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# Channel Mixer Layer

## Channel Mixer Layer: Multimodal Fusion Towards Machine Reasoning for Spatiotemporal Predictive Learning of Ionospheric Total Electron Content

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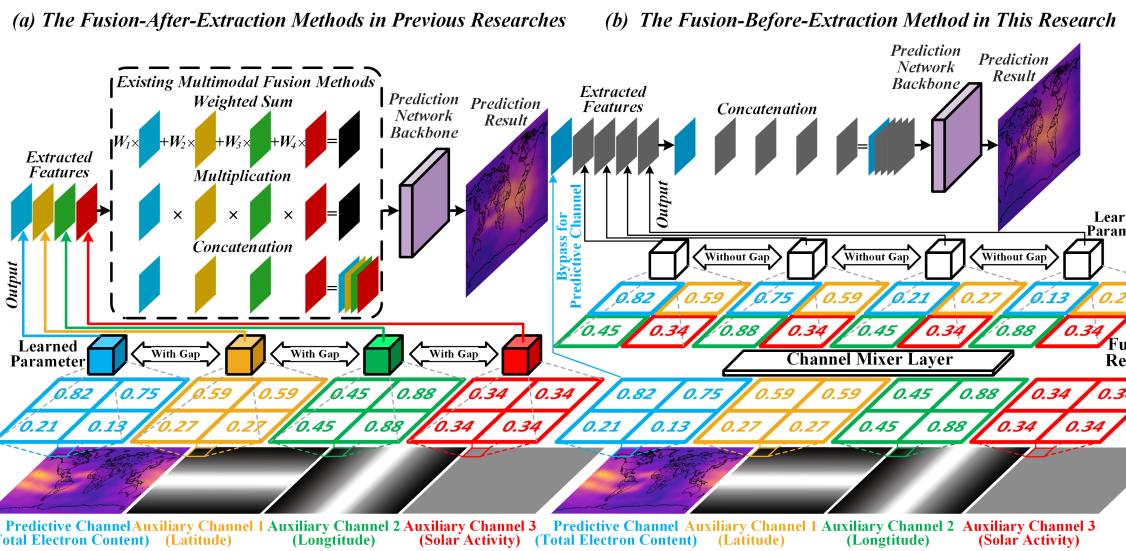
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## Introduction

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This repository is the official implementation of our *Space Weather* journal paper with the same above title. Channel Mixer Layer is a multimodal fusion framework for spatiotemporal predictive learning, which aims to improve the prediction accuracy of predictive channel by inputting auxiliary channel. The program deployment is based on [OpenSTL](#), a framework of graphic prediction without auxiliary channel input. We improve it by adding the machine reasoning capability. Note that OpenSTL used in this program is [PyTorch](#) version instead of the newest Pytorch-Lightning version due to the fixed learning rate [bug](#) when this research began. Currently, Channel Mixer Layer only support our [iono\\_electron](#) dataset because most datasets for video prediction do **not** have auxiliary data input.



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## Overview

### ▼ Hardware Recommendation

- `RAM memory` > 16 GB
- `GPU` >= Nvidia RTX 3090 with the VRAM larger than 24 GB

### ▼ Code Structures

- `scripts/` contains experiment execution scripts.
- `openstl/api` contains an experiment runner.
- `openstl/core` contains core training plugins and metrics.
- `openstl/datasets` contains datasets and dataloaders.
- `openstl/methods/` contains training methods for various video prediction methods.
- `openstl/models/` contains the main network architectures of various video prediction methods.
- `openstl/modules/` contains network modules and layers.
- `tools/` contains the executable python files `tools/train.py` and `tools/test.py` with possible arguments for training, validating, and testing pipelines.

## Installation

This project has provided an environment setting file of conda, users can easily reproduce the environment by the following commands (type in one by one):

```
git clone https://github.com/DrHoisu/Channel_Mixer_Layer
cd Channel_Mixer_Layer
conda env create -f environment.yml
conda activate Mixer
python setup.py develop
```

Please refer to [install.md](#) for more detailed instructions.

# Iono\_Electron Data-set

Download Iono\_Electron Data-set from [website](#) or using the following command:

```
bash tools/prepare_data/download_iono.sh
```

## Pretrained Model

Download pretrained models from [website](#) or using the following command:

```
bash tools/prepare_data/download_pretrained_model.sh
```

## Training and Testing

Please see [get\\_started.md](#) for the basic usage. All training and testing commands are listed under `scripts/` directory. Here is an example to evaluate the prediction accuracy of the pretrained models with different input channel number and different multimodal fusion methods.

```
bash scripts/iono/convlstm/convlstm.sh
bash scripts/iono/e3dlstm/e3dlstm.sh
bash scripts/iono/mau/mau.sh
bash scripts/iono/mim/mim.sh
bash scripts/iono/predrnn/predrnn.sh
bash scripts/iono/predrnnpp/predrnnpp.sh
bash scripts/iono/predrnnv2/predrnnv2.sh
bash scripts/iono/simvp/simvp.sh
bash scripts/iono/tau/tau.sh
```

Table 1 The quantitative performance comparison for the different network backbones, multimodal fusion methods and input channel number  $C_{in}$ . The computational complexity is evaluated by parameter number (Param.), Floating-point Operations Per Second (Flops) and inference speed. The prediction accuracy is evaluated by mean squared error (MSE), mean absolute error (MAE) and root mean square error (RMSE) during low/high solar activity (LSA/HSA) periods.

Fusion-(Backbone)	$C_{in}$	Param	Flops	Speed	MSE	MAE/TECU	RMSE	(Gain)	Fusion-(Backbone)	$C_{in}$	Param	Flops	Speed	MSE	MAE/TECU	RMSE	(Gain)
		/M	/G	/fps		LSA	HSA				/M	/G	/fps		LSA	HSA	
(LSTM)	1	283.6	5035	5	374.11	2.16	5.18	3.76 (+0%)	(ConvLSTM)	1	15.08	223	136	194.81	1.25	3.75	2.71 (+0%)
(GRU)	1	212.7	3786	7	361.36	1.97	5.06	3.69 (+0%)	concatenate-	4	15.70	235	132	199.78	1.28	3.79	2.75(-1.5%)
(E3D-LSTM)	1	53.15	301	22	173.51	1.11	3.54	2.56 (+0%)	mixer-	4	<b>15.90</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>174.78</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>2.57(+5.2%)</b>
(MAU)	1	4.72	67.13	242	153.97	1.10	3.28	2.41 (+0%)	concatenate-	9	16.72	255	121	166.25	1.12	3.37	2.51(+7.4%)
concatenate-	4	4.72	67.19	235	152.55	1.12	3.27	2.40(+0.4%)	mixer-	9	<b>16.93</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>165.87</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>2.50(+7.8%)</b>
concatenate-	9	4.72	67.28	215	139.90	1.08	3.11	2.30(+4.6%)	concatenate-	16	18.16	282	105	147.21	1.08	3.20	2.36(+12.9%)
concatenate-	16	4.72	67.42	188	120.78	1.05	2.86	2.14(+11.2%)	mixer-	16	<b>18.36</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>135.12</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>3.03</b>	<b>2.26(+16.6%)</b>
(PredRNN)	1	23.84	456	65	152.59	1.10	3.26	2.40 (+0%)	(PredRNNv2)	1	23.86	458	63	152.01	1.07	3.25	2.40 (+0%)
action-	4	24.16	461	64	198.29	1.25	3.82	2.74(-14.2%)	action-	4	24.18	463	62	167.69	1.15	3.34	2.52(-5.0%)
concatenate-	4	24.92	476	62	172.22	1.21	3.49	2.55(-6.3%)	concatenate-	4	24.93	479	60	156.59	1.10	3.35	2.43(-1.3%)
mixer-	4	<b>25.27</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>160.18</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>3.35</b>	<b>2.46(-2.5%)</b>	mixer-	4	<b>25.29</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>153.11</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>2.41(-0.4%)</b>
action-	9	24.51	468	64	277.31	1.47	4.17	3.24(-35.0%)	action-	9	24.53	470	61	237.44	1.36	3.92	2.99(-24.6%)
concatenate-	9	26.71	511	58	157.43	1.16	3.37	2.44(-1.7%)	concatenate-	9	26.72	513	56	151.19	1.12	3.25	2.39(+0.4%)
mixer-	9	<b>27.06</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>155.98</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>3.32</b>	<b>2.43(-1.3%)</b>	mixer-	9	<b>27.08</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>150.28</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>2.38(+0.8%)</b>
action-	16	25.06	482	61	403.47	2.06	5.51	3.91(-62.9%)	action-	16	25.08	485	59	318.57	1.67	4.46	3.47(-44.6%)
concatenate-	16	29.22	558	53	138.65	1.11	3.10	2.29(+4.6%)	concatenate-	16	29.23	561	51	122.86	1.01	2.88	2.16(10.0%)
mixer-	16	<b>29.57</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>133.43</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>2.98</b>	<b>2.24(+6.7%)</b>	mixer-	16	<b>29.59</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>118.83</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>2.83</b>	<b>2.12(+11.7%)</b>
(TAU)	1	48.24	22.54	341	151.06	1.09	3.26	2.39 (+0%)	(MIM)	1	38.20	711	43	158.97	1.12	3.32	2.45 (+0%)
concatenate-	4	48.24	22.61	331	150.04	1.12	3.23	2.38(+0.4%)	concatenate-	4	39.28	731	42	158.27	1.11	3.32	2.45(+0%)
mixer-	4	<b>48.24</b>	<b>22.61</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>148.83</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>2.37(+0.8%)</b>	mixer-	4	<b>39.63</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>158.76</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>2.45(+0%)</b>
concatenate-	9	48.24	22.83	302	142.98	1.04	3.18	2.33(+2.5%)	concatenate-	9	41.07	766	38	148.57	1.09	3.19	2.37(+3.3%)
mixer-	9	<b>48.24</b>	<b>22.83</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>139.03</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>3.11</b>	<b>2.29(+4.2%)</b>	mixer-	9	<b>41.42</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>145.33</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>2.34(4.5%)</b>
concatenate-	16	48.25	23.08	264	126.33	1.02	2.96	2.19(+8.4%)	concatenate-	16	43.58	814	34	126.37	1.01	2.93	2.19(+10.6%)
mixer-	16	<b>48.25</b>	<b>23.11</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>121.54</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>2.89</b>	<b>2.14(+10.5%)</b>	mixer-	16	<b>43.93</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>118.72</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>2.12(+13.5%)</b>
(SimVP)	1	50.53	23.32	335	149.51	1.05	3.24	2.38 (+0%)	(PredRNN++)	1	38.58	675	46	153.12	1.05	3.26	2.41 (+0%)
concatenate-	4	50.53	23.43	327	153.37	1.12	3.29	2.41(-1.3%)	concatenate-	4	39.66	695	44	150.21	1.05	3.24	2.38(+1.2%)
mixer-	4	<b>50.53</b>	<b>23.46</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>152.96</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>3.28</b>	<b>2.40(-0.8%)</b>	mixer-	4	<b>40.01</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>148.83</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>3.21</b>	<b>2.37(+1.7%)</b>
concatenate-	9	50.53	23.61	298	145.15	1.08	3.19	2.34(+1.7%)	concatenate-	9	41.45	730	41	144.20	1.11	3.16	2.34(+2.9%)
mixer-	9	<b>50.53</b>	<b>23.64</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>141.52</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>2.31(+2.9%)</b>	mixer-	9	<b>41.81</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>141.22</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>3.12</b>	<b>2.31(+4.1%)</b>
concatenate-	16	50.54	23.86	253	125.16	1.00	2.94	2.18(+8.4%)	concatenate-	16	43.96	778	35	118.45	0.97	2.74	2.12(+12.0%)
mixer-	16	<b>50.54</b>	<b>23.90</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>120.74</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>2.13(+10.5%)</b>	mixer-	16	<b>44.32</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>111.68</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>2.63</b>	<b>2.05(+14.9%)</b>

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## Overview of Model Zoo

- Spatiotemporal Prediction Methods.

- ▼ Currently supported methods

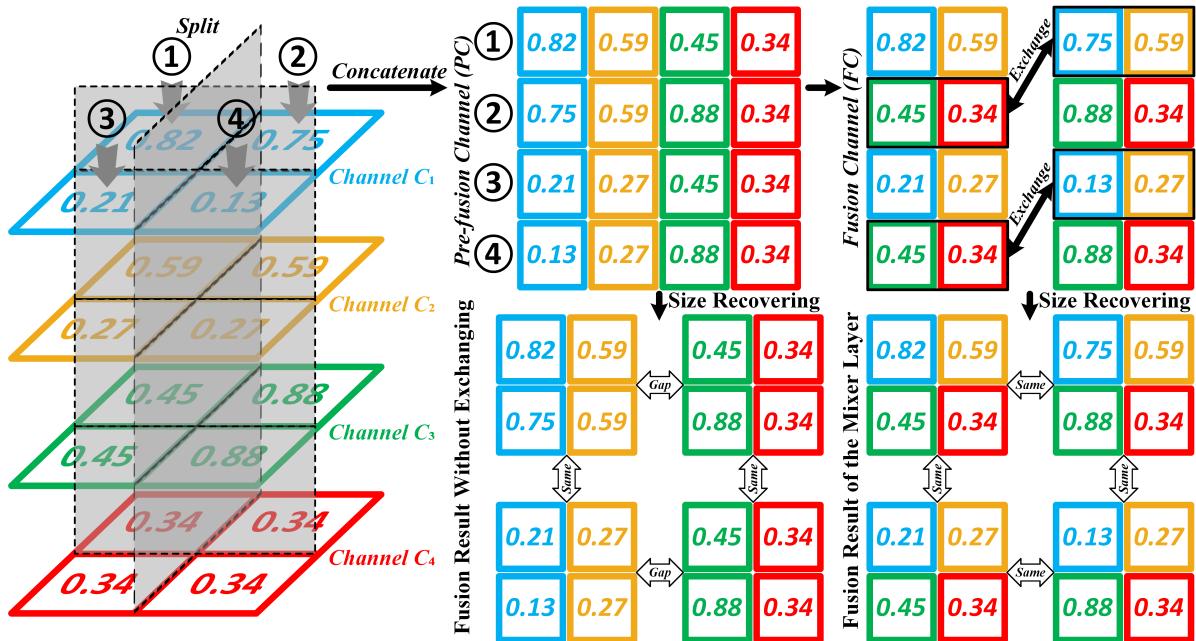
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- ✓ [PredNet](#) (ICLR'2017)
- ✓ [PredRNN](#) (NeurIPS'2017)
- ✓ [PredRNN++](#) (ICML'2018)
- ✓ [E3D-LSTM](#) (ICLR'2018)
- ✓ [MIM](#) (CVPR'2019)
- ✓ [CrevNet](#) (ICLR'2020)
- ✓ [PhyDNet](#) (CVPR'2020)
- ✓ [MAU](#) (NeurIPS'2021)
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- [SimVP.V2](#) (ArXiv'2022)
- [TAU](#) (CVPR'2023)
- [DMVFN](#) (CVPR'2023)

You can understand our Channel Mixer Layer more intuitively by the following command:

```
python Understand_Mixer.py
```

our Channel Mixer Layer is deployed as shown by the following process:



## Visualization

We present visualization examples of ConvLSTM below. For more detailed information, please refer to the [visualization](#).

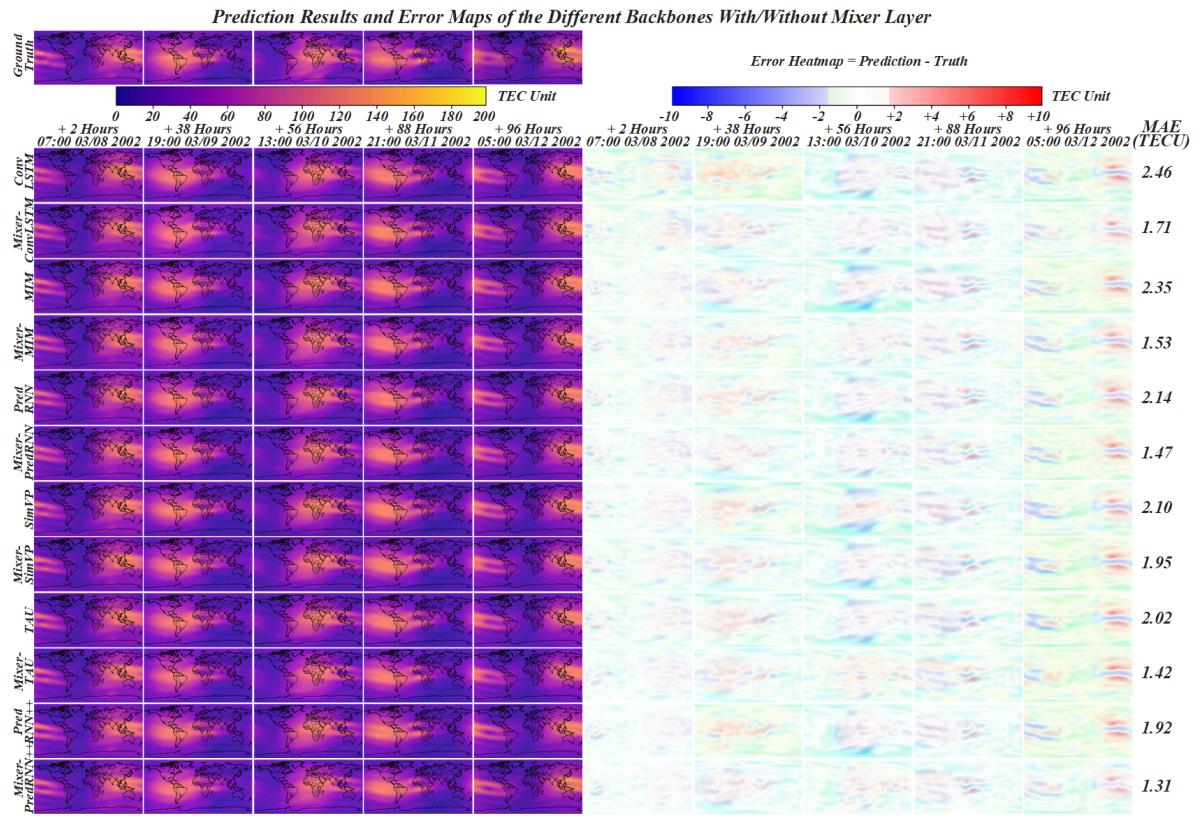
The visualization of 1-channel graphic prediction with ConvLSTM model for the No.125 global TEC sequence is running by the following command:

```
python tools/visualizations/vis_video.py -d iono -w
work_dirs/iono/convlstm/1channel --index 125 --save_dirs
visualization/iono/convlstm/1channel/
```

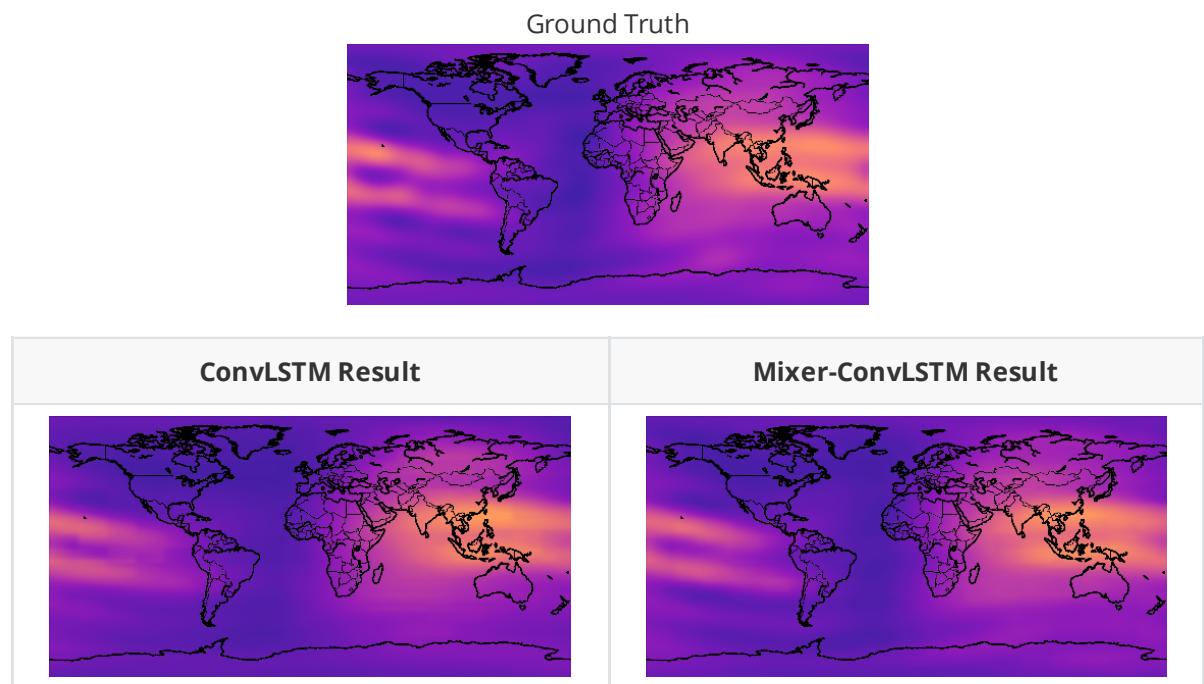
The visualization of 16-channel multimodal fusion prediction with Mixer-ConvLSTM model for the No.125 global TEC sequence is running by the following command:

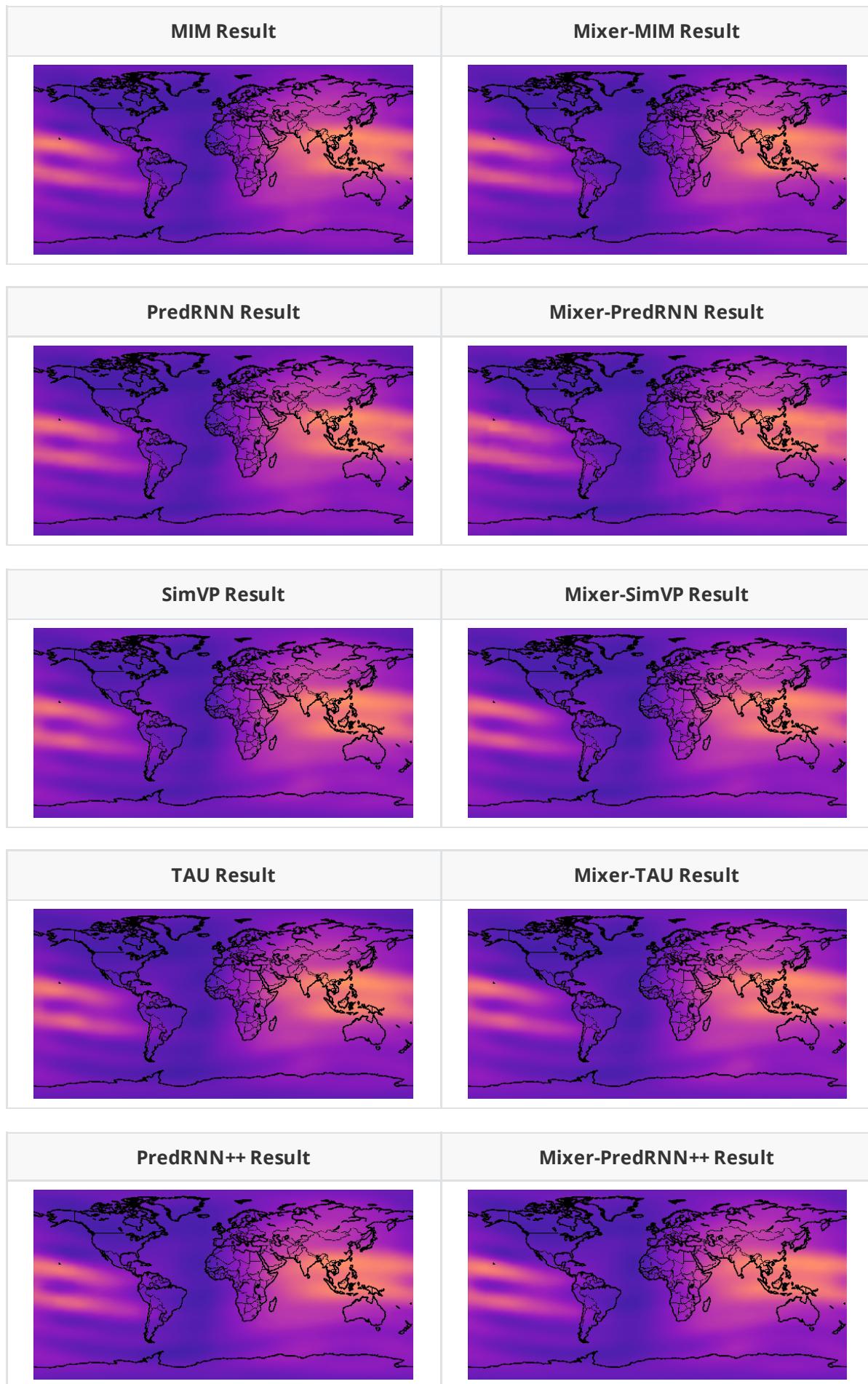
```
python tools/visualizations/vis_video.py -d iono -w
work_dirs/iono/convlstm/mix_16channel --index 125 --save_dirs
visualization/iono/convlstm/mix_16channel/
```

## Static Comparison:



## Dynamic Comparison:





## Citation

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