

Delta Flow-Salinity Modeling using Physics-Informed Neural Networks

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Motivation and Goal

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- Delta operations and control strategies frequently accessed using **flow-salinity relationships**.
- Existing artificial neural networks (ANNs) are only data-driven and do not use flow-salinity relations.
- Apply **Physics-informed neural network (PINN)** that incorporates flow-salinity relations.

- Goal

- Demonstrate major improvements in salinity estimation using PINN over a conventional ANN.
 - Neural networks using outflow (input variable) and salinity (target output) data.



What is PINN^[1,2]?

- The laws of physics are described by differential equations.
- **Neural network** system for solving differential equations.
 - Inputs as independent variables of the function.
 - Differential equation **embedded** into the loss function of the neural network.
- Train the neural network to minimize the loss function.



Flow-Salinity Relations: Advection-Dispersion Equation

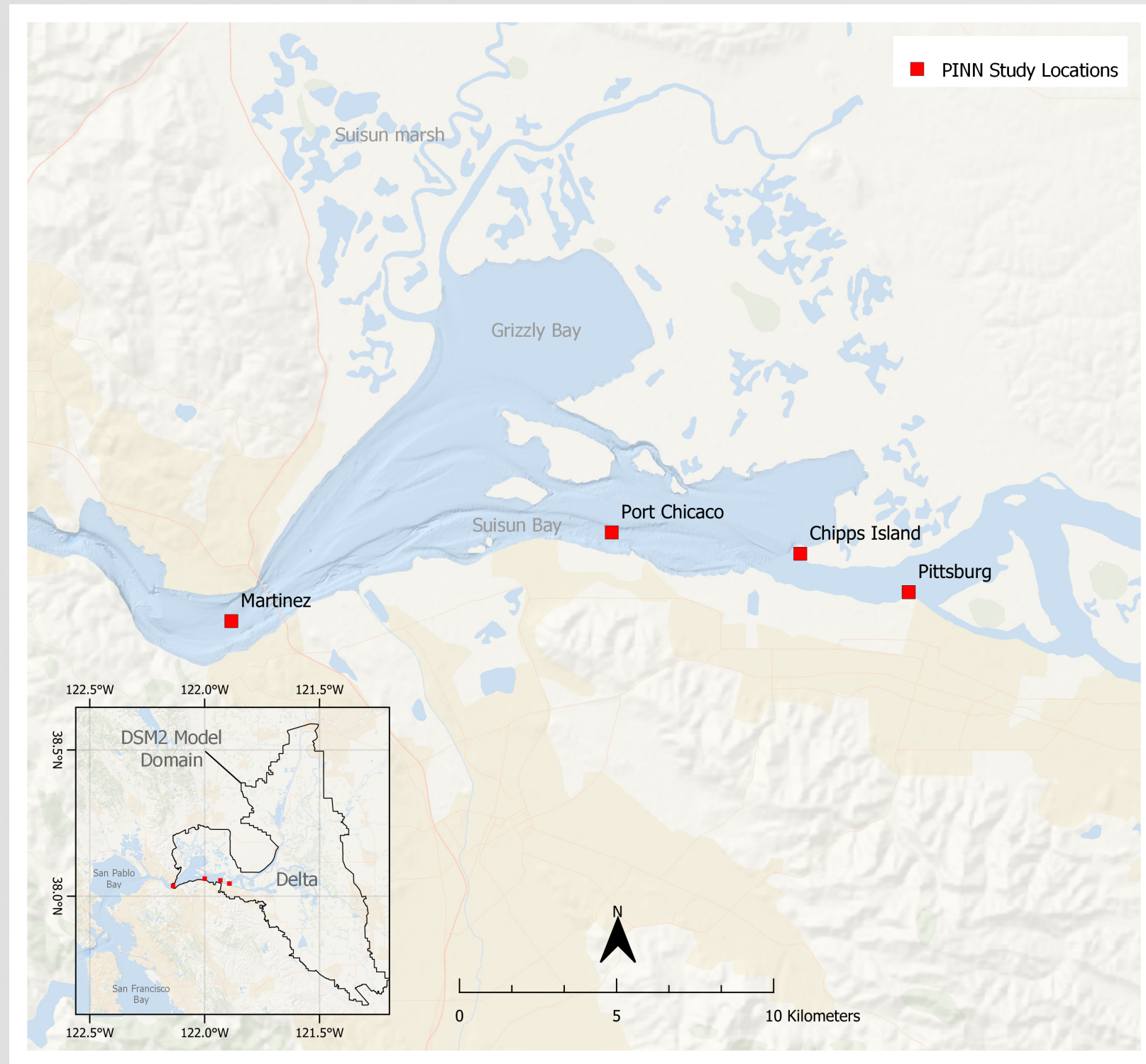
- Flow-salinity relations governed by Advection-Dispersion equation.
 - G-model [3,4].
 - Delta Simulation Model II (DSM2) [5].

$$A \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} - Q(x, t) \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} = KA \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in [x_a, x_b], t \in [t_a, t_b]$$

- A is cross-sectional area
- K is longitudinal dispersion coefficient
- $Q(x, t)$ is volumetric flowrate
- $S(x, t)$ is concentration of salt
- x is longitudinal direction (increasing in upstream)
- t is time



Problem Domain



Dataset

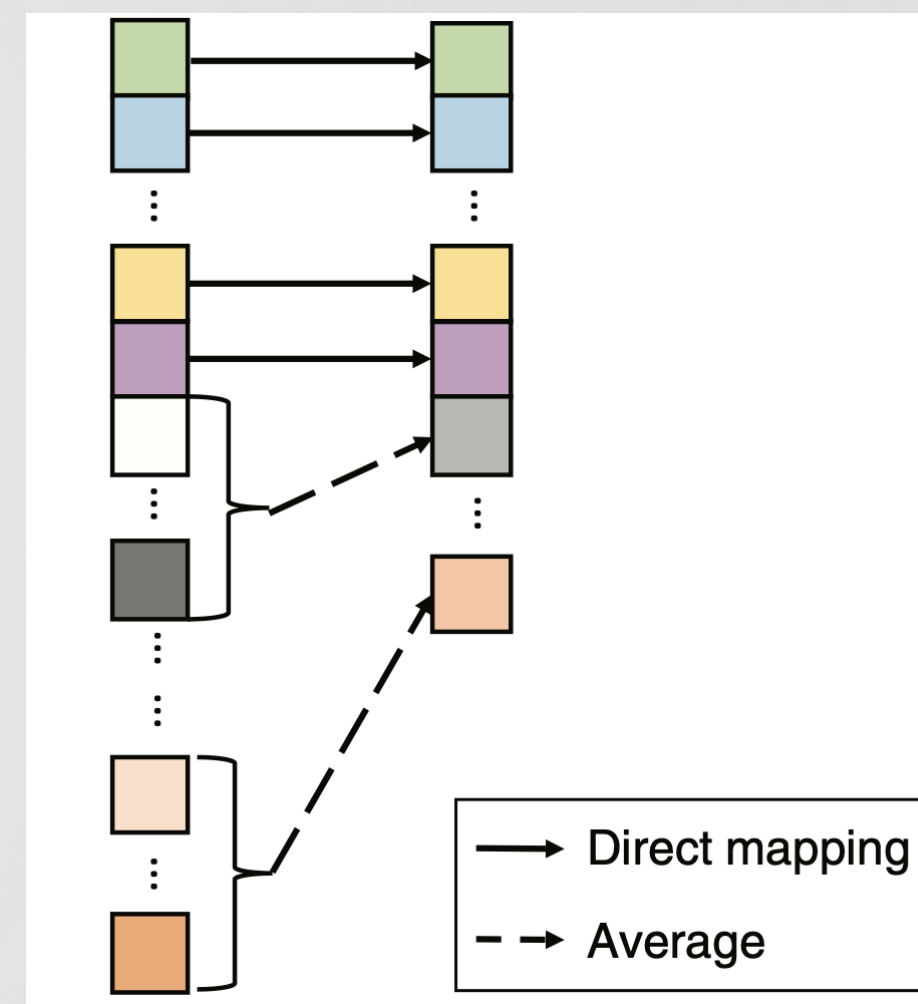
Daily DSM2 simulated data (outflow and EC)
from **1991 to 2015** at
4 Stations: Martinez, Port Chicago, Chipps Island, Pittsburg

Outflow Pre-processing

- Important to use antecedent outflow information [3,4,6].
- 118 days of outflow into a 18-dimensional data vector $\vec{Q}_n = [Q_{n,1}, \dots, Q_{n,18}]$.

$$Q_{n,i} = Q_{n-i+1}, \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, \dots, 8\}$$

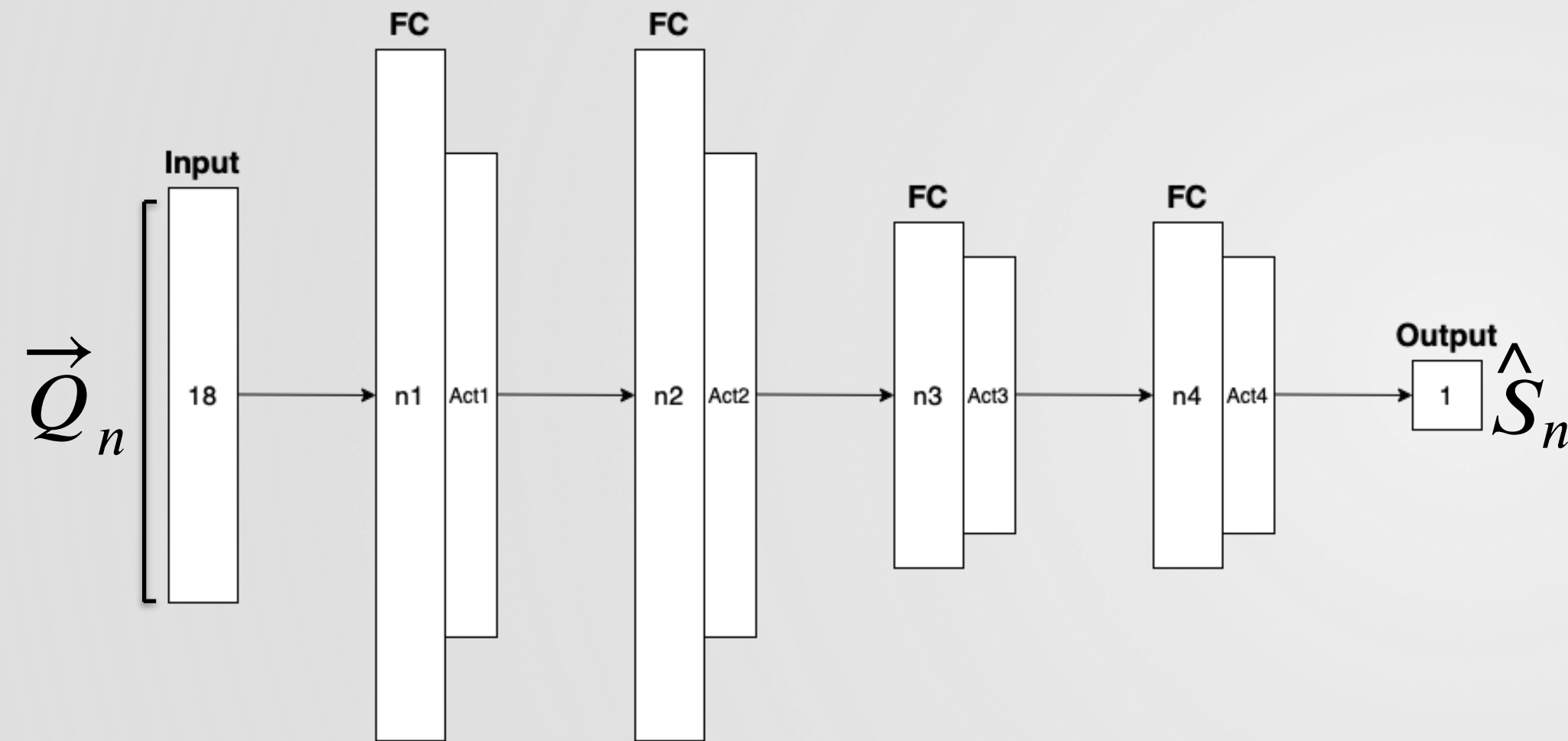
$$Q_{n,i+8} = \frac{1}{11} \sum_{j=1}^{11} Q_{n-11i-j+4}, \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, \dots, 10\}$$



From [6]



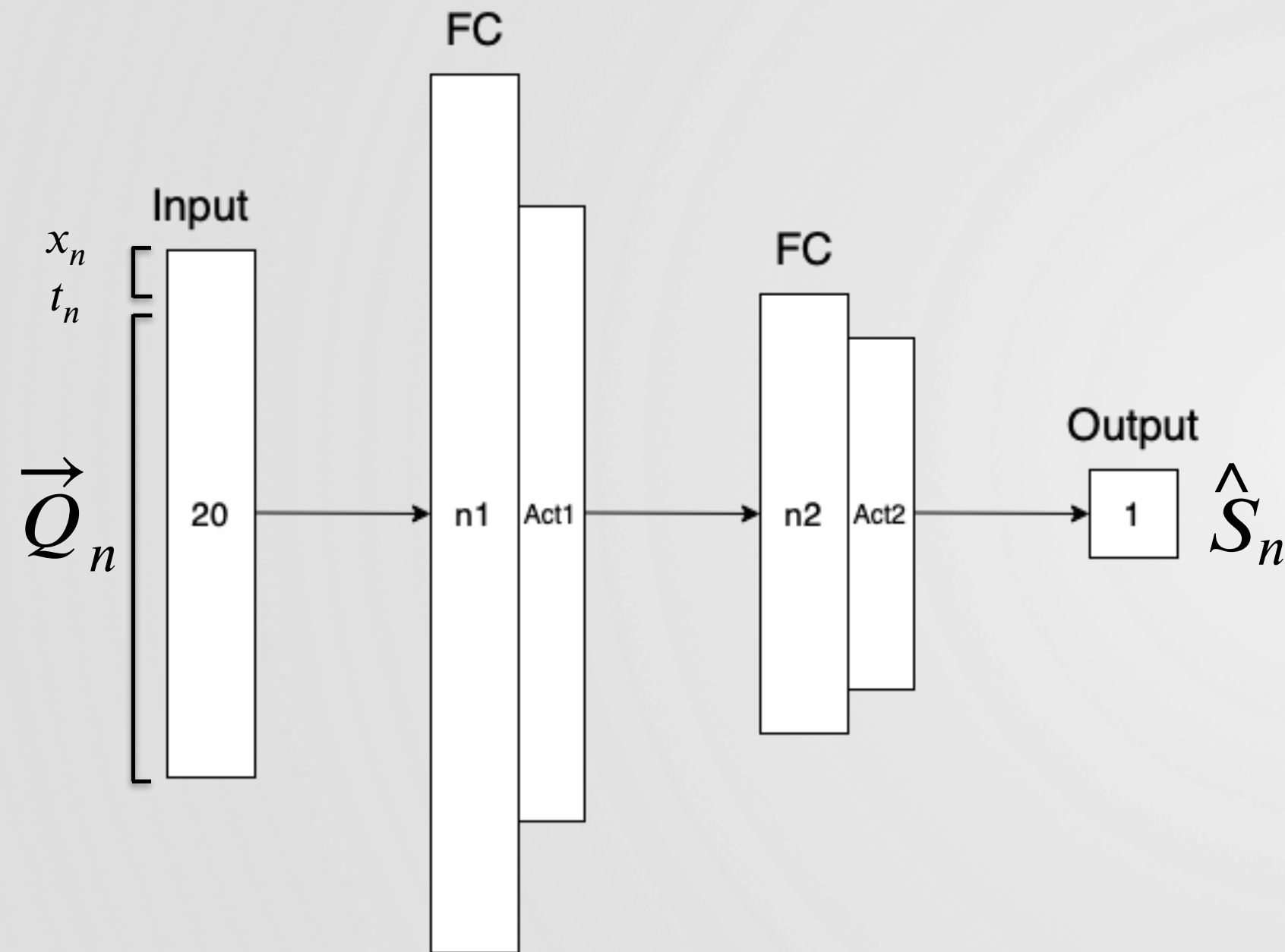
Conventional ANN



- Feed-forward, fully-connected (MLP)
- Input: outflow data vector \vec{Q}_n
- Output: estimated EC \hat{S}_n
- Train by minimizing mean square error $\sum_n (\hat{S}_n - S_n)^2$



PINN



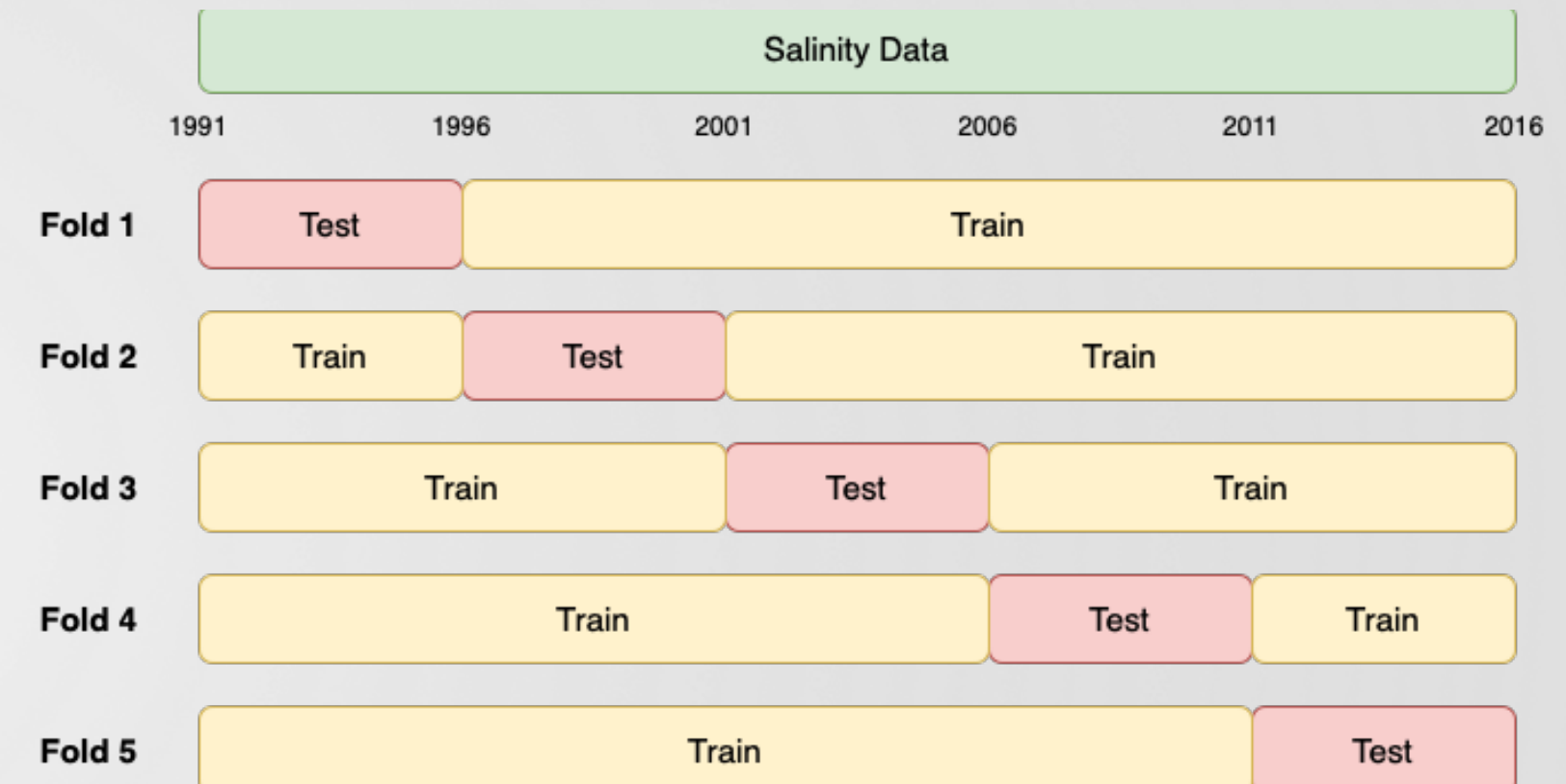
- Feed-forward, fully-connected (MLP)
- Input: outflow data vector \vec{Q}_n and location x_n and time t_n
 - x_n ranging between Martinez and Pittsburg
 - t_n ranging between 1991 and 2015
- Output: estimated EC \hat{S}_n
- Train by minimizing mean squared error and PDE (Advection-Dispersion) loss

$$\sum_n (\hat{S}_n - S_n)^2 + \sum_n \left(A \frac{\partial \hat{S}}{\partial t} \Big|_{(x_n, t_n, \vec{Q}_n)} - Q_{n,1} \frac{\partial \hat{S}}{\partial x} \Big|_{(x_n, t_n, \vec{Q}_n)} - KA \frac{\partial^2 \hat{S}}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{(x_n, t_n, \vec{Q}_n)} \right)^2$$

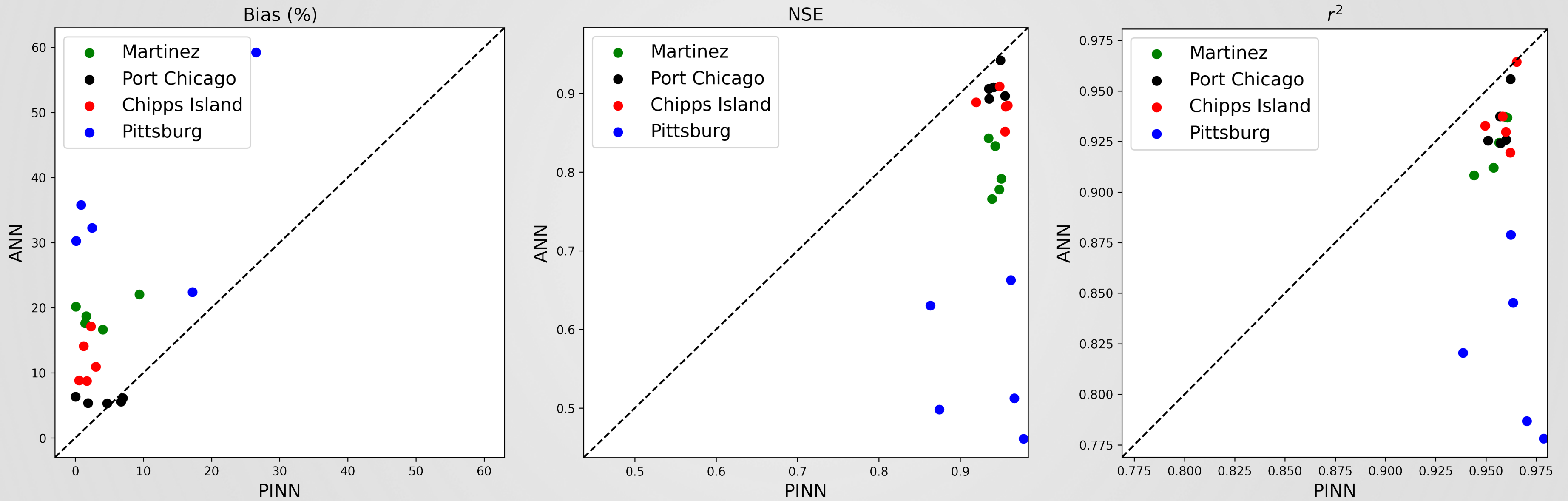


Methodologies

- K-fold cross-validation (5-fold).
- Train: 80% Martinez, Chipps Island, Pittsburg.
- Test: 20% Martinez, Chipps Island, Pittsburg.
- Also test at Port Chicago, an untrained location.
- For each fold: random hyper-parameters search, separately for ANN and PINN.
- Evaluation metrics: Bias, Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency (NSE), r^2 .
- Inspect salinity time-series.



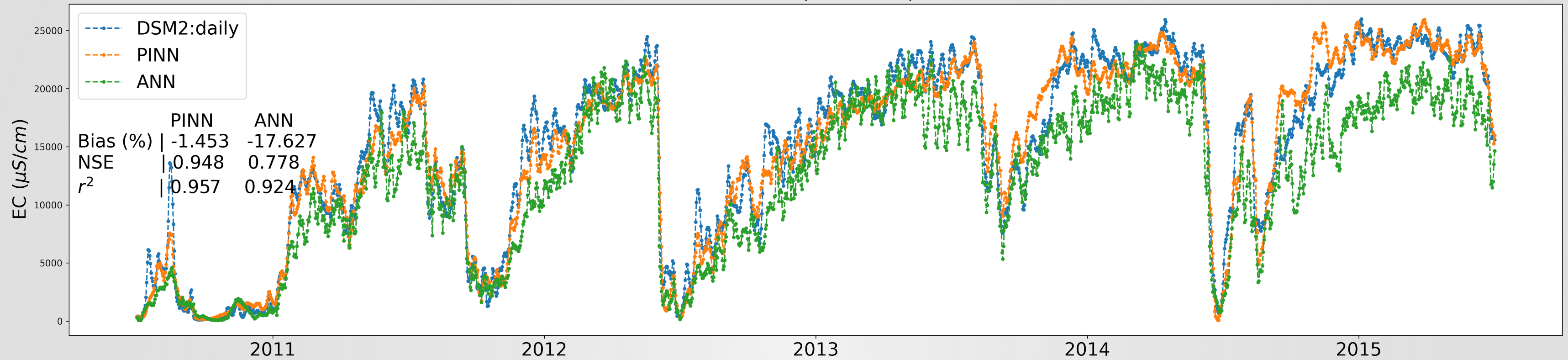
Results: Scatter Plots



- Greater Performance indicator
- Smaller Bias
 - Larger NSE
 - Larger r^2

Results: Time-series Plots

Martinez (2011-2015)



Port Chicago (2011-2015)

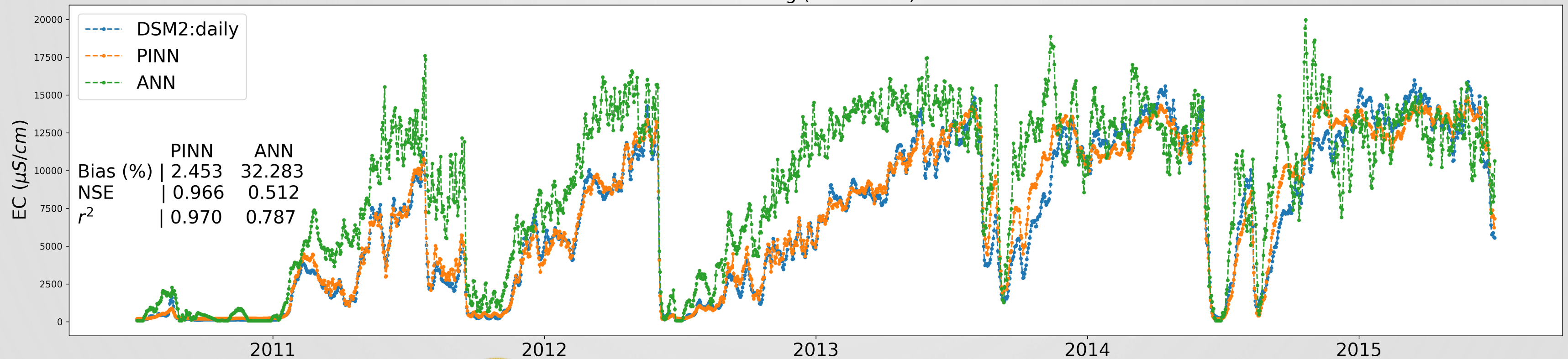


Results: Time-series Plots

Chipps Island (2011-2015)



Pittsburg (2011-2015)



Summary and Future Work

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- PINN model outperforms ANN model at all four locations.
- Improvement is most significant at Pittsburg, an inner-most location.

- Future Work

- Further evaluations on more data: other locations, observed data.
- Varieties of PINN: Fourier Network, LSTM, DGM, etc.



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QUESTIONS

