

# Physics Informed Neural Network Surrogate for E3SM Land Model

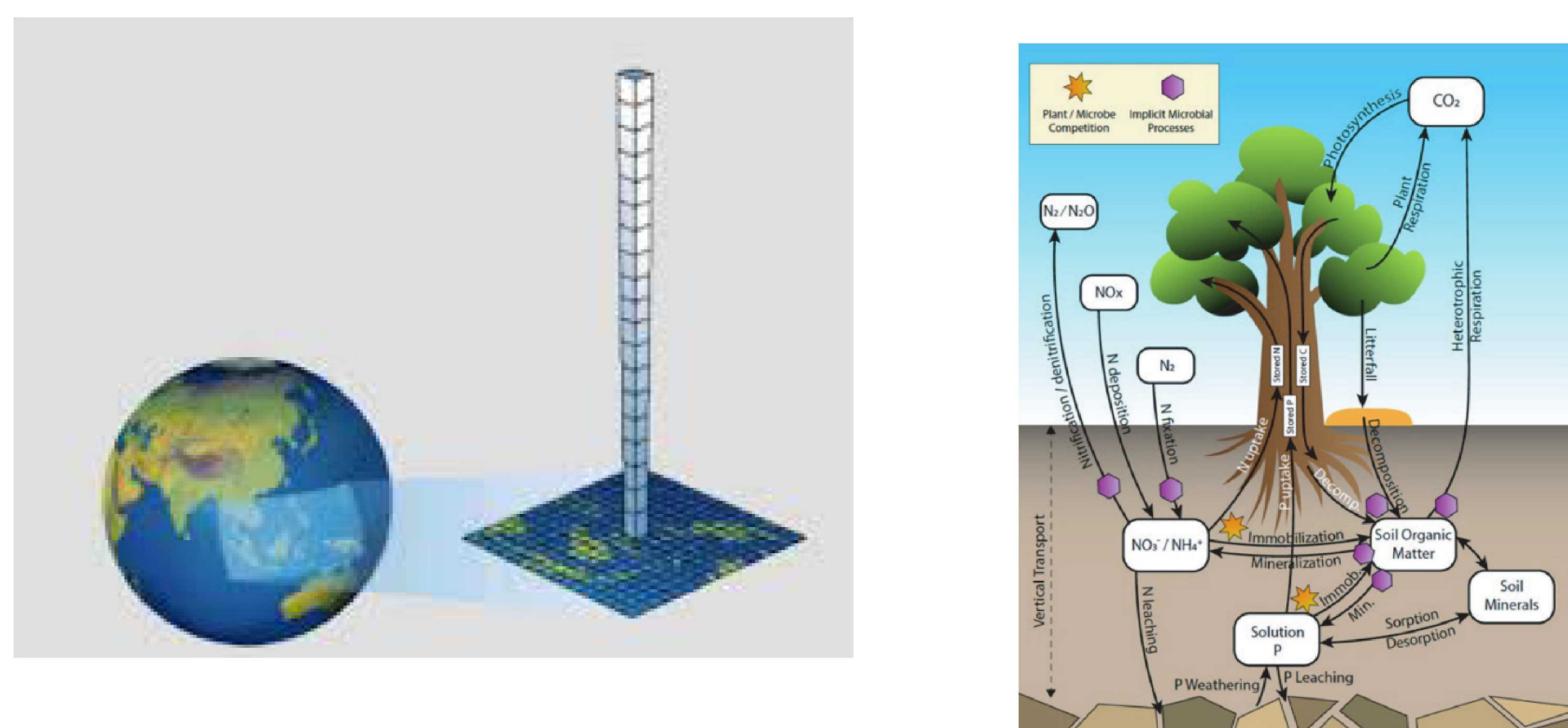


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## Surrogate Construction for Land Model



### Major challenges

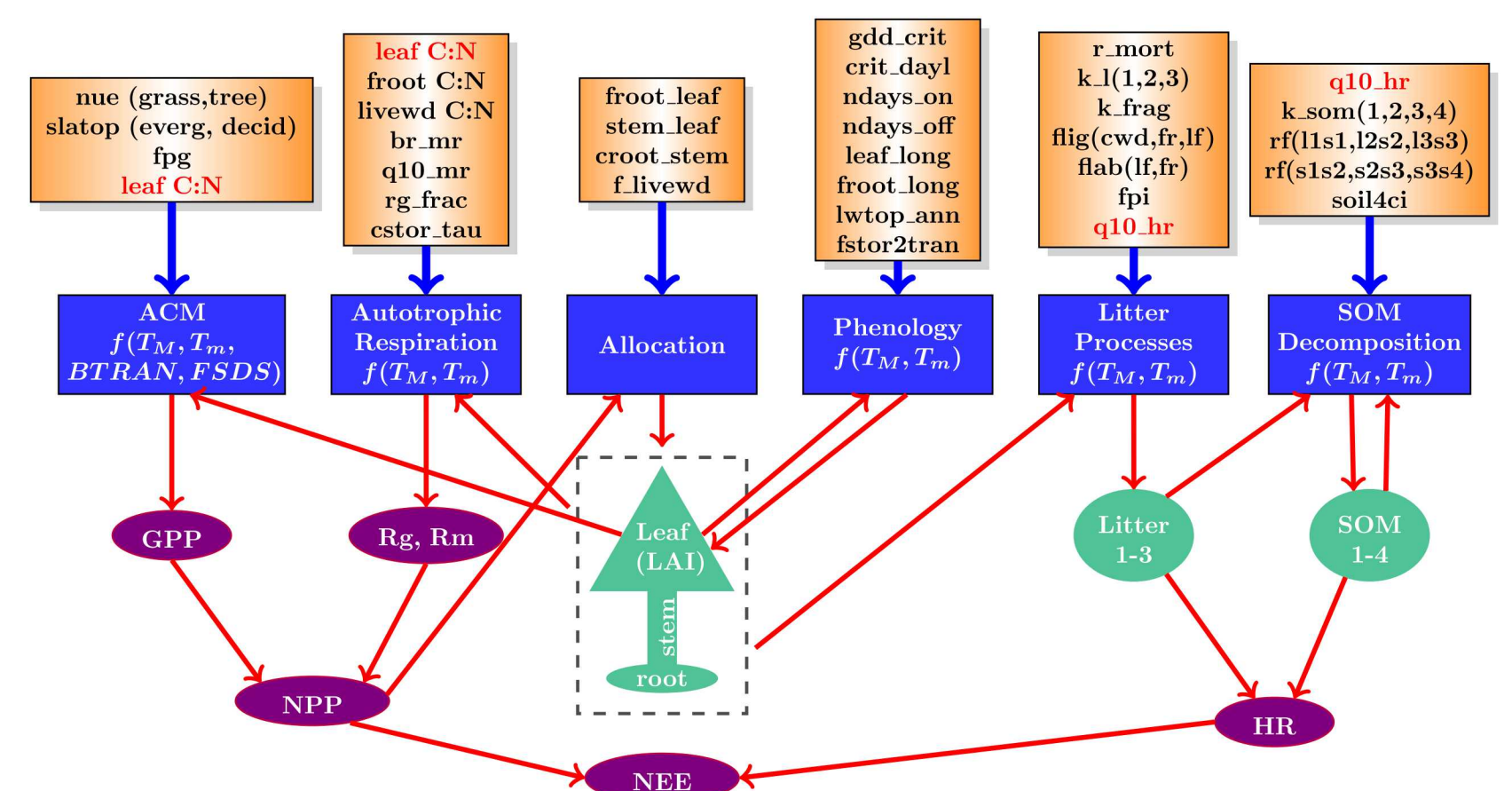
- High-dimensionality: complex climate models typically include a large number of input parameters
- Expense: a single simulation takes hours/core
- Uncertainty quantification studies, such as calibration or sensitivity analysis are infeasible
- Need to pre-built surrogates to replace the model

### Key ideas

- *Key idea #1*: Use Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), such as Long Short Term Memory (LSTM) to capture temporal dependencies
- *Key idea #2*: Use physics-informed connections to build tree-based neural-network architecture for more efficient training

## Hierarchical Structure of E3SM Land Model

- Land Model is driven by given daily **Forcings** (Precipitation, Min/Max Temp, Radiation) and  $\sim 50$  **Input Parameters** (not known precisely)
- Connections between input parameter, forcings and output Qols are known *a priori* - we want to use this knowledge for a better NN architecture!



Connectivity of parameters/forcings/outputs

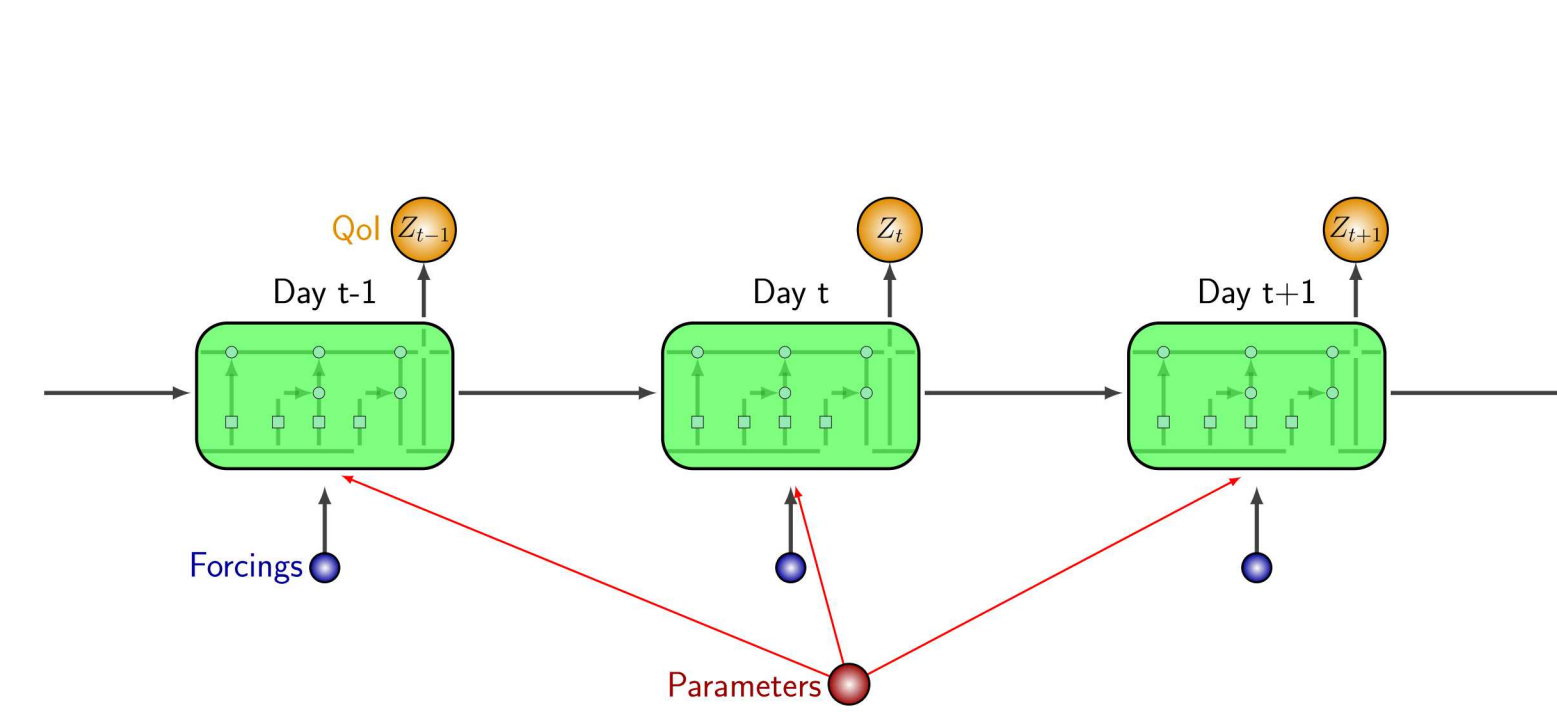
## Physics Informed Machine Learning Methodology

### Main features

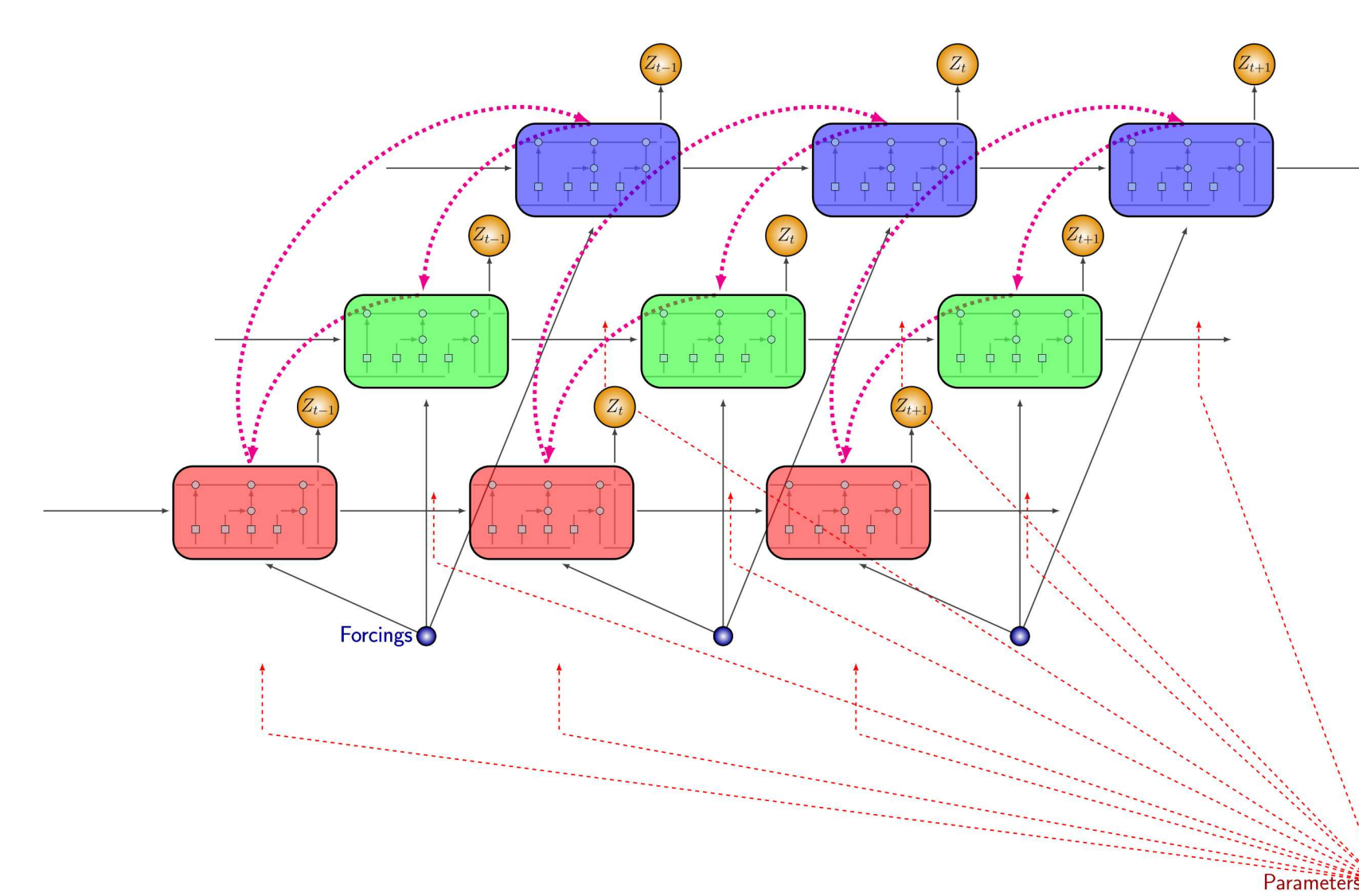
- Land model  $Z(x, t; \lambda)$ , where  $x$  are forcings,  $t$  is time, and  $\lambda$  are parameters
- Vanilla LSTM captures time dynamics well
- We developed multiple-Qol network architecture with special connections between Qols, forcings and parameters, based on code inspection
- Physics-informed Tree LSTM captures known relationships between Qols and leads to more efficient training
- Flexibility to train on daily or monthly Qols
- Physics-informed LSTM drastically improves surrogate accuracy

### Training details

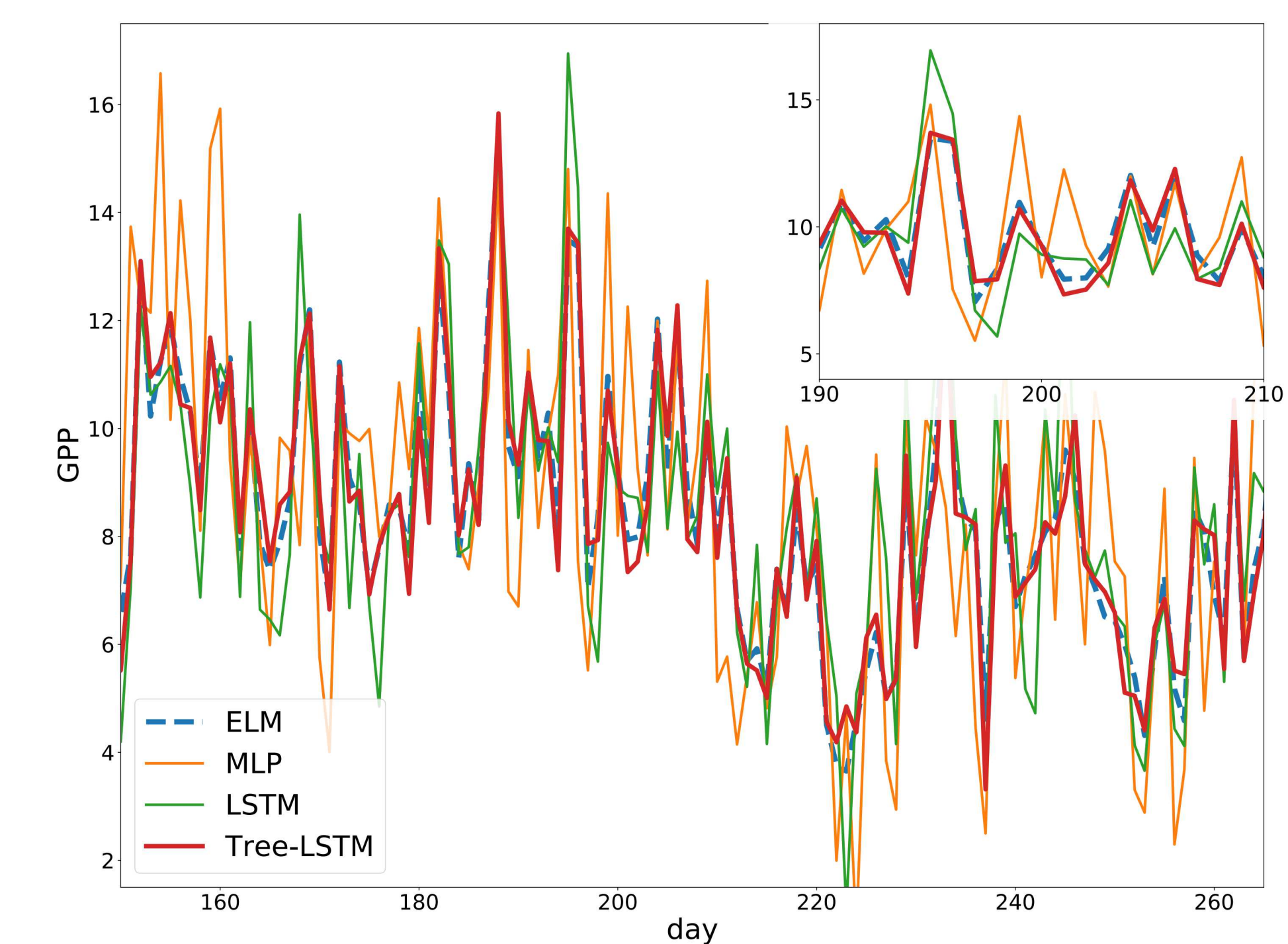
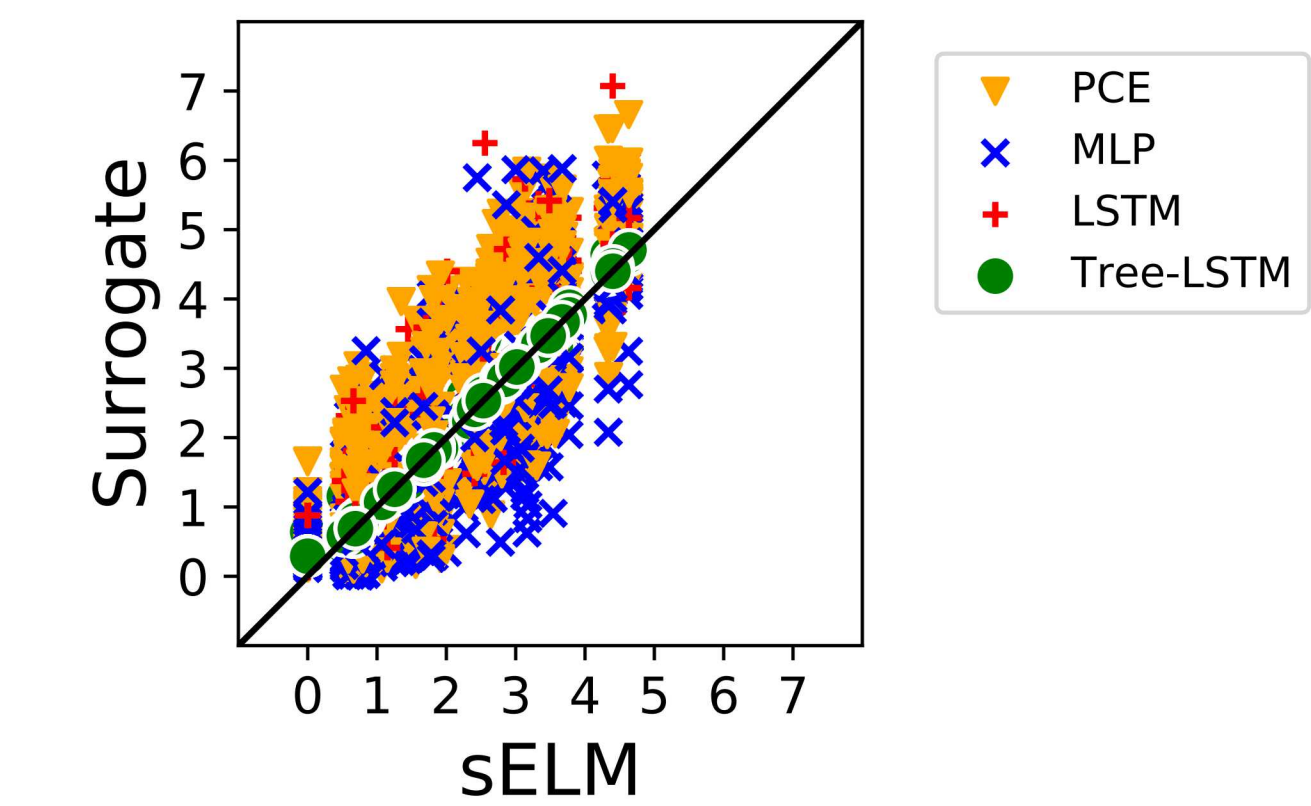
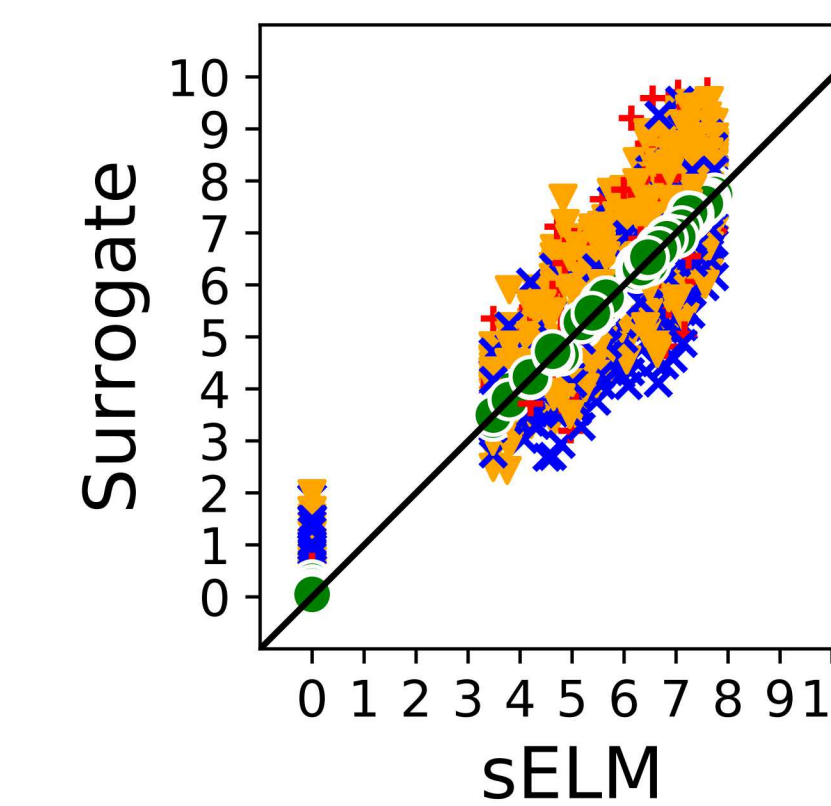
- Trained on simulations at 12 FLUXNET Sites
- Dropout Regularization
- 500 training samples, 500 validation samples
- Hyperparameter optimization on learning rate, number of neurons ( $\sim 150$ ), hidden layers (2 or 3)



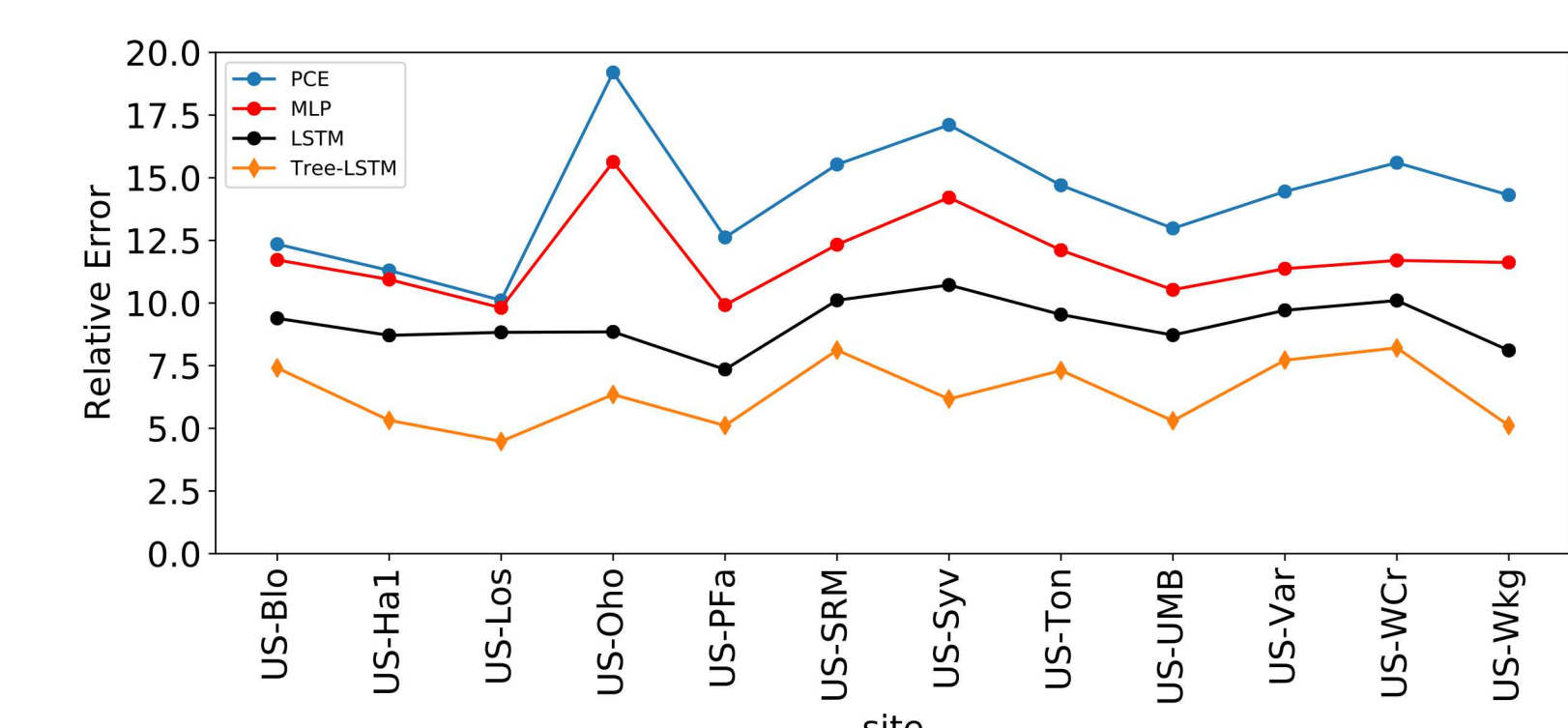
Vanilla LSTM network



Tree-LSTM network builds in custom connections between Qols, forcings and parameters



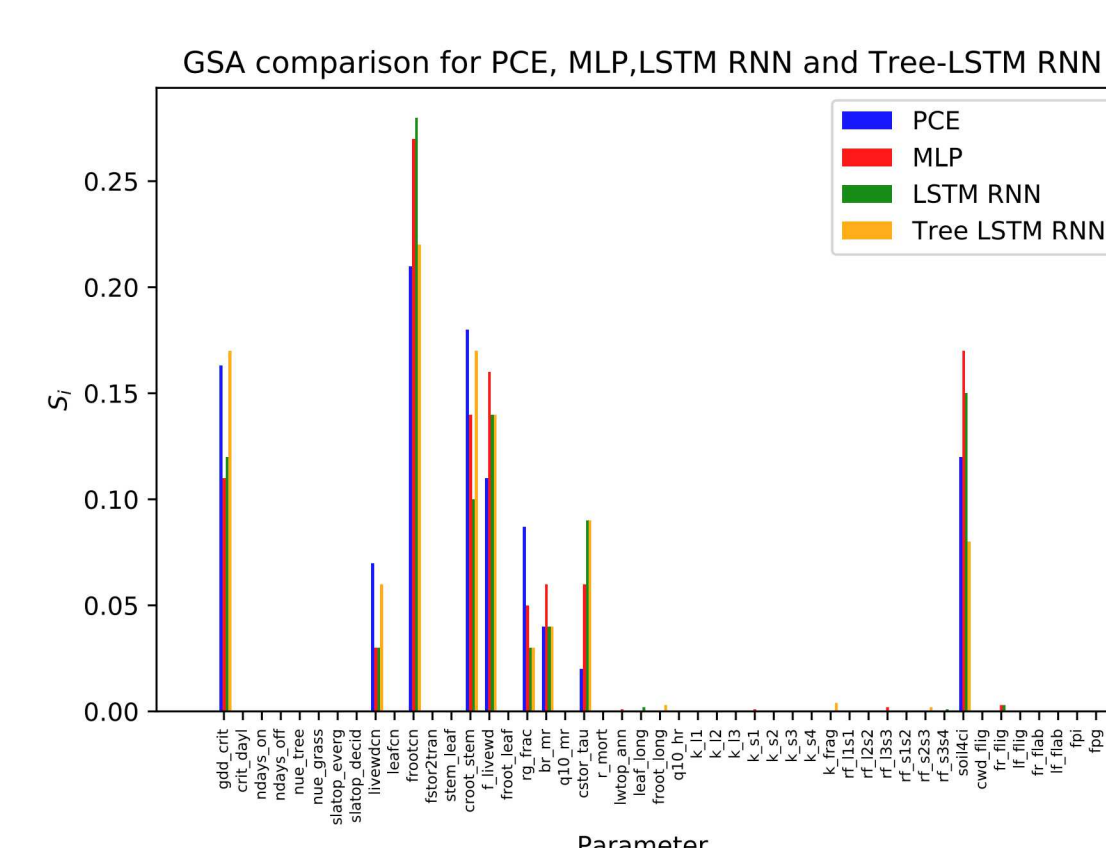
Daily series comparison



Relative errors for FLUXNET site surrogates

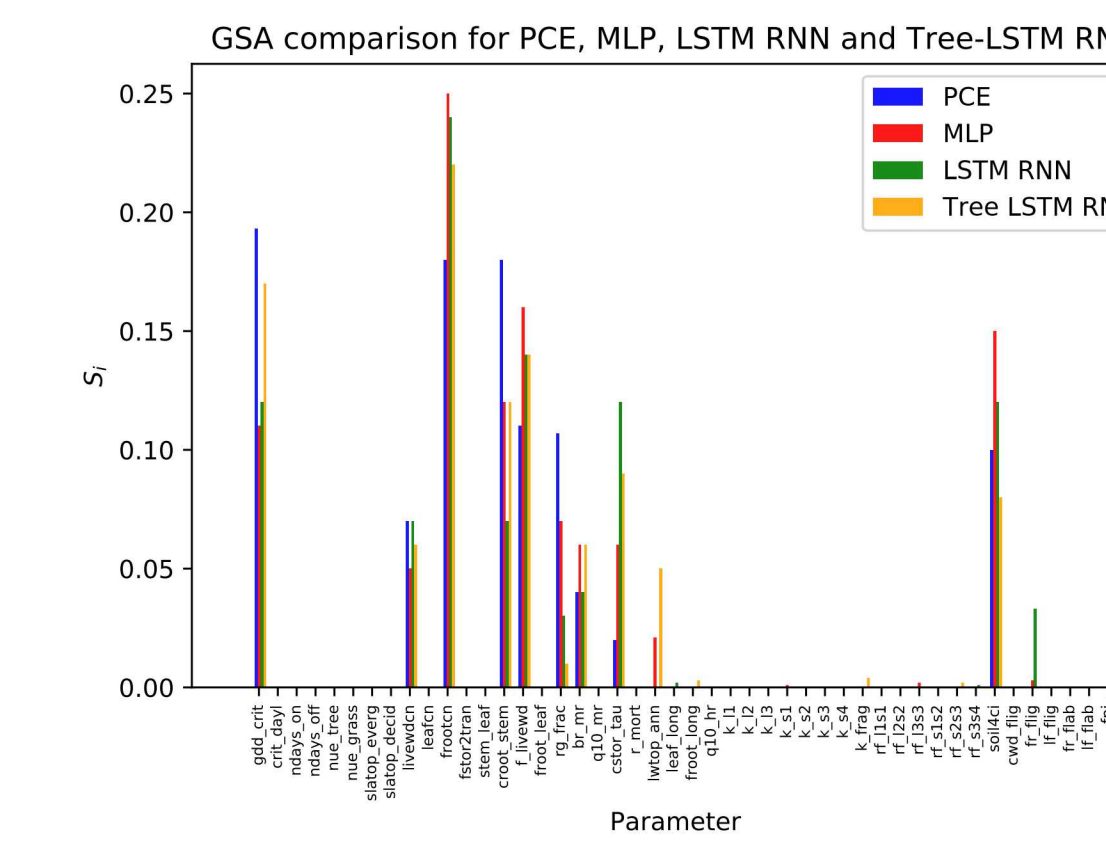
## Global Sensitivity Analysis (GSA)

- Monte-Carlo based variance decomposition or Sobol sensitivity computation using NN surrogate, using 3000 samples
- More conventional polynomial chaos surrogate is less accurate but provides sensitivities for free
- Sensitivities are consistent across sites
- Dimensionality reduction: 8 parameters out of 47 with nearly all variance contribution
- Regional surrogates and single-site surrogates produce qualitatively similar sensitivities
- In agreement with the hierarchical nature of the ELM model



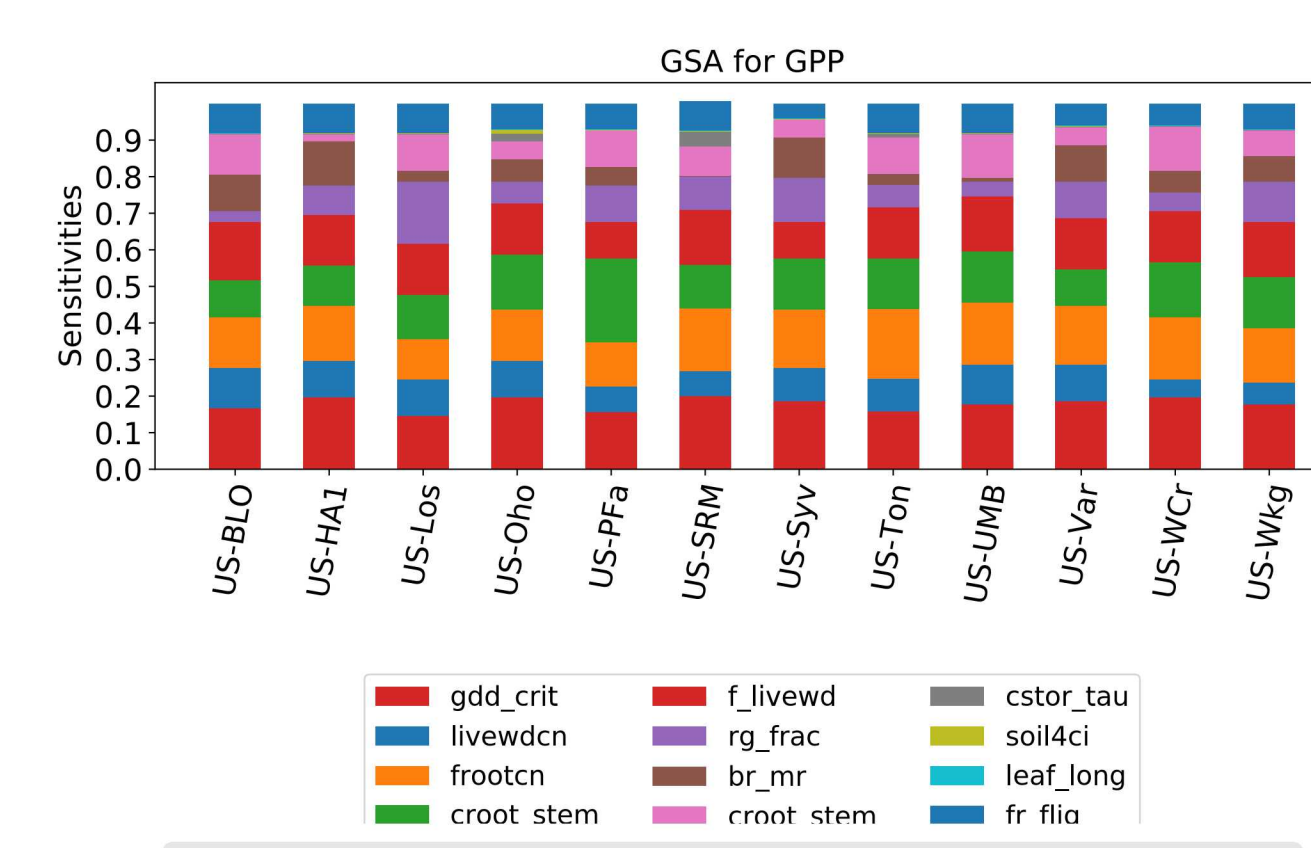
GSA for GPP

US-Harvard single site surrogate

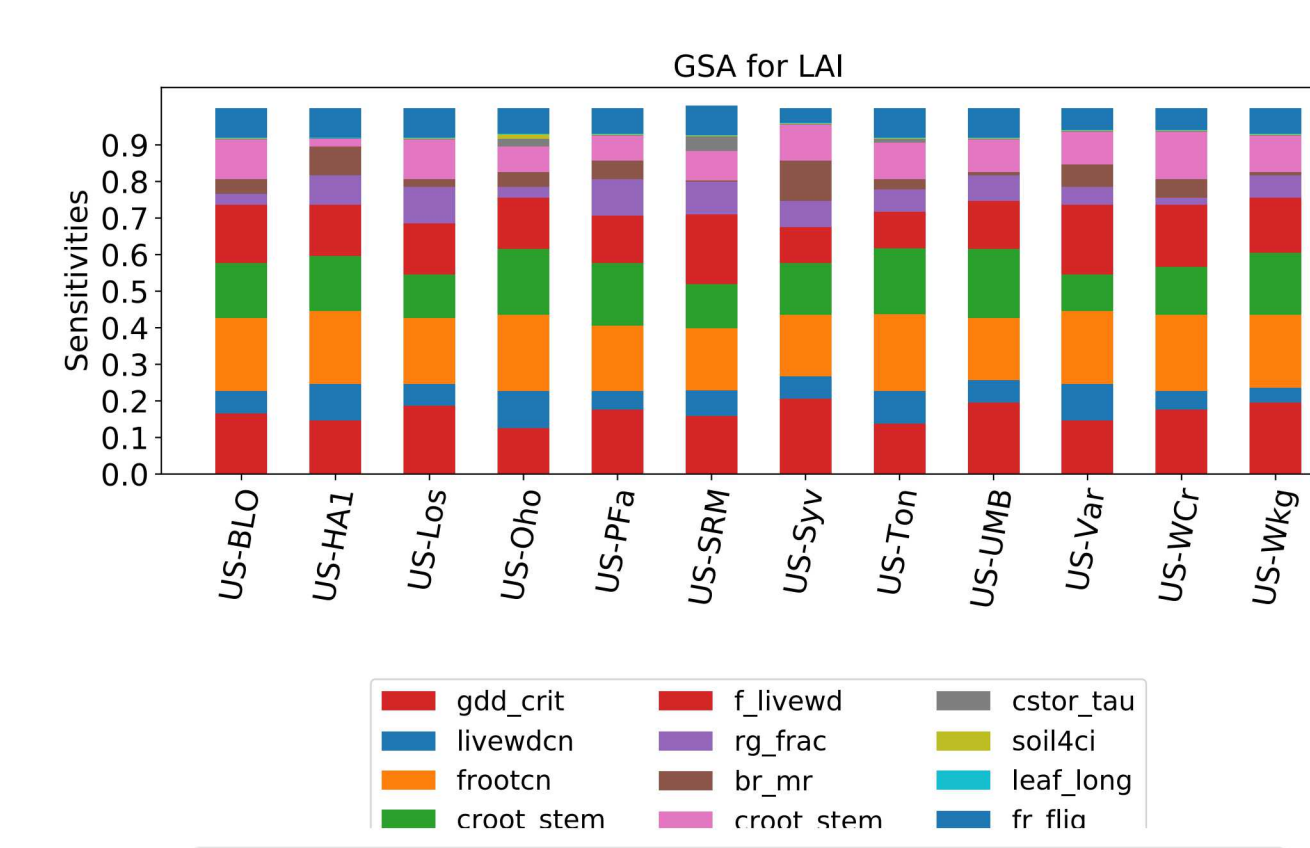


GSA for LAI

US-Harvard regional surrogate



GSA for GPP for all 12 sites



GSA for LAI for all 12 sites

## Summary

- Resolving temporal dynamics with LSTM
- Neural network architecture, informed by physics, provides much more accurate surrogates
- Physics-based architecture outperforms conventional LSTM, multilayer perceptron and polynomial chaos
- GSA consistent with prior findings

## Current and future work

- Extend to regional surrogate construction
- Use tree-LSTM surrogates for model parameter calibration and design optimization