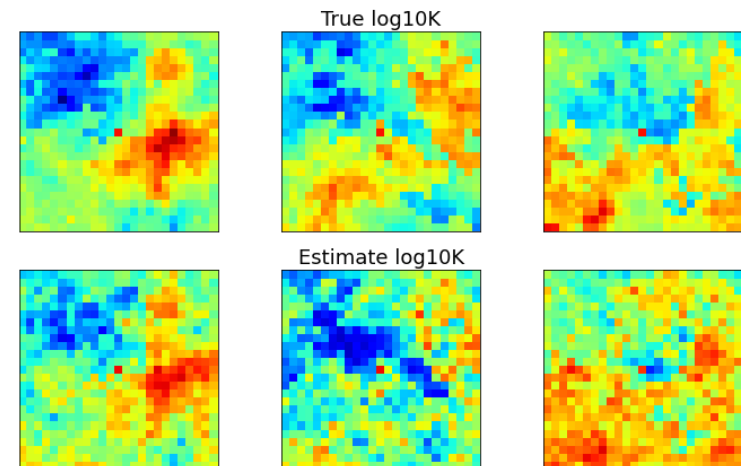
- Use a simple 3D problem to demonstrate VAE-based inversion

- the latent space is constructed based on both  $(k, \phi)$  and  $(P, S)$
- the cost of the trained reduced order model  $\sim O(1 \text{ sec})$
- can run optimization-based inversion or stochastic Newton MCMC for full posterior pdf characterization of the latent space



- Inversion example using DL-based reduced order model for multi-phase flow with nonlinear dimension reduction:

- ML trained reduced order model with 3D toy problem
- 25x25x3 unknown  $\mathbf{k} \Rightarrow \mathbf{z}$  with 32 latent dimension
- 720,000 noisy transient pressure observations
- 33** forward model runs/iteration to construct Jacobian
- Initial guess: Perturbed field with  $\sim 10\%$  error
- Only  **$\sim 3$  min inversion time** on a single core laptop
- Convergence with any (reasonable) initial guesses due to data-driven prior!**



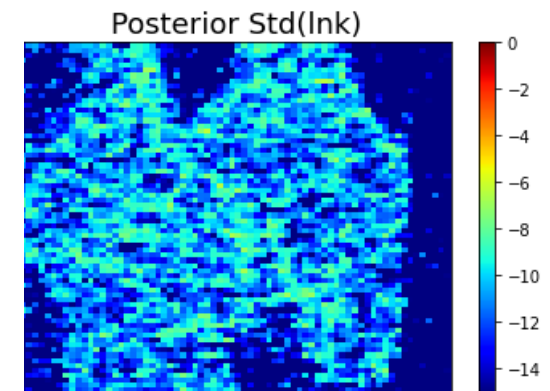
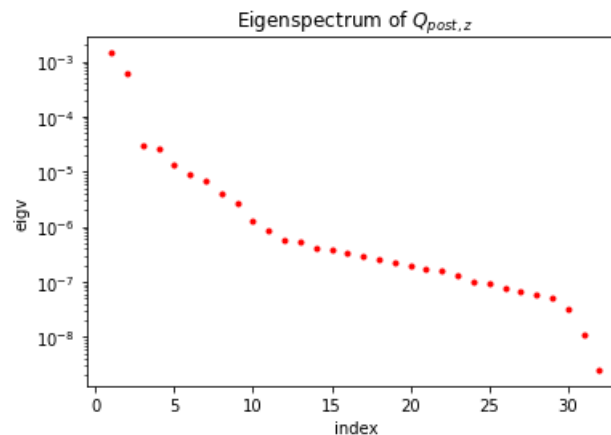
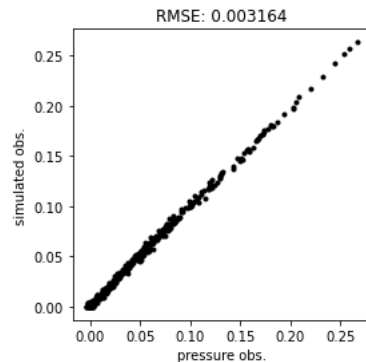
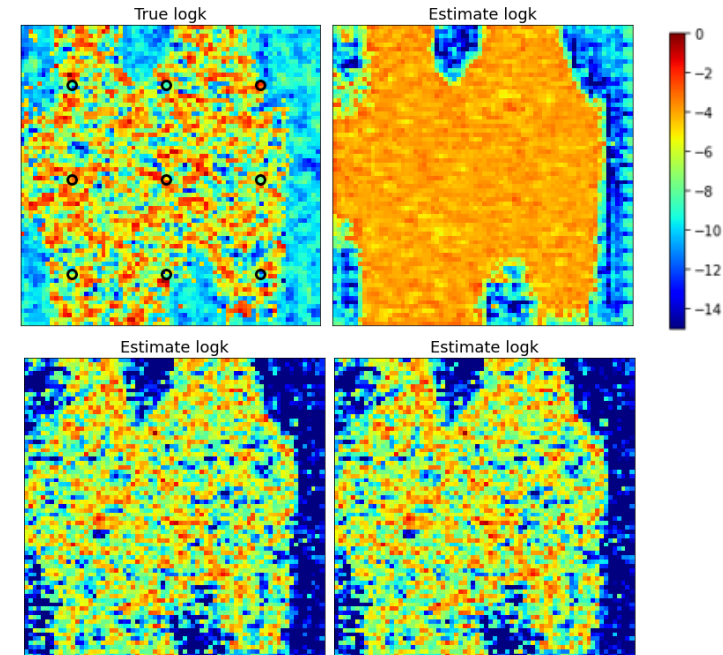
# Multiphase Flow at Realistic Reservoir

- Use a realistic 2D problem to demonstrate VAE-based inversion

- the latent space is constructed based on  $k$  and Pressure
- the cost of the trained reduced order model  $\sim O(1 \text{ sec})$

- Inversion example :

- 71x71 unknown  $\mathbf{k} \Rightarrow \mathbf{z}$  with 32 latent dimension
- 9 observation wells for time series pressure data & permeability (hard data)
- Latent space was constructed from training data
- Initial guess: Zero mean & STD
- Only  **$\sim 3 \text{ min inversion time}$**  on a single core laptop
- Inversion in the latent space identifies the  $k$  structures well!



# Conclusions



Variational autoencoder for real-time history matching of CO<sub>2</sub> operations and forecasting CO<sub>2</sub> and pressure plume development with fast deep learning-based forward modeling.

Latent space optimization with interpretability including optimal choice of the nonlinear dimension reduction requires further study.

ML/DL with domain knowledge can lead to dramatic improvement in challenging spatio-temporal data analytics and decision making for optimal operations.