

**Towards a spatially transferable
super resolution model for
downscaling Antarctic surface
melt**

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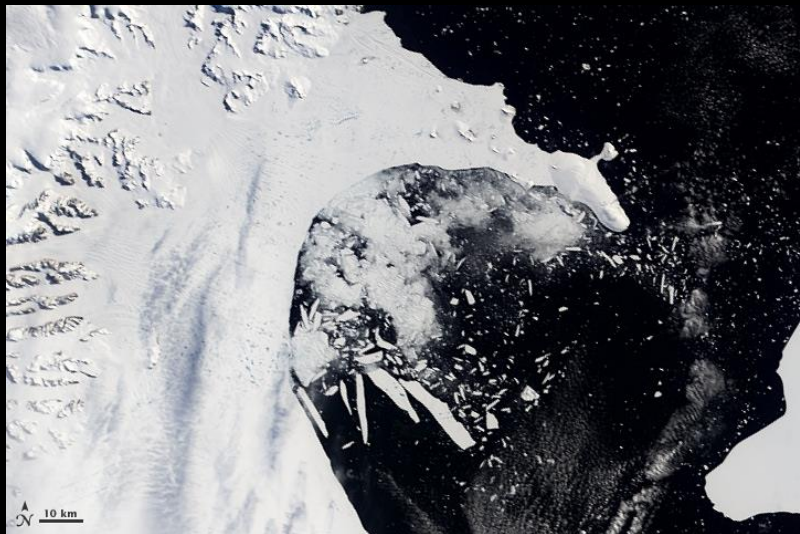
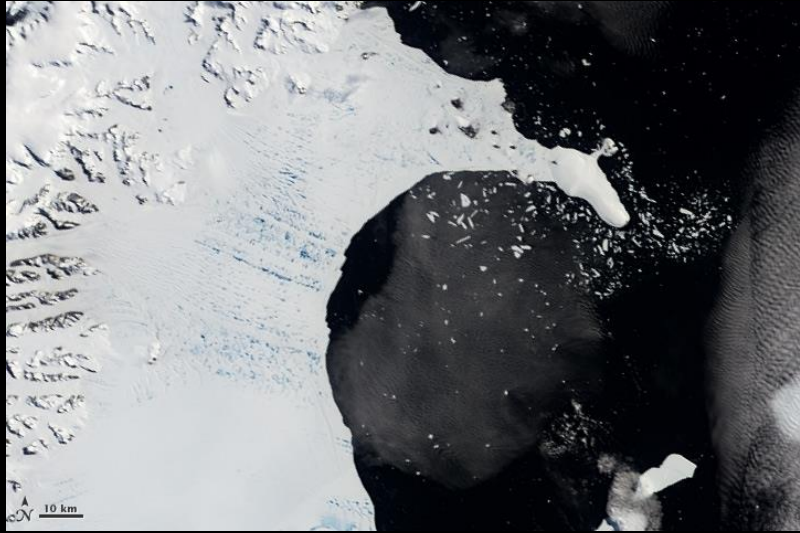


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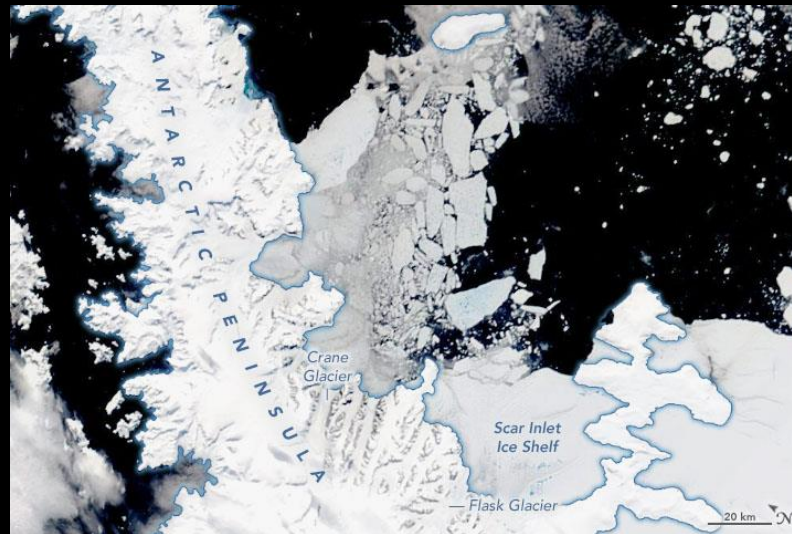
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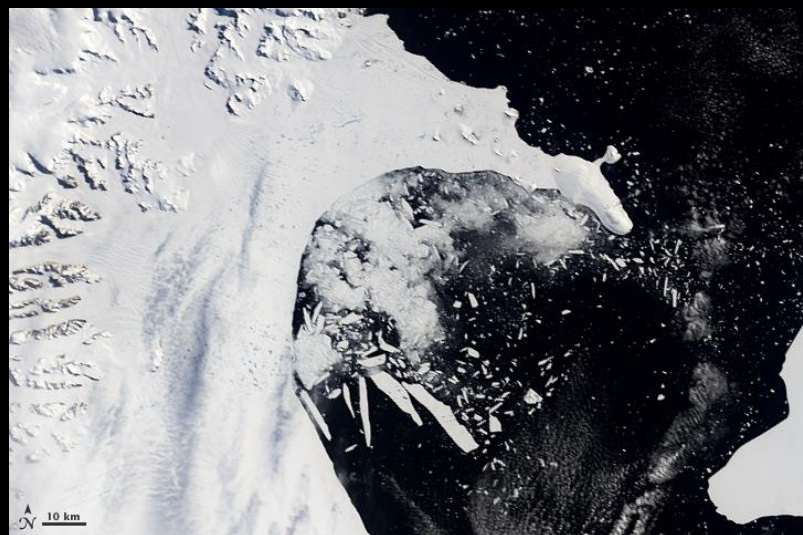
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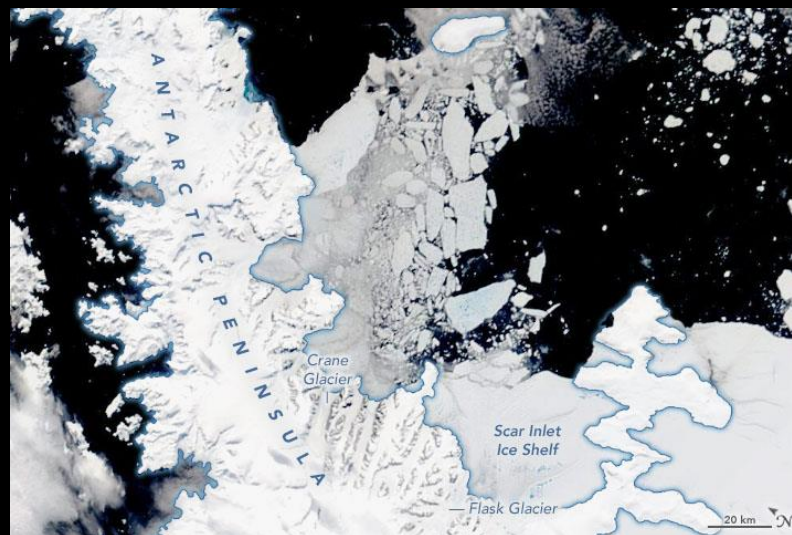
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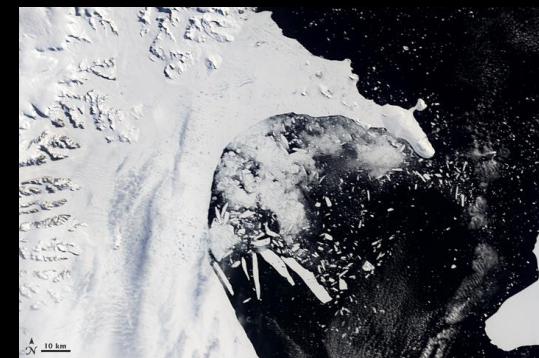
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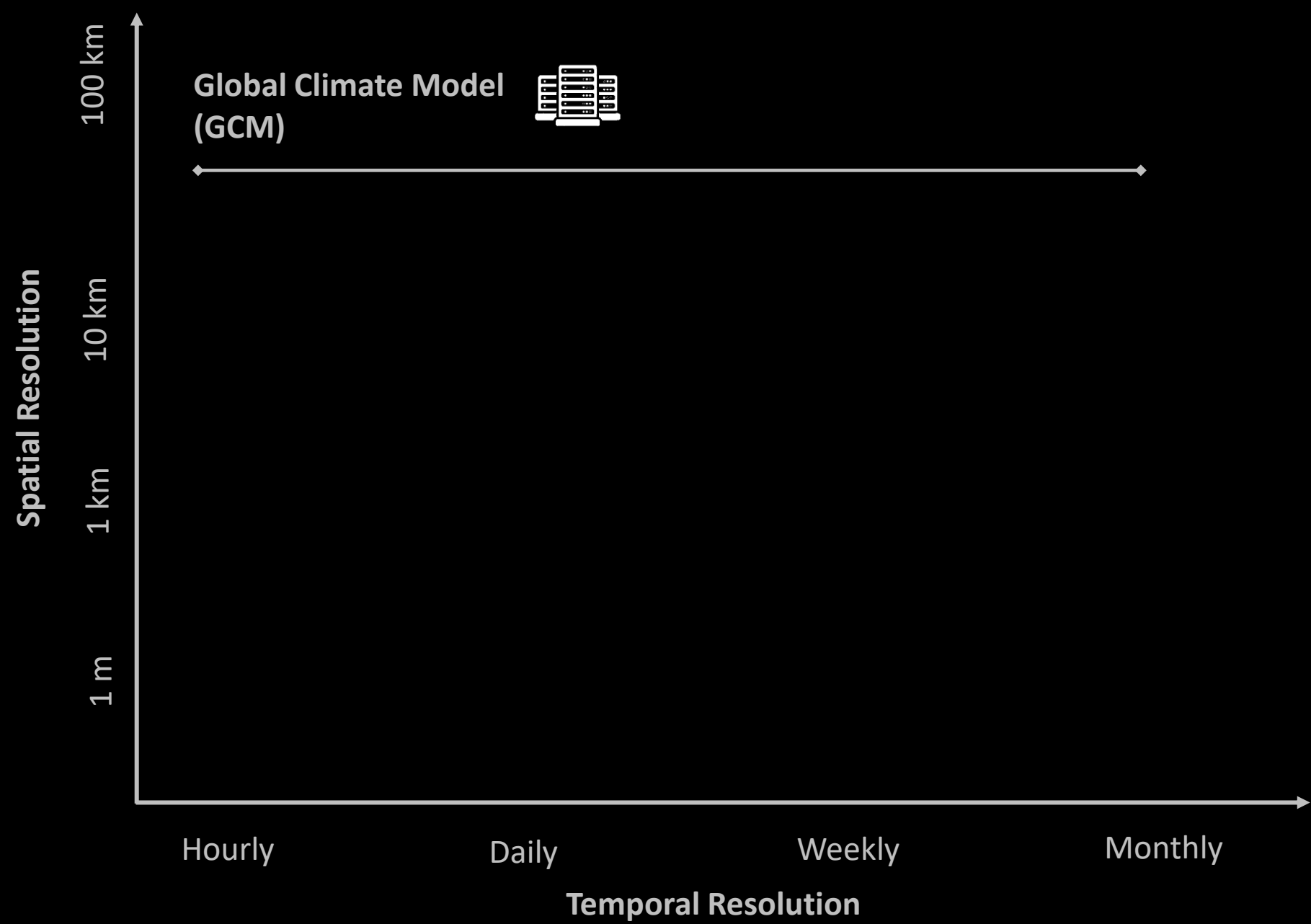


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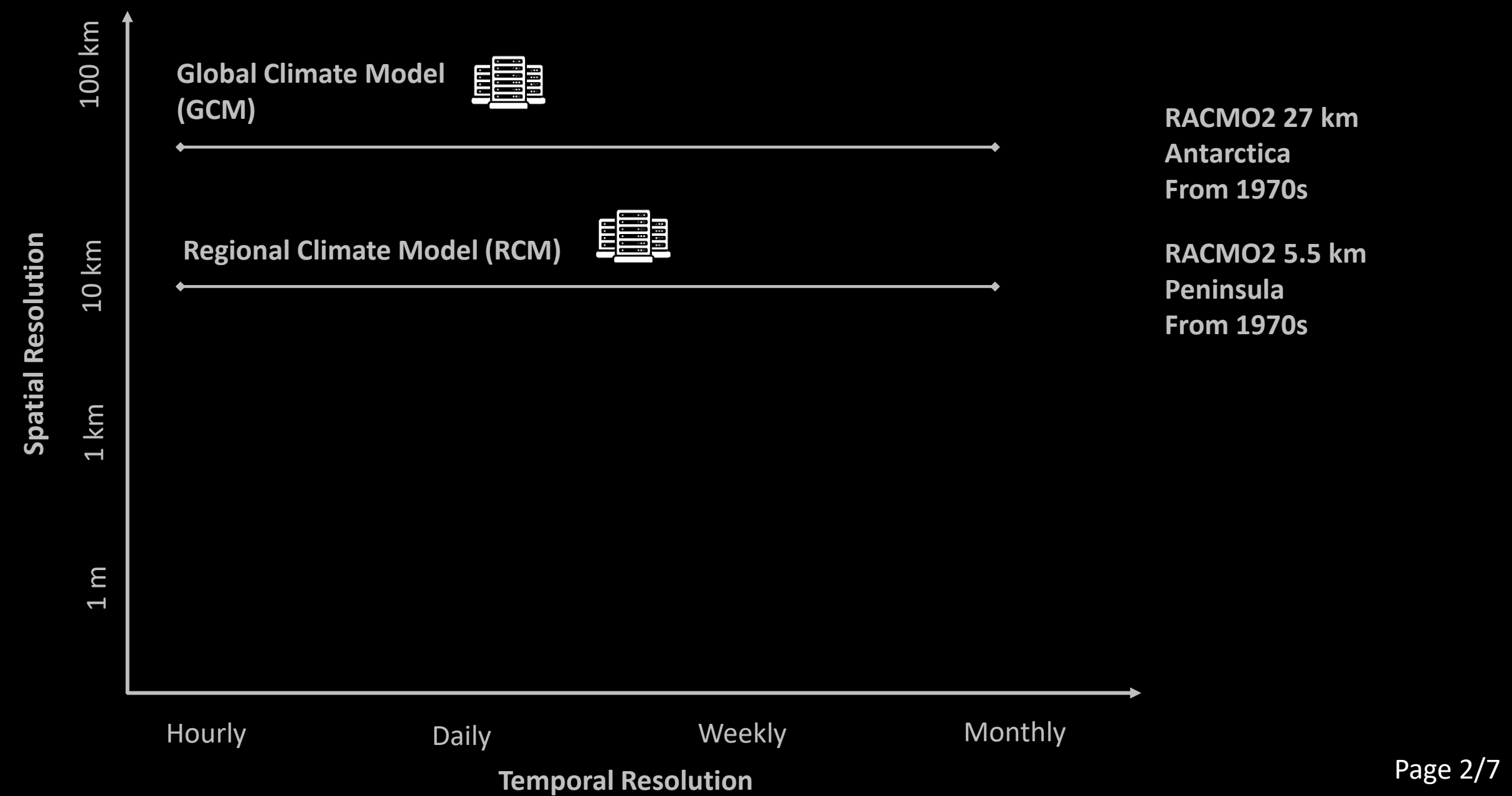


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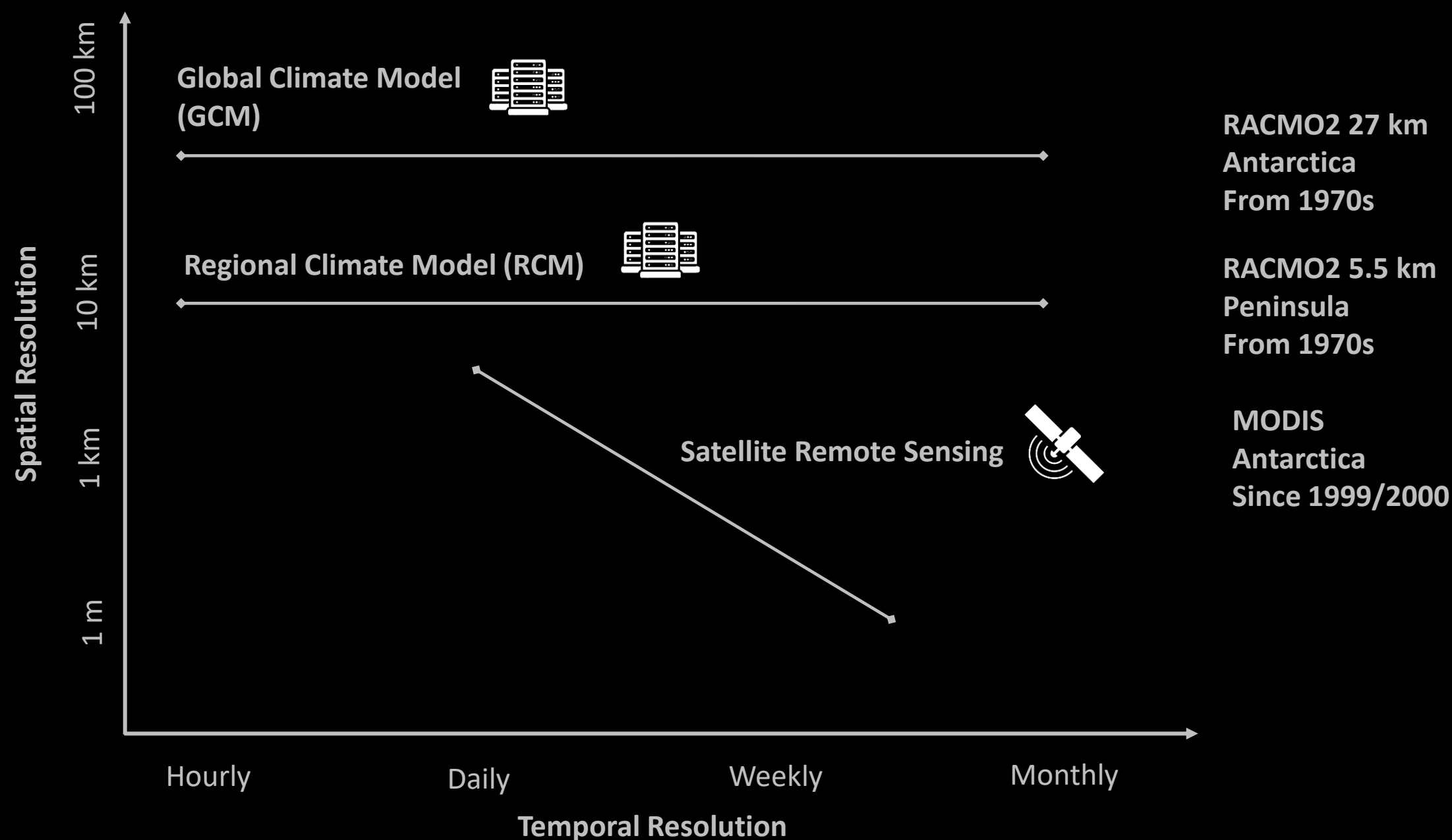
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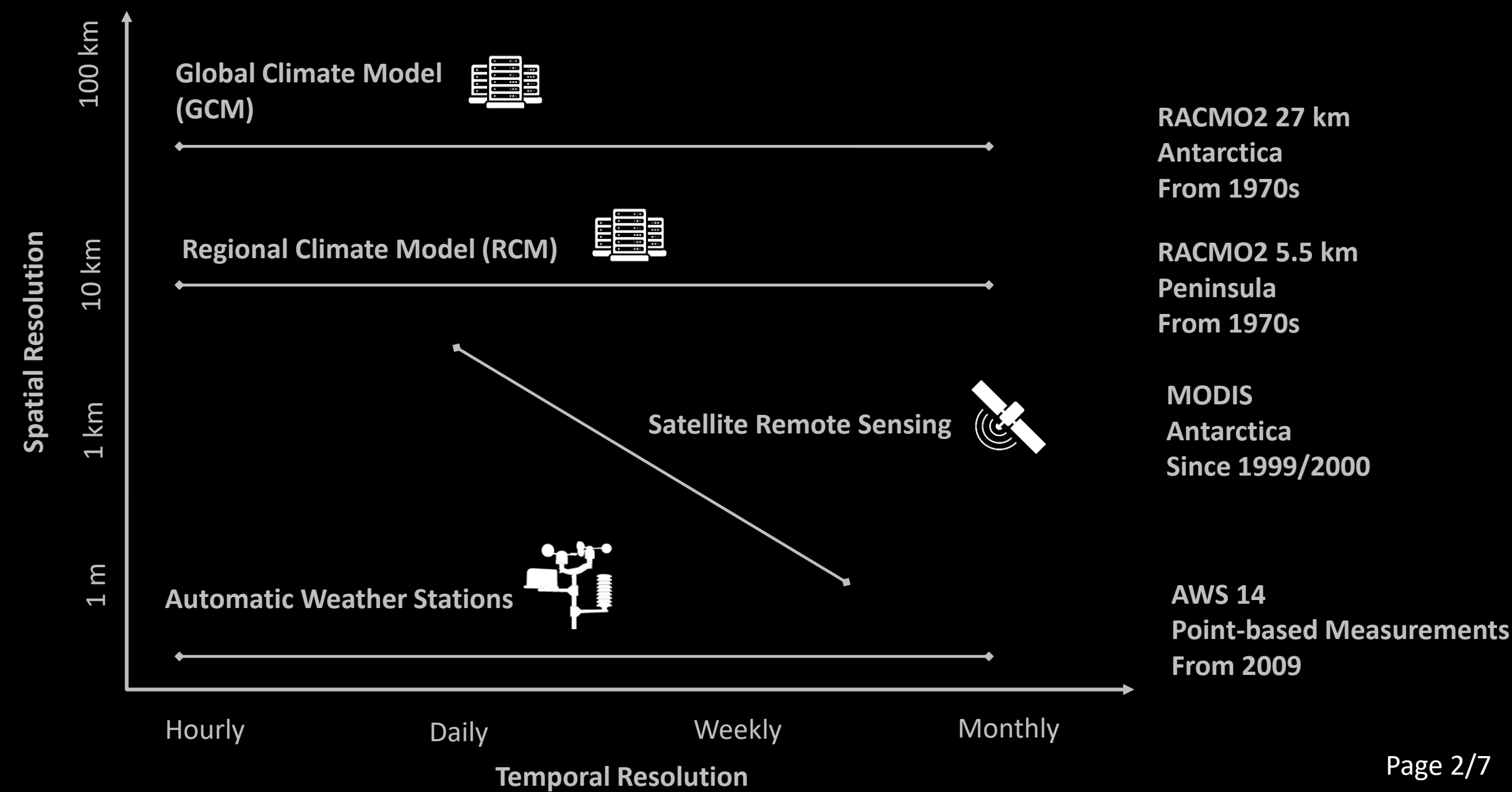
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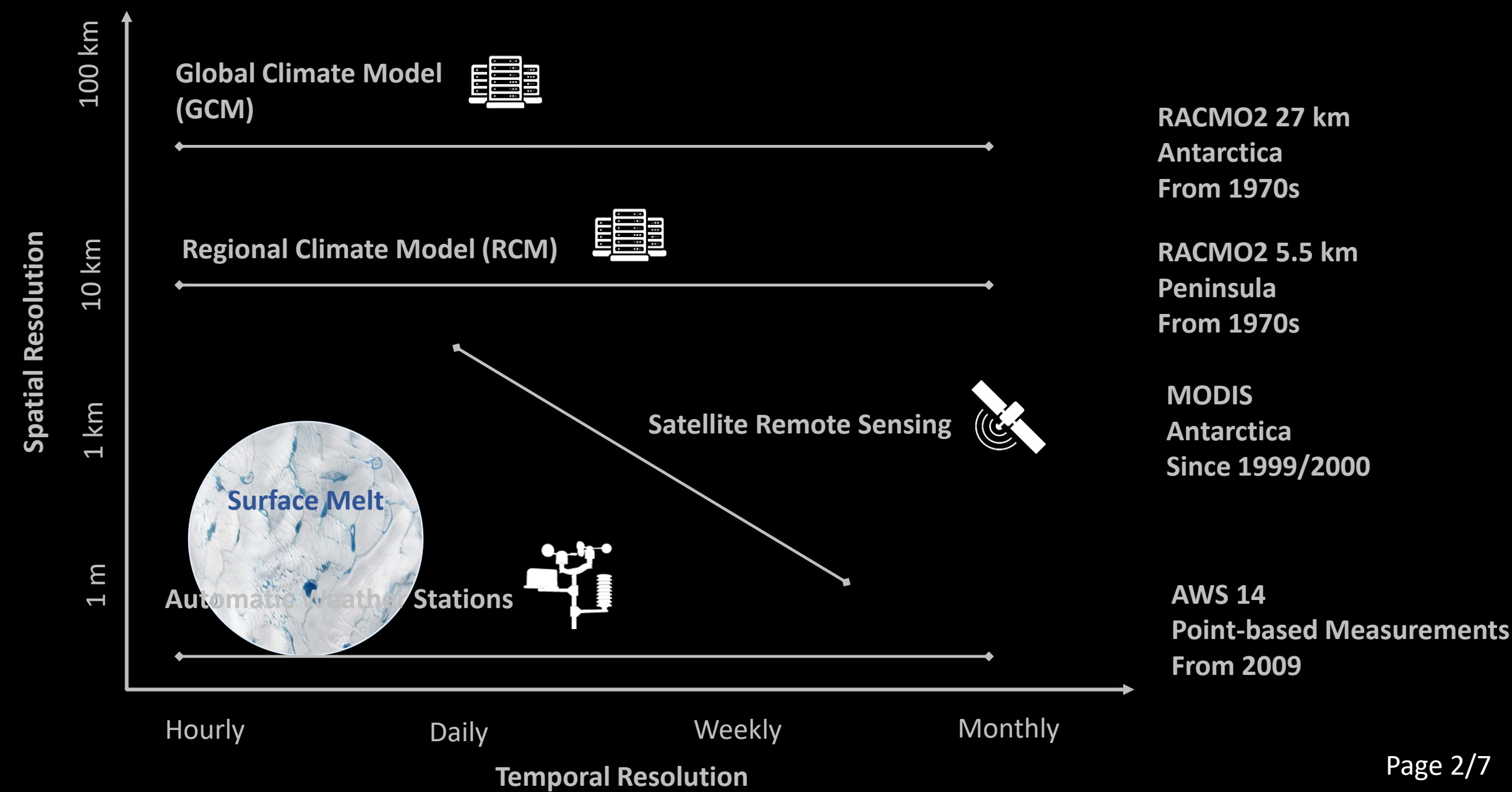
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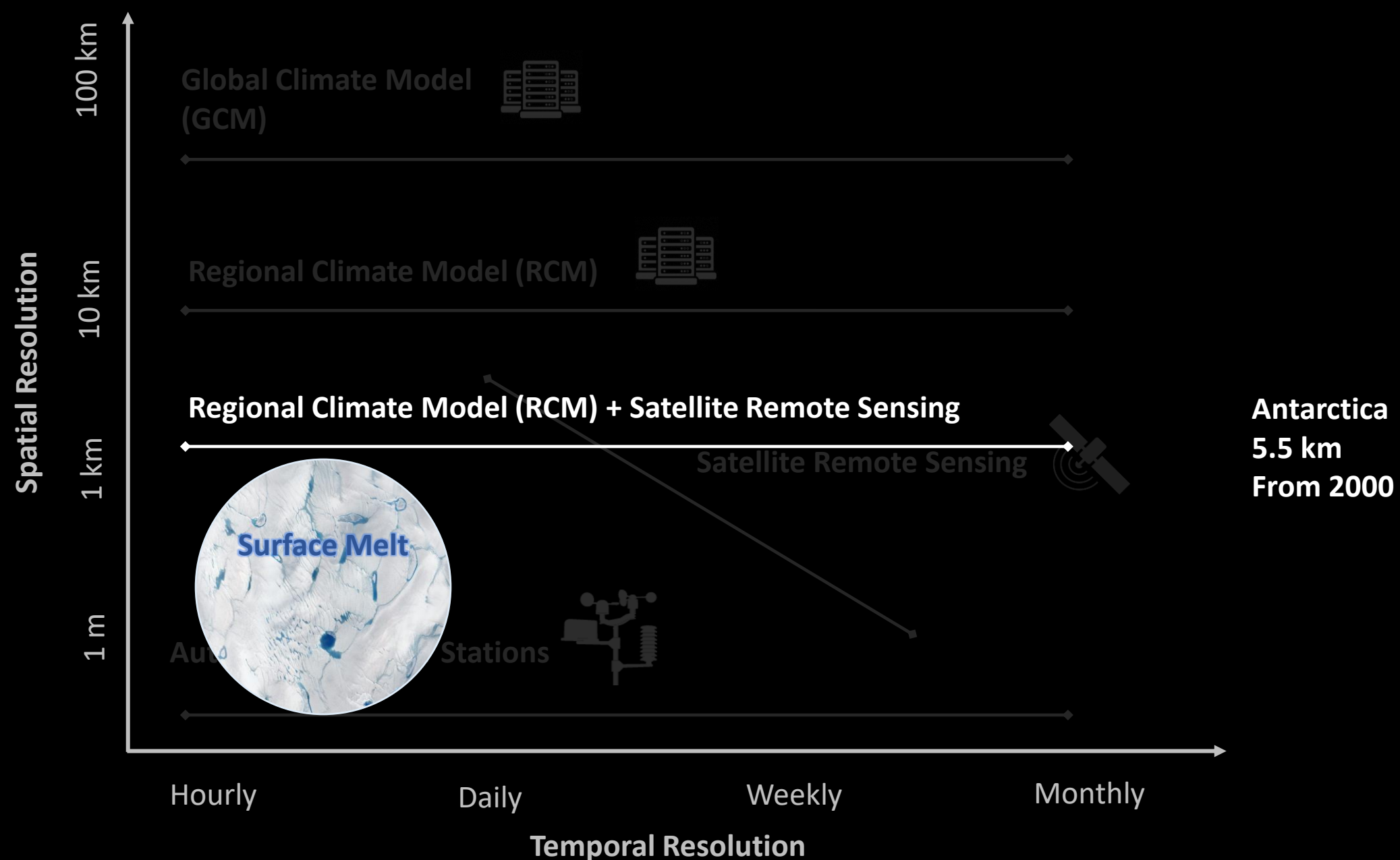
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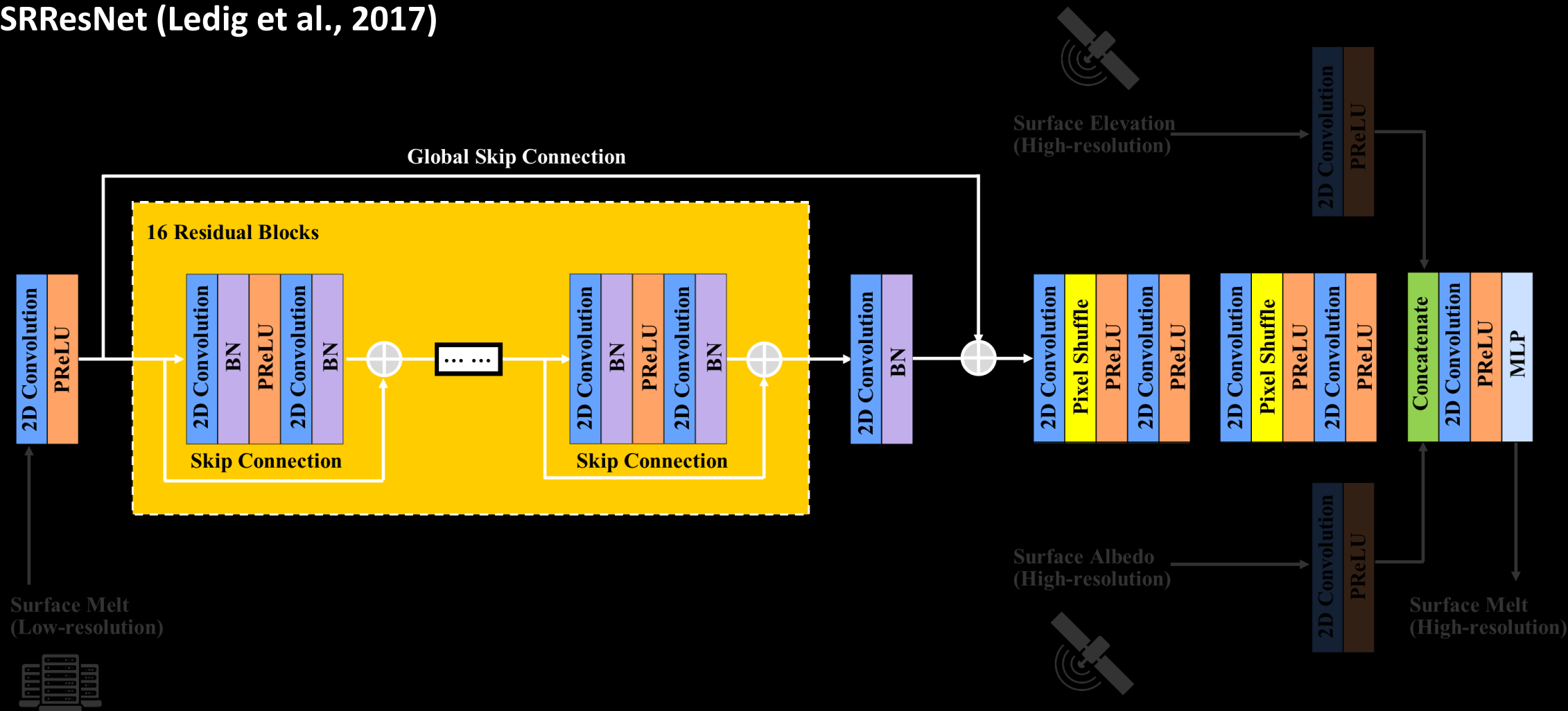
Research objective



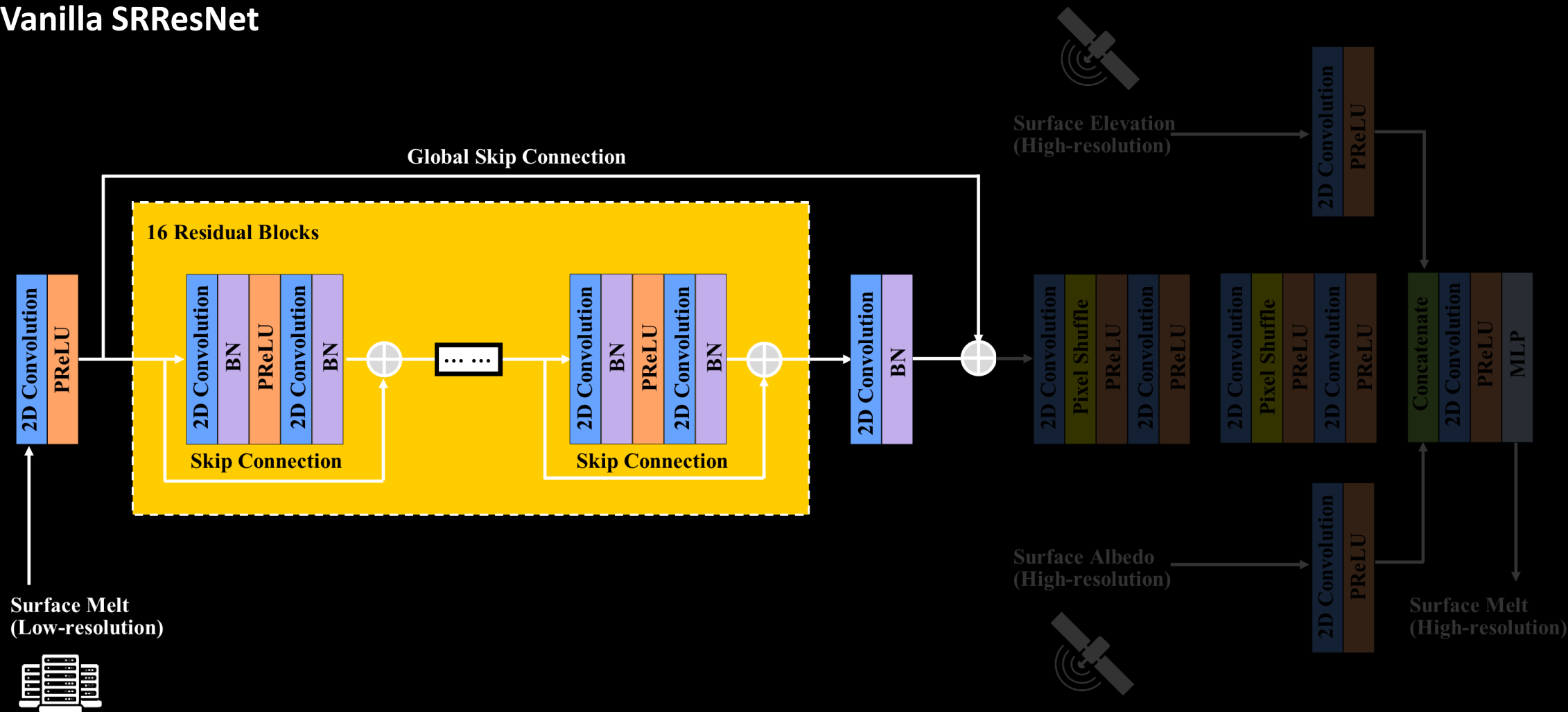


- Limitation of the high-resolution simulations over the entire Antarctica
- Missing important local geophysical processes
- Methodological transferability
- **Spatial transferability**
- Availability of high-quality satellite product (albedo, elevation, etc)

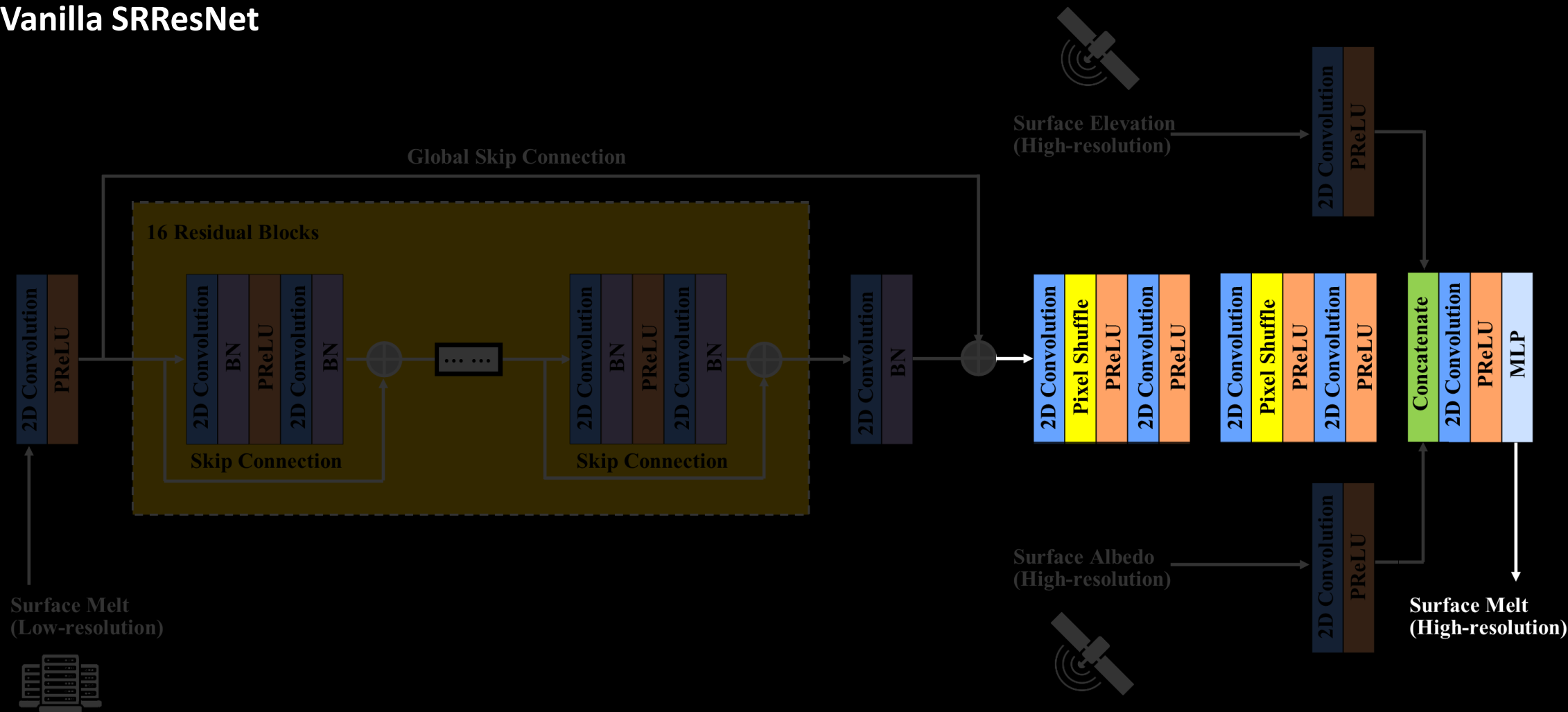
Backbone Architecture:
SRResNet (Ledig et al., 2017)



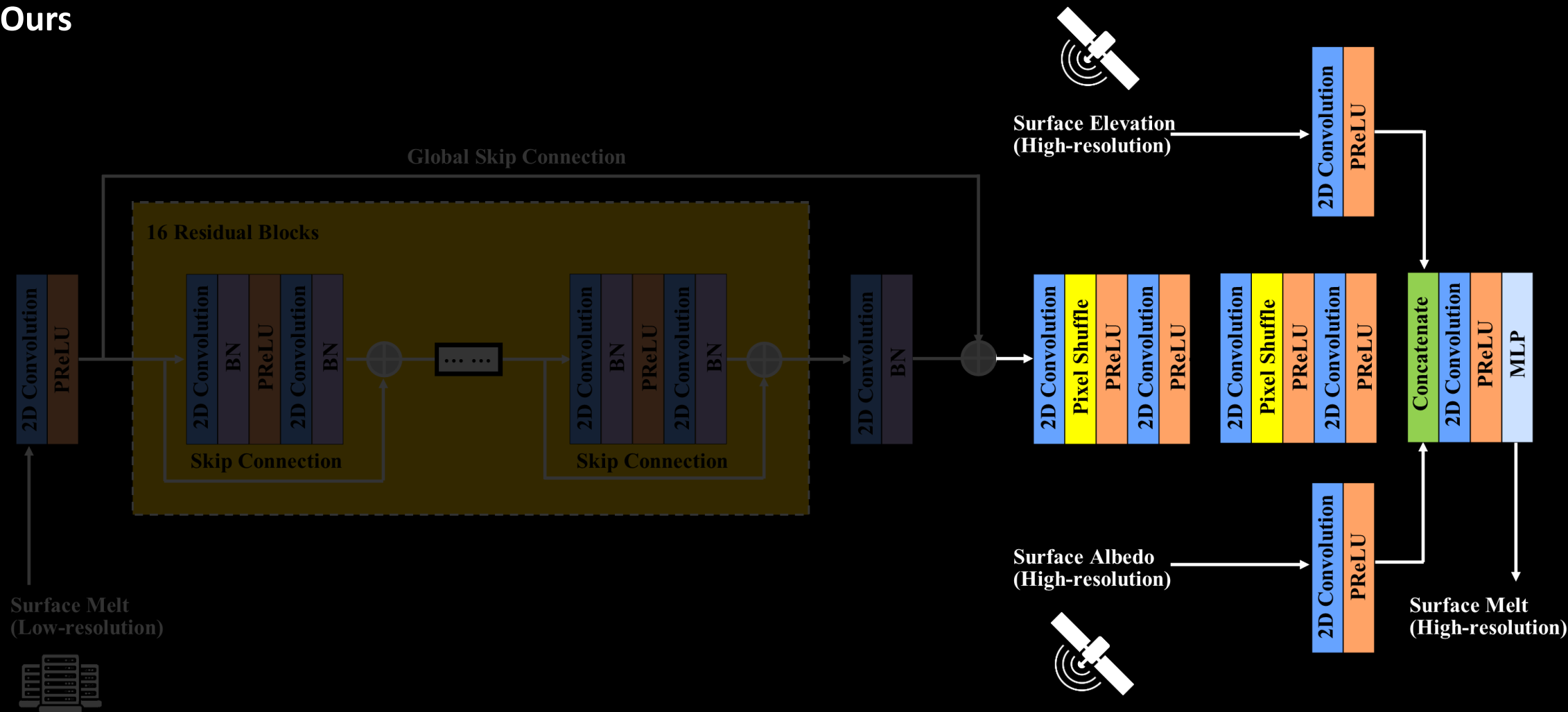
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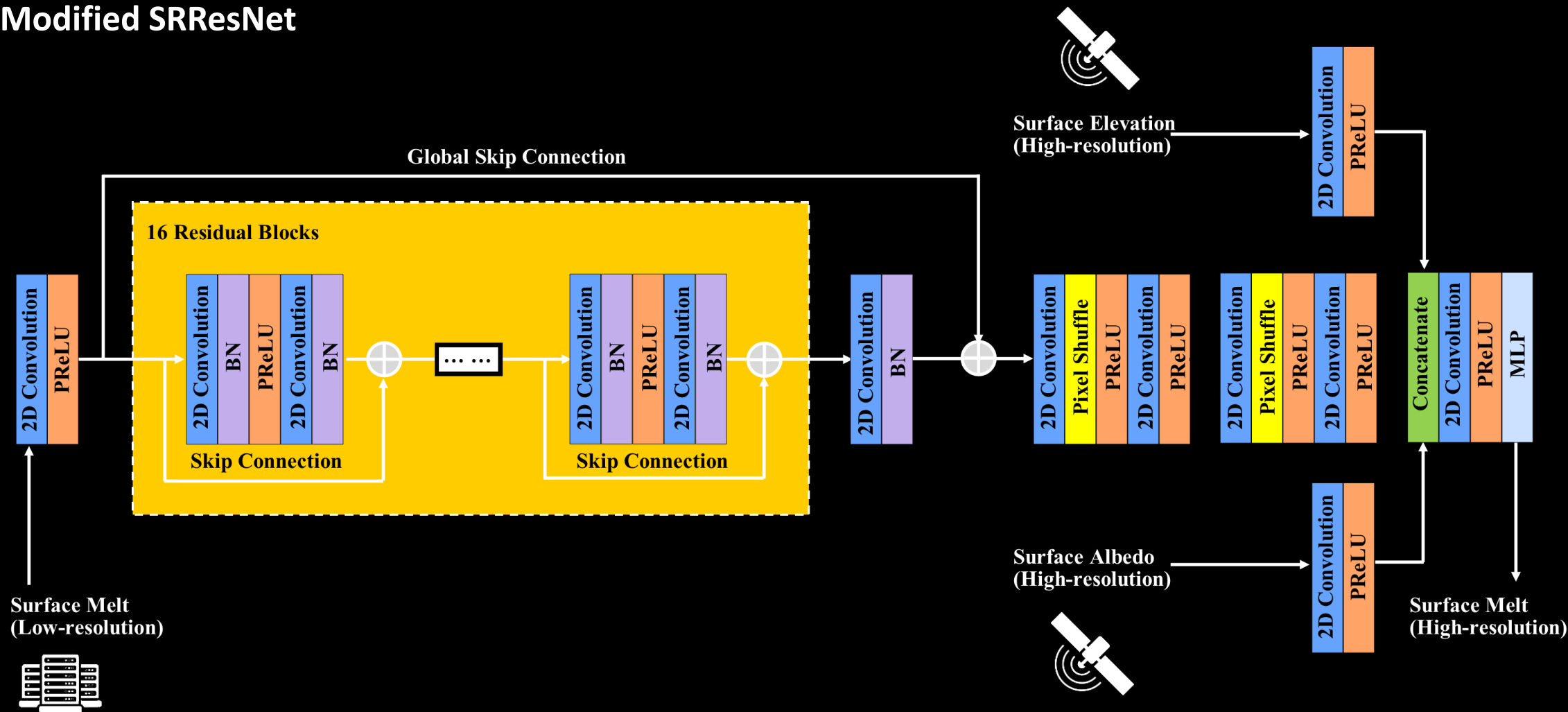
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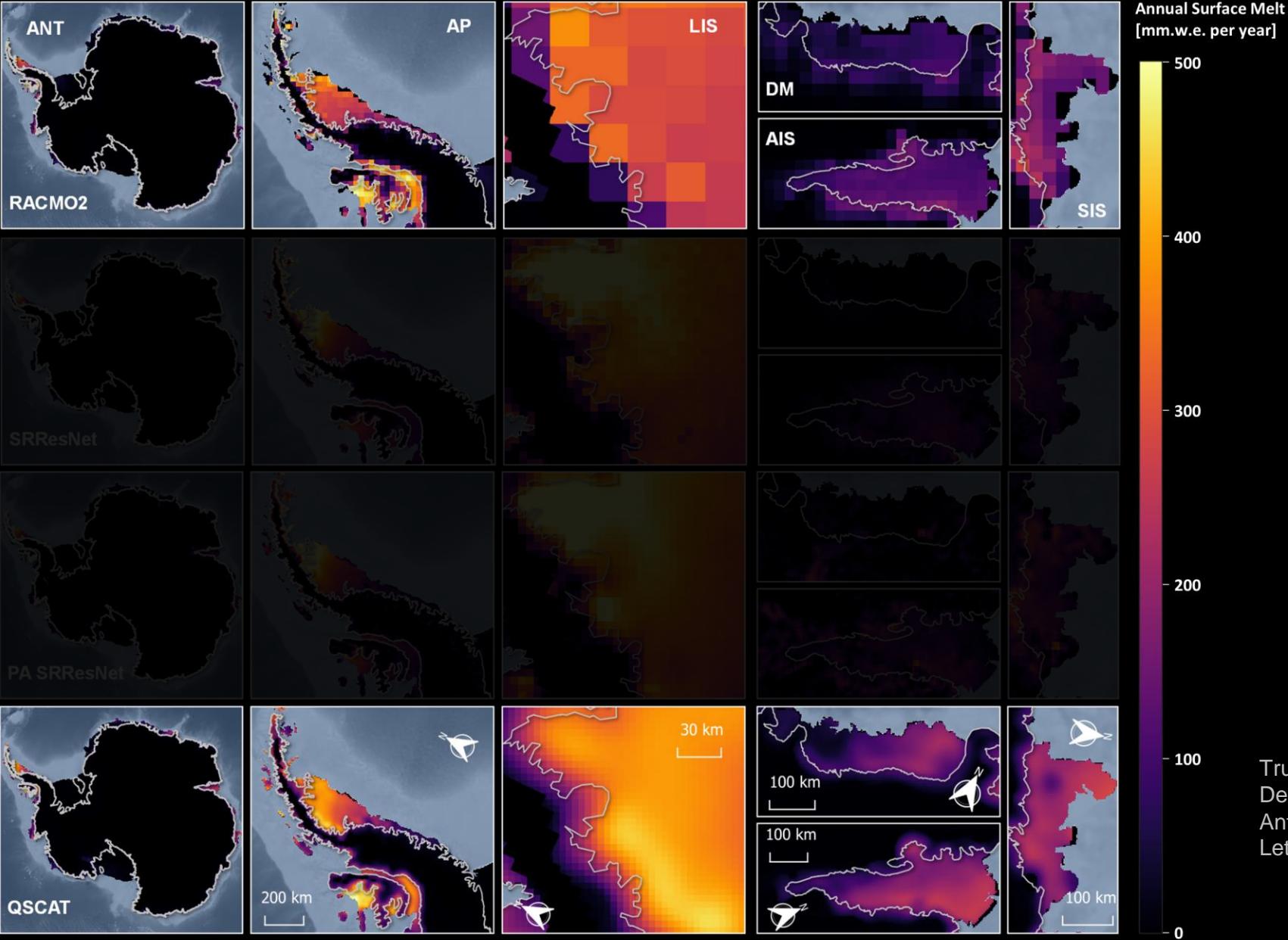
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Overall Architecture:
Modified SRResNet

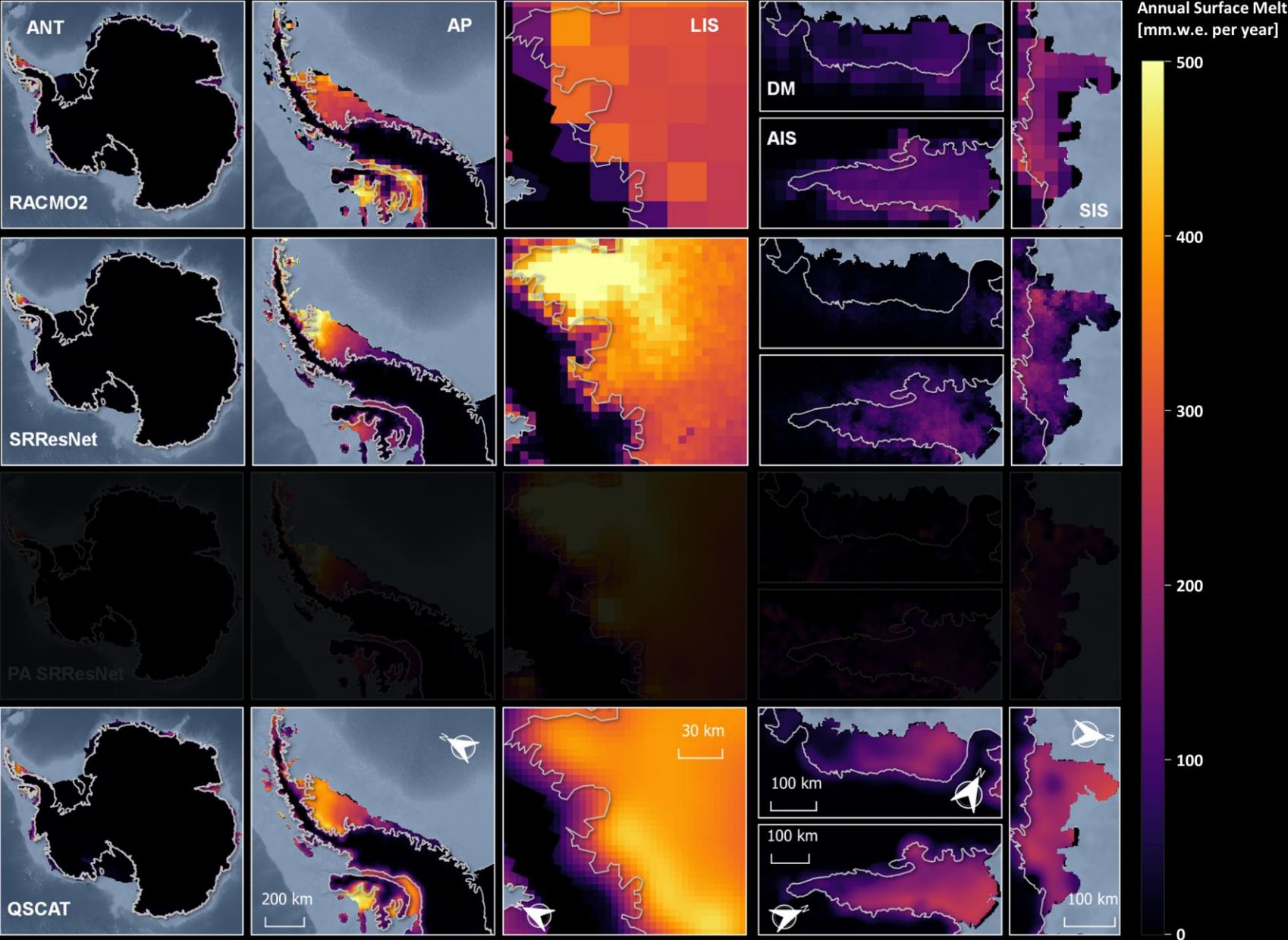


Downscaled surface melt over Antarctica

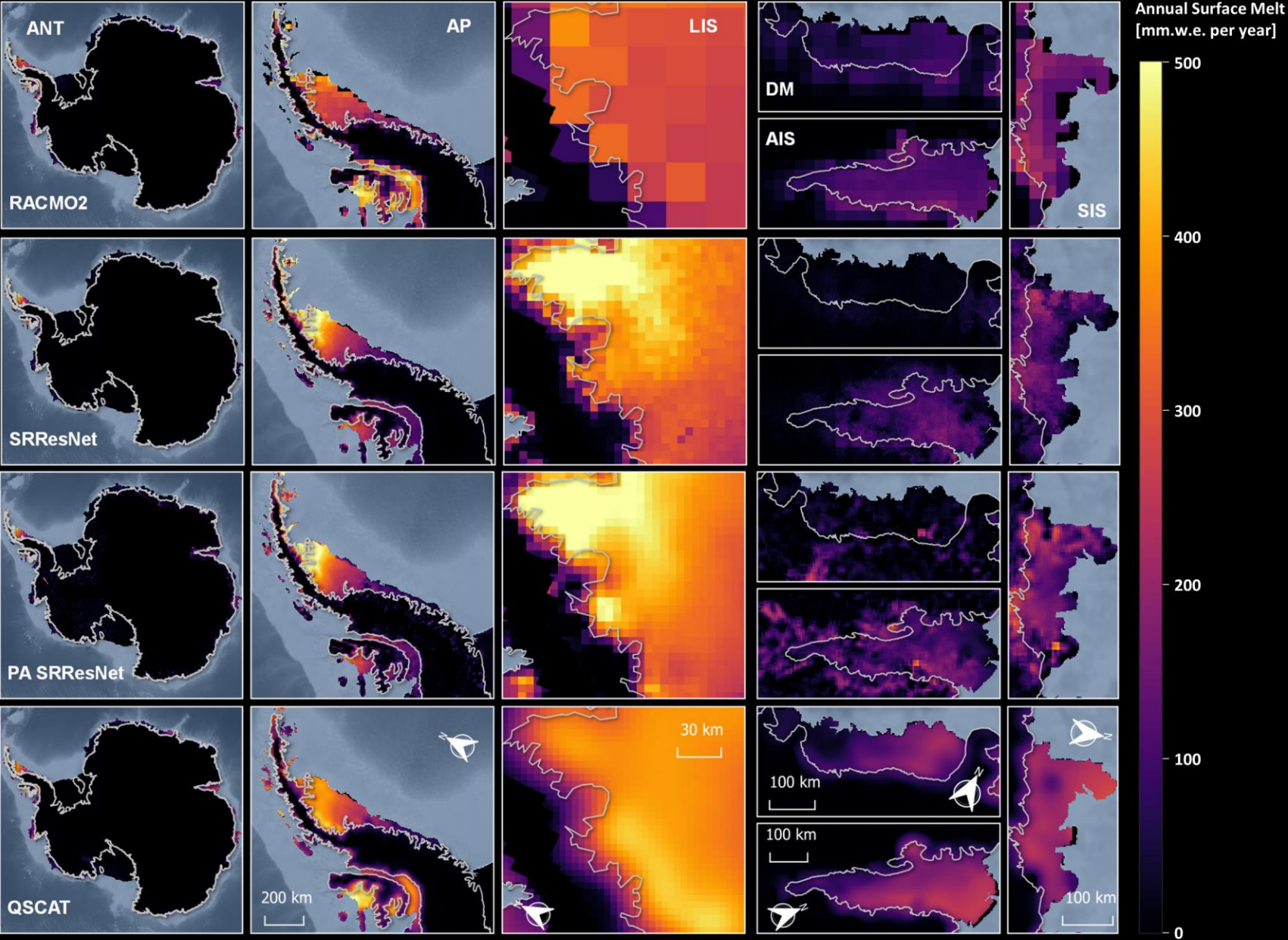


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RMSE \approx 0.51 (0.52)
[mm.w.e. per day]

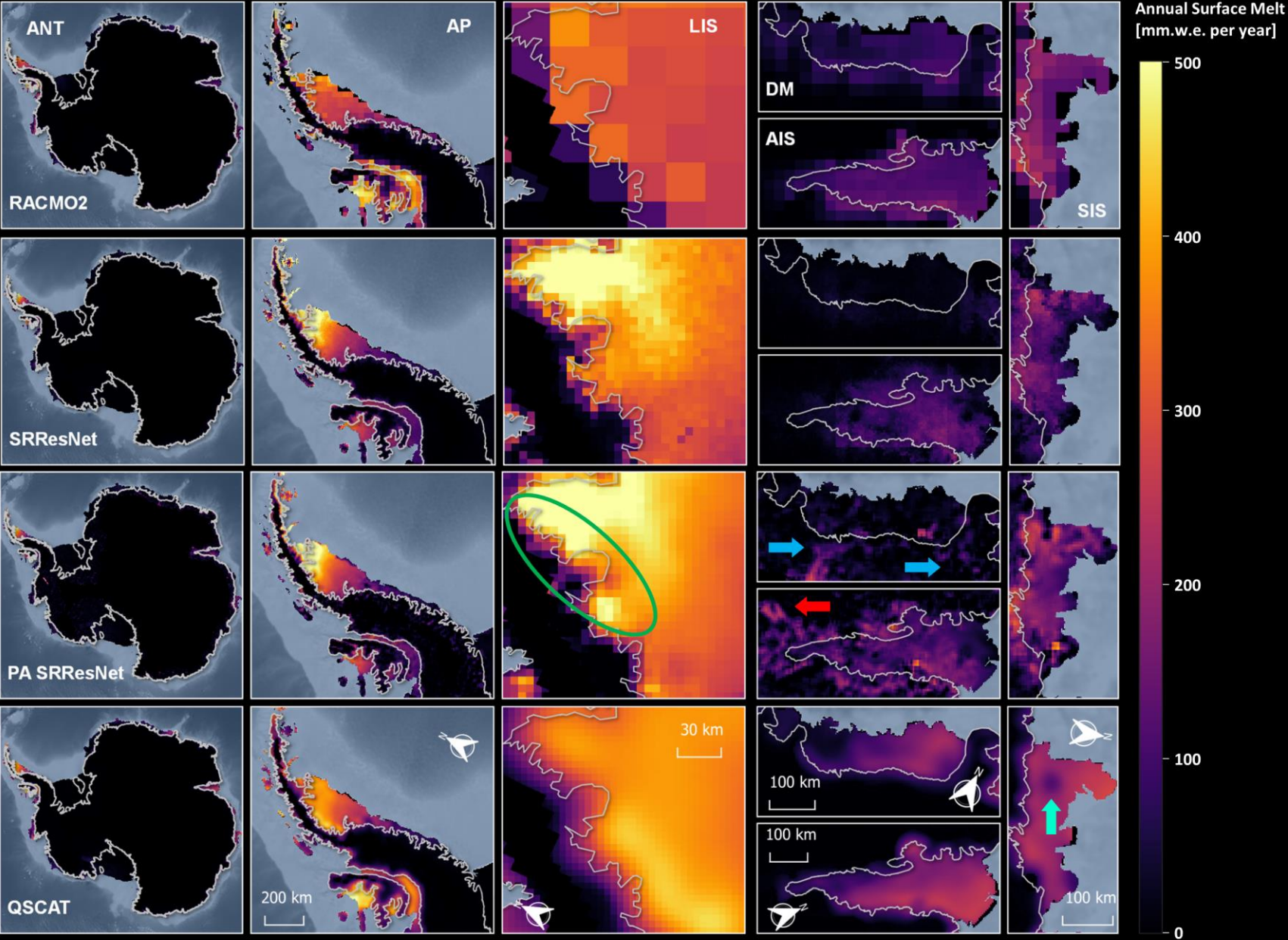
$R^2 \approx$ 0.89 (0.83)

MAE \approx 0.10 (0.10)
[mm.w.e. per day]

Structural Similarity Index (SSIM) \approx (0.99) 0.98

based on training (testing)
data sets

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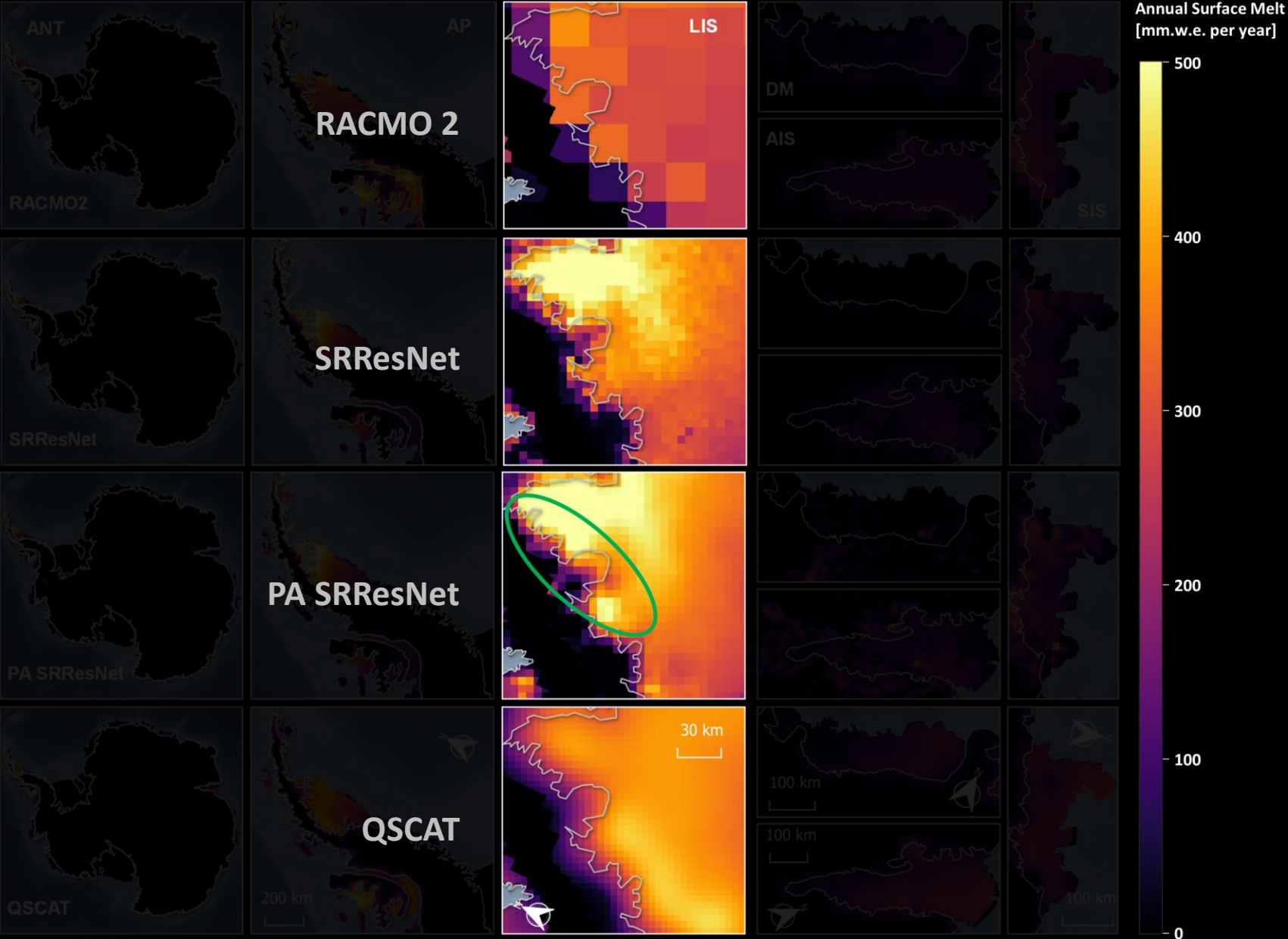
Grounding line

Melt-induced blue ice areas

Wind-induced blue ice areas

Ice rise

Downscaled surface melt over Antarctica



@ Larsen C Ice Shelf

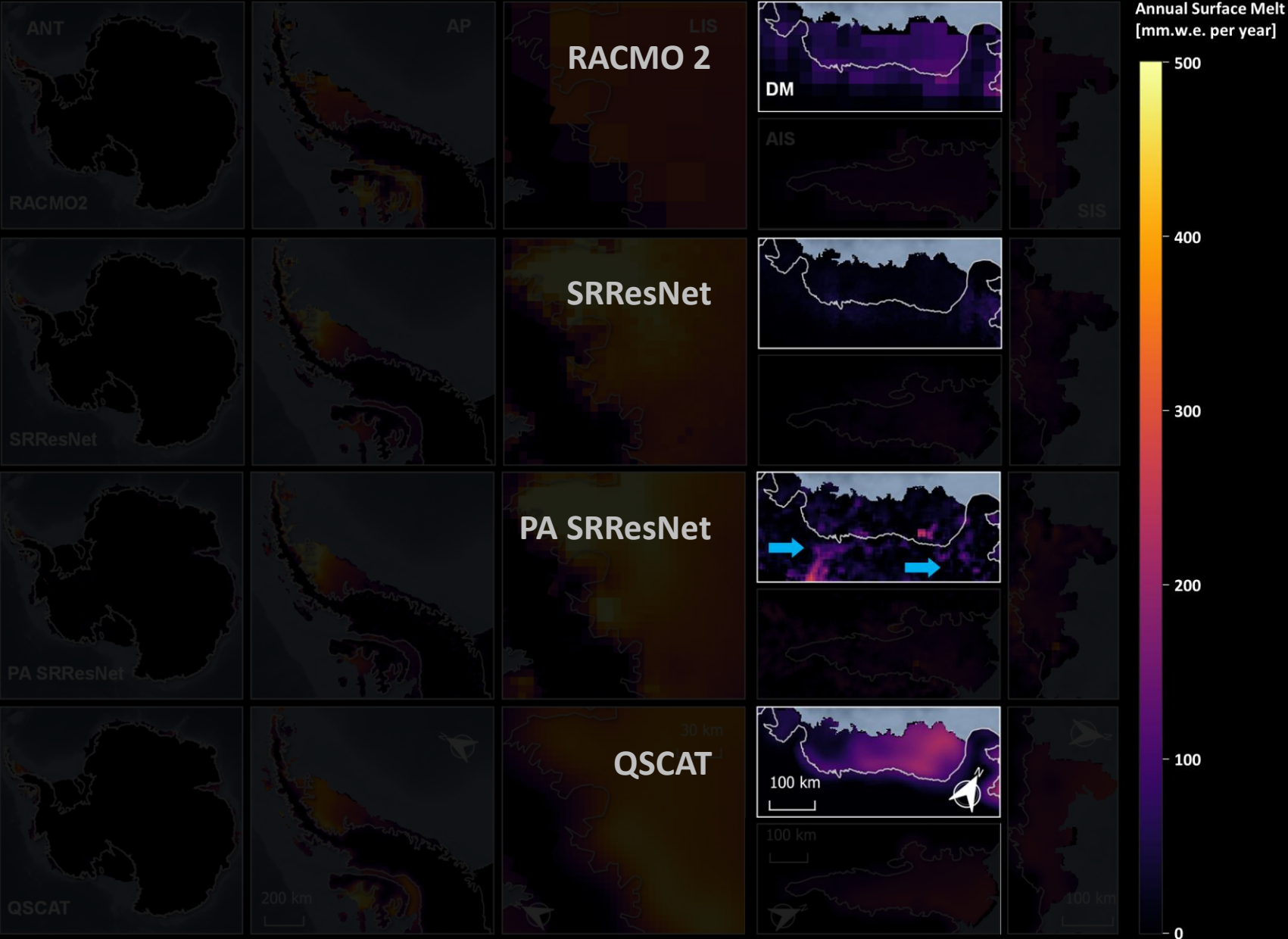
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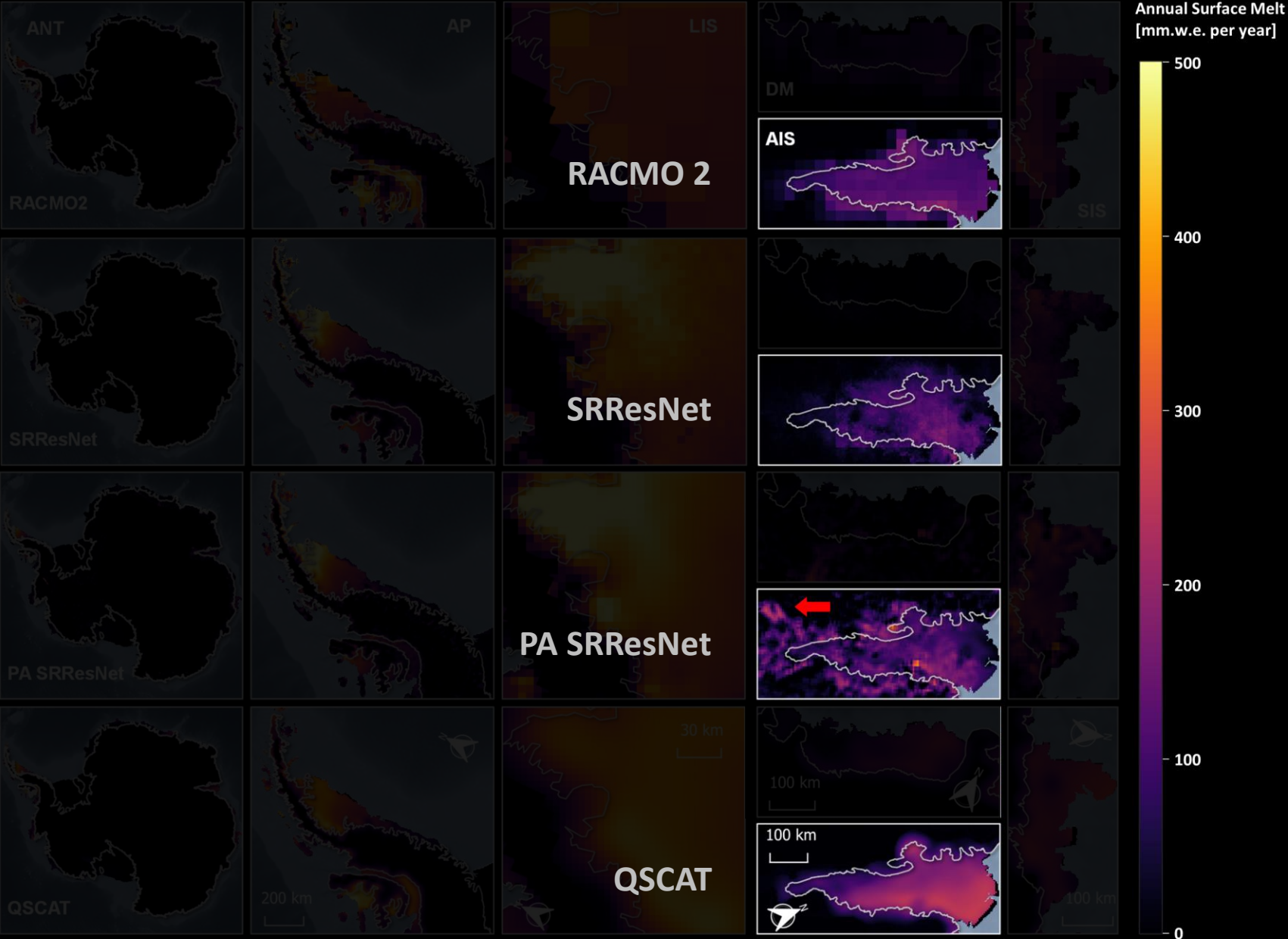
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@ Roi Baudouin

- Grounding line
- Melt-induced blue ice areas
- Wind-induced blue ice areas
- Ice rise

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@ Amery Ice Shelf

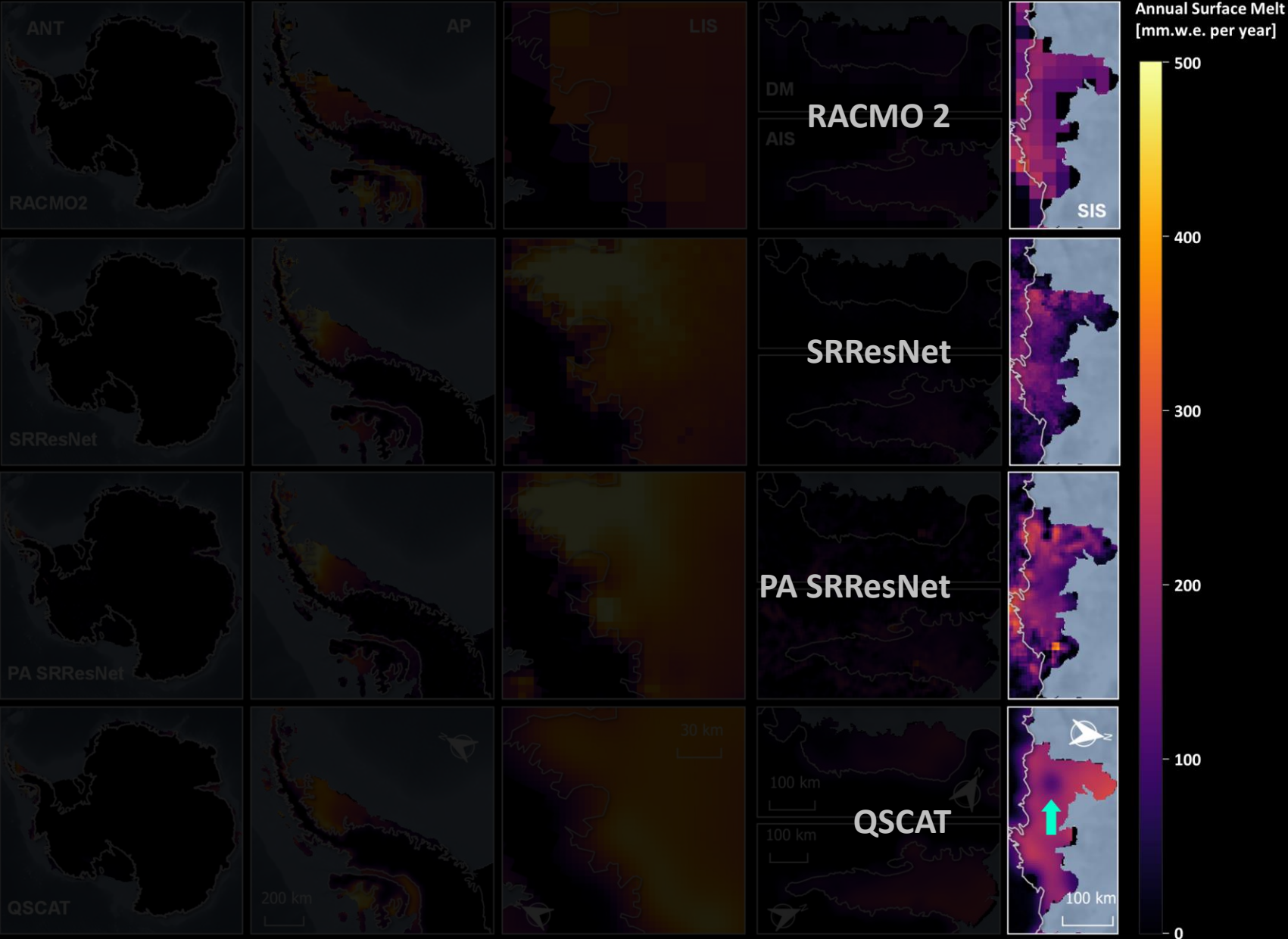
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@ Shackleton Ice Shelf

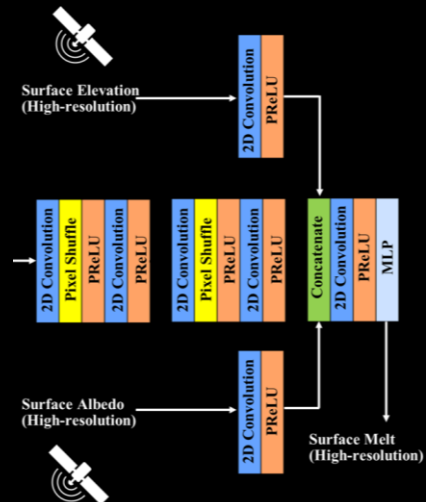
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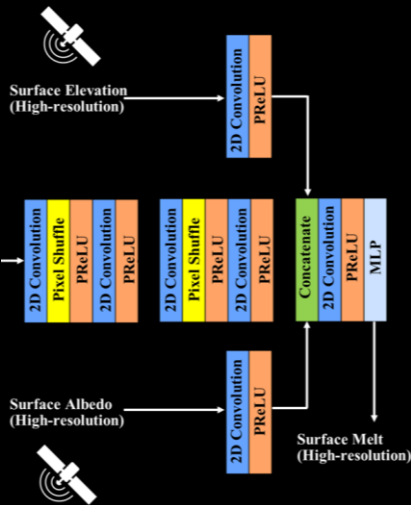
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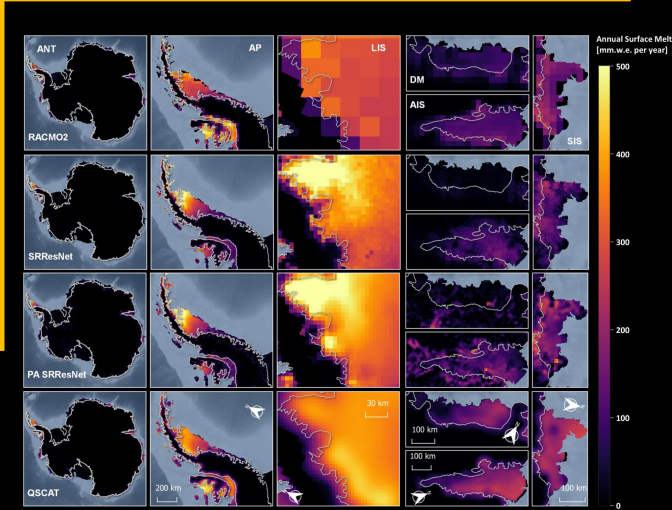
Physics-informed



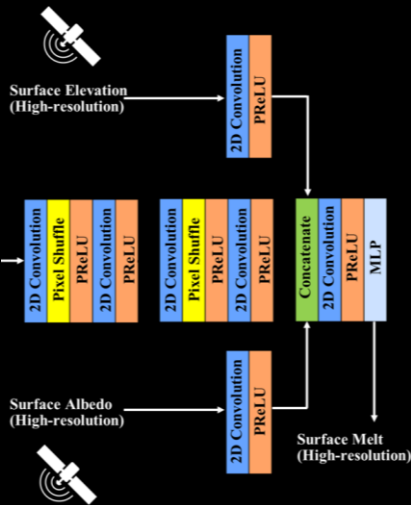
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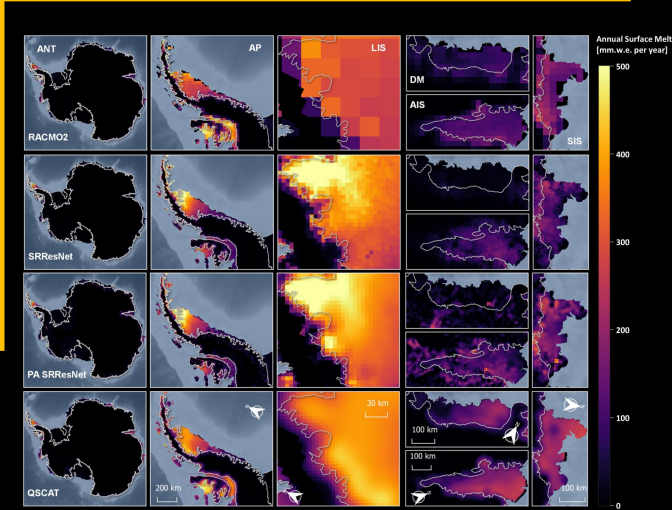
Physics-aware



Physics-informed



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Physics-understood

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