

# Proeftuin AI in het waterbeheer

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Limburg



Griekenland



Er komt veel op ons af

Door klimaatverandering hebben we steeds meer te maken met  
weerextremen

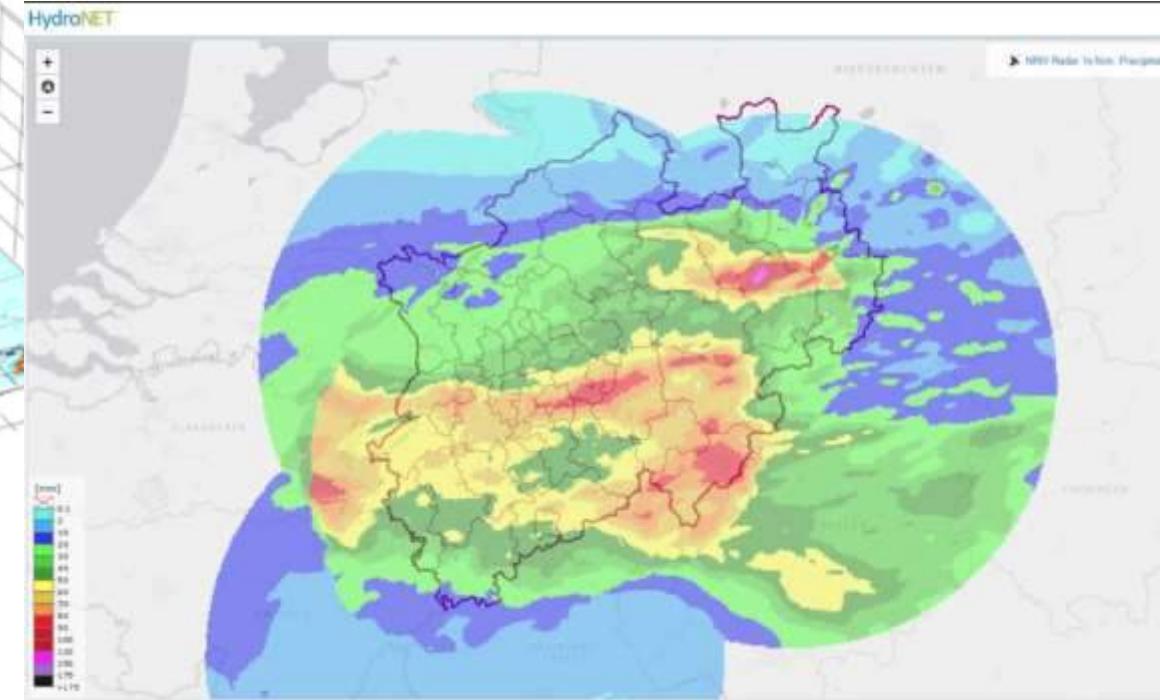
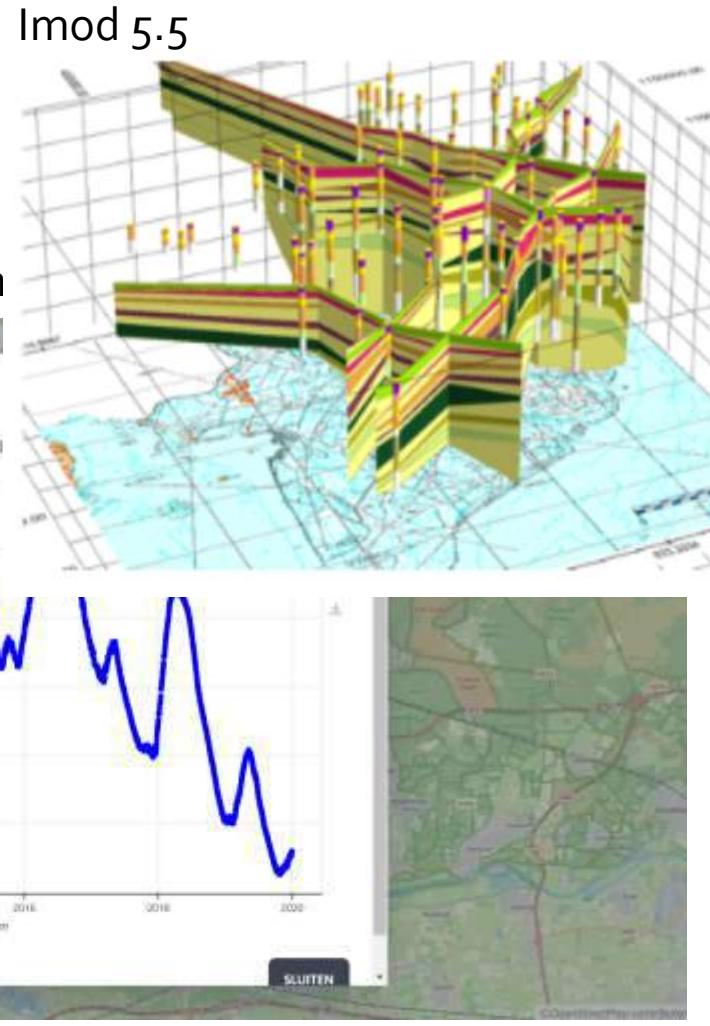
Deze extremen leiden tot droogte, wateroverlast, overstromingen  
èn daaraan gerelateerde uitdagingen



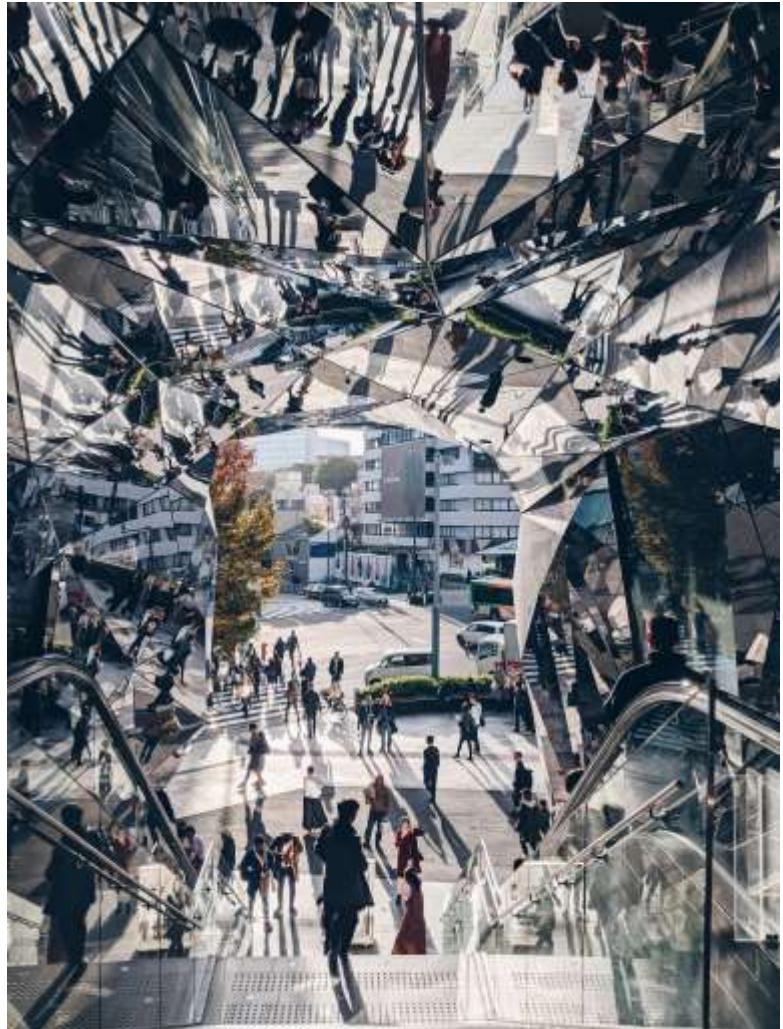
Zware overstromingen China  
bedreigen 127 miljoen mensen

Brabant

# Sterk in domeinkennis, hybride & data-gedreven modellen



# Onze uitdaging: complexiteit wordt (te) groot



Het watersysteem is tot de grenzen opgerekt: geen reserves meer  
→ klimaatverandering komt daar bovenop  
→ onze traditionele aanpak werkt niet meer

**Behoefte aan real-time informatie en handelingsperspectief:  
Open, toegankelijk en uitlegbaar!**

We hebben (heel) veel historische, ruimtelijke data, maar moeten extremen voorspellen waarvoor nog nauwelijks data is:

- het onvoorstelbare voorstelbaar maken
- dichter bij het 'menselijke gevoel' halen
- aanschouwelijk maken

# Verbinden van twee ecosystemen: Water en AI



Hoofddoel:

- Versnelling aanbrengen in de aanpak van een groeiende mondiale uitdaging!**

Opdracht van werkgroep:

- Hoe laten we de vonk overspringen?**
- Wat is er nodig voor een constructieve samenwerking?**
- Samen aan de slag!**

Resultaat:

- Een krachtige coalitie die innoveert, uitprobeert en exporteert**

# Ontwikkelingen naar 2030

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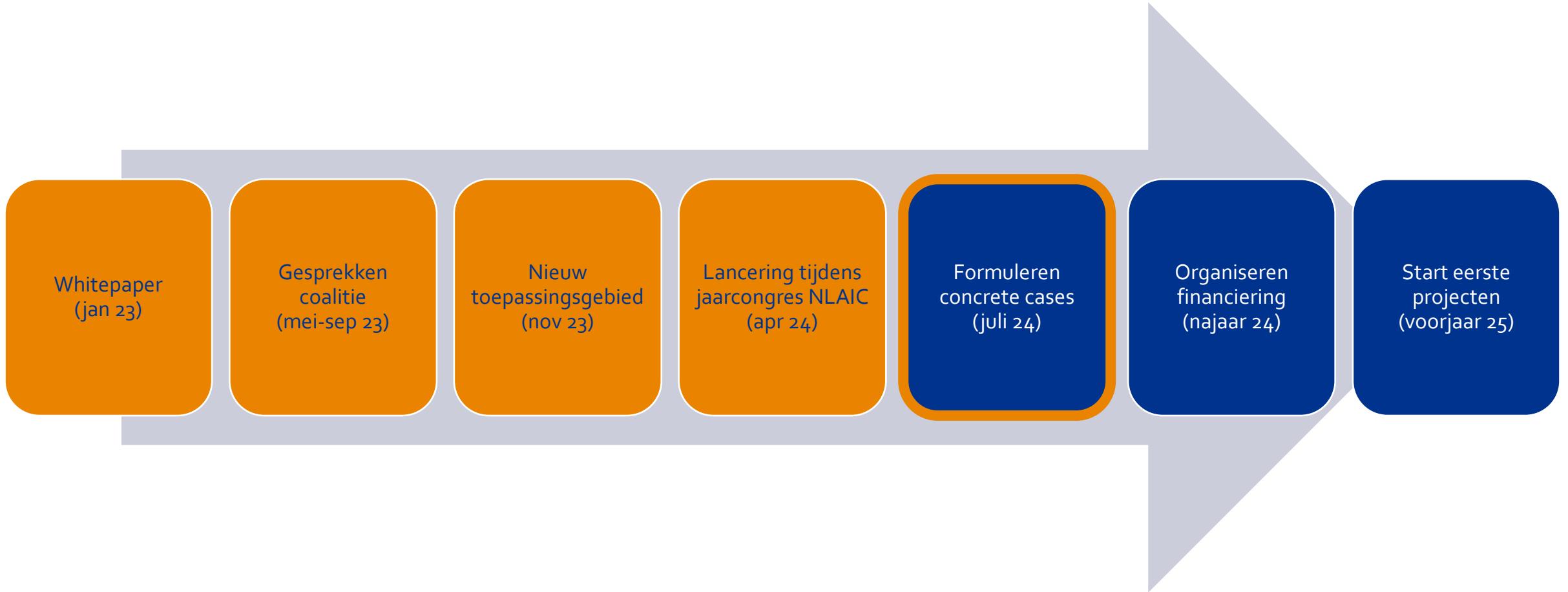


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# Tijdlijn



# AI voor water en klimaat



## Proeftuin

Samen werken we met AI aan de oplossing van de water- en klimaat opgave



### Zeespiegelstijging

De zeespiegelstijging gaat steeds sneller en bedreigt ons lage land en delta's over de hele wereld



### Droogte

Lange perioden van droogte zijn een toenemend risico voor natuur, landbouw en veiligheid



### Waterbeschikbaarheid

Steeds lagere afvoeren in de zomer leiden tot slechte waterkwaliteit, minder zoet water voor landbouw en risico op zoutintrusie



### Neerslagextremen

Extreme neerslag zoals in 2021 in Limburg leidt tot overstromingen en risico's op slachtoffers





# Agenda werksessie

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# **Improving fast spatio-temporal flood modelling with multi-scale hydraulic graph neural networks**

**Roberto Bentivoglio, Elvin Isufi, Sebastiaan Jonkman,  
Riccardo Taormina**

Delft University of Technology

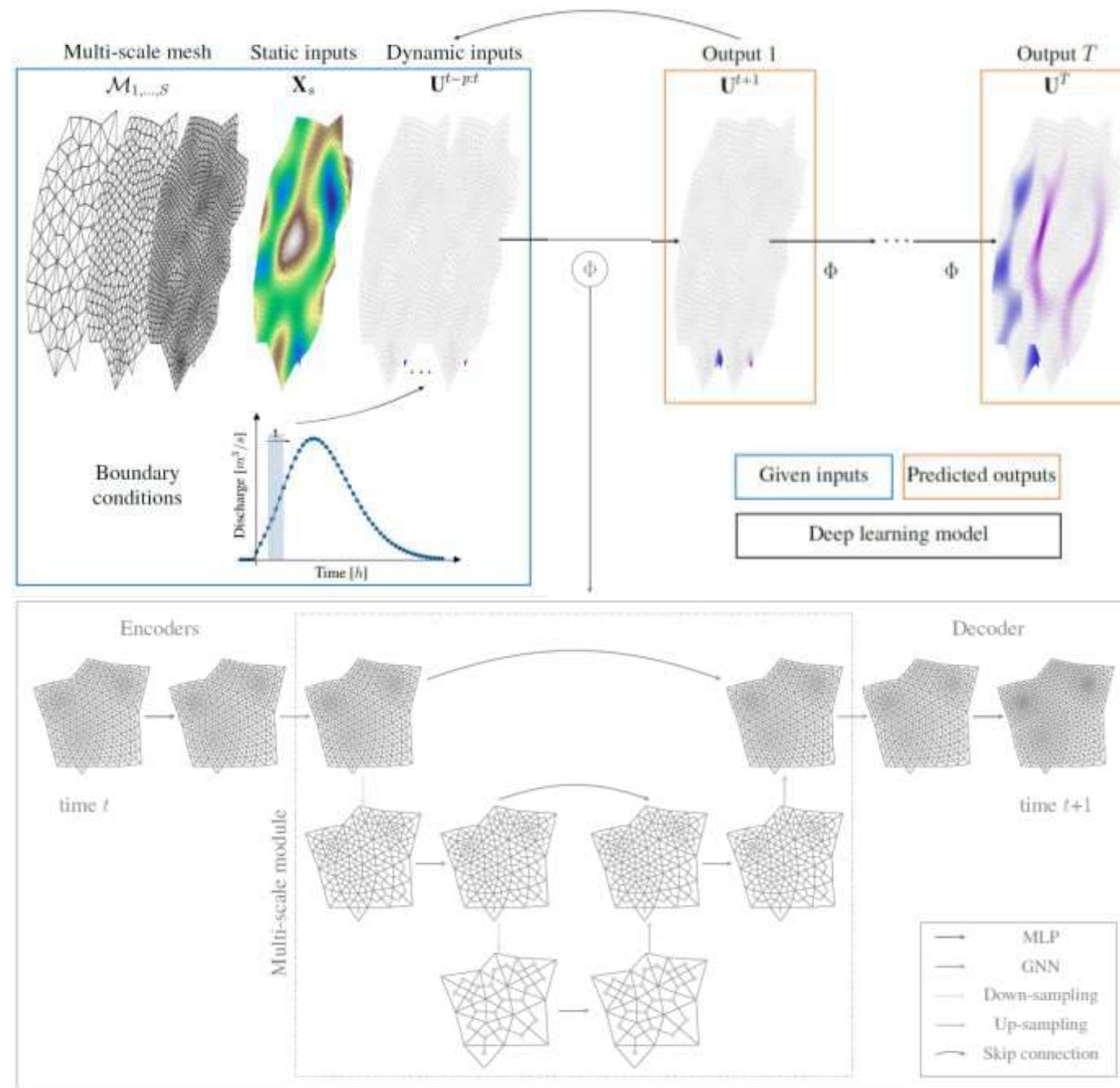


# Motivation

- Accurate numerical models for simulating floods are computationally **expensive**
- Deep learning methods can be used to **accelerate** simulations
- But current deep learning models struggle to generalize to:
  - different **topographies**
  - different **boundary conditions**
  - irregular **meshes**

# M-SWE-GNN

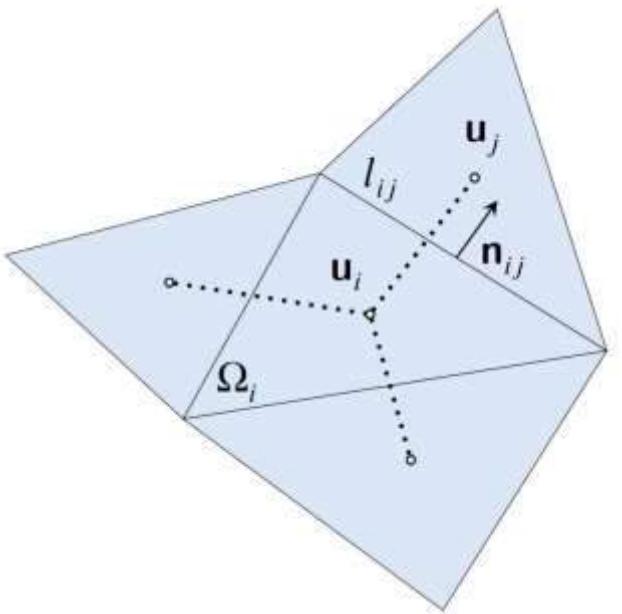
## Overview



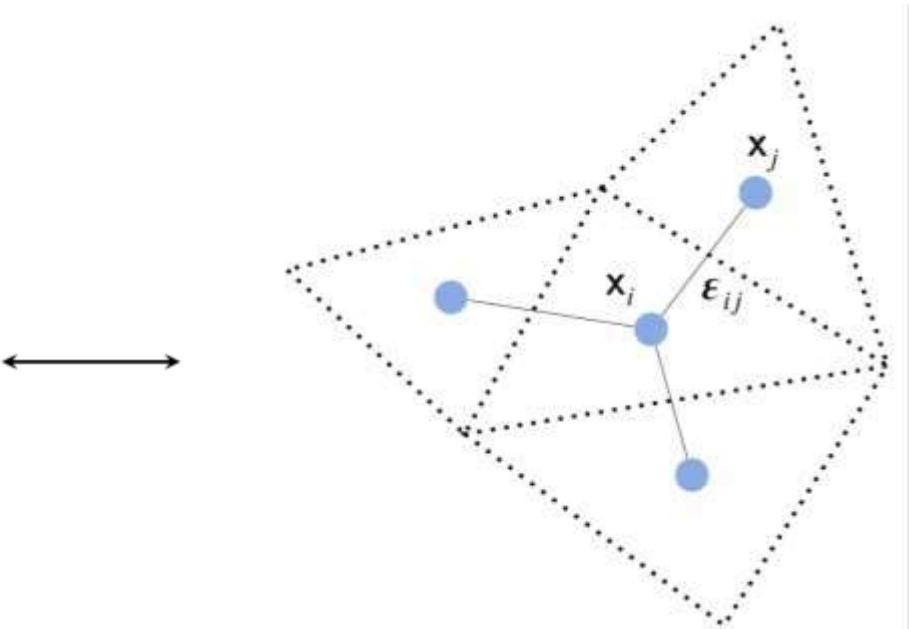
# SWE-GNN[1]

## Motivation

$$\mathbf{u}_i^{t+1} = \mathbf{u}_i^t + \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} \left( s_{ij} - (\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n})_{ij} \frac{l_{ij}}{\mathbf{a}_i} \right) \Delta t \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x}_i^{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_i^t + \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ij})$$

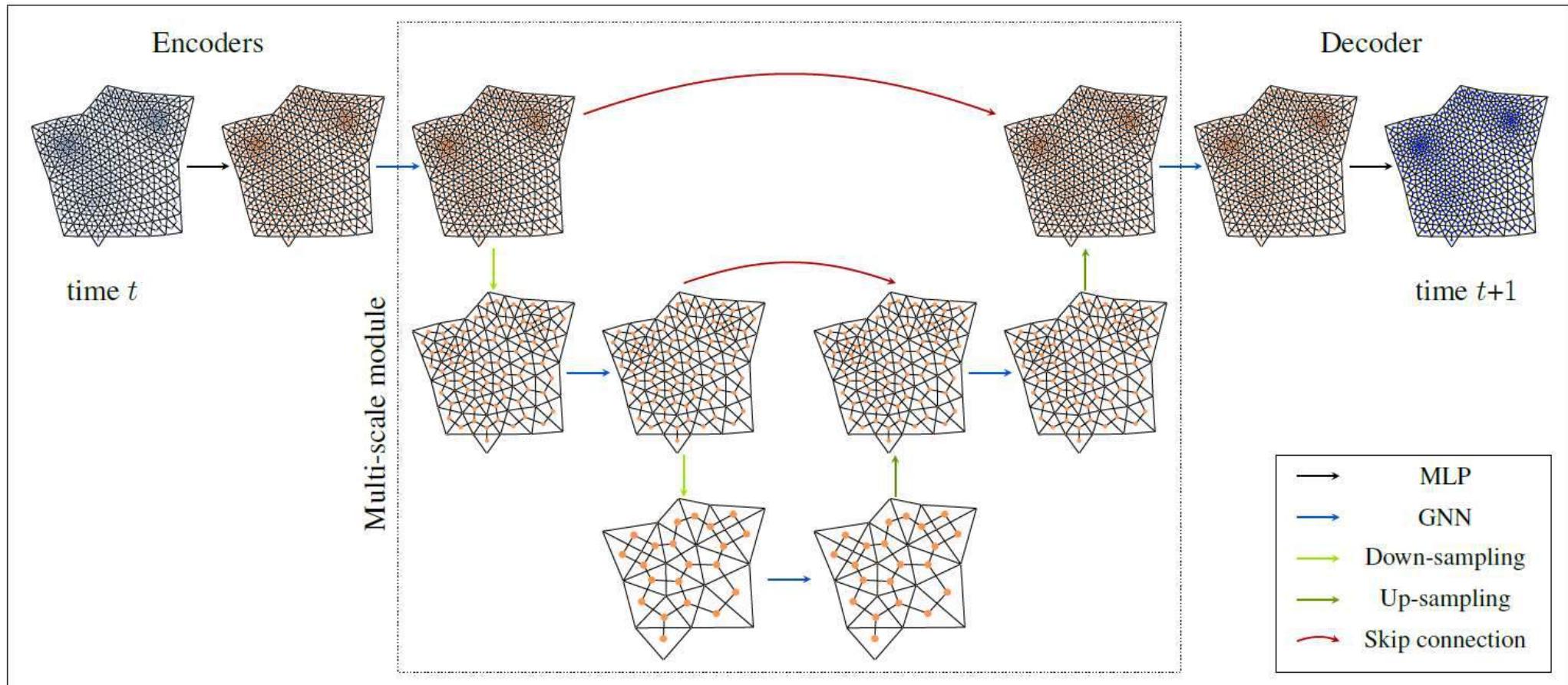


Finite volume mesh



Dual graph

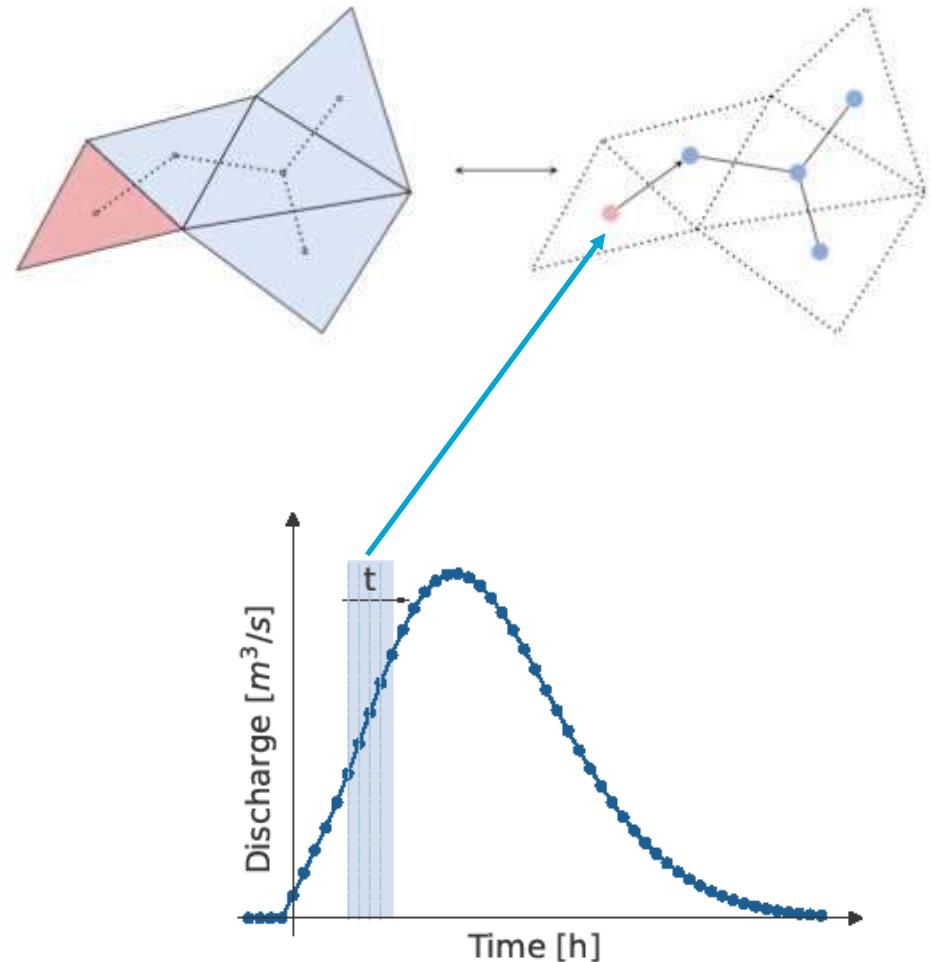
# Multi-scale SWE-GNN



- Idea: each scale propagates water at different speeds

# Boundary conditions

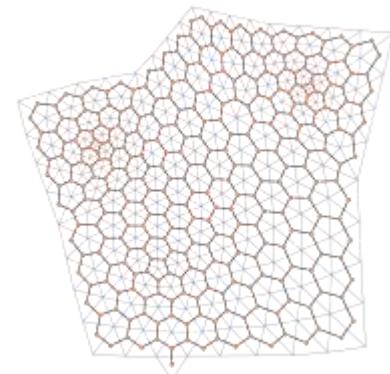
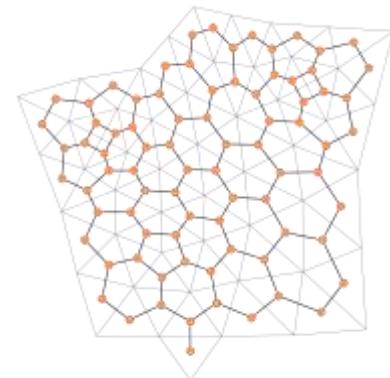
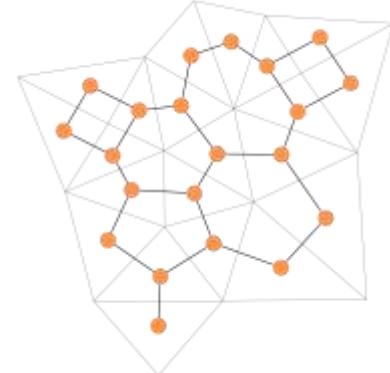
- Ghost cells: “fake” cell in correspondence of boundary condition
- Add directed edge in dual graph
- Assign value to ghost cell at each input time step



# Dataset

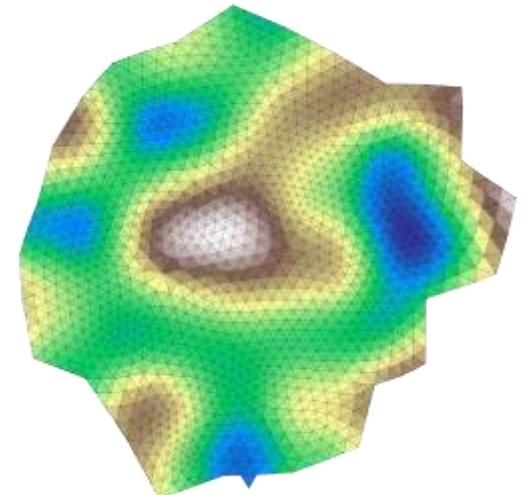
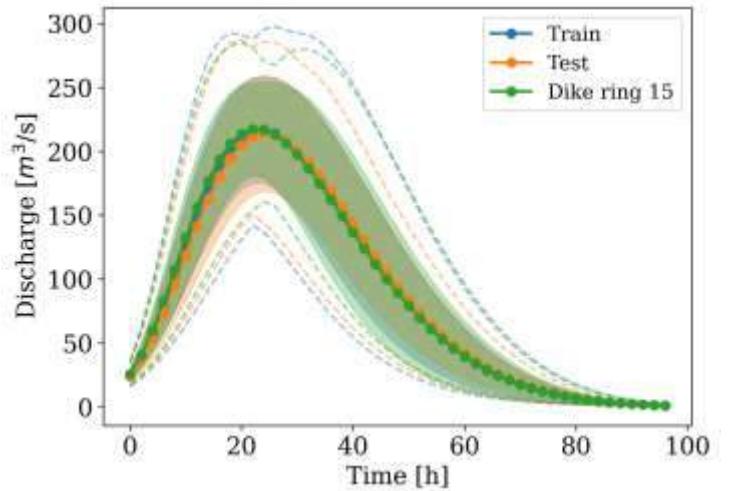
## Mesh generation

- Random polygons with fixed number of vertices
- Coarse mesh created from polygon
- Finer meshes created via progressive refinement from the coarse mesh
  - (4 total scales in this work)

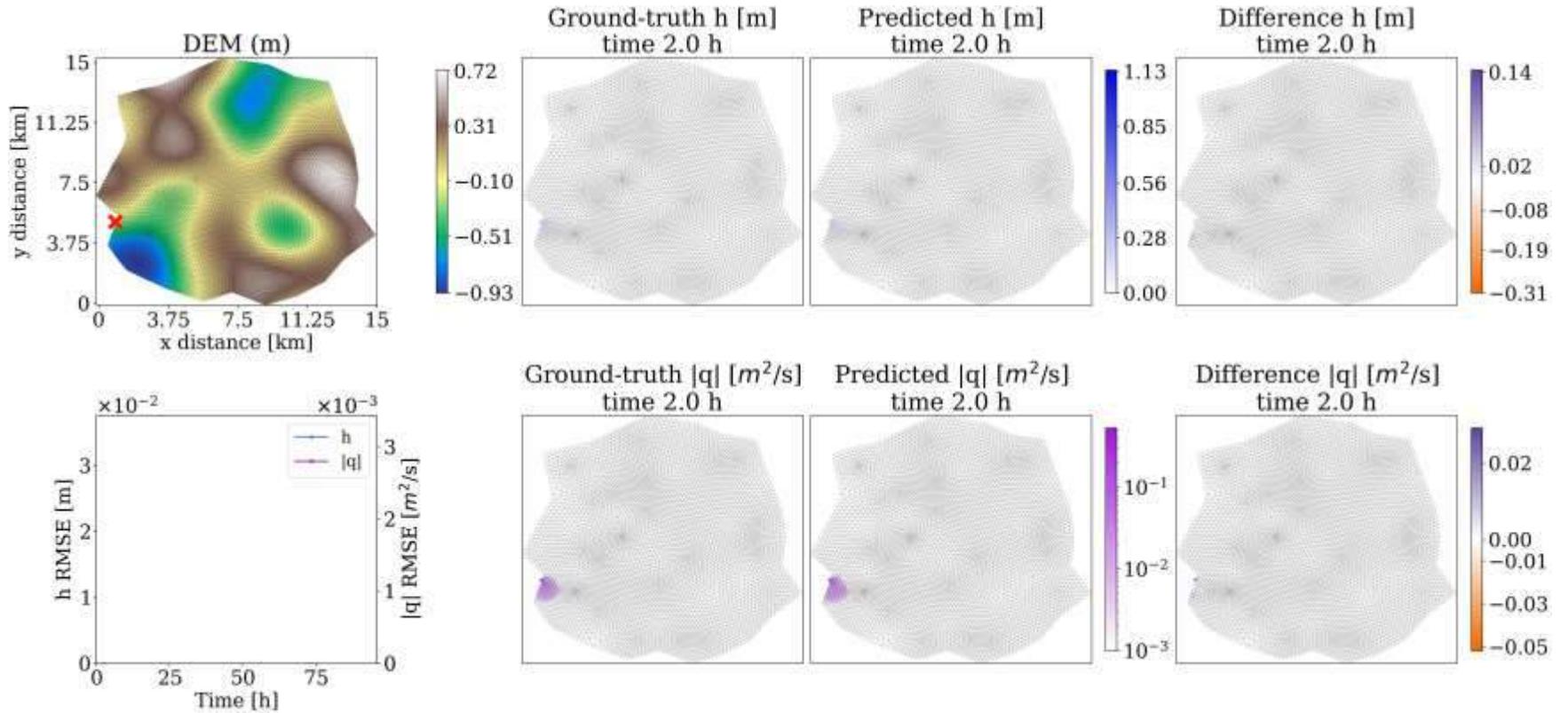
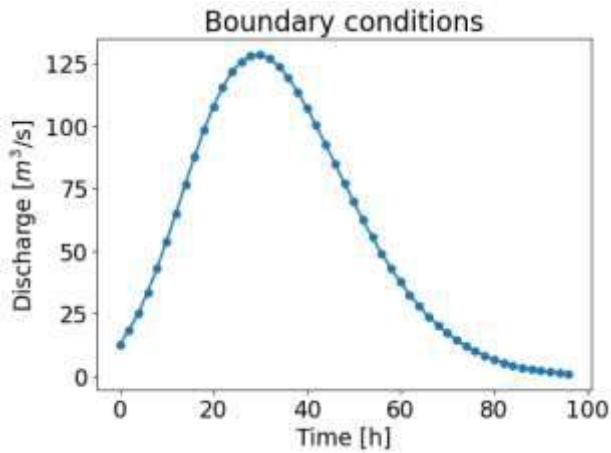


# Dataset

- 60 training, 20 validation, 20 testing simulations (+10 real case testing)
- Varying boundary conditions (peak ranges from 150 to 300  $m^3/s$ )
- Random terrains, random breach location
- 96 hours simulation time, 2h temporal resolution

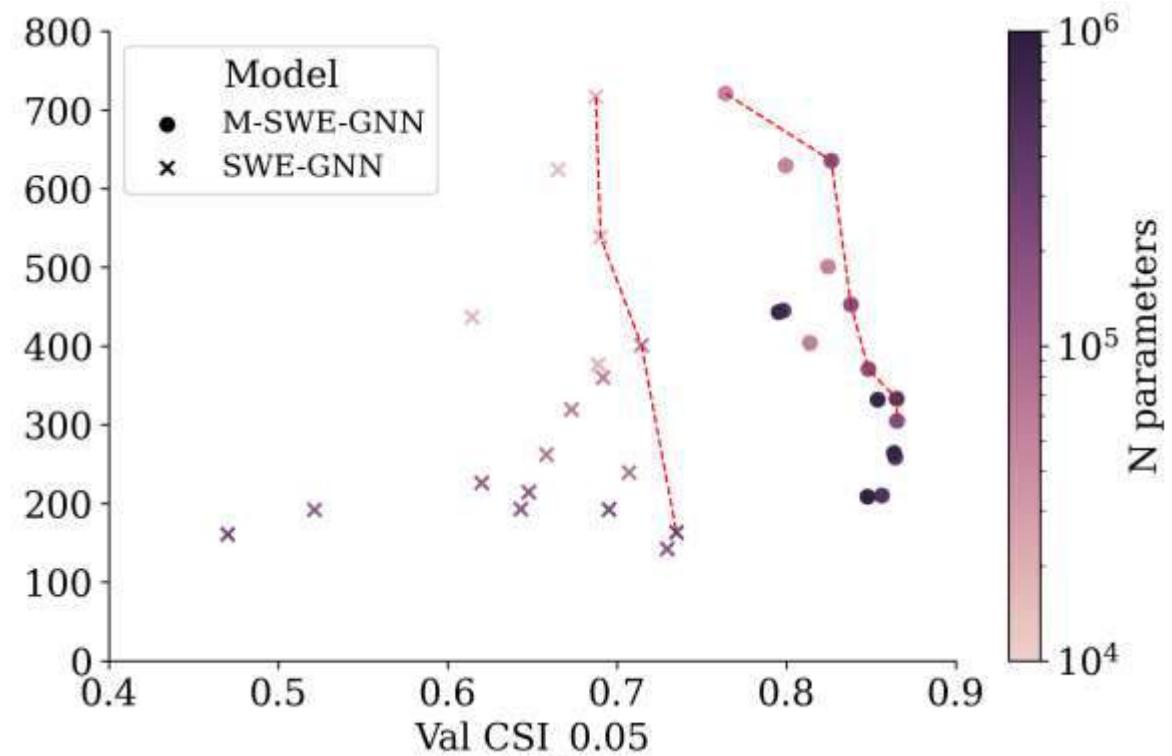
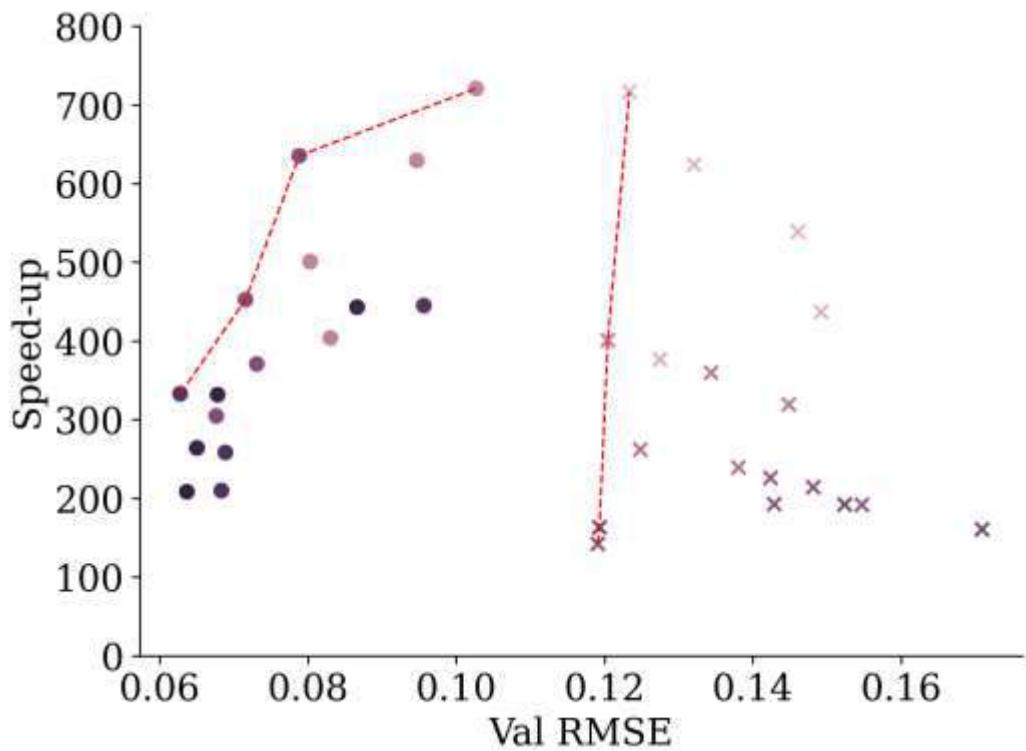


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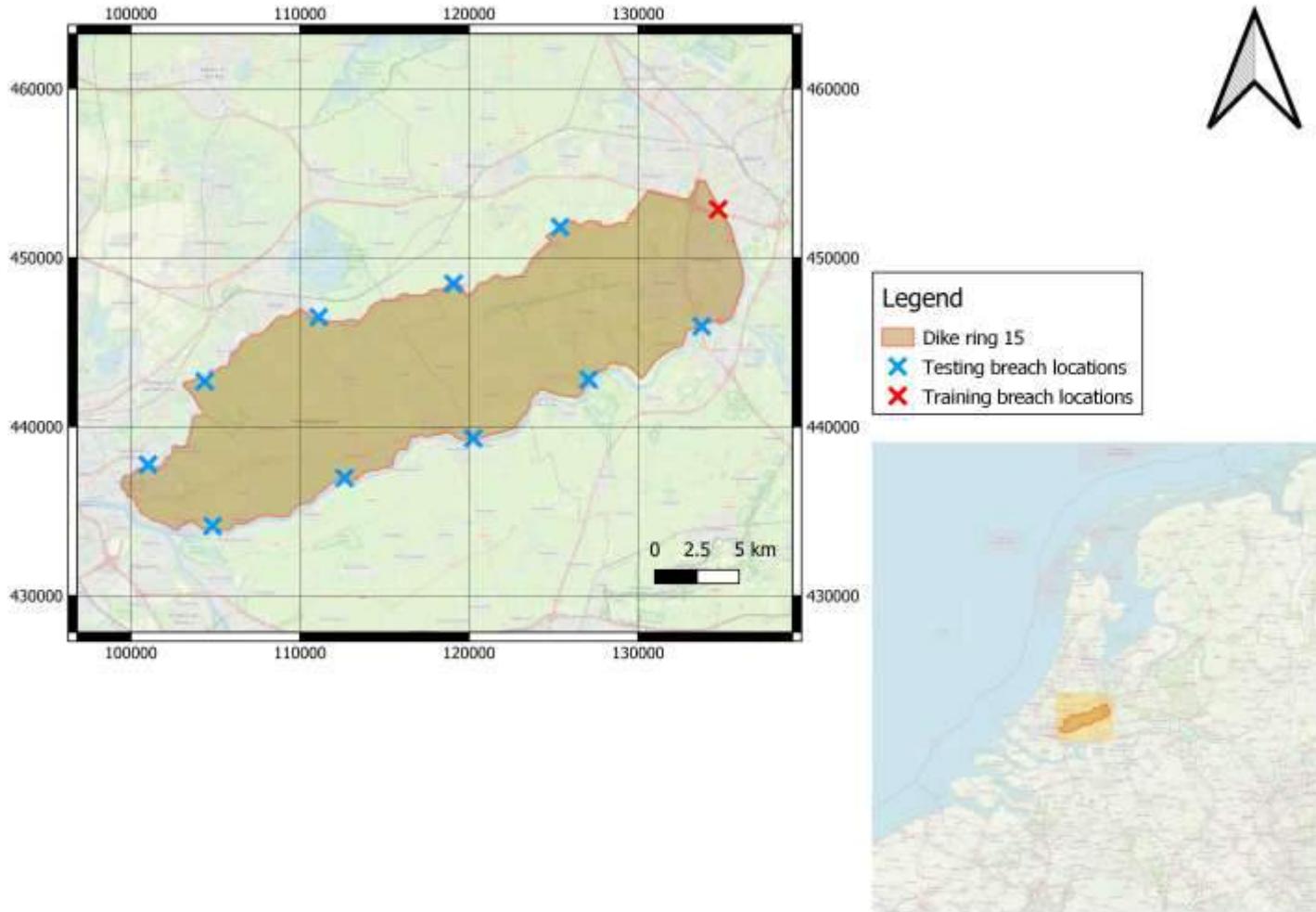


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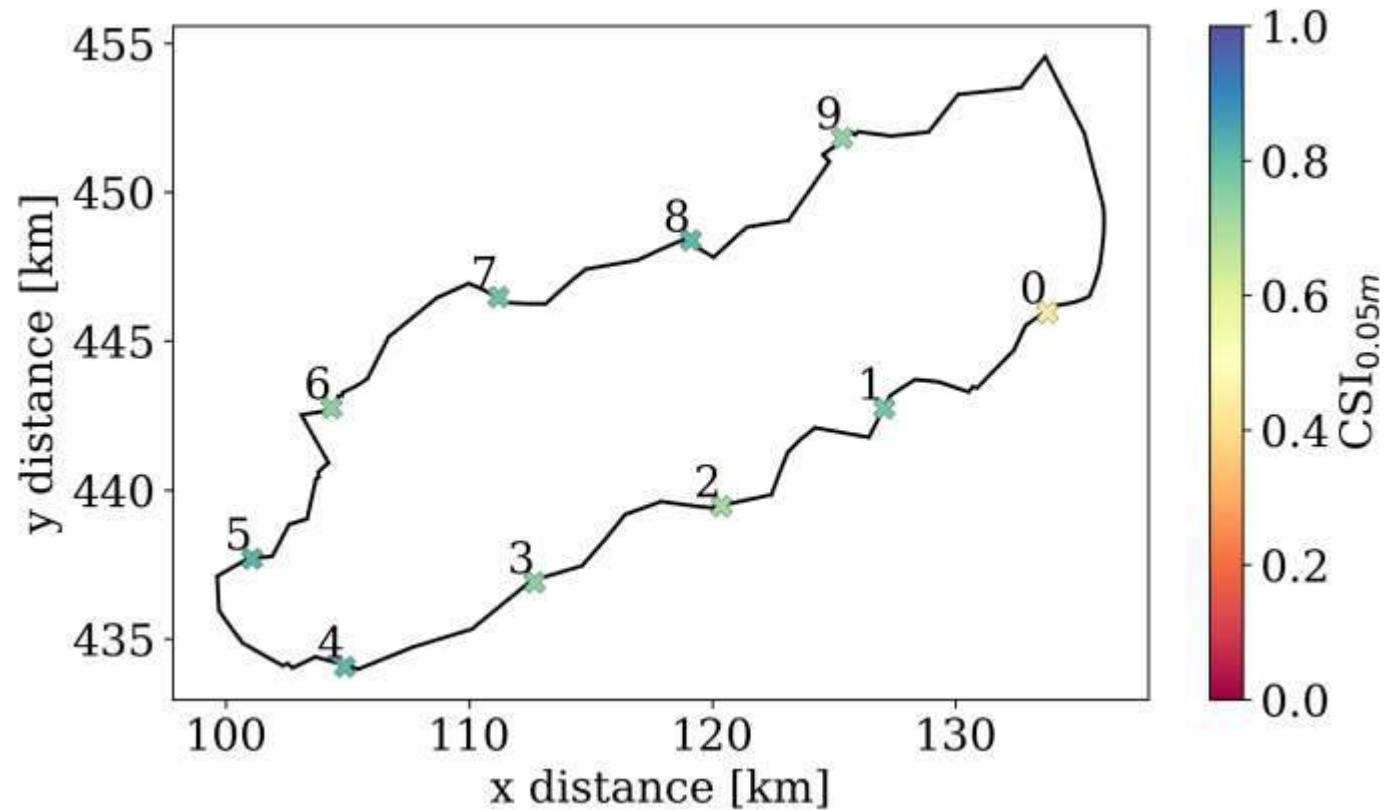
## Comparison with SWE-GNN



# Fine tuning to dike ring 15



# Results



# Conclusions

- We propose a new multi-scale graph neural network model that improves speed and accuracy of its non-multi-scale counterpart
- The model can accommodate multiple time-varying boundary conditions
- Future works should aim to apply the model for probabilistic analyses on real case studies

# An ICAI Lab for the water sector

ICAI: **Innovation Center for Artificial Intelligence**

Academia/private/public **partnerships** to advance AI in specific sectors

Minimum 5 PhDs working on related topics, lots of training/dissemination events for partners, joint supervisions, ...

**TU Delft** is leading a proposal with partners in academia, public and private sector.

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## Examples of TU/e Water & Climate related AI & Math Research From Topological River Networks to Weather Correlations and Tipping Points

# Five examples of how AI and Math can help to

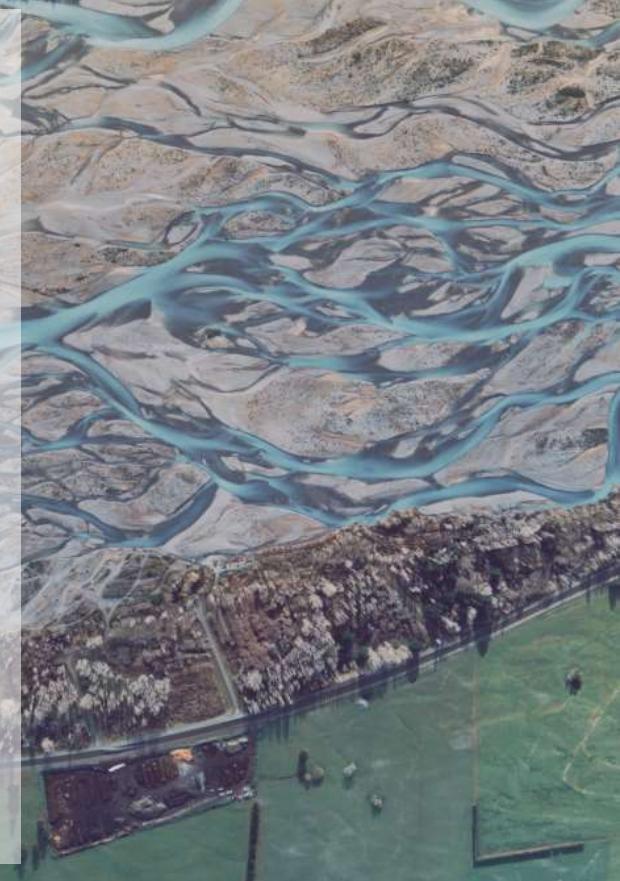
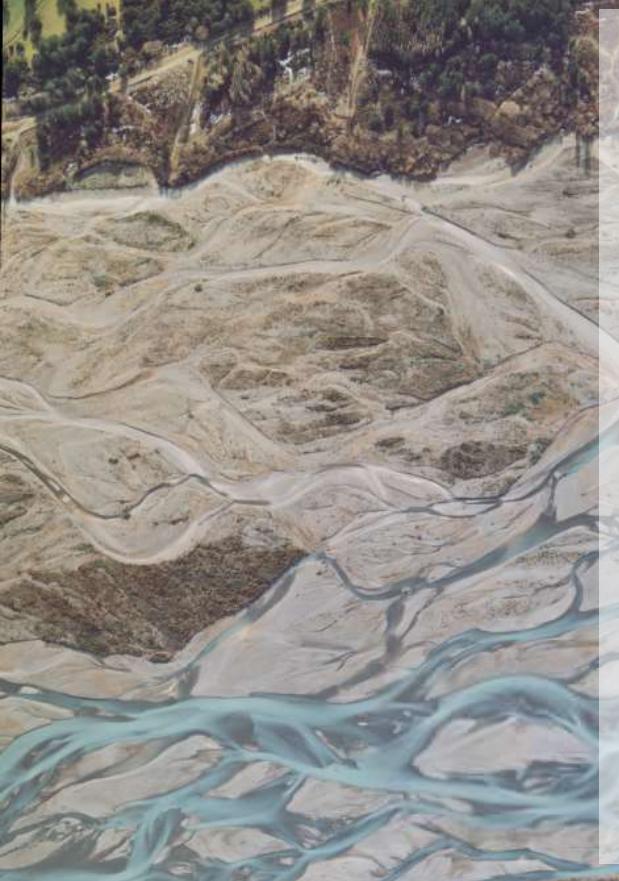
## Predict:

1. River Networks: compute channels in the river automatically
2. Multivariate Correlations Analysis: predict based on what happens elsewhere
3. Tipping Points: model and understand tipping dynamics affected by uncertainty

## Control:

4. Water Distribution Networks: control water levels
5. Bayesian Automated Inference: process control in dynamic environments (water & weather?)

# Flood control and ecosystem health: how do rivers behave?



Bettina Speckmann

[data: Murray Hicks, NIWA Christchurch, NZ]

TU/e

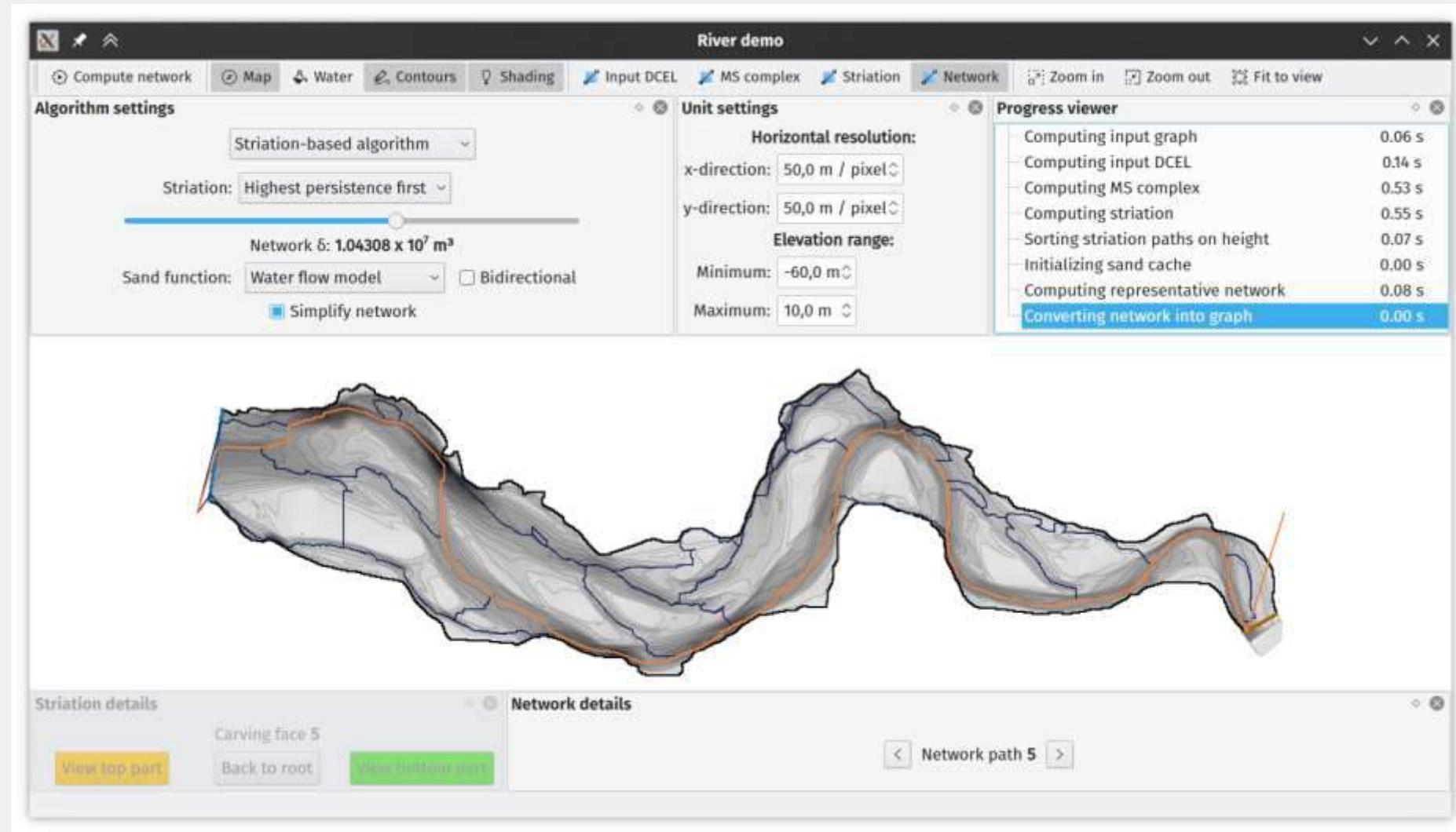
# Topological Data Analysis for River Network Analysis

Goal:

Compute river network automatically from a Digital Elevation Model of the riverbed,  
independent of the water height, flow velocity, or other data



# First: Describe Network as a Graph; Next: Predict



# How to use all that streaming data to predict what we want to know?

Hundreds/thousands of sensor arrays scattered across Europe  
Each sensor collects many readings per minute



# Multivariate Correlations Analysis

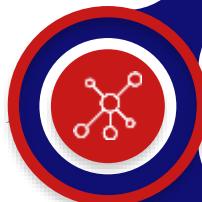
What are multivariate correlations?



**Correlation Analysis** is a common tool  
for Complex Data Analysis



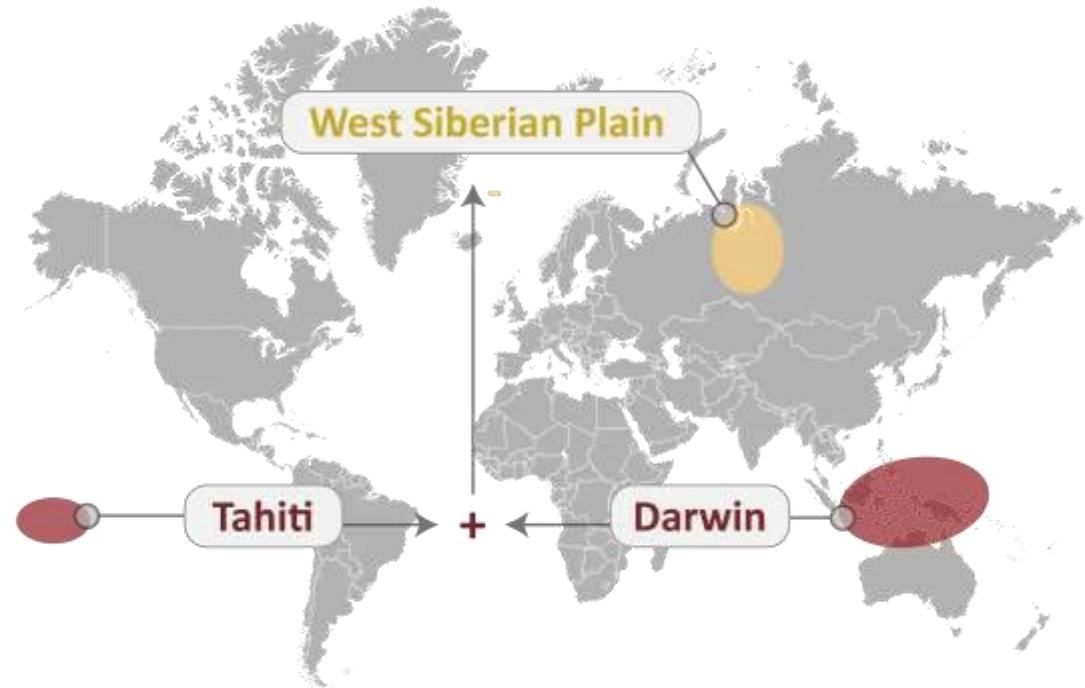
Most research has been focused on  
discovery of **pairwise relations**



Recent work shows importance  
of **multivariate correlations**



**Example:** ternary relationship  
between Sea-Level pressures;



# Multivariate Correlations Analysis

The Correlation Detective algorithm



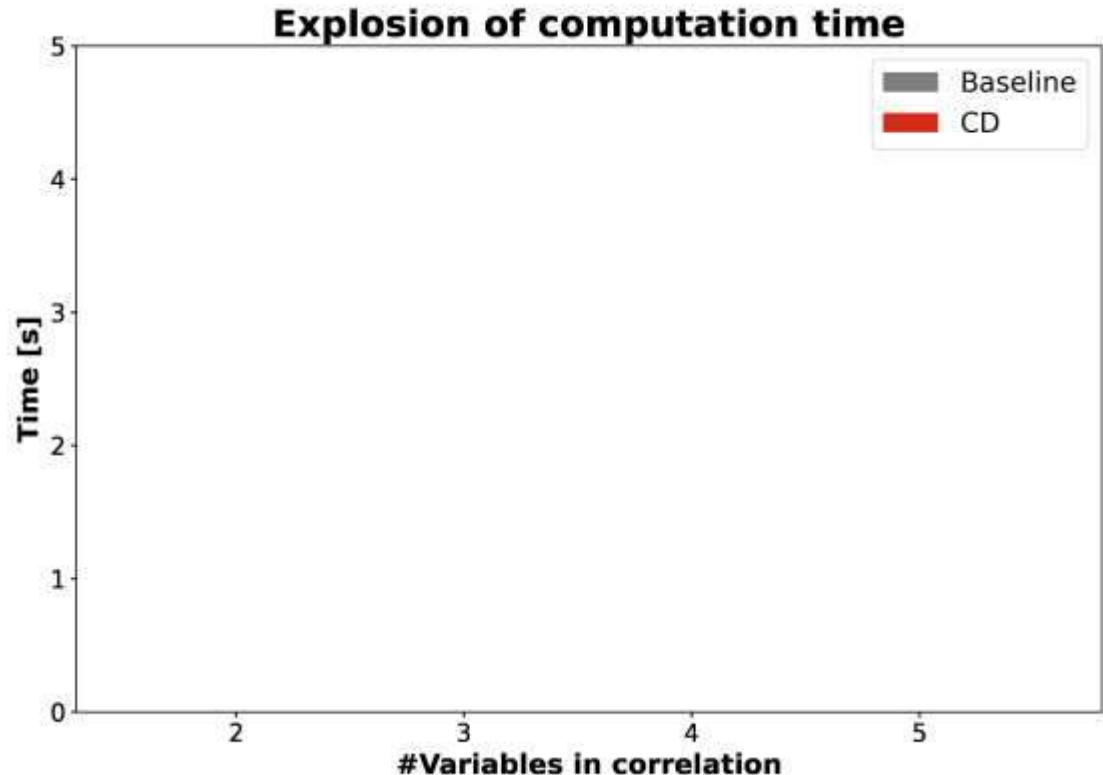
**Problem:** exhaustive computation of all possible correlations is expensive due to number of possible combinations



**Solution:** Correlation Detective, which reduces time by two orders of magnitude

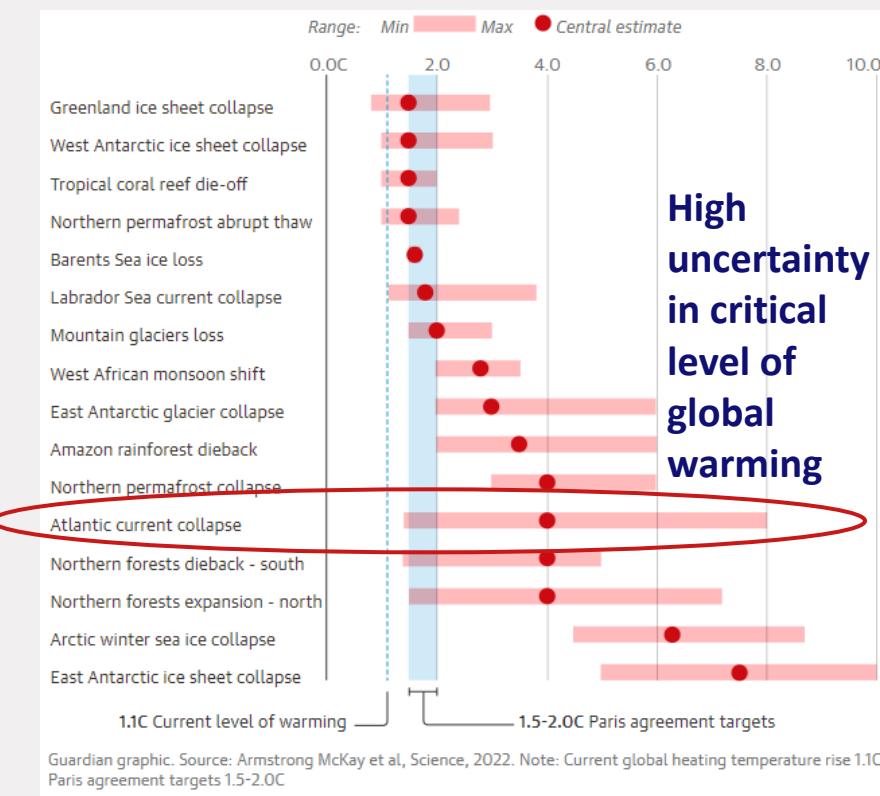


**Supports:** 4 different correlation measures, 2 query types and 2 optional constraints



Visit: <https://correlationdetective.com>

# How to identify the Tipping Points for Climate & Water?



## Possible impacts of Tipping Points on Water Security (see [1]):

- Changes in regional rainfall & reduced river flows
- Salination of groundwater in coastal regions
- Reduced water quality through release of contaminants

## Simulated impact of Atlantic current collapse on British water balance

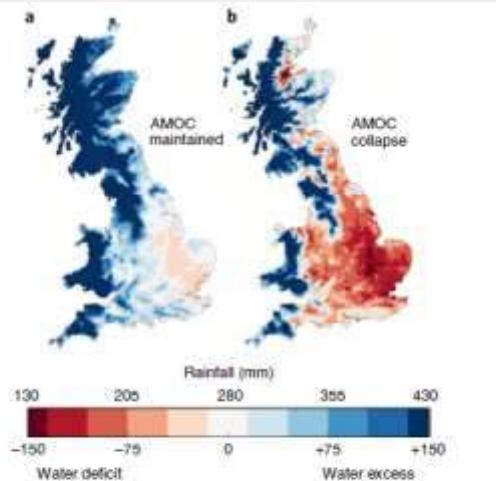
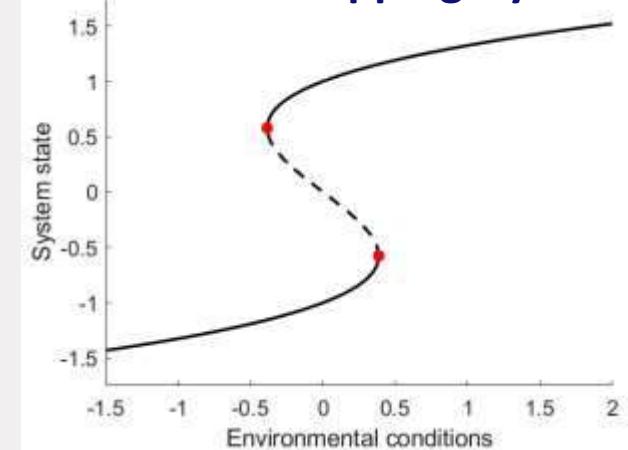


Fig. 4 | British water balance in 2080 during the growing season, with irrigation available, under the climate scenarios for which the AMOC is either maintained or collapsed. a,b. Water deficits (<280 mm) during the growing season (April to September) where irrigation occurs (red); and areas with excess water (>280 mm) (blue), during the growing season when AMOC is maintained (a) or collapsed (b).

„A key challenge for water is the difficulty in long-term planning for adaptation, due to large uncertainties in regional climate changes“ [1, p. 189]

**Need for Uncertainty Quantification of Tipping Dynamics (see next slide)**

## Illustration of Tipping Dynamics



# Tipping Dynamics under Uncertainty

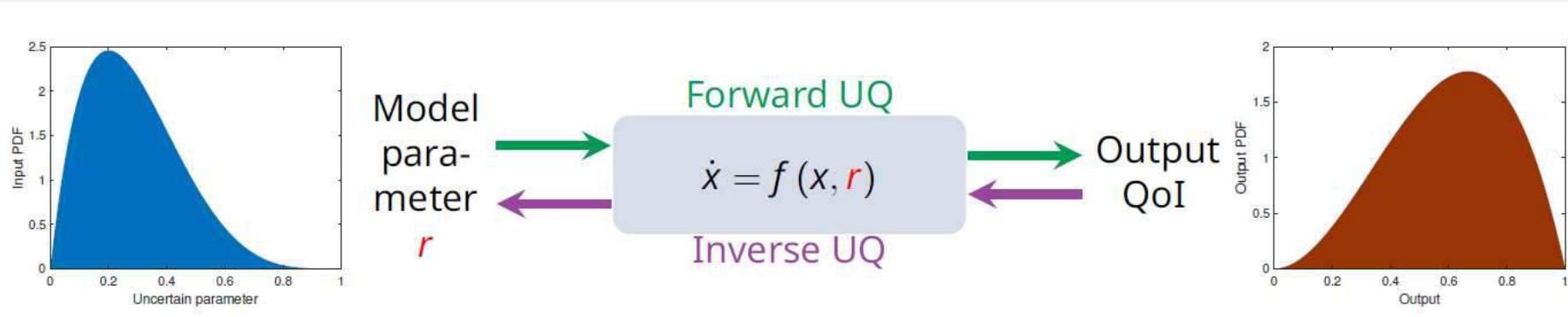
Uncertainty  
Quantification  
(UQ)



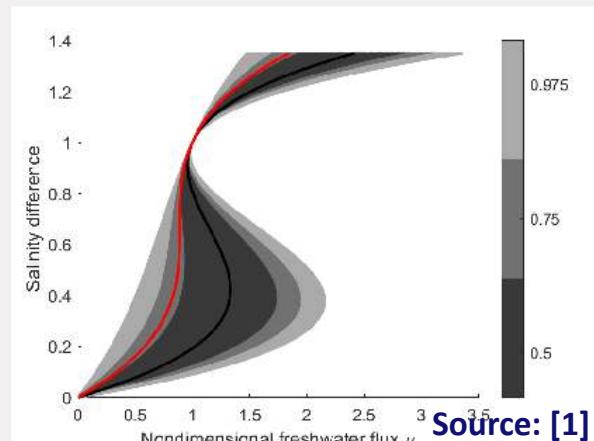
Random  
Differential  
Equations



Bifurcation  
Theory



- How can **model parameters be inferred** from measurement data? How can uncertainty be propagated through nonlinear dynamics?
- How are **tipping dynamics affected by uncertainty**?

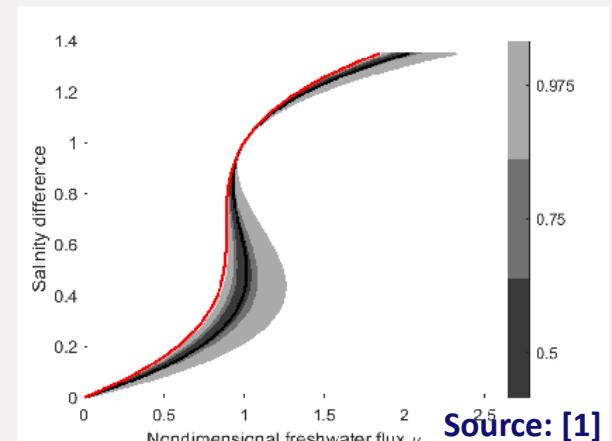


Source: [1]

Bayesian parameter  
inference and forward UQ  
for bifurcation curves



Result: drastically narrowed  
down range of tipping



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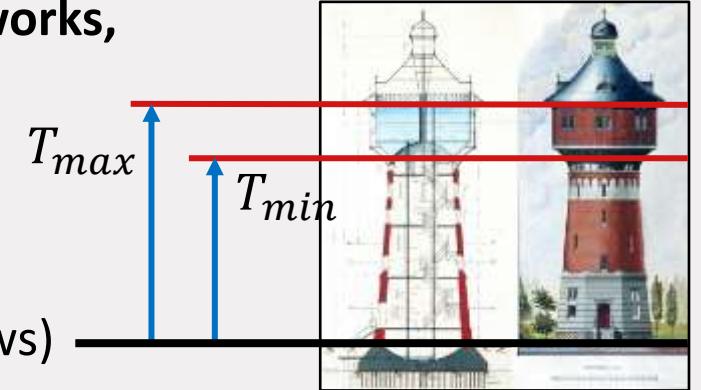
[1] Lux, Ashwin, Wood, Kuehn (2022): "Assessing the impact of parametric uncertainty on tipping points of the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation", *Environ. Res. Lett.* 17 075002 90:301–328, <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/ac7602/meta>

# How to control Water Distribution Networks?

## (without having physical models of these networks)

To use data-driven predictive control methods in water distribution networks, we need:

1. Network topology
2. Physical network **limits** (like tank limits)
3. **Measured network data** (pressure, flows, pump settings, demand flows)



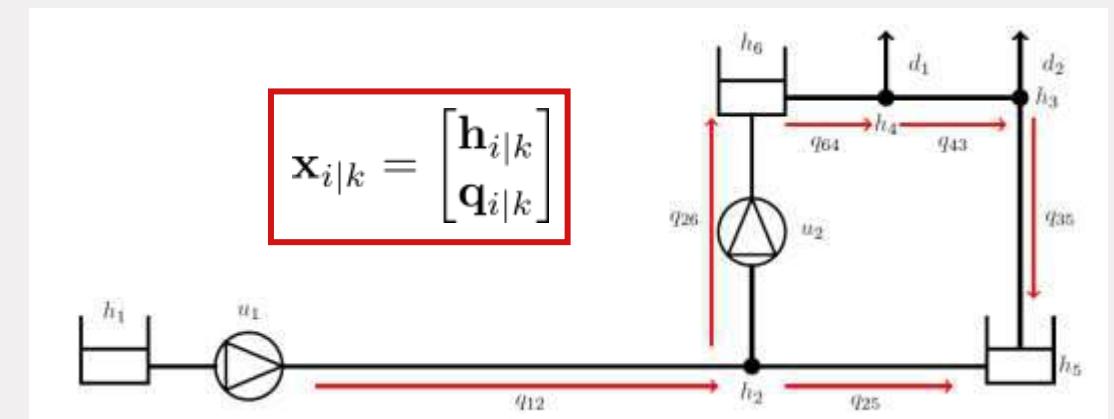
Simple water network with one loop, containing:

$$h(k) = 3 \text{ tanks } h_1, h_5, h_6$$

$$q(k) = 4 \text{ uncontrollable flows } q_{25}, q_{35}, q_{43}, q_{64}$$

$$u(k) = 2 \text{ controllable flows } q_{12}, q_{26}$$

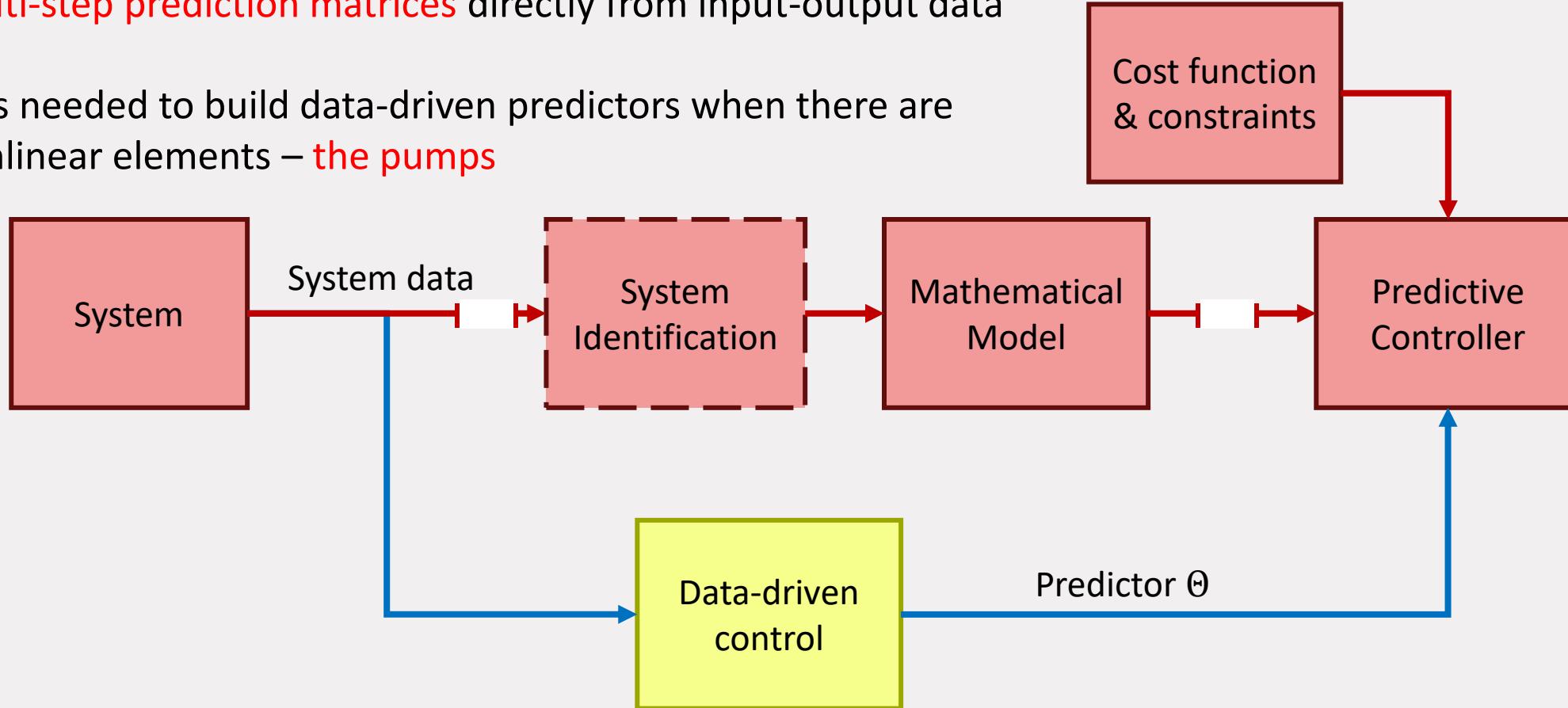
$$d(k) = 2 \text{ demand outflows } d_1, d_2$$



# AI and data-driven predictive control

Data-driven control eliminates the need to construct a prediction model and instead estimates multi-step prediction matrices directly from input-output data

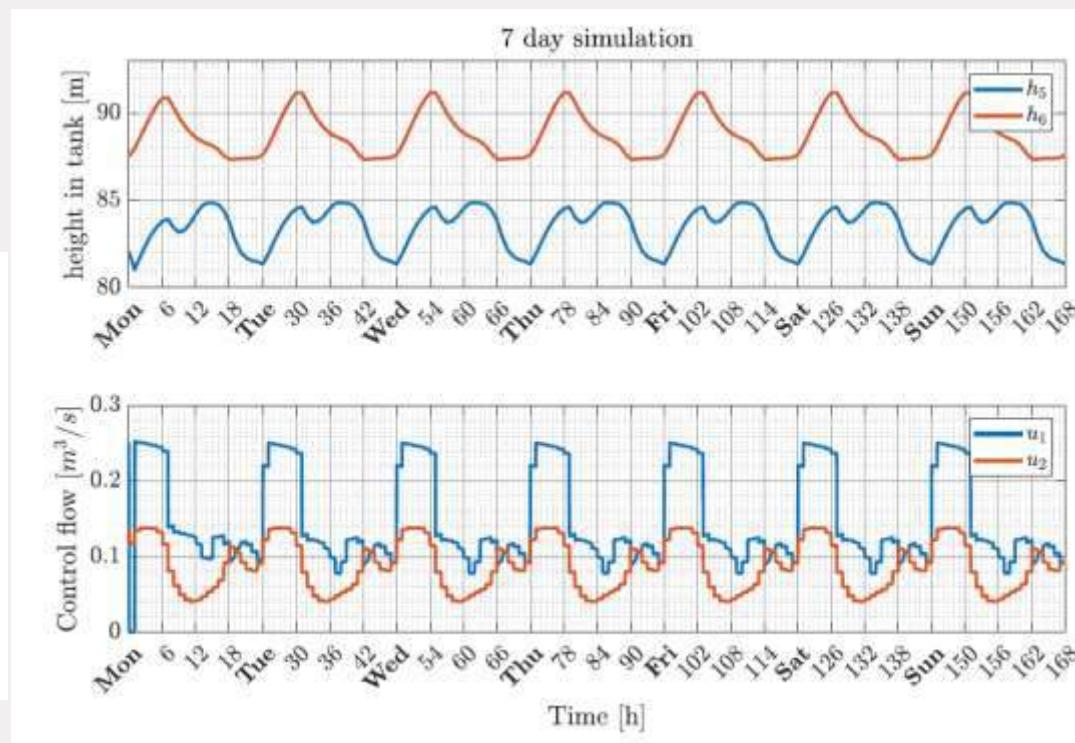
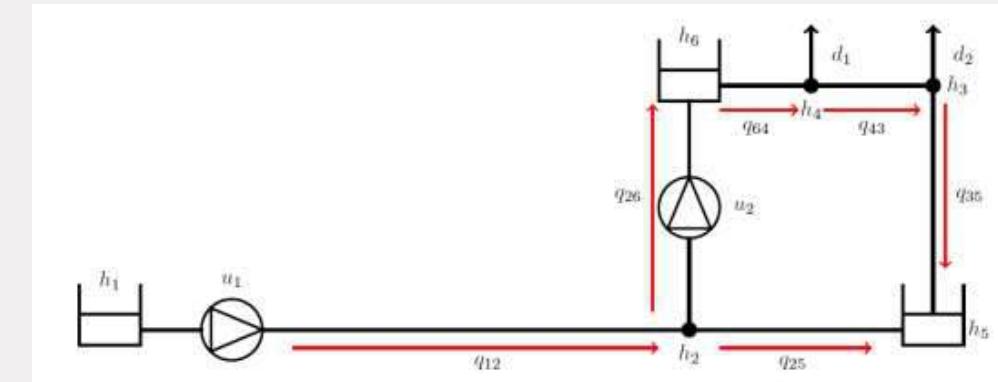
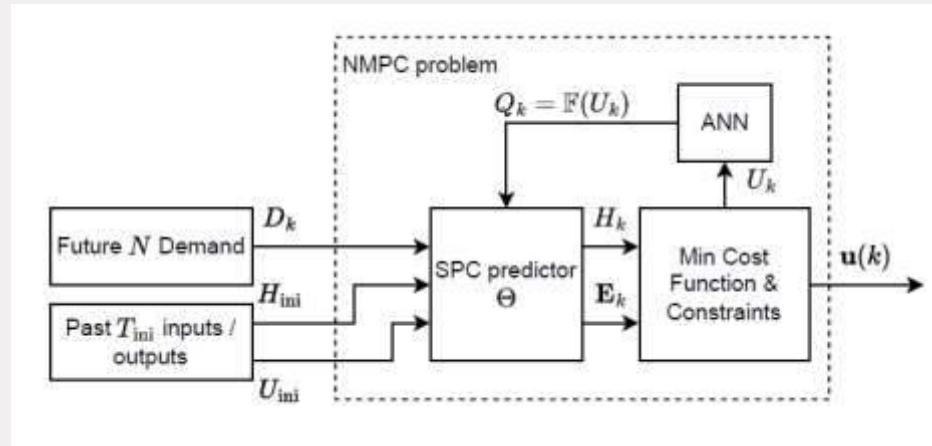
AI is needed to build data-driven predictors when there are nonlinear elements – the pumps



# Water Distribution Networks

With virtually no exact physical model we can:

- Accurately control the water level in the tanks
- Save money by operating the pumps when electricity is cheap



Result:  
Much  
better

# BIASlab – Bayesian Inference

*How to steer control in dynamic environments?*

# Generative AI

AI refers to a class of artificial intelligence (AI) models that can generate new data based on training data. These models learn to recognize patterns and relationships in the input data to produce output data that is similar to the training data.



Music, text,  
video  
generation

productivity

no real-time  
learning

hallucination

resource-  
hungry

black box

real-time  
learning

corrected  
hallucination

0 engineers,  
20 watts

explainable

# Natural Language Intelligence



Assets,  
machines

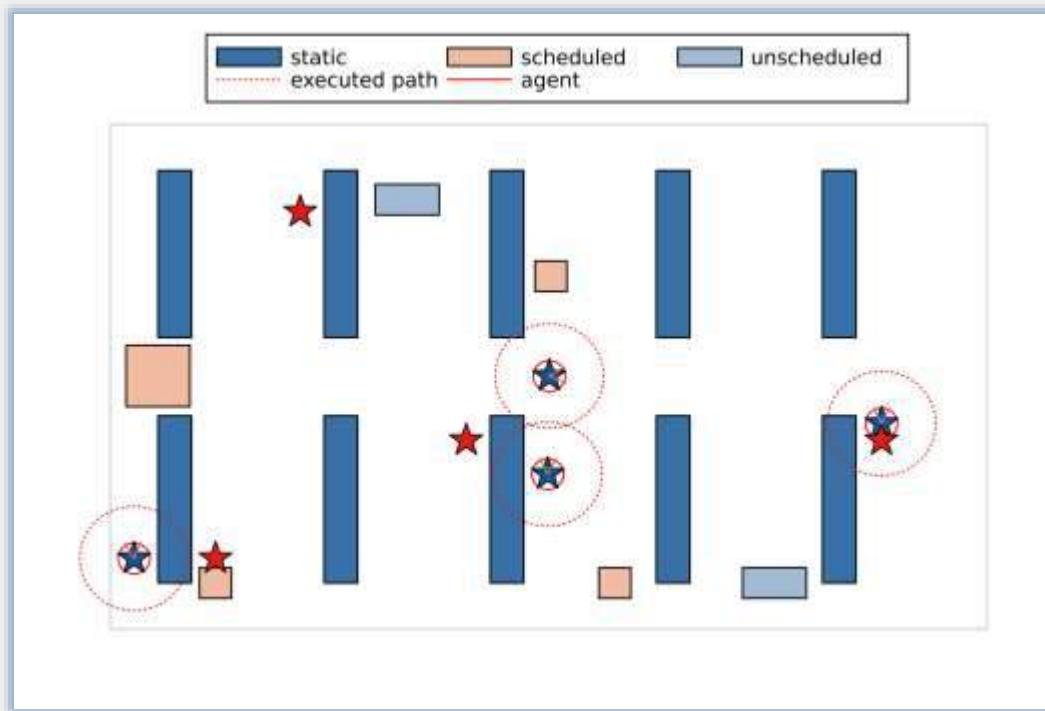
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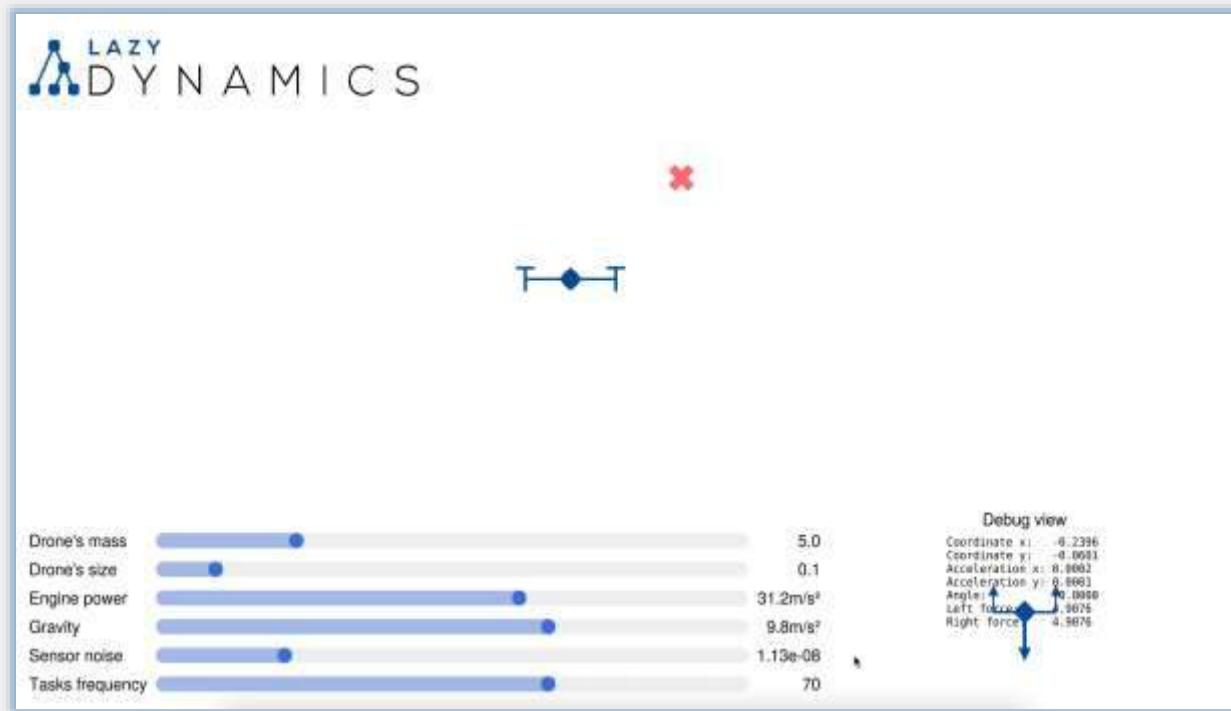
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# Bayesian Inference Toolbox: RxInfer

Automated inference in dynamic environments



WAREHOUSE NAVIGATION



DRONE CONTROL

*Just the tip of the iceberg...*

# A Software Toolbox for Scalable, Real-time, Automatic Bayesian Inference

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<http://rxinfer.ml>

Automatic Bayesian Inference through Reactive Message Passing

All examples have been pre-generated automatically from the examples / folder

- Coin toss model (Beta-Bernoulli): An example of Bayesian inference in Beta observations.
- Bayesian Linear Regression: An example of Bayesian linear regression.
- Active Inference Mountain car: This notebook covers RxInfer usage in the simple mountain car problem.
- Chance-Constrained Active Inference: This notebook applies reactive message passing in the context of chance-constraints.
- Assessing People's Skills: The demo is inspired by the example from Chapter 10 of the Machine Learning book. We are going to perform an exact inference to approximate the results of the test.
- Gaussian Linear Dynamical System: An example of inference procedure for Gaussian LDS with multivariate noisy observations using Belief Propagation (Sum Product Rule) and Bayesian Filtering and Smoothing.
- Ensemble Learning of a Hidden Markov Model: An example of structure learning of HMM with unknown transition and observational matrices.
- Autoregressive Model: An example of variational Bayesian inference for time series models.
- Hierarchical Gaussian Filter: An example of online inference procedure for hierarchical Gaussian filter with univariate noisy observations using Variational Message Passing-based Inference in the Hierarchical Gaussian Filter.
- Bayesian ARMA model: This notebook shows how Bayesian ARMA (Autoregressive Moving Average) model can be implemented in RxInfer.jl.
- Infinite Data Stream: This example shows RxInfer capabilities of running inference on infinite data streams.
- System Identification Problem: This example attempts to identify an unknown system from a set of input-output data using Bayesian inference and Gaussian mixture model with mean-field assumption.
- Univariate Gaussian Mixture Model: This example implements variational Bayesian inference for univariate Gaussian mixture model.
- Multivariate Gaussian Mixture Model: This example implements variational Bayesian inference for multivariate Gaussian mixture model with mean-field assumption.
- Gamma Mixture Model: This example implements one of the Gamma mixture models. Reference: <https://biaslab.github.io/publication/mp-based-inference-in-gmm/>
- Universal Mixtures: Universal mixture modeling.
- Global Parameter Optimisation: This example shows how to use R optimisation packages such as Optim.jl.
- Invertible neural networks: a tutorial: An example of variational Bayesian inference for invertible neural networks. Reference: Bart van Erp, Hybrid Inference with Invertible Neural Networks.
- Conjugate-Computational Variational Message Passing (CVI): This notebook shows how to implement conjugate message-passing based inference by exploiting the conjugacy between exponential family distributions.

# Thanks to some of our Researchers

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- Tipping points: Kerstin Lux-Gottschalk (*Math & Computer Science – Computational Science*)
- Water Distribution Networks: Mircea Lazar (*Electrical Engineering – Control Systems*)
- Bayesian Automated Inference: Bert de Vries (*Electrical Engineering – Signal Processing Systems*)



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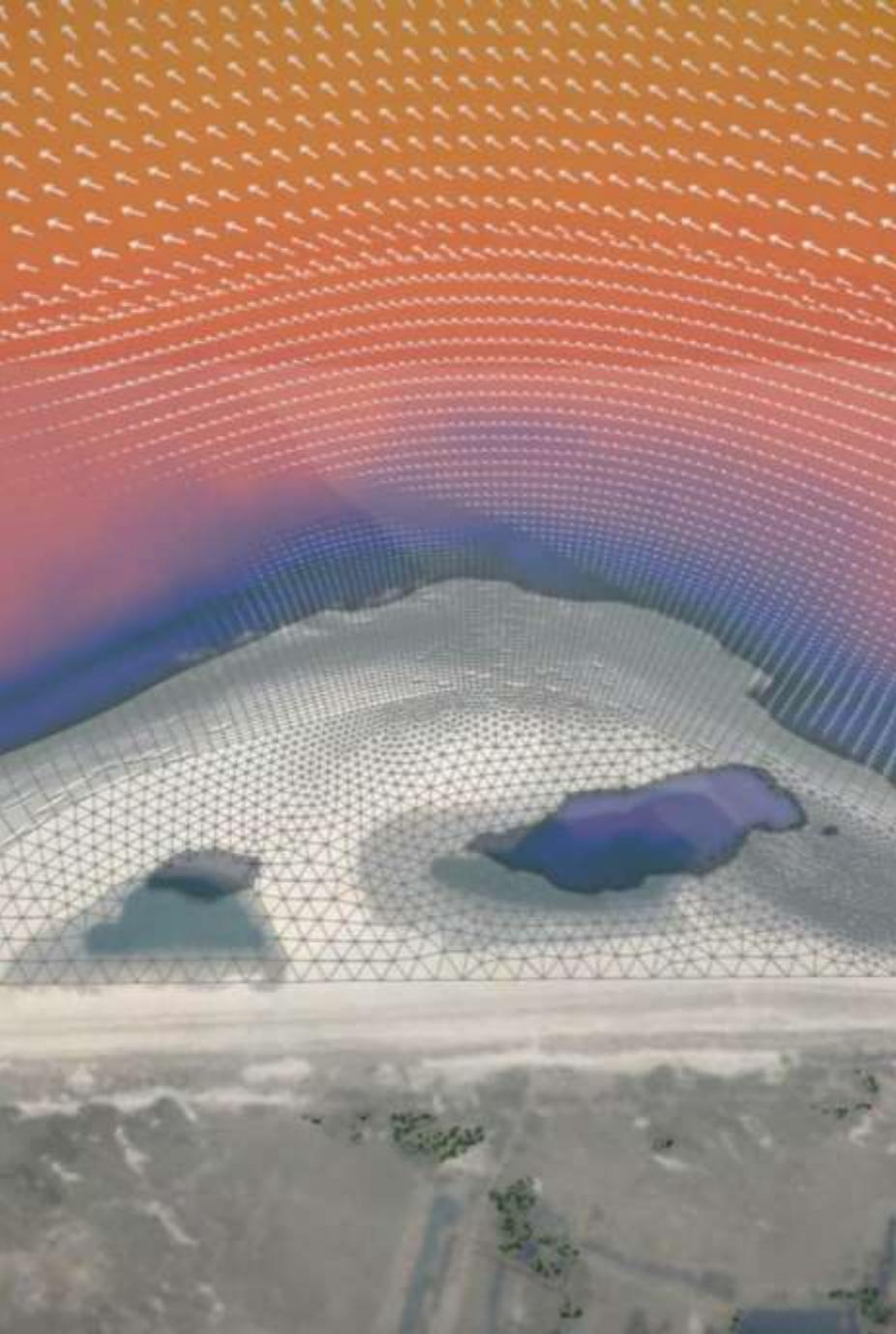
Wat is er nodig om tot realisatie te komen?

Waarom belangrijk?

Welke partners hebben we nodig?

Toegevoegde waarde voor eindgebruiker

Wanneer kunnen we starten? Wat is de looptijd?



# Bedankt



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Op de hoogte blijven?

- Schrijf je in voor de nieuwsbrief op [www.DigiShape.nl](http://www.DigiShape.nl)
- Volg DigiShape op LinkedIn



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