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## Smart Climate hydropower Tool

An artificial intelligence-based service for hydropower production seasonal forecast



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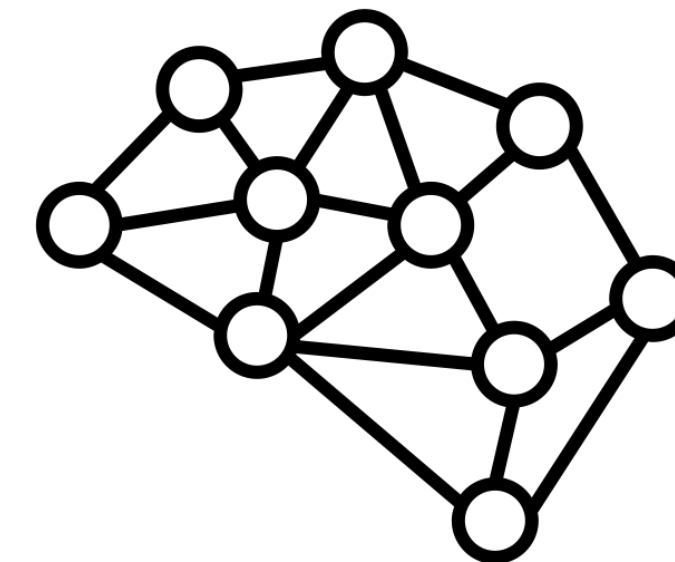
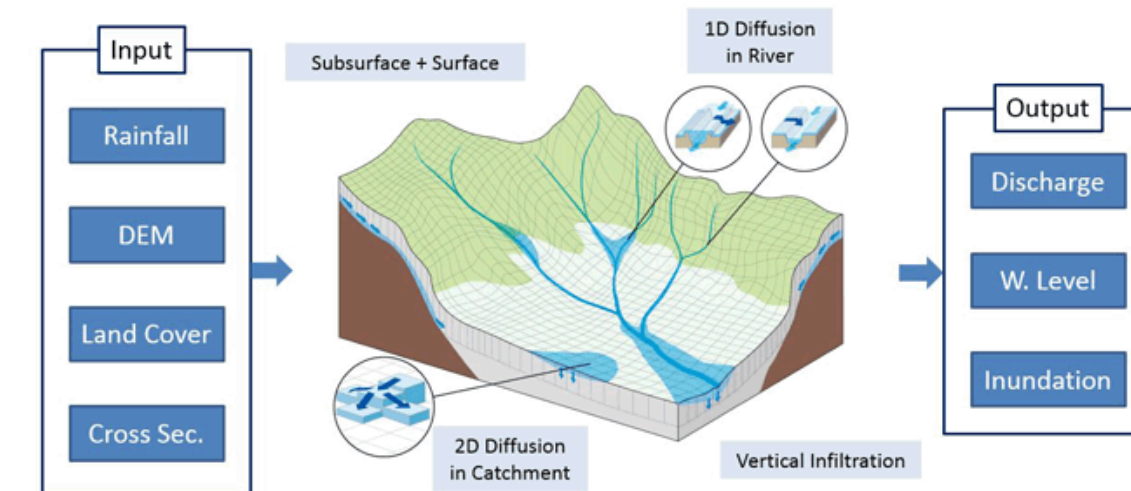


**Climate forecast  
enabled knowledge  
services**



# SCHT: AI-based Climate Services (CS)

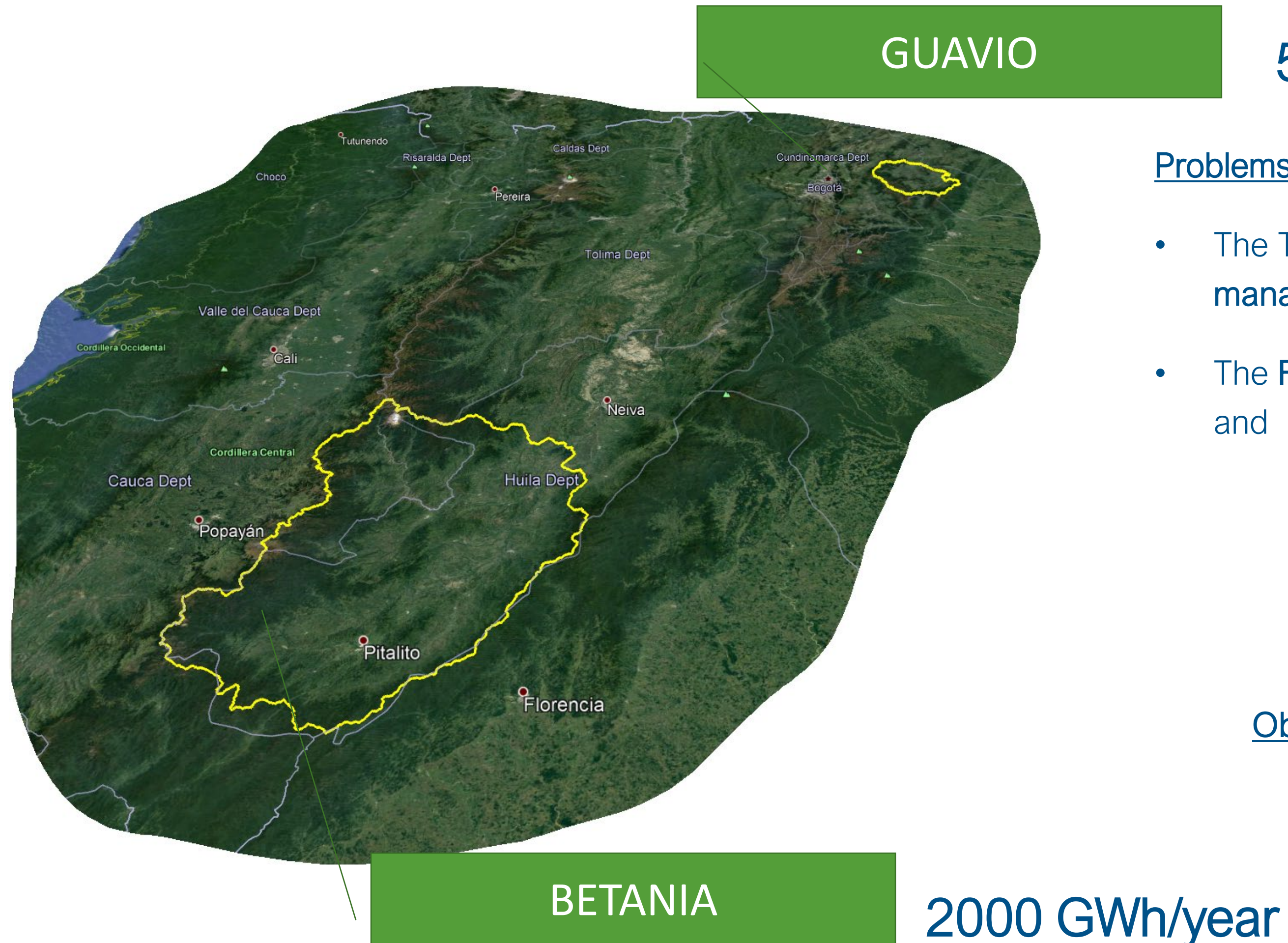
- **THE NEEDS:** Energy and Water Management requires climate service to cope with climate challenges
- **PURPOSE:** Evaluate how much Copernicus Seasonal Forecasts and AI algorithms may contribute to reduce uncertainty of hydropower production due to natural inflows variability
- **STANDARD CS:** Feed Seasonal ECV Forecast into complex hydrological Deterministic Models (EHYPE):
  - Time and data consuming (topo, landuse, soil)
  - requires the involvement of hydrological modeling expert
  - Multiple sites = Multiple Models
- **INNOVATIVE AI-based :** Combination of Copernicus Seasonal Forecast with Data Science (AI and ML) Time Series algorithms.
  - Democratize the practical use of seasonal-forecast-based climate services
  - Less time and data requirements – No background in hydraulics requested
  - Suitable for multiple site applications
  - Web App





# Case Studies- by EGP

## Where is the value in forecasting for HP ?



### Problems

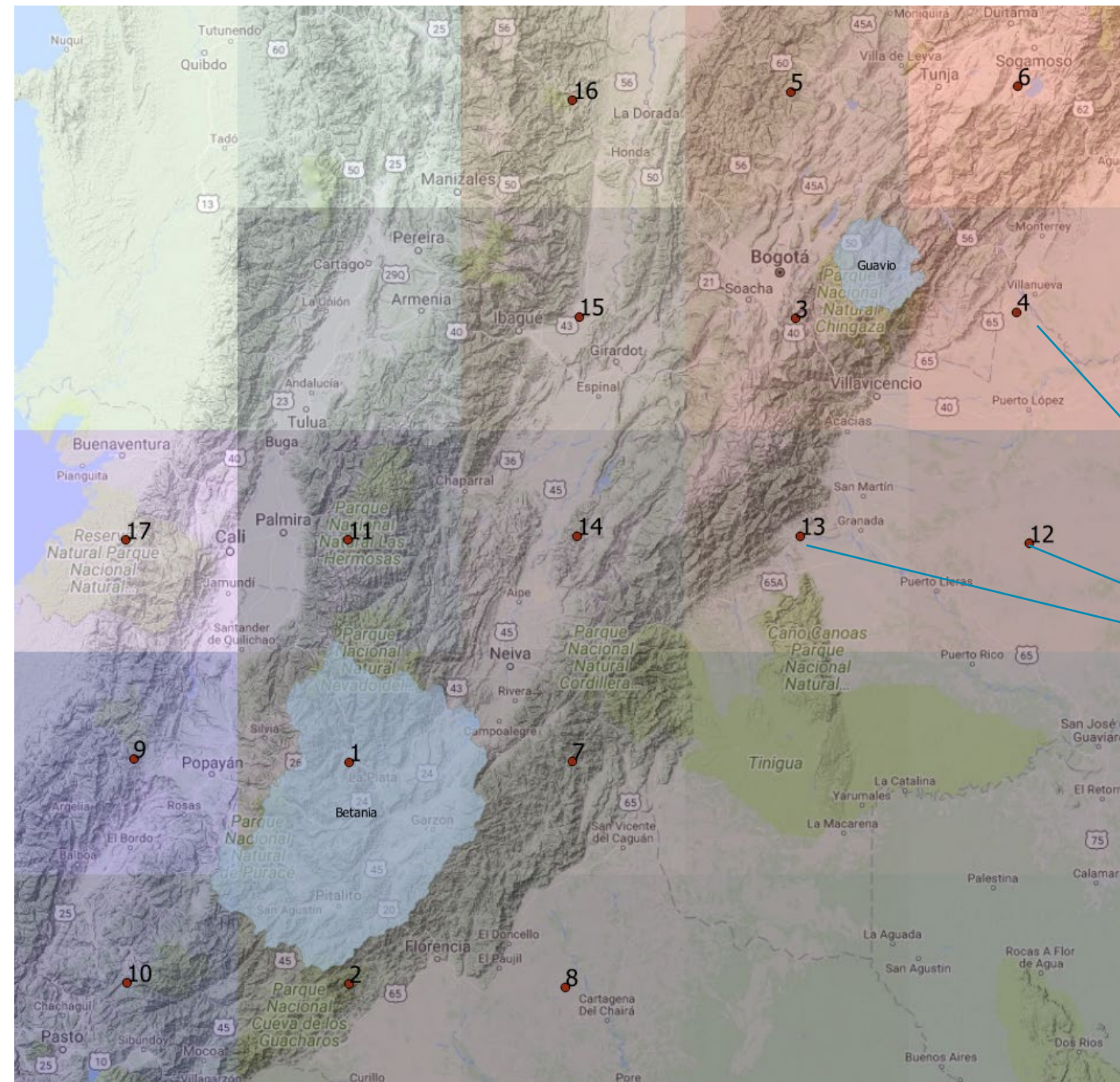
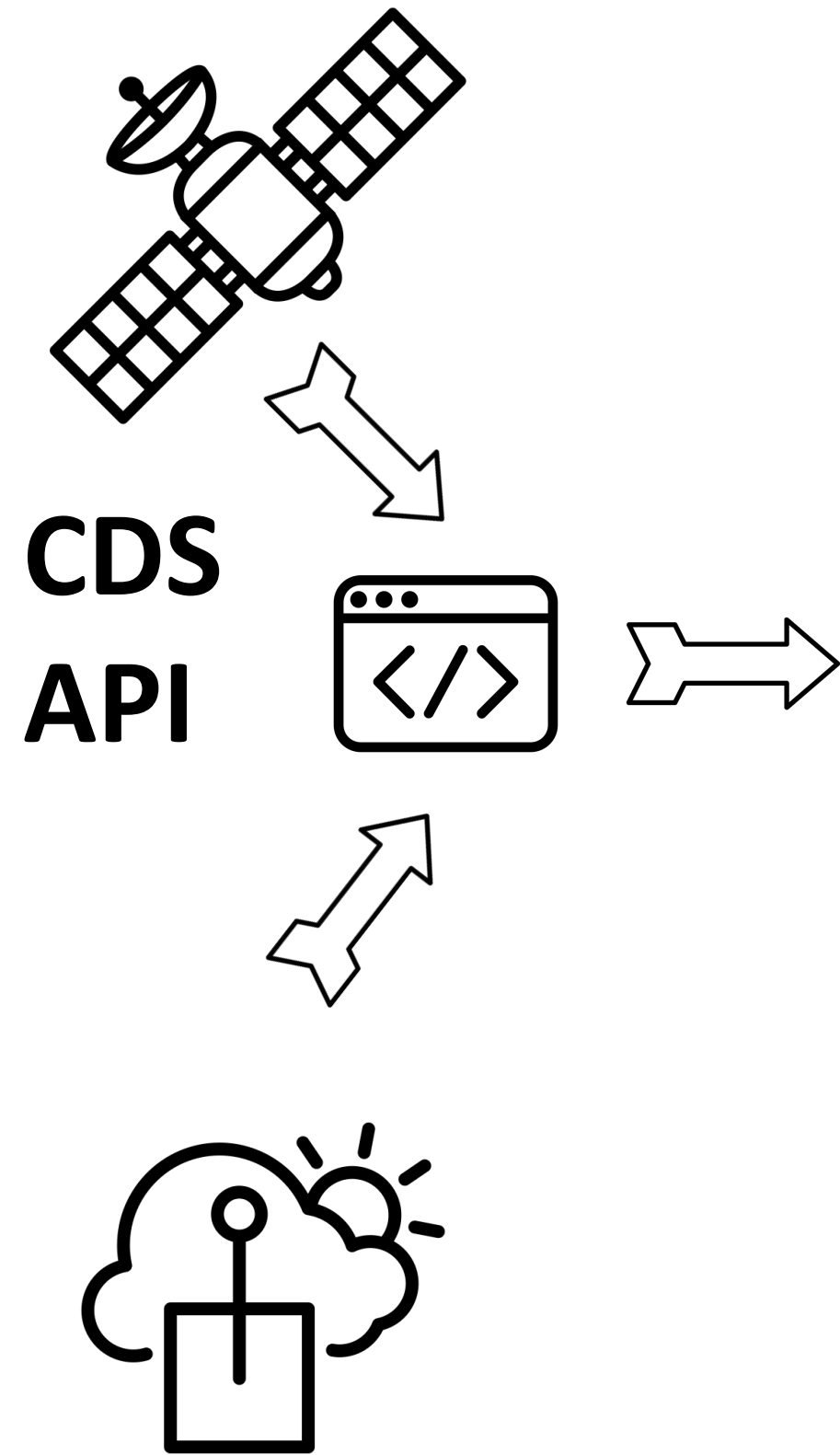
- The Technical point of view: Knowing in advance means planning management of the reservoir to increase production
- The Financial one = Deviation between the scheduled annual production and actually achievable production requires:
  - Corrective sales / purchase of energy
    - If you buy increasing unit costs during the year
    - If you sell redundancies have decreasing benefits in the year round.

### Objective

- Knowing as early as possible deviation at the year end between budget producibility and final production to be able to undertake the most advantageous corrective actions.

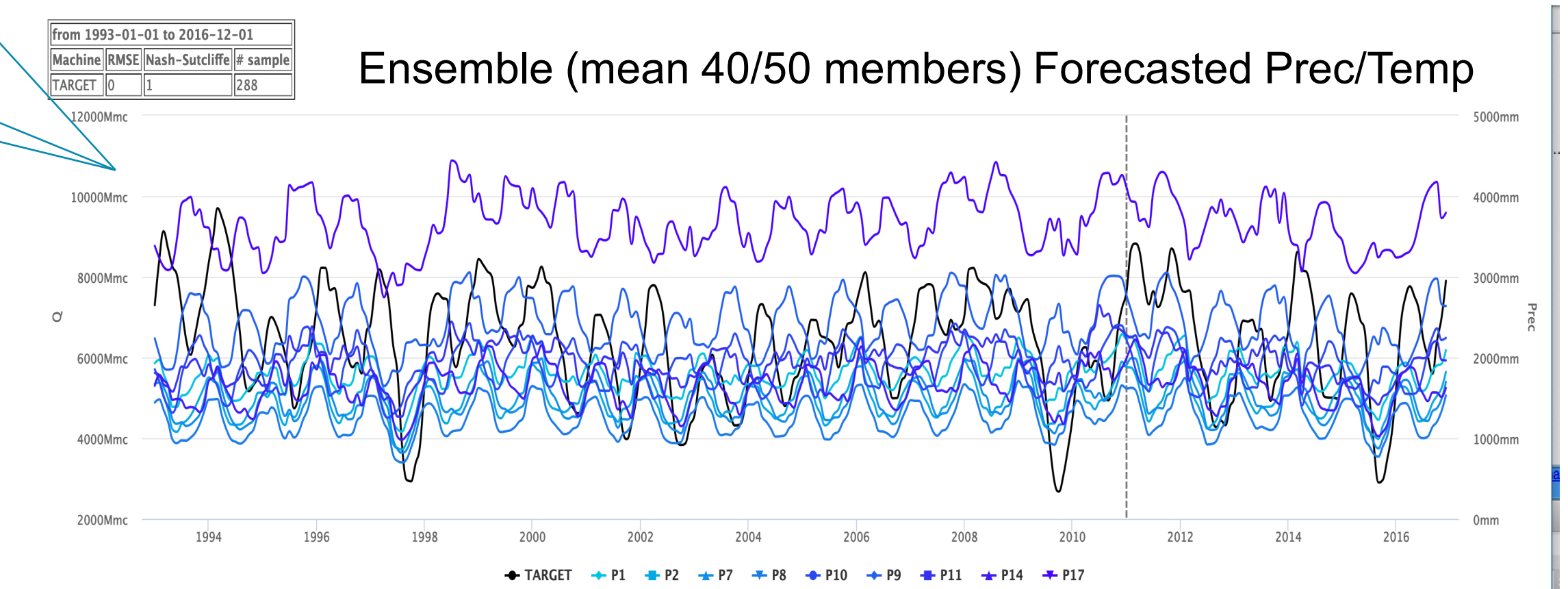


# How we did it- preprocessing



- (monthly) Copernicus Seasonal Hindcast (P,T)
- @100 km resolution

Are this signals (cor)related to target volumes ?



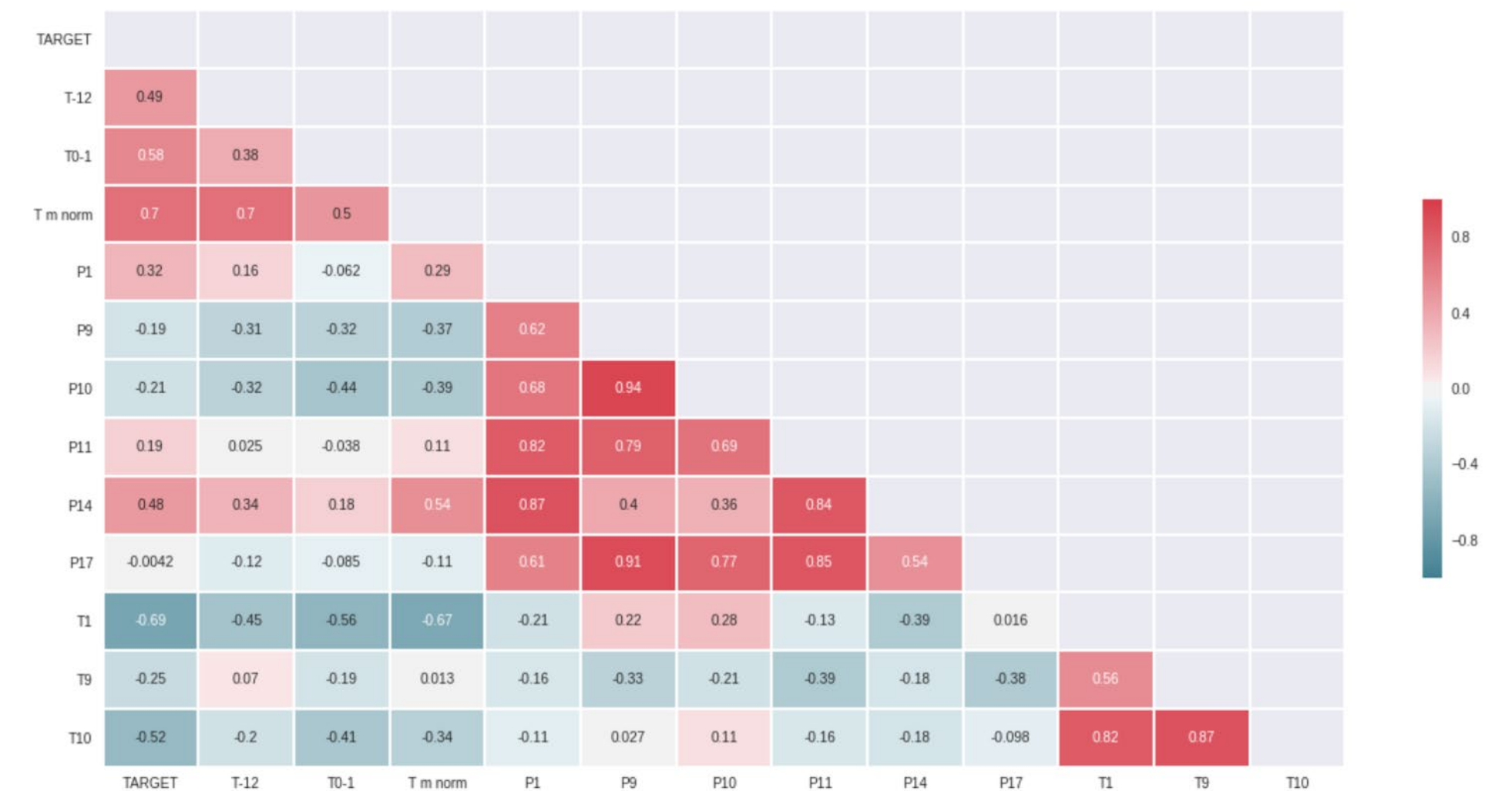
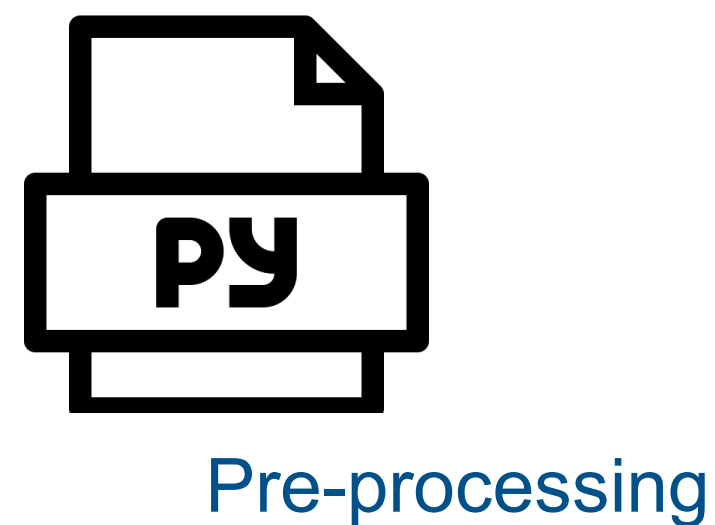
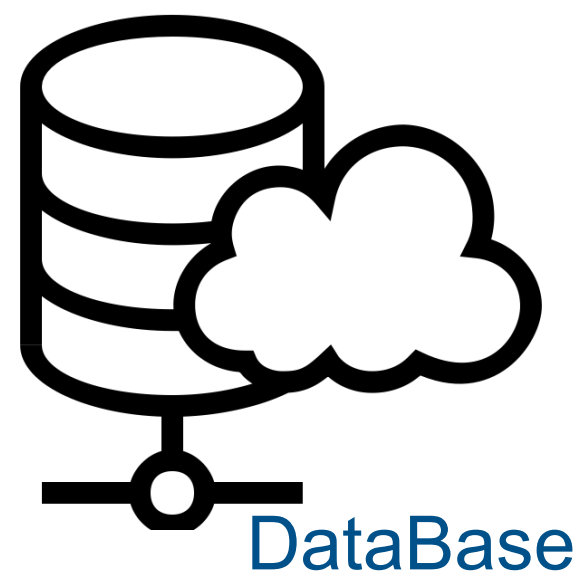
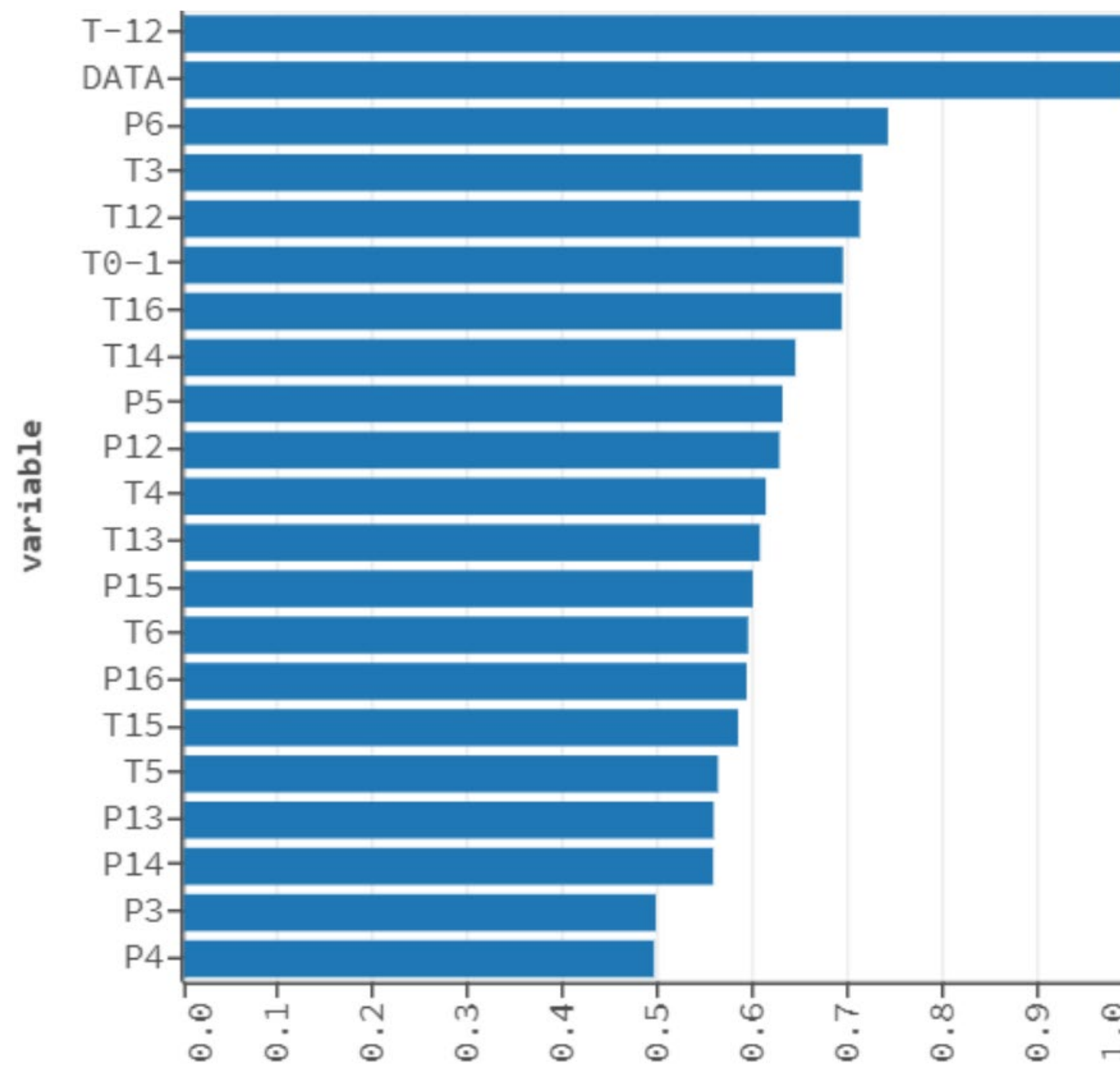
Correlation between cumulated volumes and hindcasted rainfall (anomalies from average climatology)



# How we did it- Features selection

- Selecting among available features to get most informative ones available operationally

▼ VARIABLE IMPORTANCES



Correlation matrix to select among available features

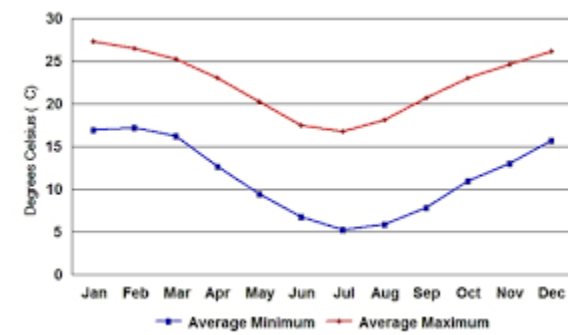
Tree based relative variable importance

# How we did it- ML training

- Test an **AUTOML** platform among available ones OR train an algorithm using open libraries

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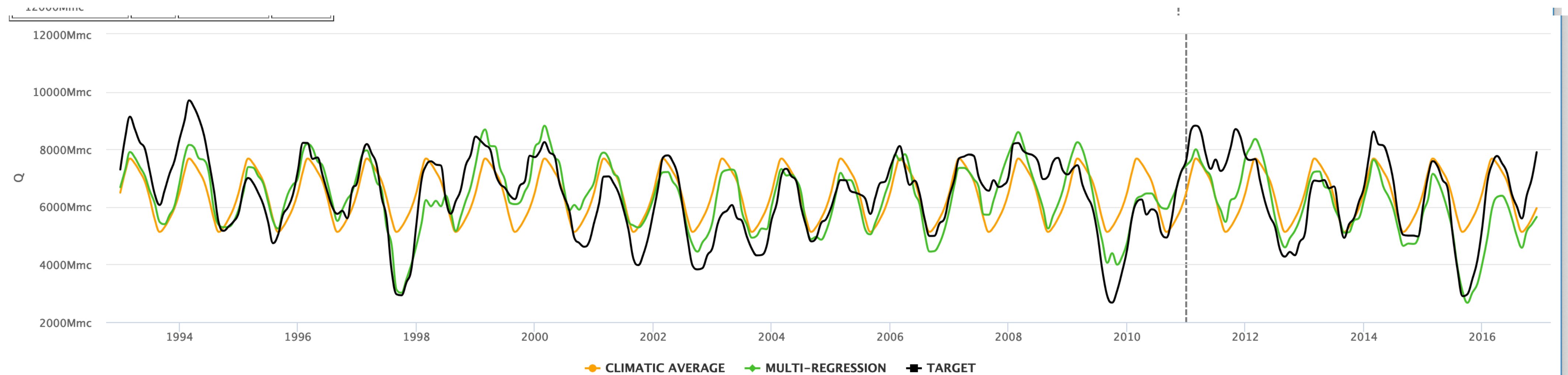
# Baseline and Benchmark



**BASELINE : What you have for free : trivial bench - climatic average**



**BENCHMARK: What you can setup with an excel spreadsheet - multiregression with same input features - EGP**



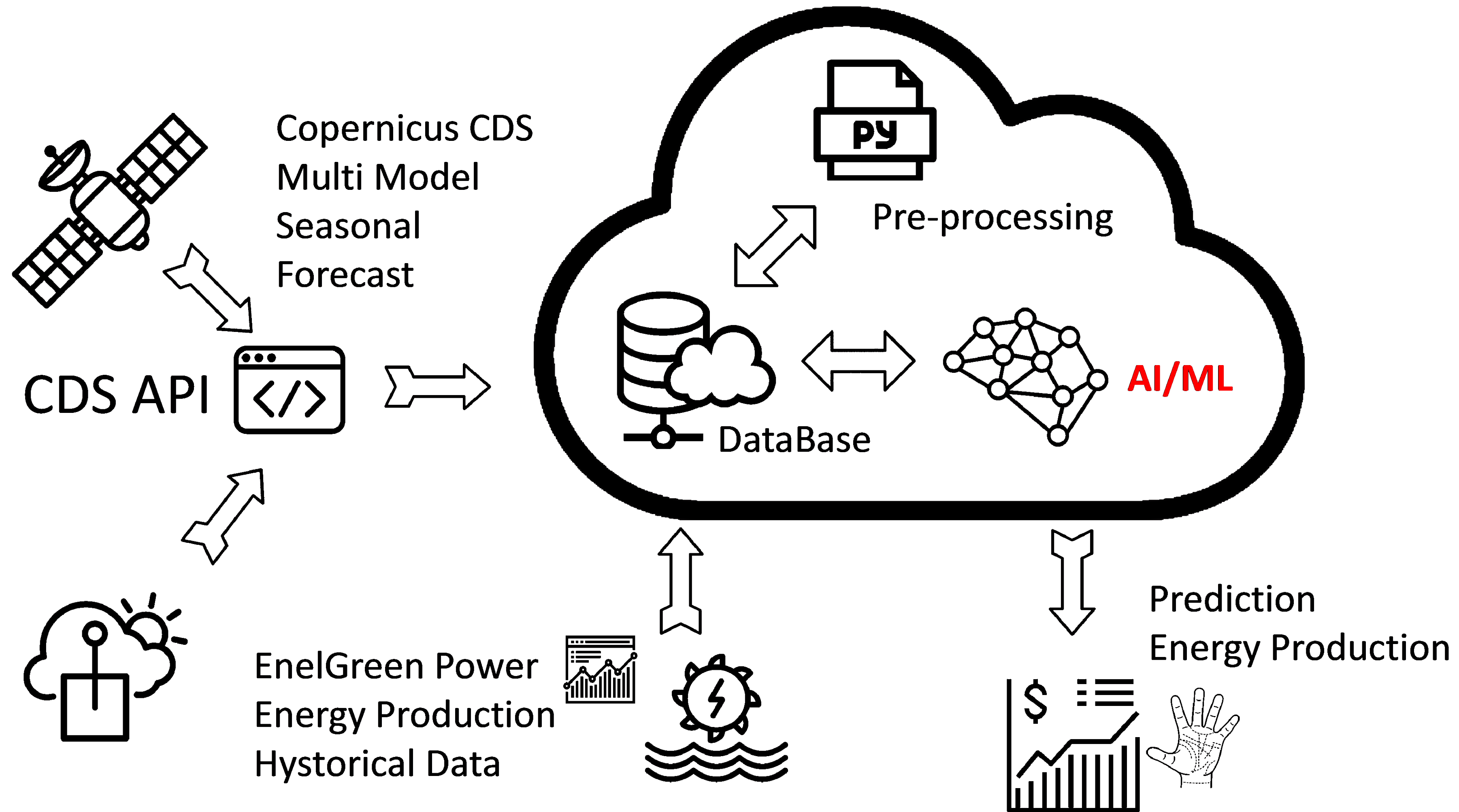


# Best Model Results Vs Baselines- RMSE

	BETANIA 6 Months RMSE (1E6 mc) Cum. Vol 6 Months	GUAVIO 3 Months RMSE (1E6 mc) Cum. Vol 3 Months
Deep Learning	697	116
SVR	819	116
Multi-regression	960	135
Climatic Average	1000	136



# SCHT Operational Cloud-Web CS





# SCHT Web Demo

Params

Features

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TARGET

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TARGET PREV.YEA

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TARGET CURR.MOI

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CLIMATIC AVERAGI

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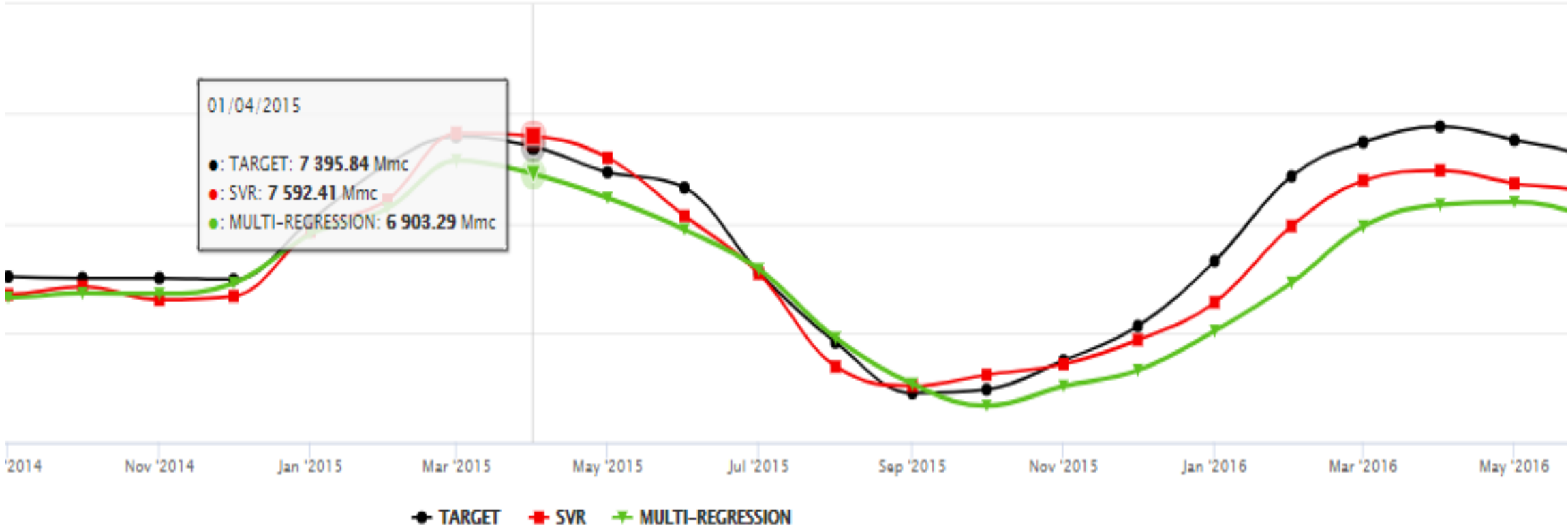
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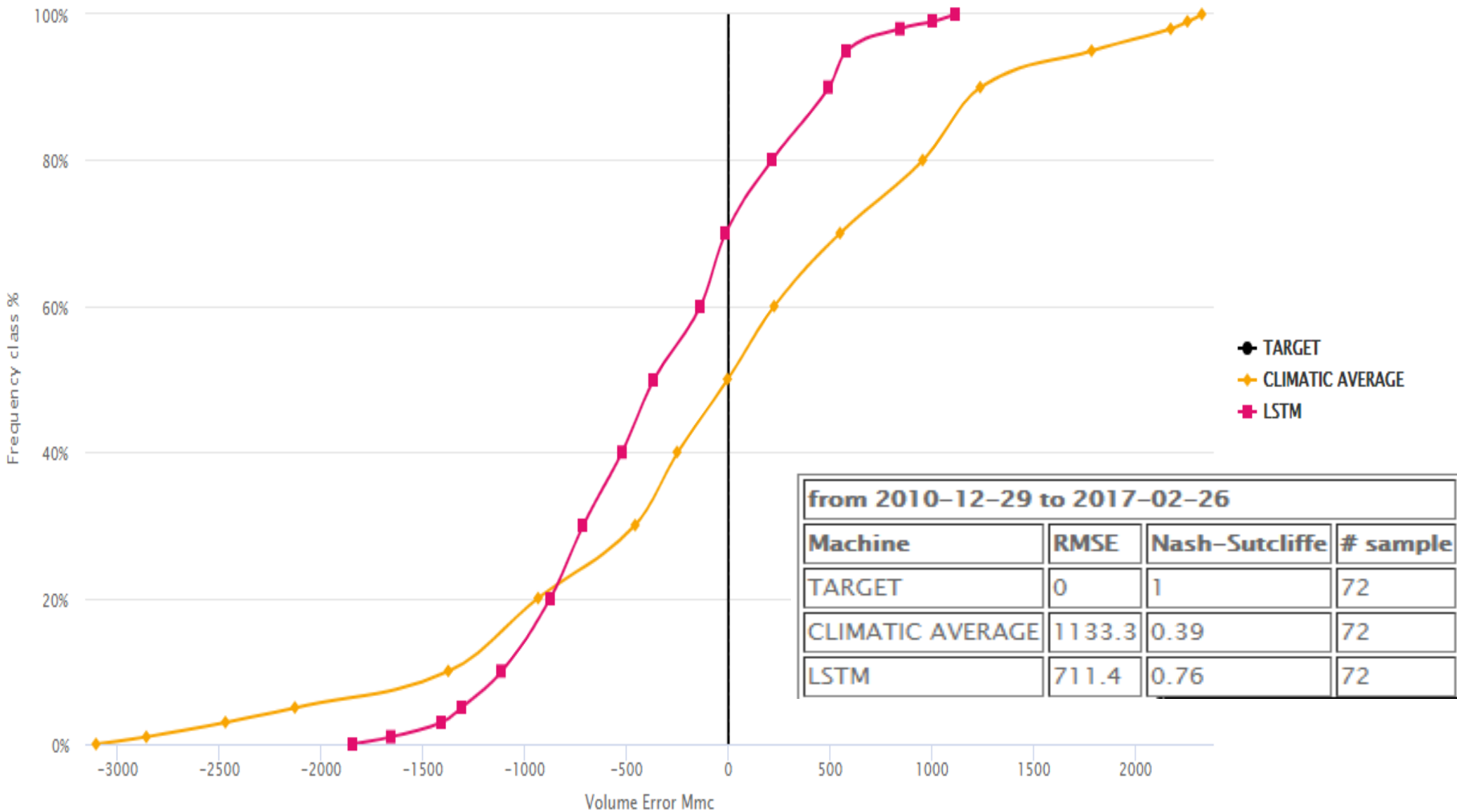
Predictions

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LSTM



Volum error percentile distribution of different predictors





# Conclusion- an added value example

- AI-based SCHAT CS can improve seasonal forecast energy production
  - [+1,7%-+0,6%] on 2000GWh/year  $\approx$  0.5M\$/year (\*)
  - Better than multi-regression or Climatic Average
- SCHAT SC is low time consuming and can be replicated in multiple sites
  - No needs of complex hydrological models
  - Purely “data” driven
- AI and CDS data can boost and democratize Climate Service development

	NO SEASONAL FORECAST	SCHAT AI-based CS	PERFECT FORECAST
Years 2000-2016	100.0%	101.7%	103.1%
Years 2011-2016	106.0%	106.6%	108.3%

Simulation of expected benefits on annual producibility for budget adjustment twice a year, considering actual and perfect forecast , using hindcast data

(\*) with low energy price of 4 \$c/Kwh



# Thank you for your attention



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