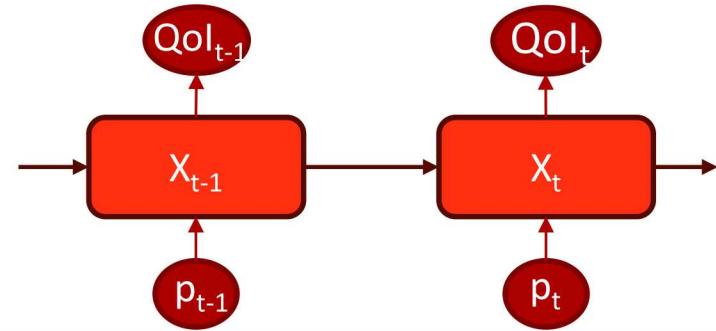
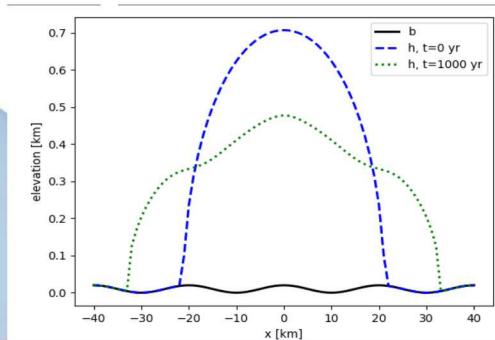
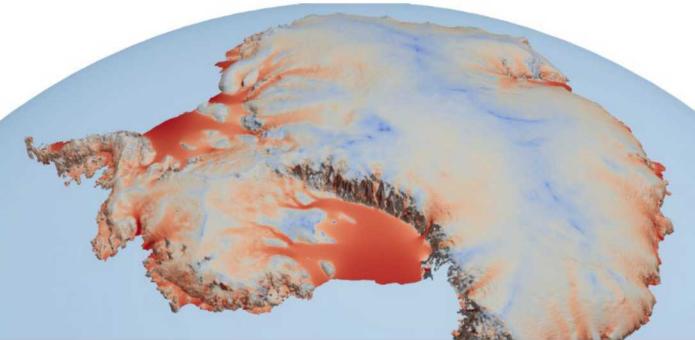


*Exceptional service in the national interest*



## Neural Networks Surrogates of PDE-based Dynamical Systems: Application to Ice Sheet Dynamics

John Jakeman, Mauro Perego, William Severa (SNL)



Lars Ruthotto (Emory University)



QTM, Emory  
DOE ASCR PhILMs



Siam CSE, Spokane (WA), Feb 27, 2019

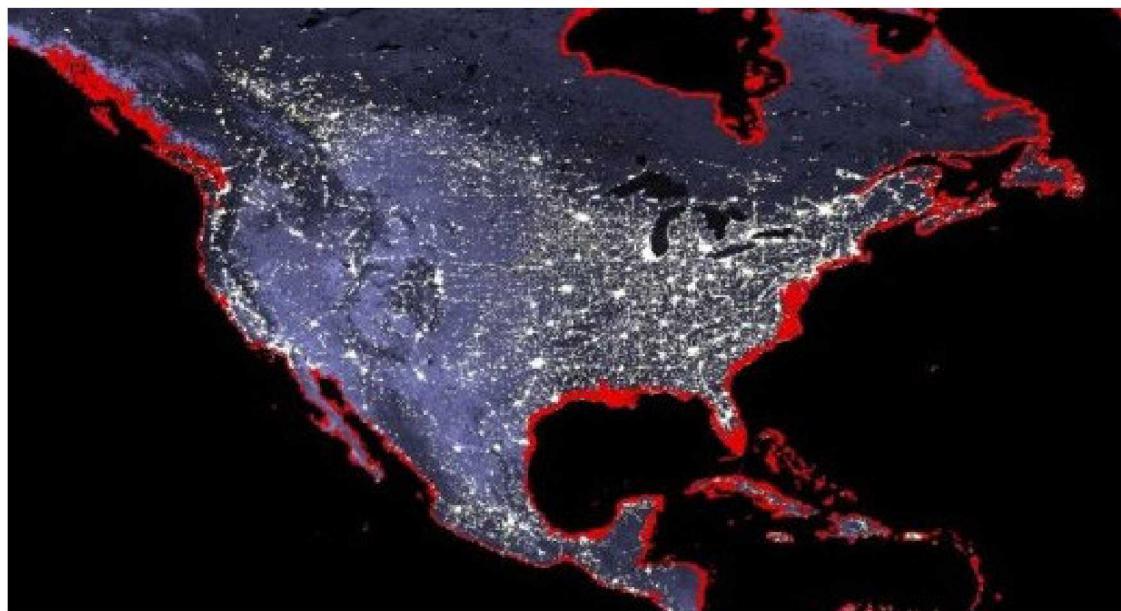
Sandia National Laboratories is a multi-program laboratory managed and operated by Sandia Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corporation, for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under contract DE-AC04-94AL85000. SAND2015-9220 C

Sandia National Laboratories is a multimission laboratory managed and operated by National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc., for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under contract DE-NA0003525.

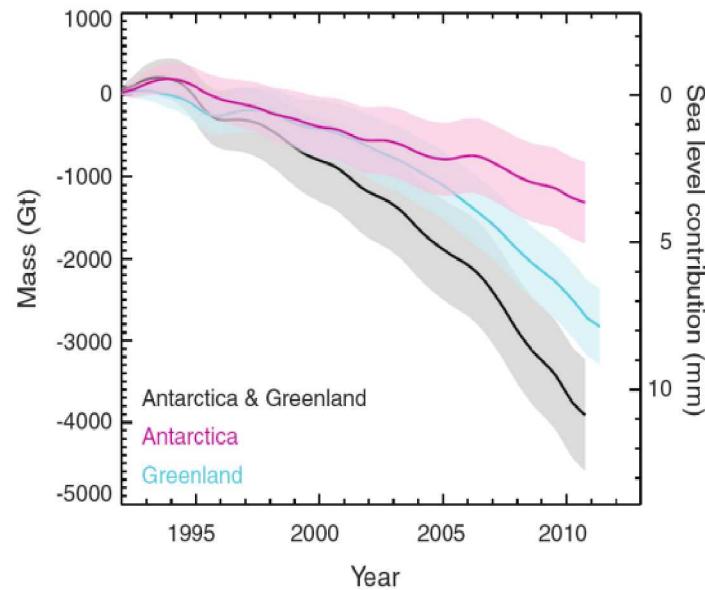
# Motivation and Introduction

- **Sea-level change** is one of the most impactful consequences of climate change
- Greenland and Antarctica ice sheet are major contributors to the sea level\*
- Global mean sea-level is rising at the rate of 3.2 mm/yr and the rate is increasing.
- Latest studies suggest possible increase of 0.3 – 2.5m by 2100
- Accurate probabilistic projections of sea level would be extremely useful to policy makers

Map with 6 meters sea-level rise in red (NASA).



total mass loss of ice sheets in 1992-2011 (sheperd et al. 2012)

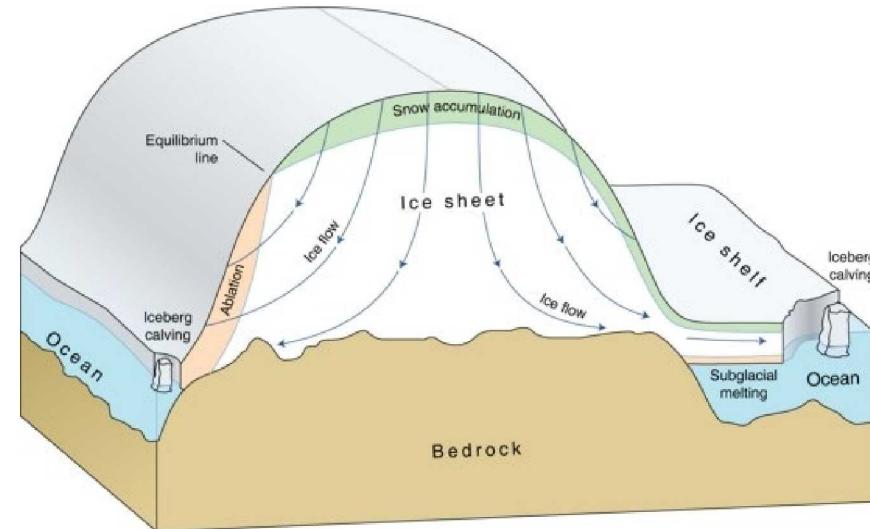


\*DOE SciDAC project **ProSPect** (**P**robabilistic **S**ea **L**evel **P**rojection from **I**ce **S**heet and **E**arth **S**ystem **M**odels),  
Institutes: LANL, LBNL, SNL, ONL, NYU, UM

# Motivation and Introduction

- Ice behaves like a very viscous shear-thinning fluid (similar to lava flow) driven by gravity. Source: snow packing/water freezing. Sink: ice melting / calving in ocean.
- There are several unknown or poorly known parameters (e.g. basal friction, bed topography, rheology)
- Simulating Ice sheet dynamics requires the solution of complex large scale computational models of Greenland and ice sheet

Perito Moreno glacier



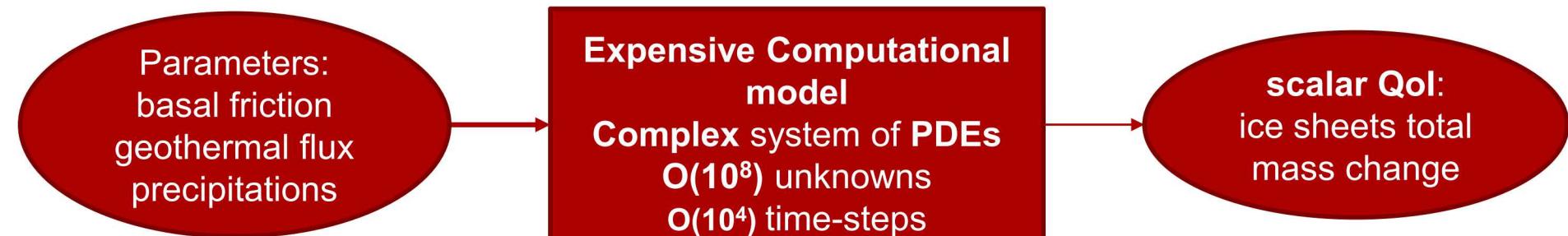
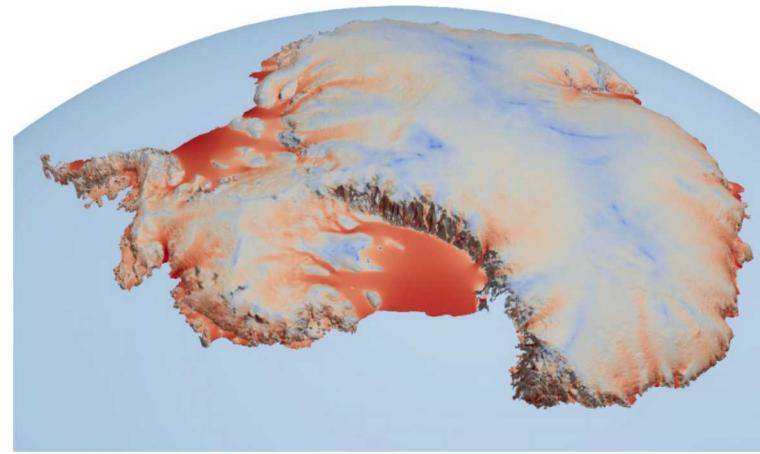
from <http://www.climate.be>

# Uncertainty Quantification challenge

The total mass change of ice sheets is a proxy for the sea-level change and it is our Quantity of Interest (QoI) .

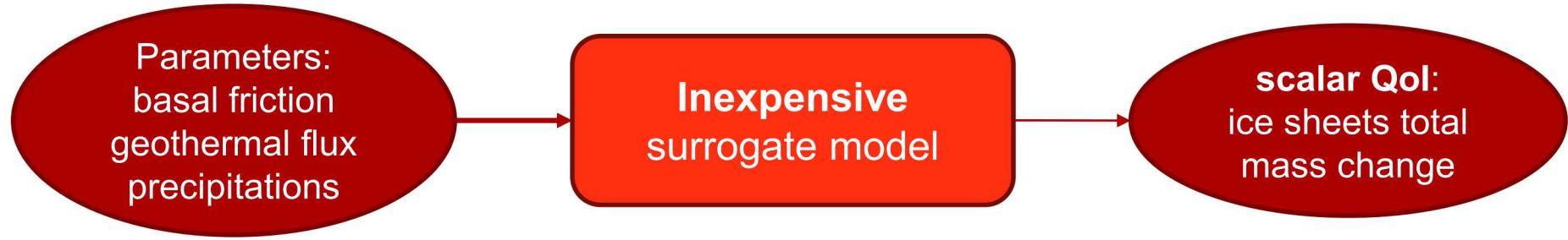
Despite the considered Quantity of Interest (QoI) is a **scalar** quantity, its computation requires the solution of **complex multi-physics** systems of partial differential equations, characterized by **hundreds of million of unknowns** and a **large number of parameters**

Accurate UQ analysis of Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets at high resolution is currently **unfeasible** due to the high-dimensional parameter space (curse of dimensionality) and the cost of running the physical model



# Uncertainty Quantification, NN surrogates

**Possible strategy:** model reduction in *multifidelity\** framework

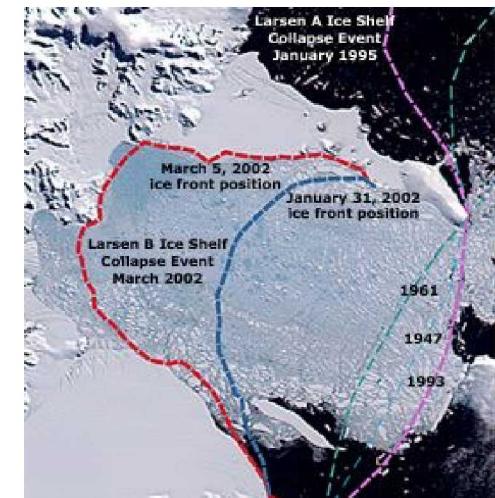


(Surrogate model is evaluated more often than the physical model to reduce costs while maintaining accuracy)

**Issue:** classic approaches like PCE are still too expensive especially in presence of nonlinear maps with interconnected parameter dimensions.

**Idea:** create surrogate models using Neural Networks (**NN**) **trained by model output** at different time instants

\* Peherstorfer, Willcox and Gunzburger, *Survey of multifidelity methods in uncertainty propagation, inference, and optimization*, SIAM Review, 2018



surrogate needs to capture instabilities

# Problem setting and methods

## Problem setting:

- *Ice sheet model*: Shallow Ice Approximation

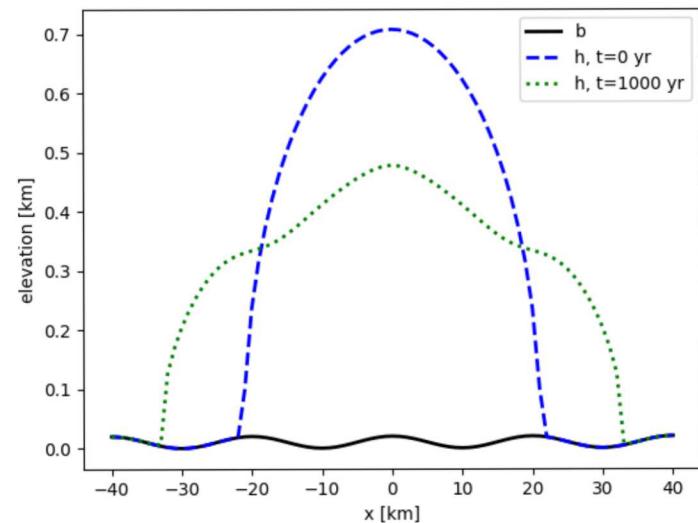
$$h_t - \nabla \cdot (\mu(h, \beta) \nabla h) = f$$

- *QoI*: total mass change in time
- *Parameters*: basal friction  $\beta$ , represented as a Karhunen–Loève Expansion (KLE) based on 20/100/500 independent uniformly distributed parameters:

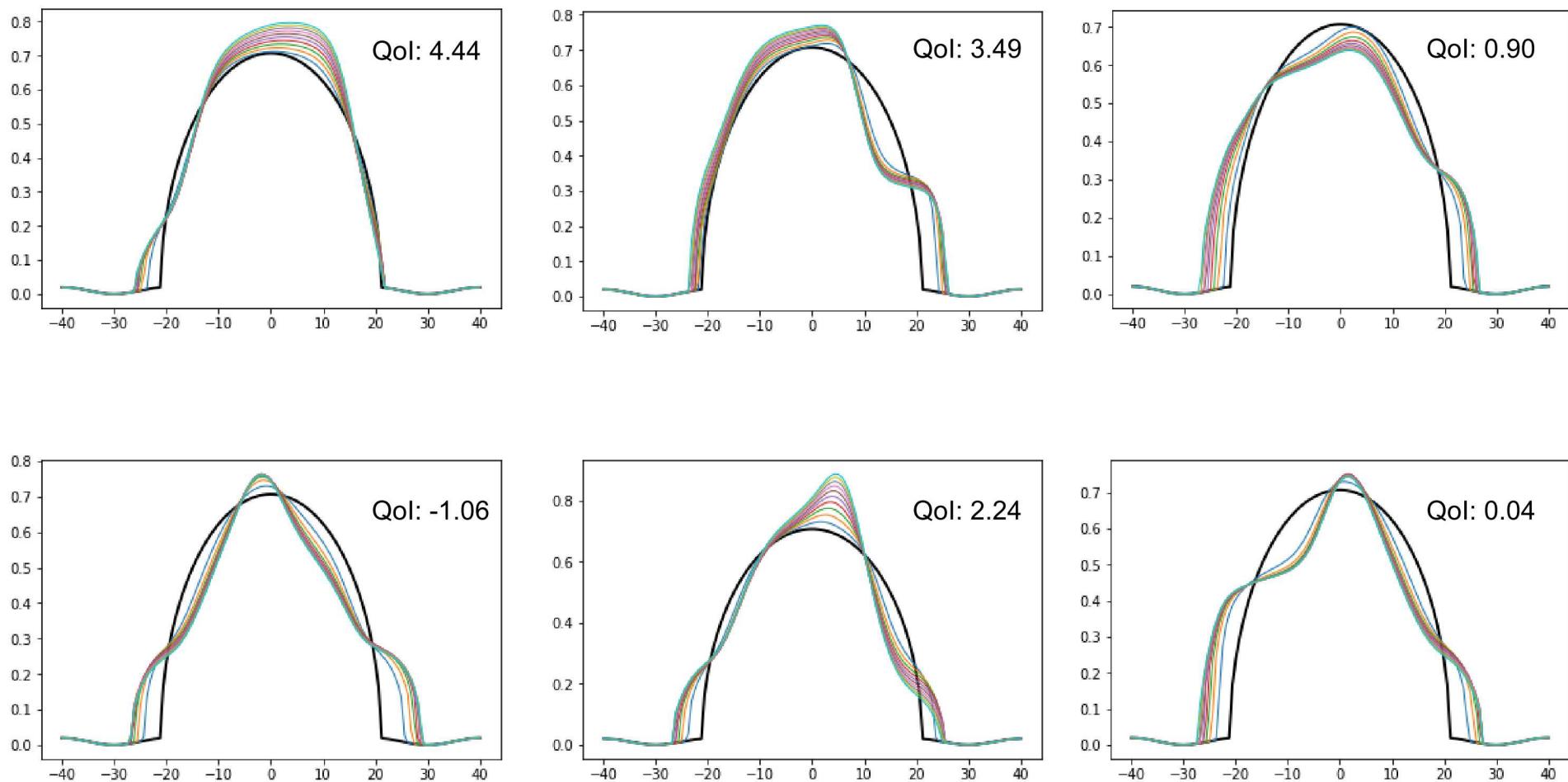
$$\log(\beta(x, \omega)) = \log(\beta_0(x)) + \sigma \sum_{k=1}^{n_\omega} \sqrt{\lambda_k} \phi_k(x) \omega_k$$

$\lambda_k, \phi_k$  are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $C = \exp\left(\frac{|x_1 - x_2|}{l}\right)$

- *Forcing*: ice accumulation/melt, sinusoidal in space/time
- Training set: 900 samples of N time instants
- Testing set: 100 samples of N time instants

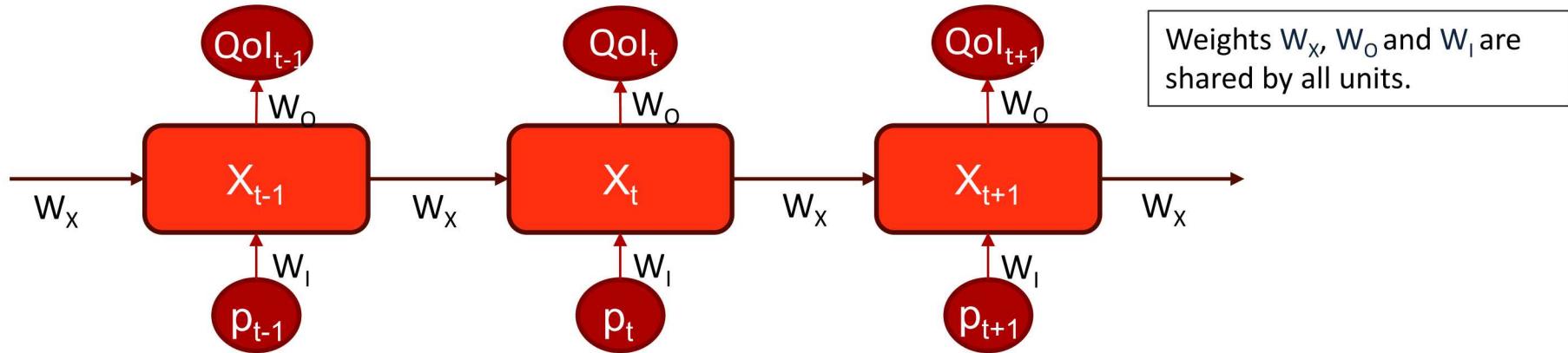


# Ice sheet evolutions for different parameter samples



Ice sheet evolution for different samplings of  $\beta$  (20 parameters case).  
Time instants [yr]: 0, 50, 100, ..., 500.

# Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) surrogates



## Why RNNs?

1. RNNs have been *effectively used to model dynamical systems*\*, and can provide prediction of the QoI at *different time instants*, whereas PCE would only provide the QoI at a given instant
2. Because different network units share the same parameters, RNNs are relatively *fast to train*, especially given the low dimensionality of the QoI

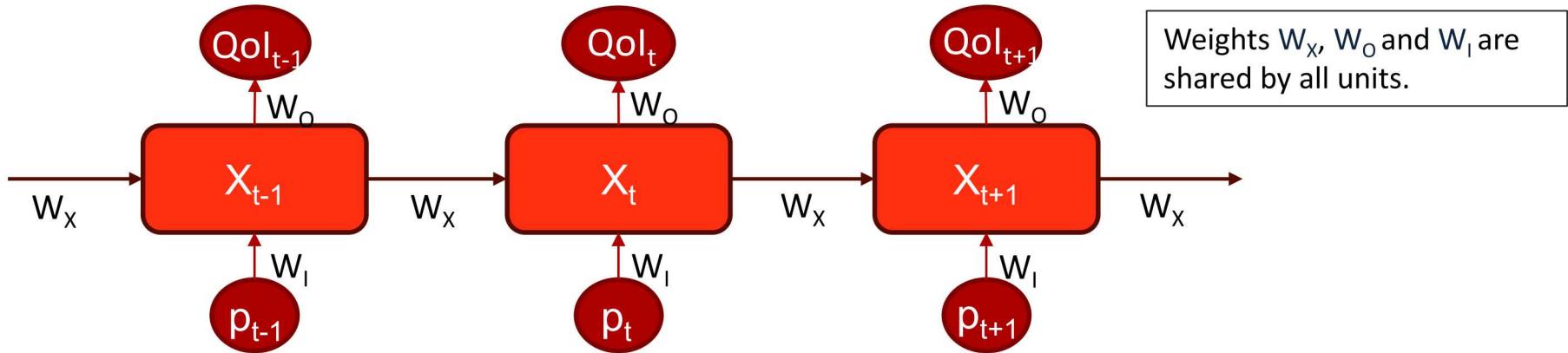
## Implementation:

- Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM) networks\*\* as implemented in Keras (built on top of TensorFlow)
- To better exploit the time dimension, we perform **windowing** (whether to split the temporal data in chunks of consecutive samples).

\* Pathak, Hunt, Girvan and Ott, Model-free prediction of large spatiotemporally chaotic systems from data: A reservoir computing approach. Phys. Rev. Lett., 120, 2018

\*\* S. Hochreiter, J. Schmidhuber, "Long short-term memory". Neural Computation. 9 (8): 1735–1780, 1997.

# Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) surrogates



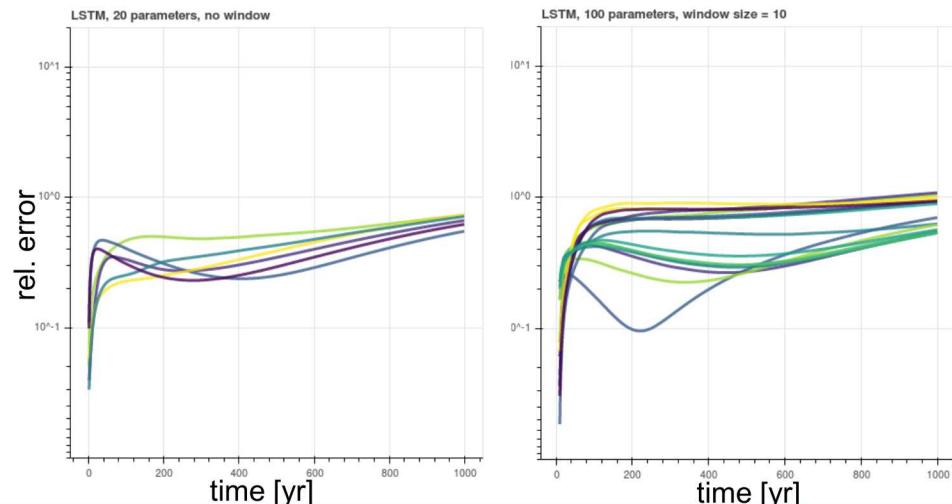
## Results:

Relative errors as a function of time  
for different hyper-parameters

Left: window of size 10 [yr], 100 parameters  
Right: no window, 20 parameters

Most of networks have a relative error that is above 50%, which is insufficient for performing UQ

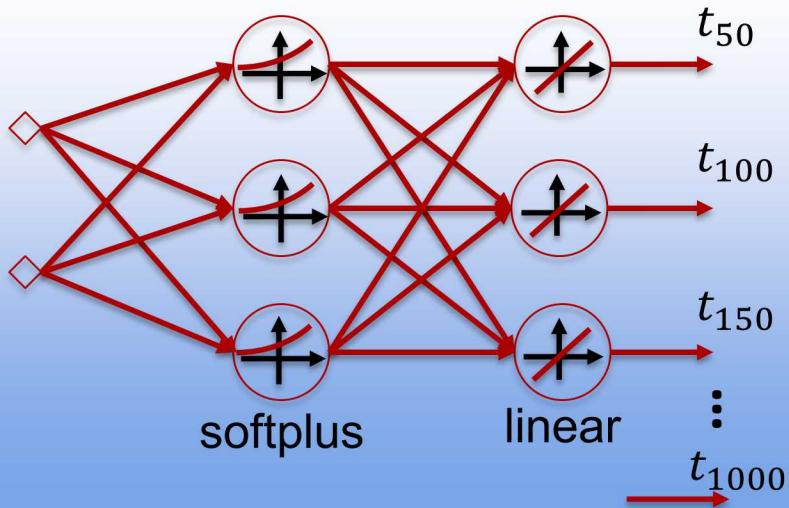
$$\text{relative error: } e_i = \frac{\|QoI_{t_i} - \widetilde{QoI}_{t_i}\|_{l_2}}{\max_i \|QoI_{t_i}\|_{l_2}}$$



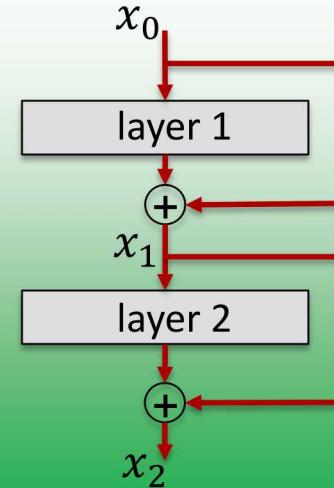
Simulations by W. Severa

# Non recurrent approaches: MLP, ResNet, PCE

## Multi-Layers Perceptron (MLP)



## Residual Network (ResNet)

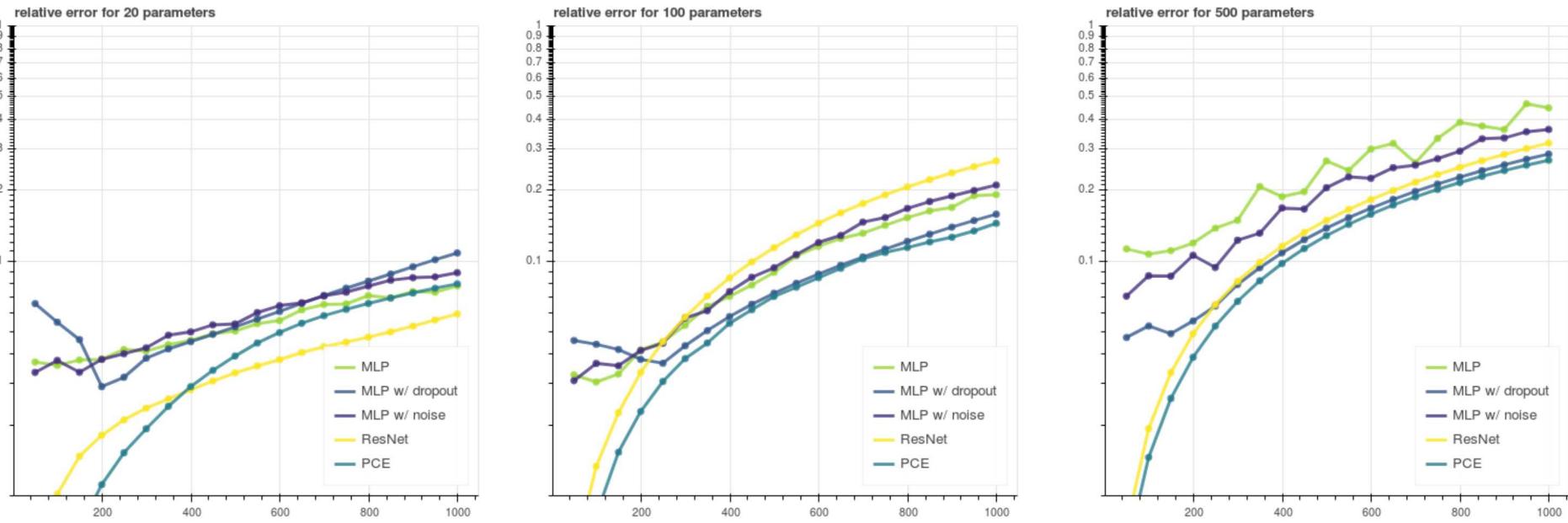


## Polynomial Chaos Expansions (PCE)

$$\widetilde{QoI} = \sum_k \alpha_k \psi_k \quad \psi_k \text{ orthogonal polynomials in the parameter space}$$

$$\underset{\alpha}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \|\alpha\|_1 \quad \text{such that} \quad \left\| QoI - \sum_k \alpha_k \psi_k \right\|_2 < \varepsilon$$

# Results: comparing MLP, ResNet and PCE



Comparison of relative errors of MLP, ResNet and PCE surrogates, for 20 (left), 100 (center) and 500 (right) parameters.

## Details:

- MLP: Keras, single hidden layer of width 50, opt scheme: Adadelta, dropout: 0.3
- ResNet\*: Matlab code by L. Ruthotto, 4 hidden layers of width 8, stepping scheme: RK4
- PCE\*: python code by J. Jakeman, polynomial degree: 2/2/1, for 20/100/500 params

\*E. Haber, L. Ruthotto, *Stable architectures for deep neural networks*, Inverse Problems, 2017

\*\* J.D. Jakeman et al., *Enhancing l1-minimization estimates of polynomial chaos expansions*, JCP, 2015

# Conclusions

## (is the glass half empty or half full?)

- the LSTM seem to lack the capability of capturing the global behavior of a dynamical system. They are also much more expensive than the other approach tried (ResNet, MLP, PCE)
- Compared to approaches like PCE, NNs have many more “knobs” (hyper-parameters) that are hard to tune for a specific application to get good performance
- We were able to devise MLP networks and Residual networks that were comparable to PCEs in term of accuracy
- Further directions include using NN to approximate the ice elevation at each time step, rather than the QoI and enforce mass conservation constrains

More general considerations:

- **Can we do drastically better than PCE?**
- **Is the parameter to prediction map intrinsically high-dimensional?**