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# Artificial Intelligence Applications In Hydrogeology And Groundwater Management

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# Introduction

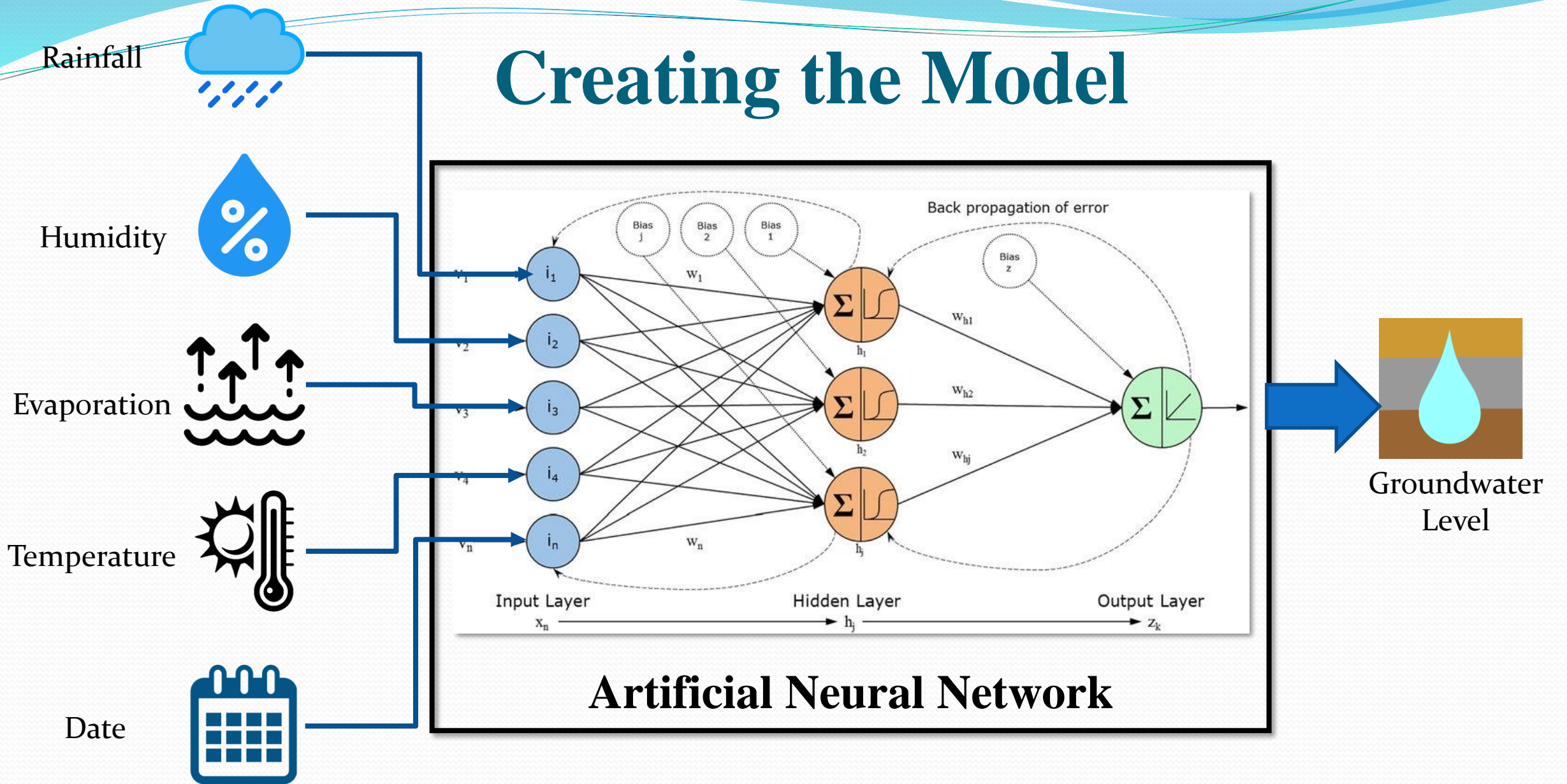
- More than two Billion people depend on groundwater as their Primary water source.
- More than half of the water used for irrigating the world's food supply comes from groundwater as well.
- Managing groundwater resources involves many aspects, including observing its usage and predicting its future utilization, In addition to aquifer delineation, pollution indicators, and any kind of relation the aquifers may maintain with each other.
- One of the key aspects of groundwater management is aquifer delineation. Accurately delineating aquifer boundaries provides numerous critical benefits that support sustainable groundwater management and utilization.

# Modeling and Prediction of Groundwater Level Fluctuations Using Geoinformatics and Artificial Neural Networks in Al Ain city, UAE

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# Creating the Model



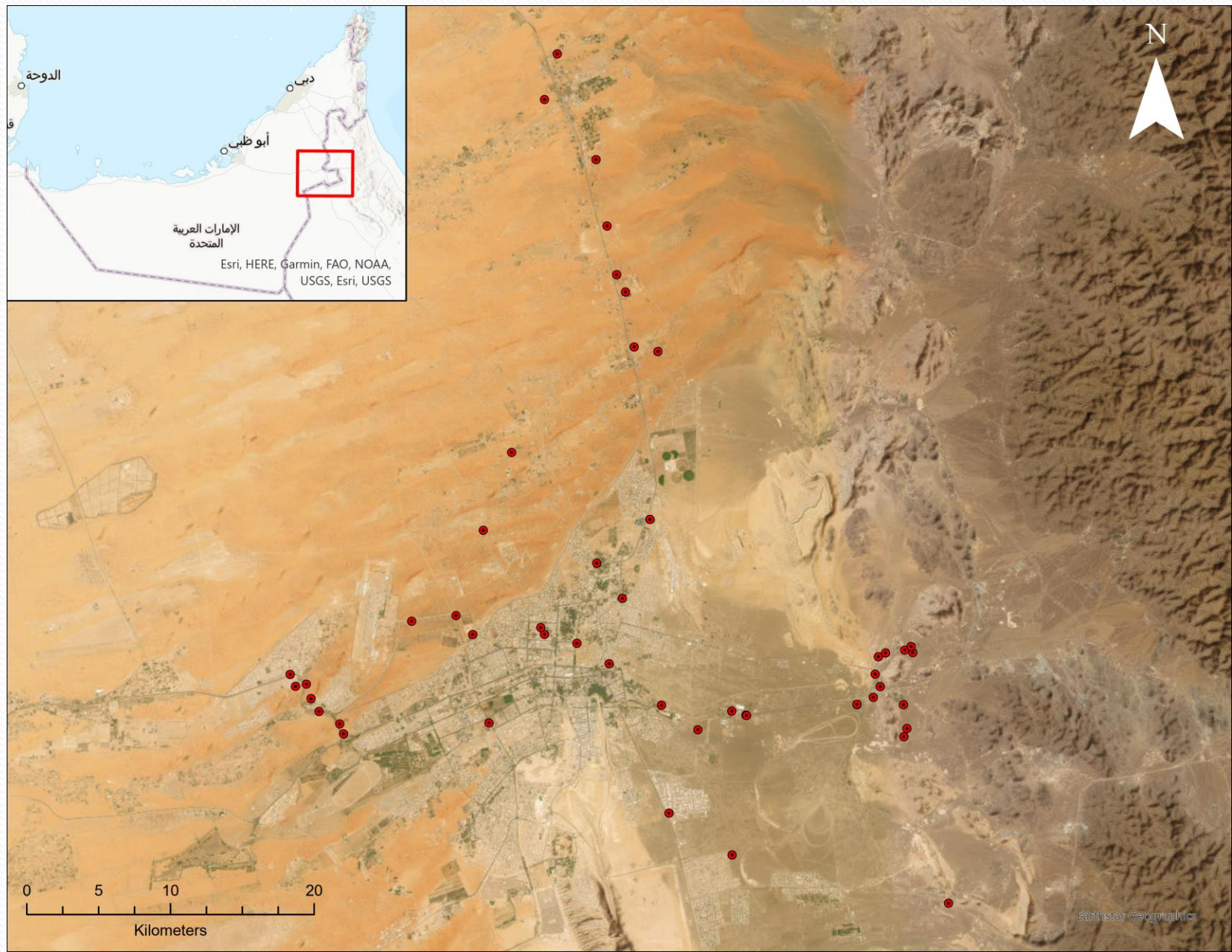


# Adaptation to climate change challenges in UAE: an artificial intelligence (AI) approach for the prediction of groundwater salinity changes

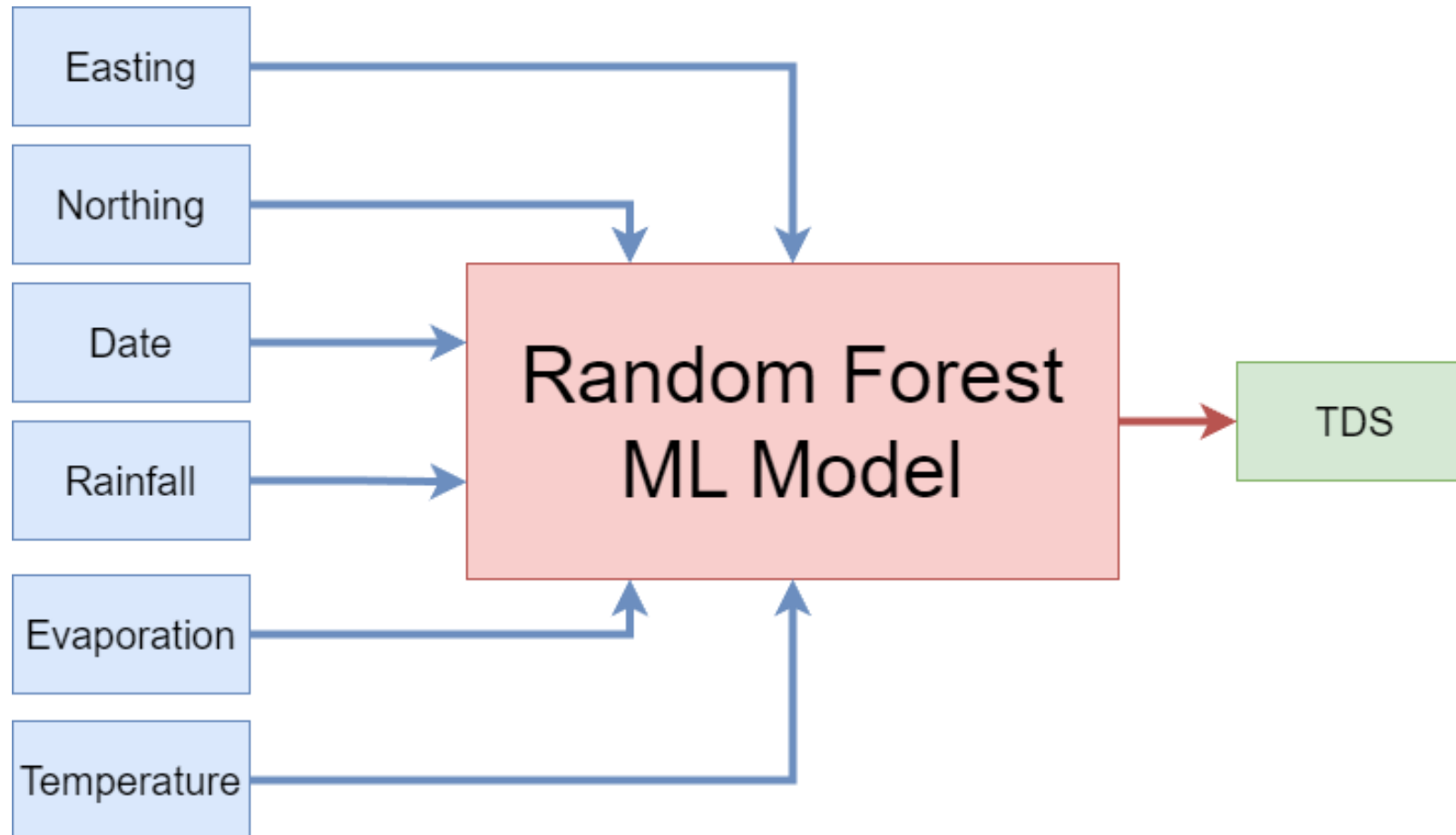
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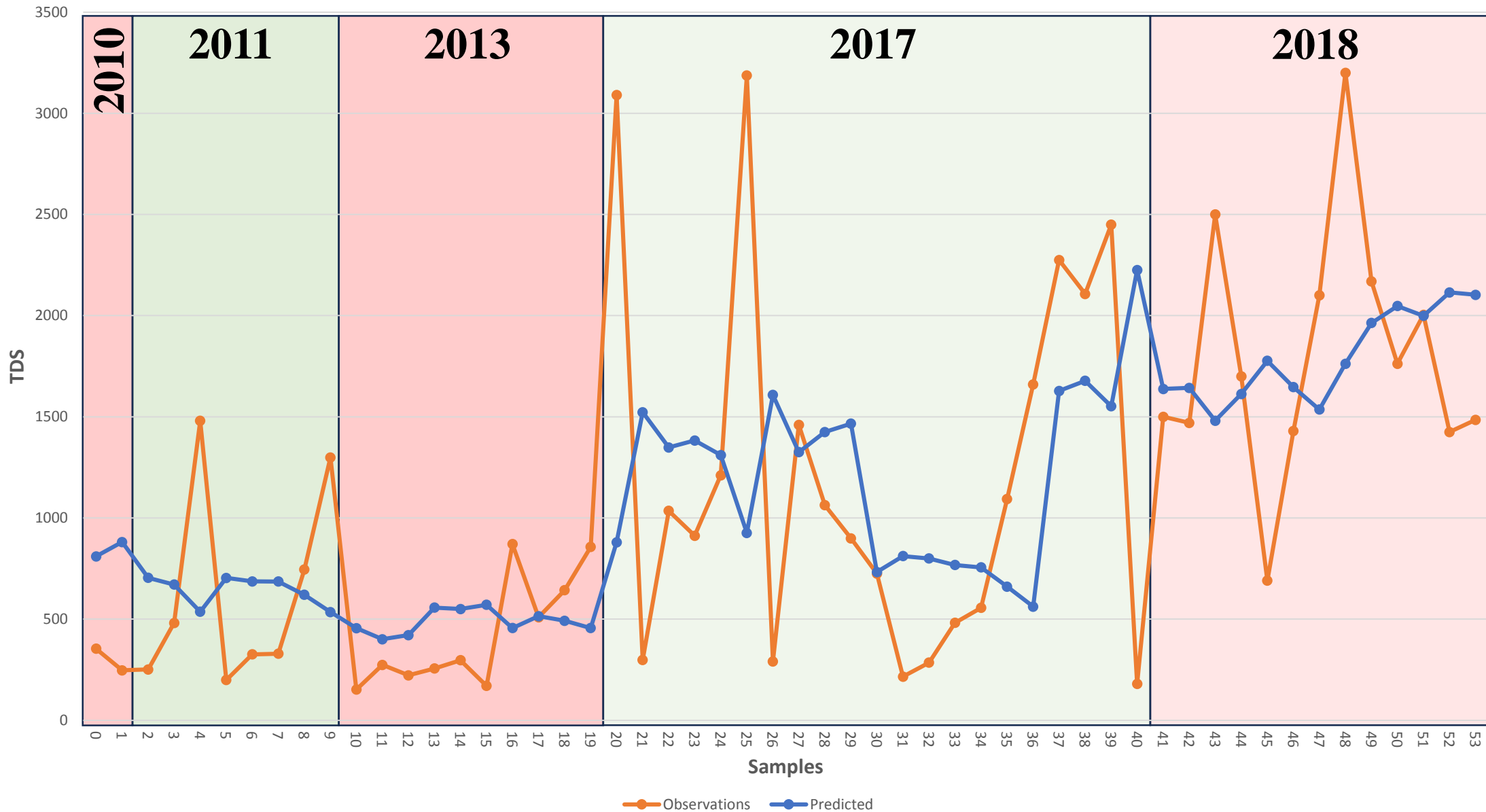
# Study Area



# ML Model Description

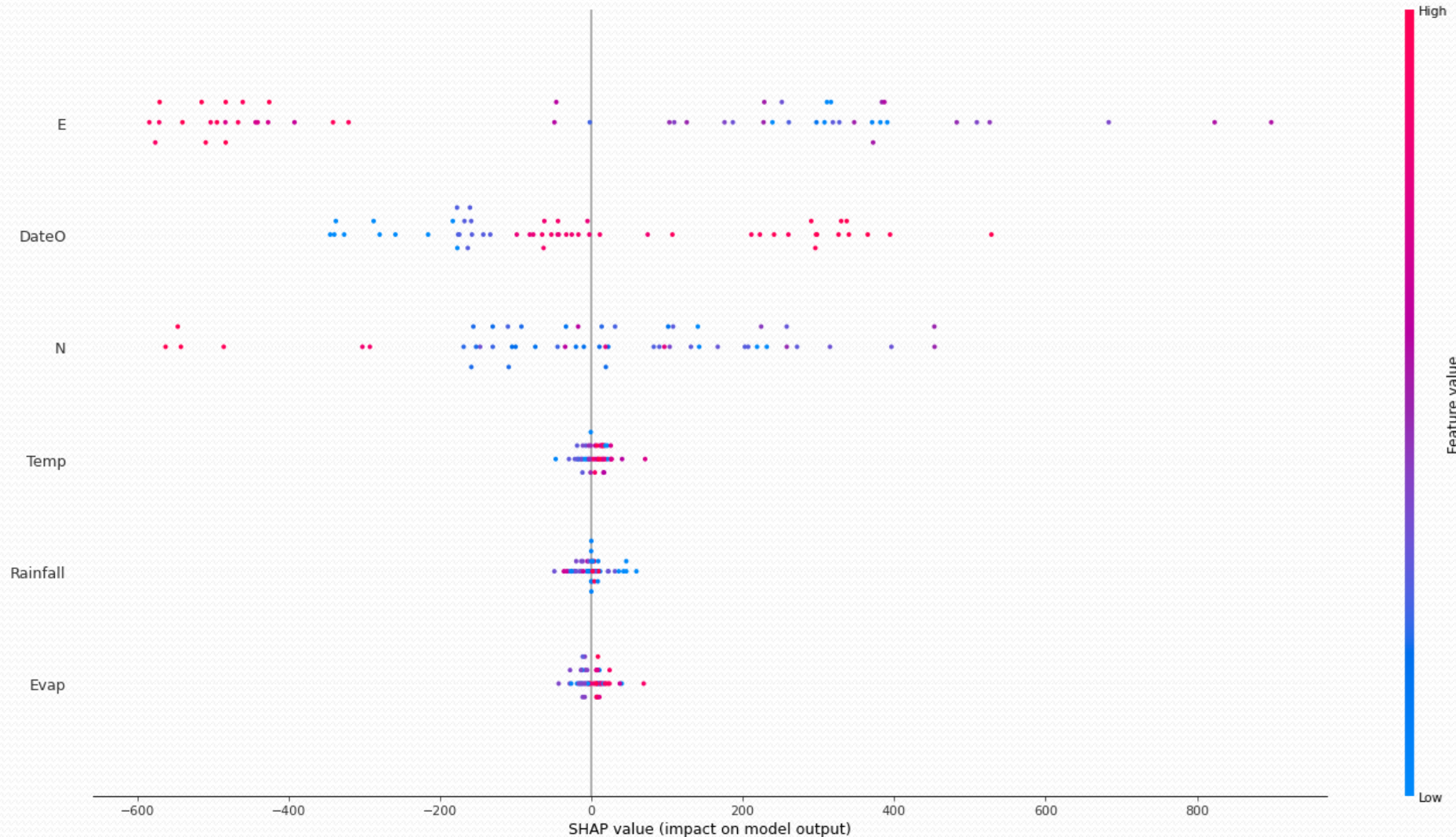


# Observations vs Predictions



# Factors Affecting Salinity in Al Ain

Feature	Importance
Easting	48.62%
Date	23.77%
Northing	22.08%
Temperature	1.88%
Rainfall	1.84%
Evaporation	1.81%



# Leveraging Machine Learning to Extract Insights and Spatial Patterns from Hydrogeochemical Datasets for Three Major Regions in the UAE

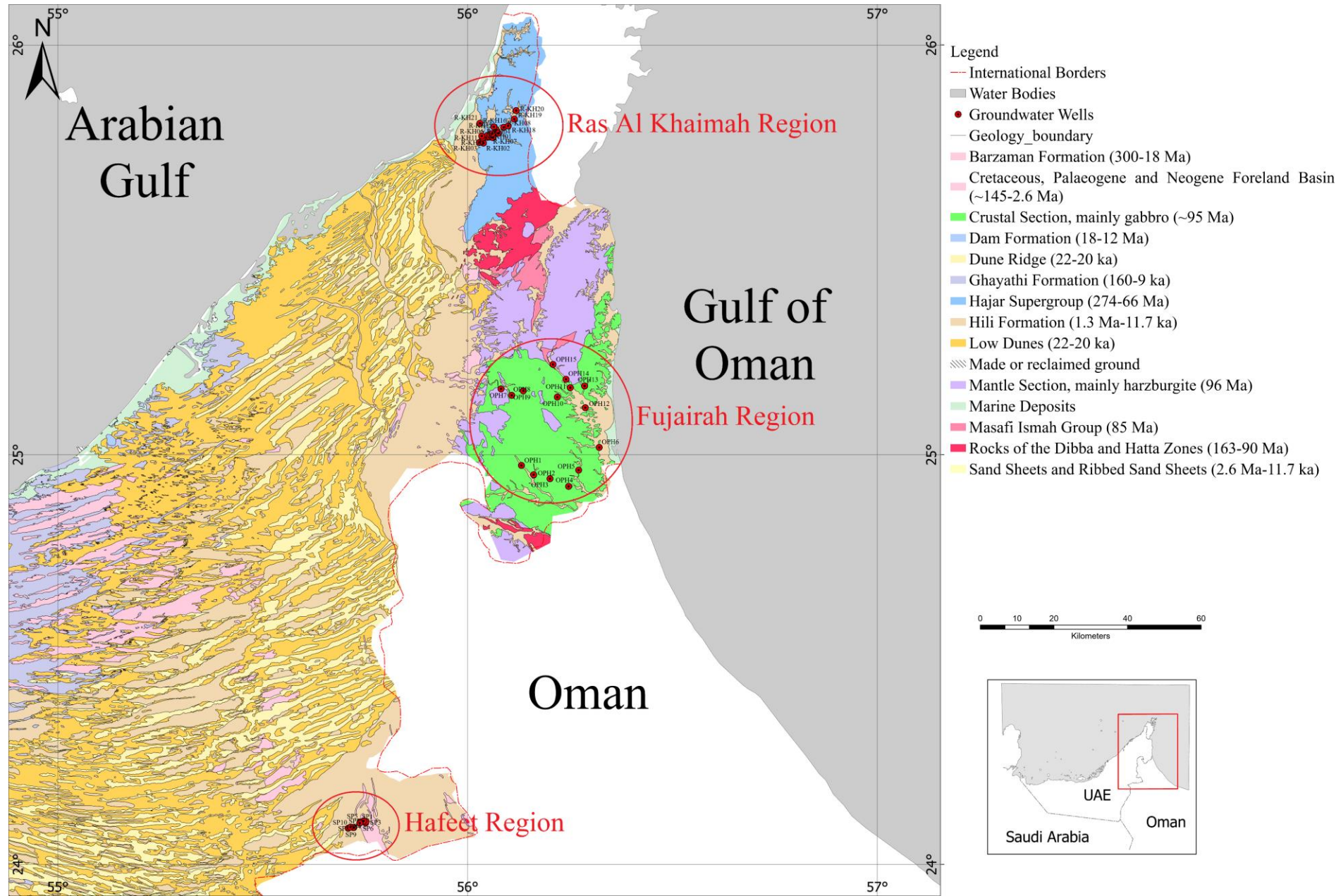
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# Geological Setting

Jabel Hafeet

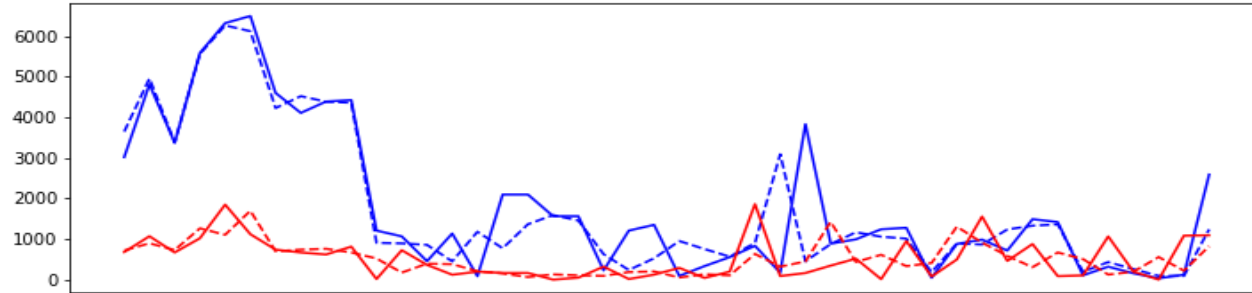
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Ras Al Khaimah

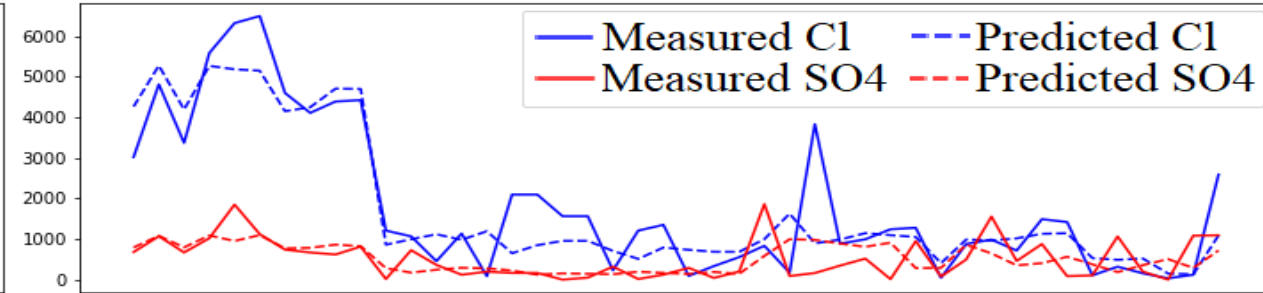


# Imputation Models

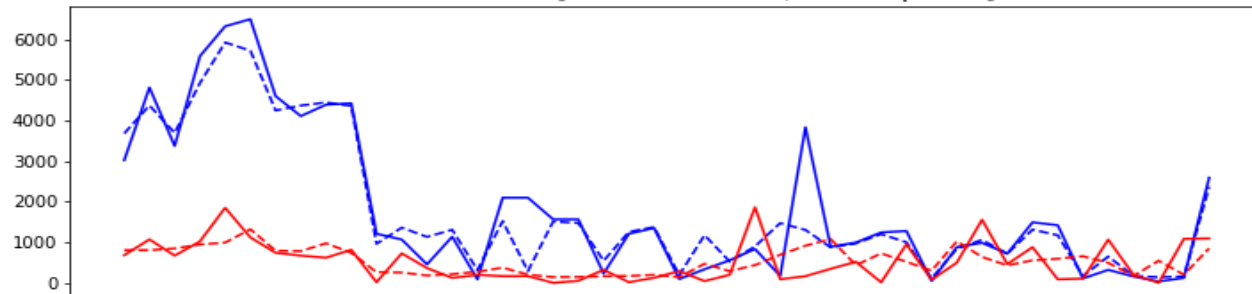
K-Nearest Neighbors [Nnumber of Neighbors=3, Weights=Distance]



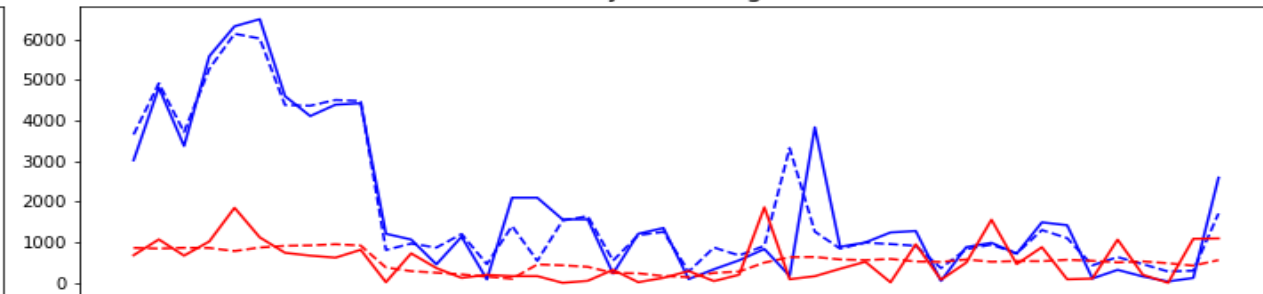
K-Nearest Neighbors [Nnumber of Neighbors=5, Weights=Uniform]



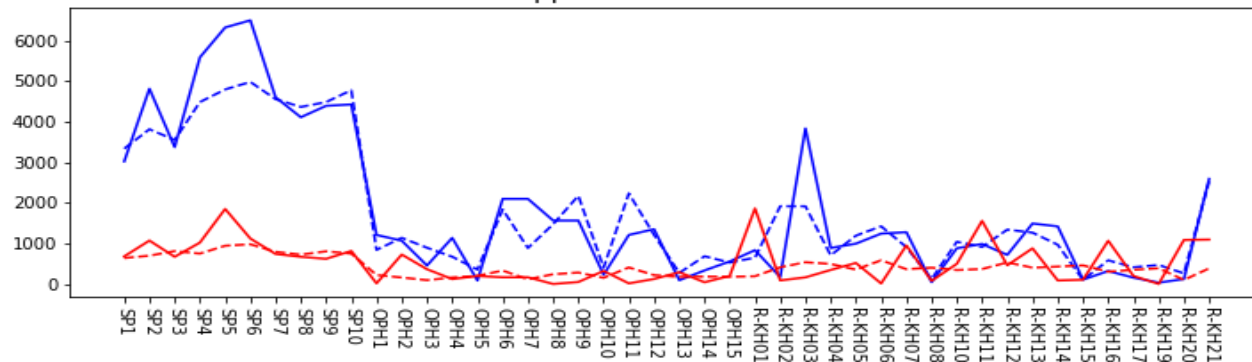
Random Forrest [Esitimators=200, Max Depth=6]



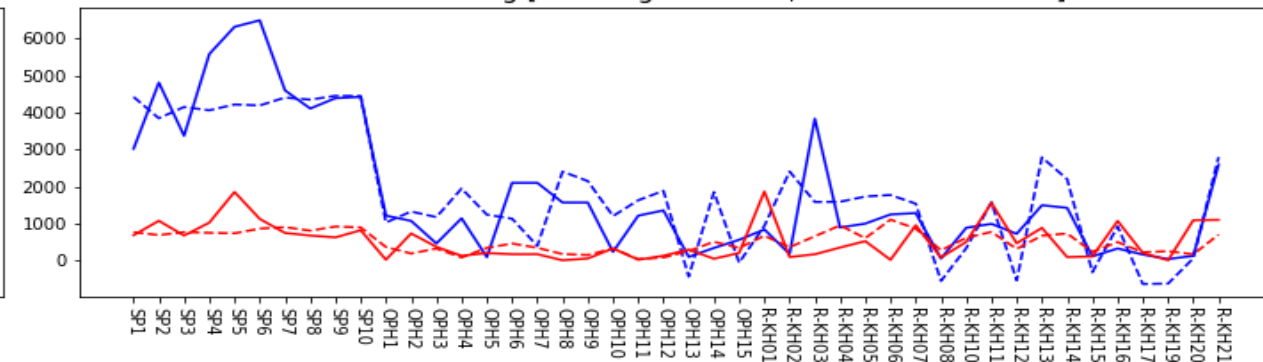
Bayesian Ridge



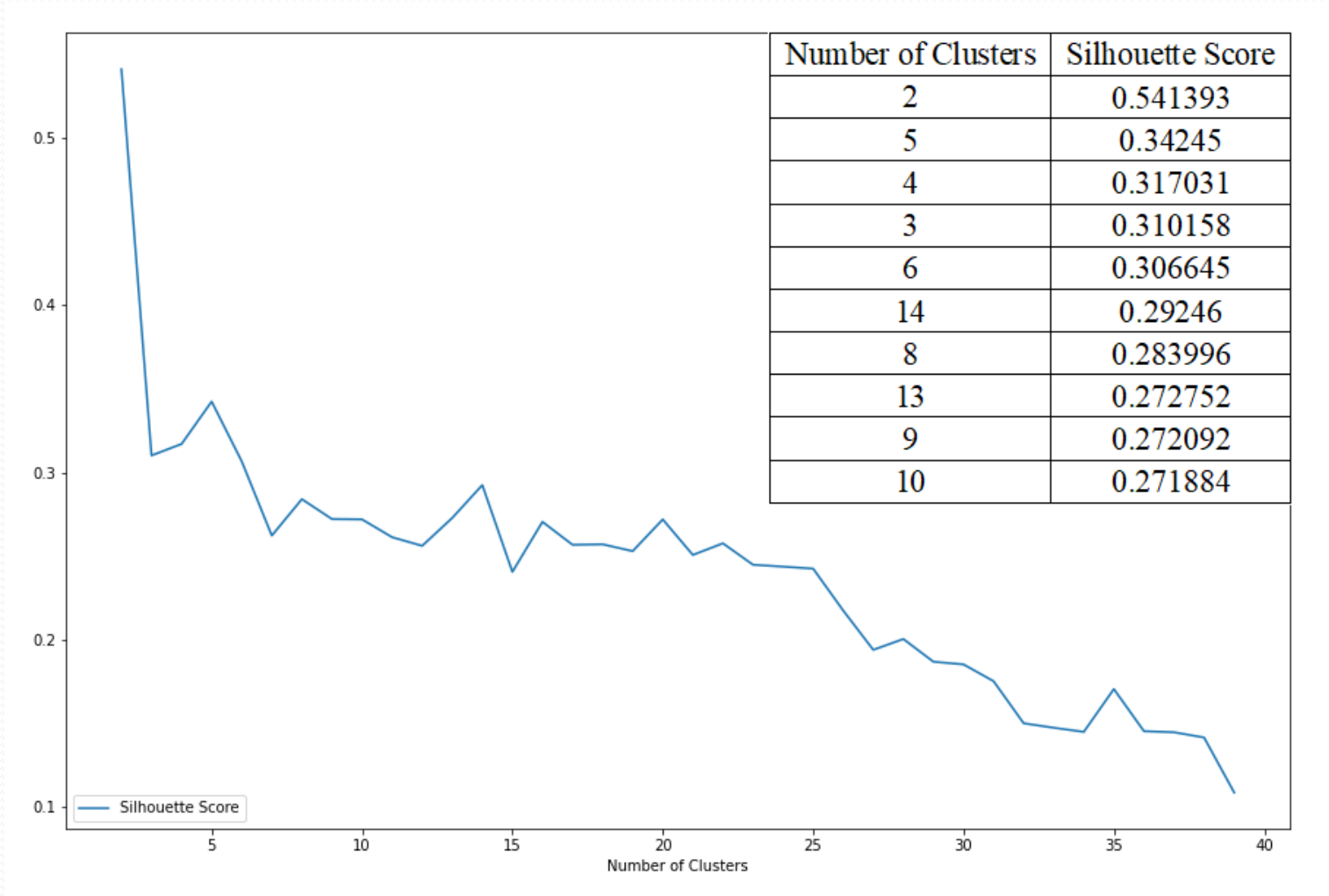
Support Vector Machines



GradientBoosting [Learning Rate=0.1, Max Iteration=100]

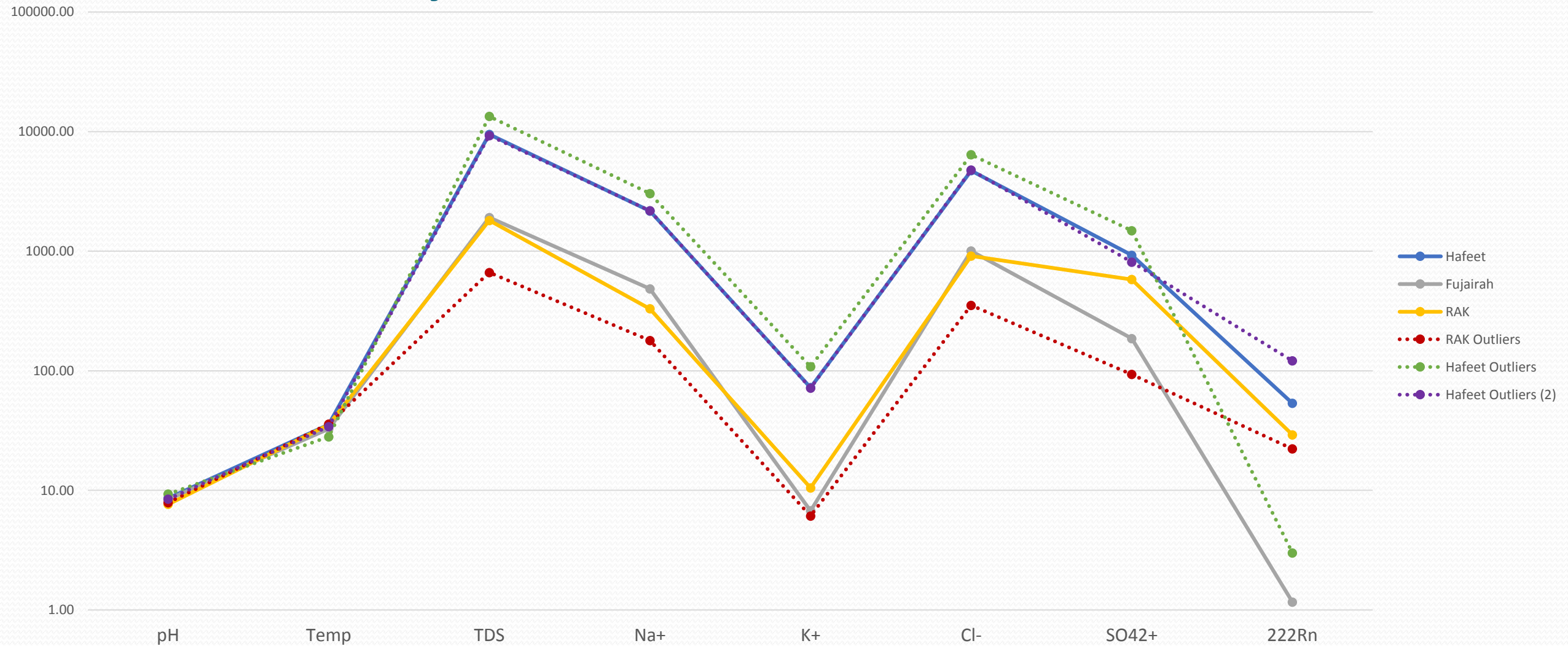


# Optimum Number of Clusters



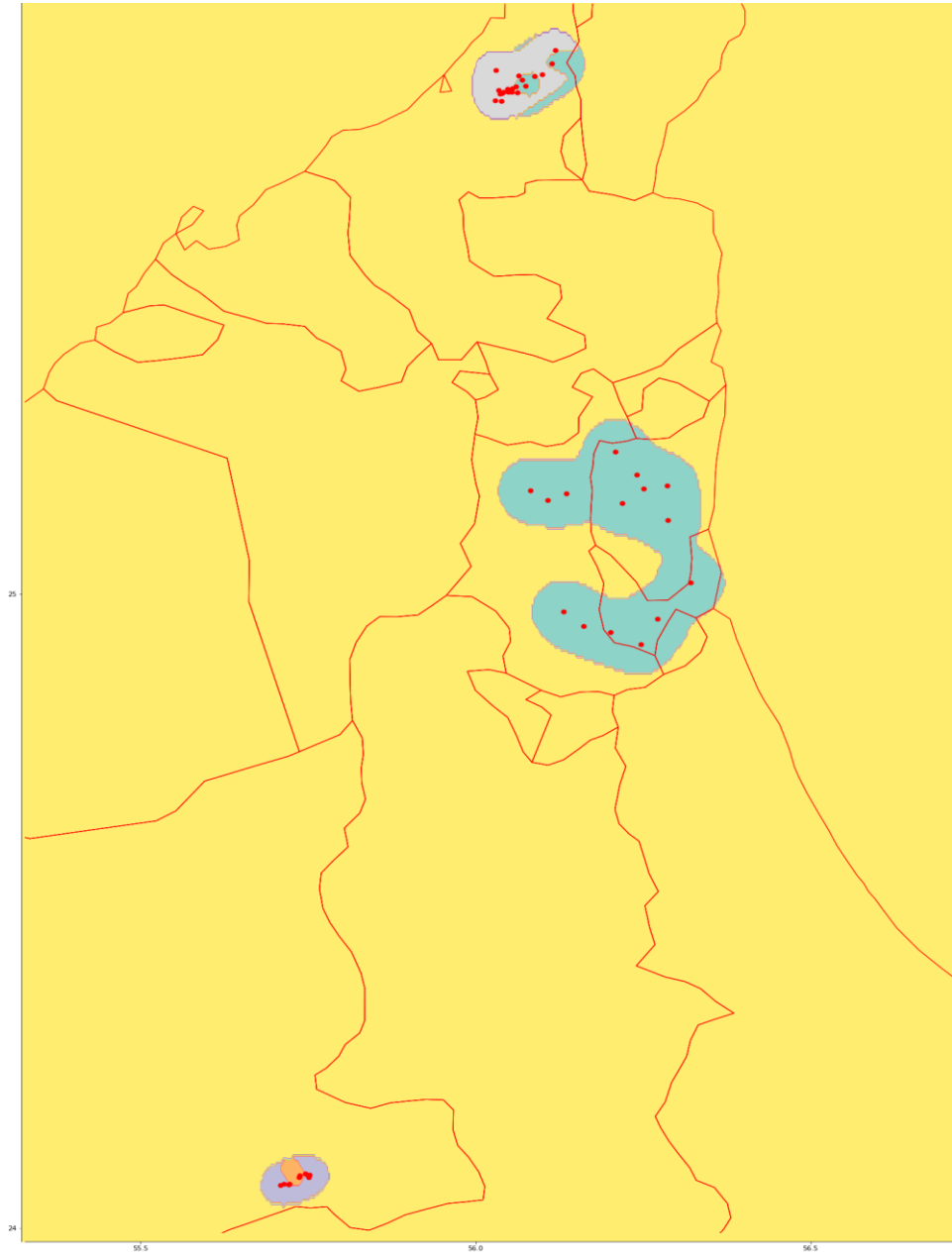


# Sensitivity



# Clustering Map and Conclusions

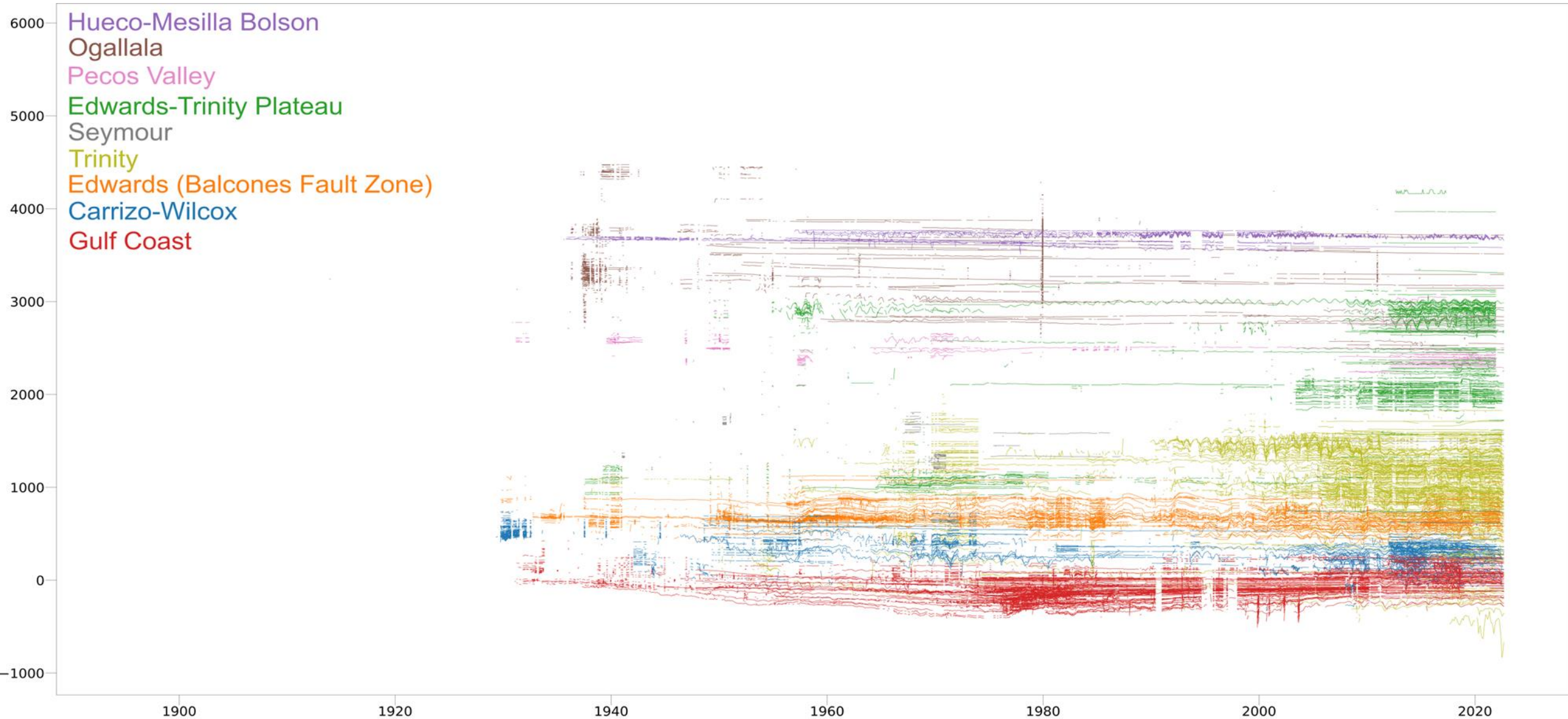
- First, the samples collected in the Fujairah region were always classified as one cluster, never subdivided into smaller clusters even when the number of clusters was raised into five.
- Five wells in Ras Al Khaimah were classified into the same cluster as the Fujairah wells, which indicate their abnormality compared to the region and their close resemblance to the Fujairah region wells
- The model classified two samples as a different group compared to the rest of the samples collected in the Hafef region. Both samples were collected from surface water (Green Mubazzarah Lake) as opposed to the other samples being from groundwater sources



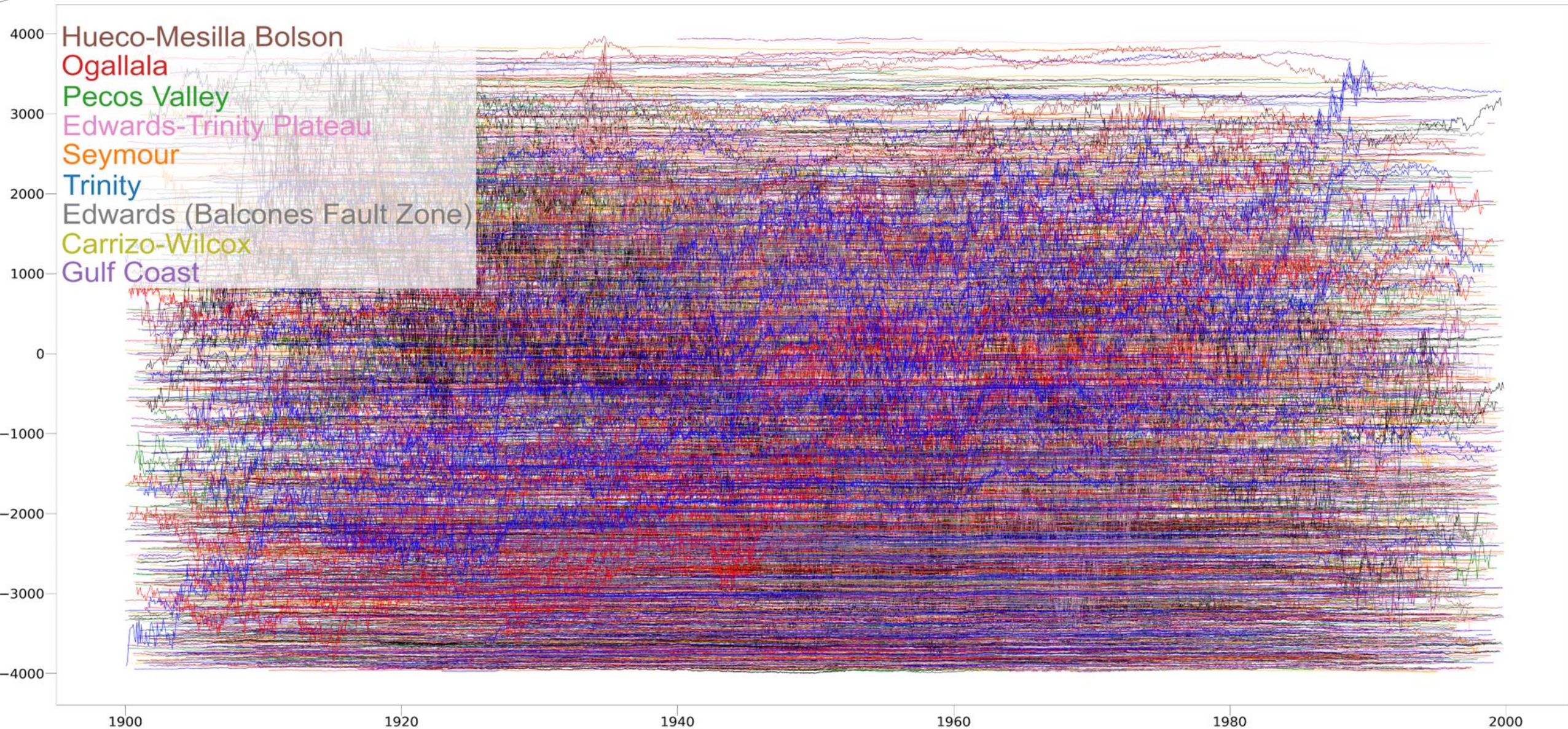
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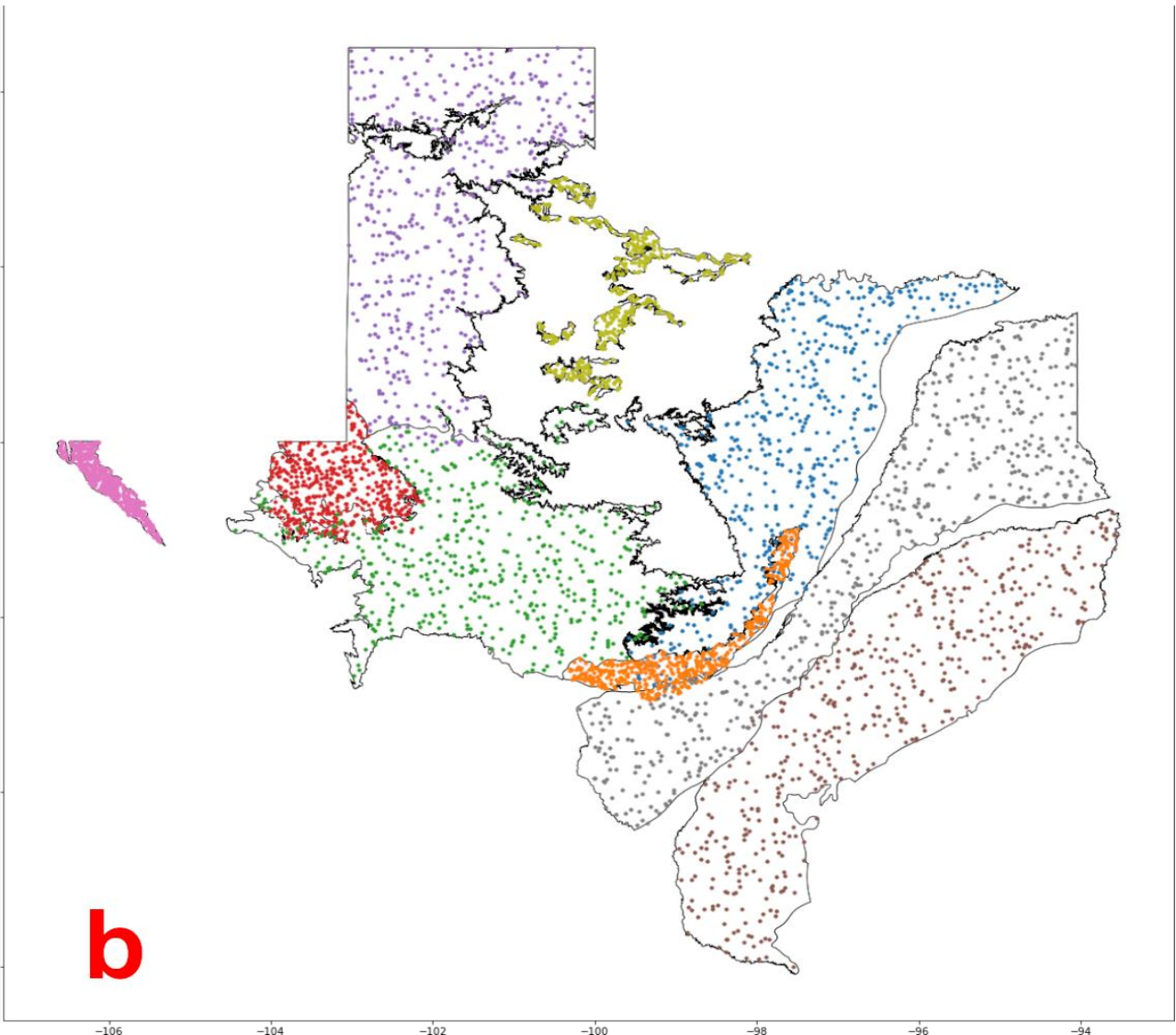
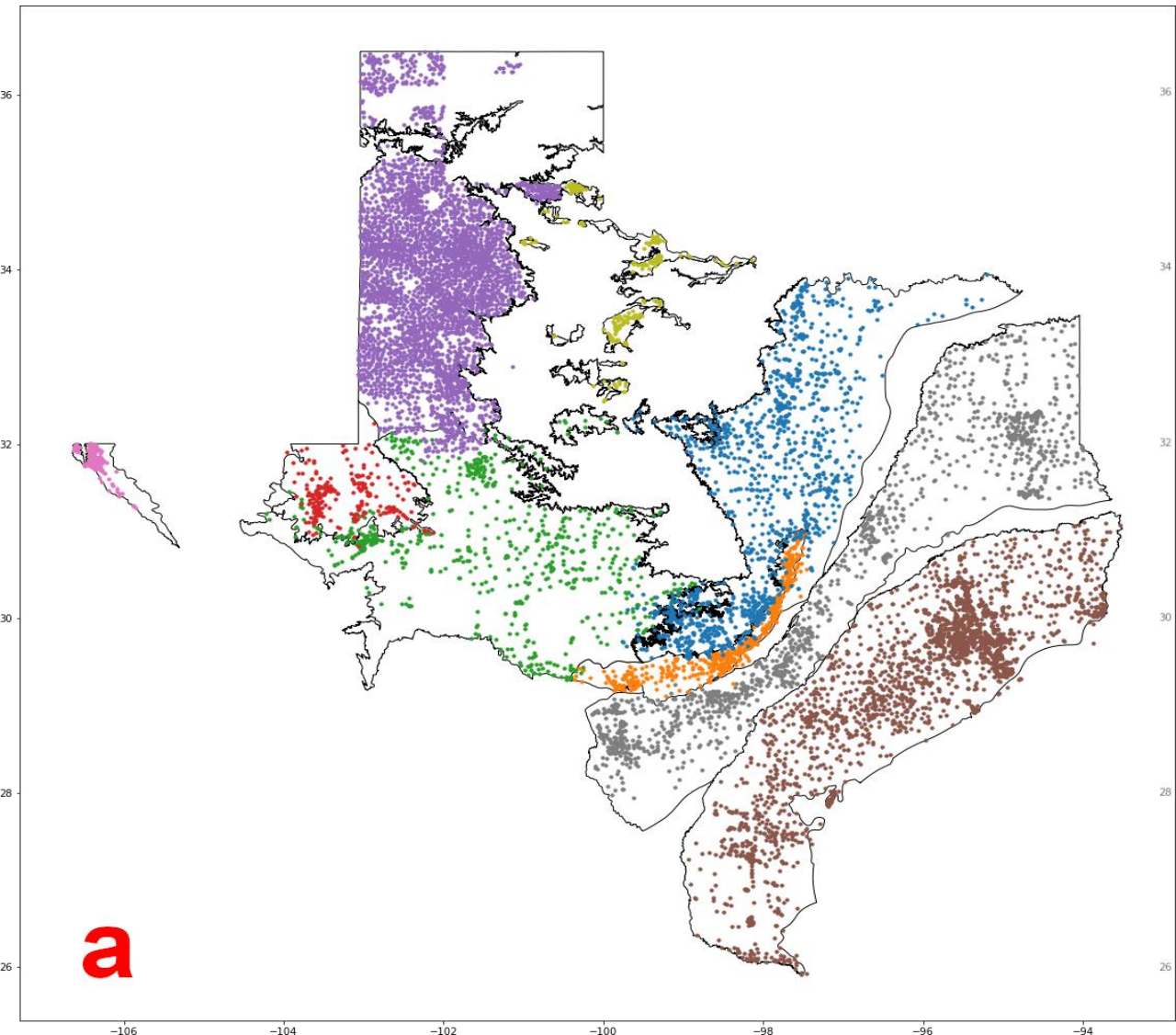
# Datasets (Real)



# Datasets (Synthetic)



# Datasets (Spatial Distribution)



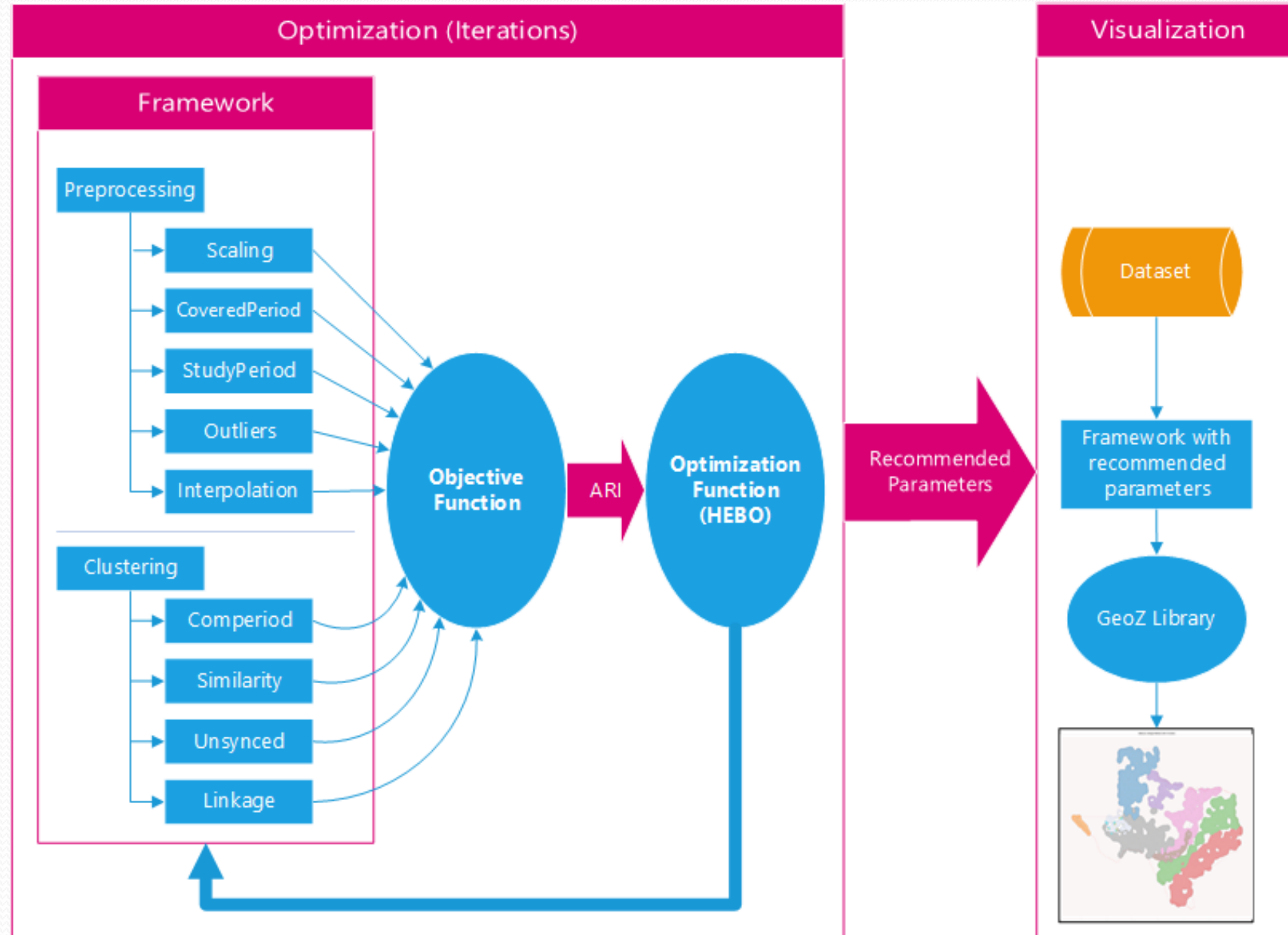
# Methodology

## 1. Framework

- Preprocessing
  - a) Custom Distance Function
  - b) Prediction
- Clustering Model
- Framework Parameter

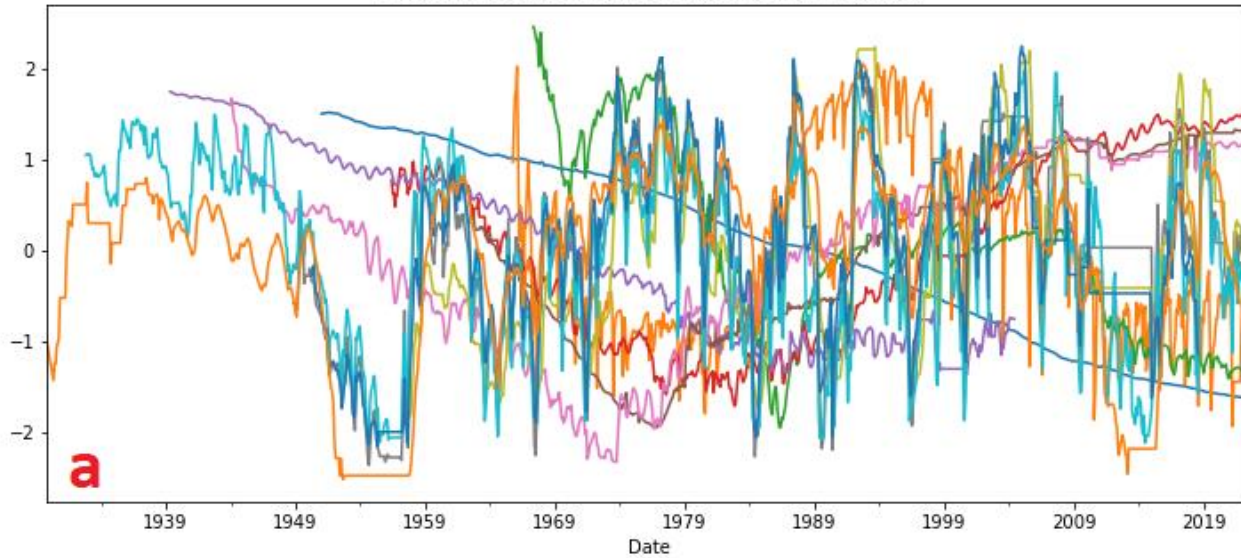
## 2. Optimization Via Simulation (OVS)

## 3. Visualization

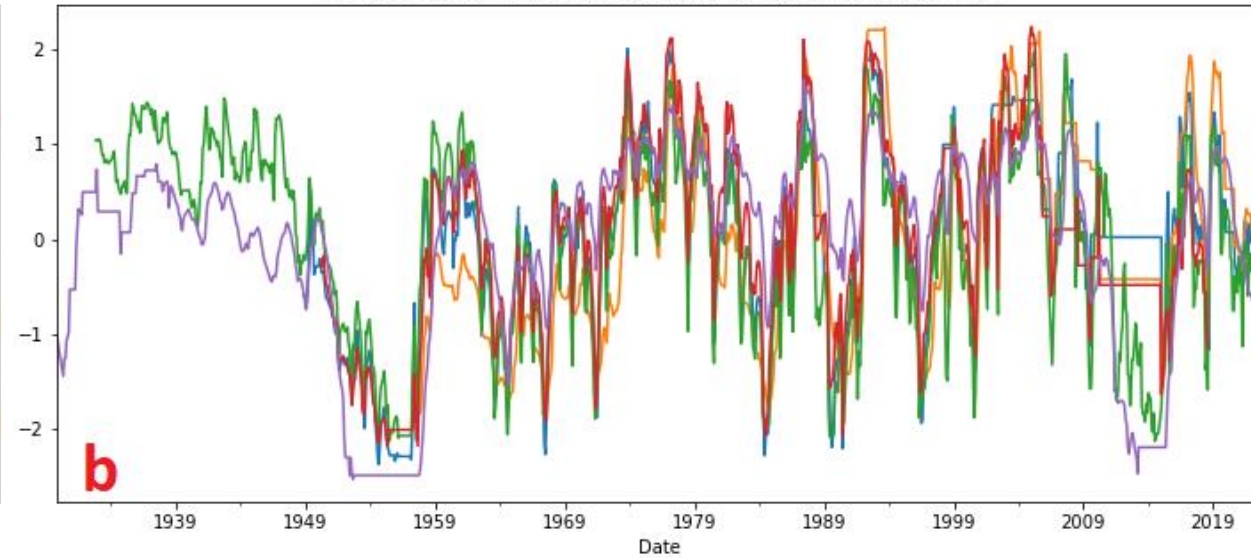


# Results - Profiles

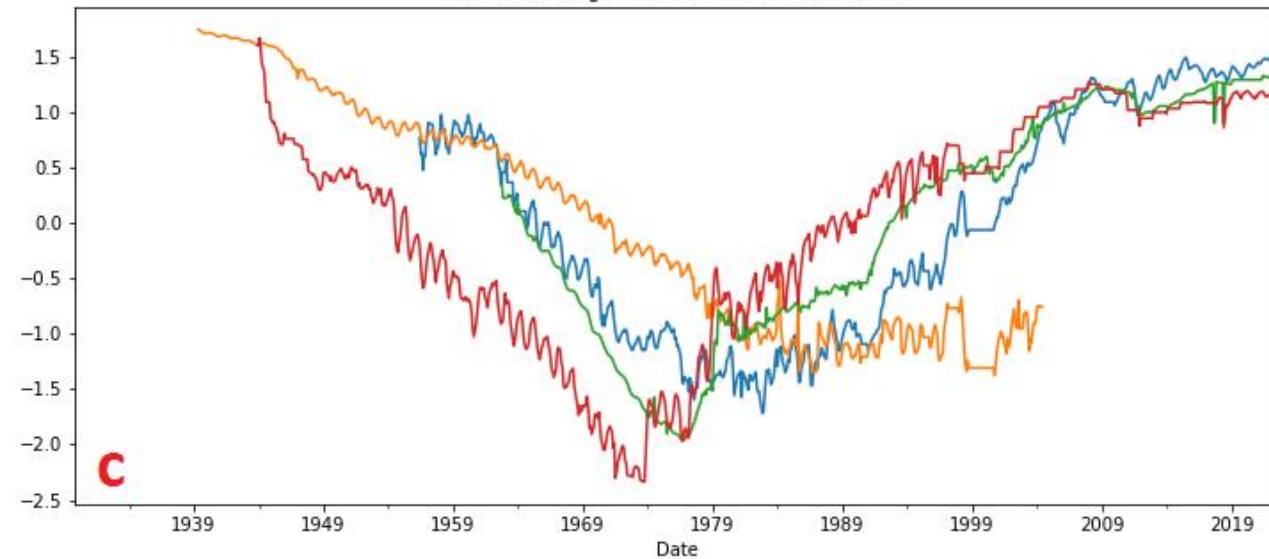
Texas Groundwater Dataset: , Number of Wells: 12



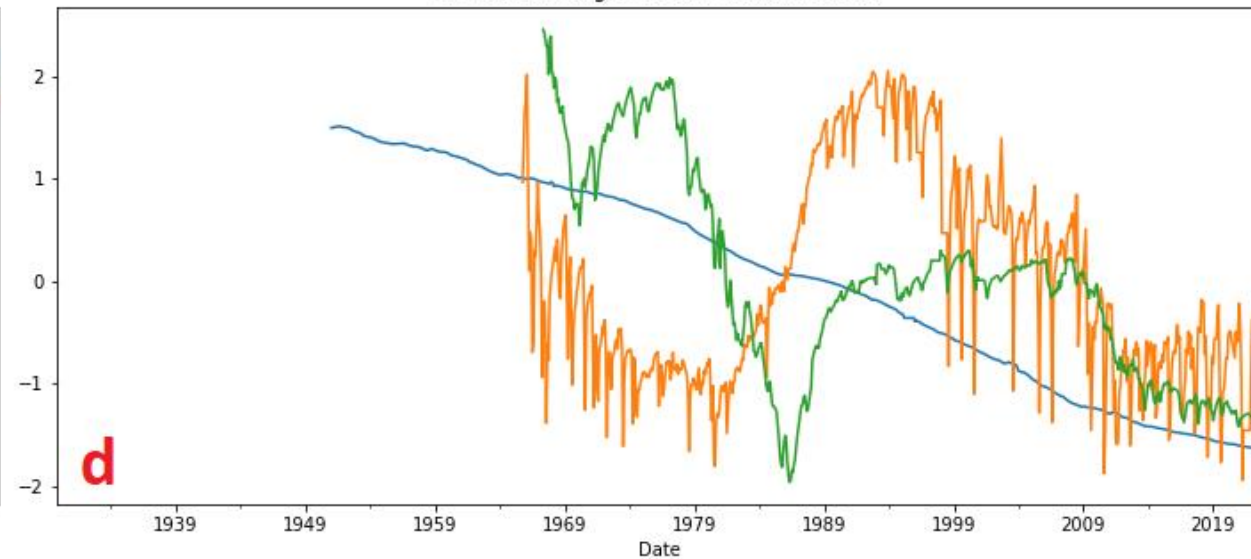
Basin Name: edwards (balcones fault zone), Number of Wells: 5



Basin Name: gulf coast, Number of Wells: 4

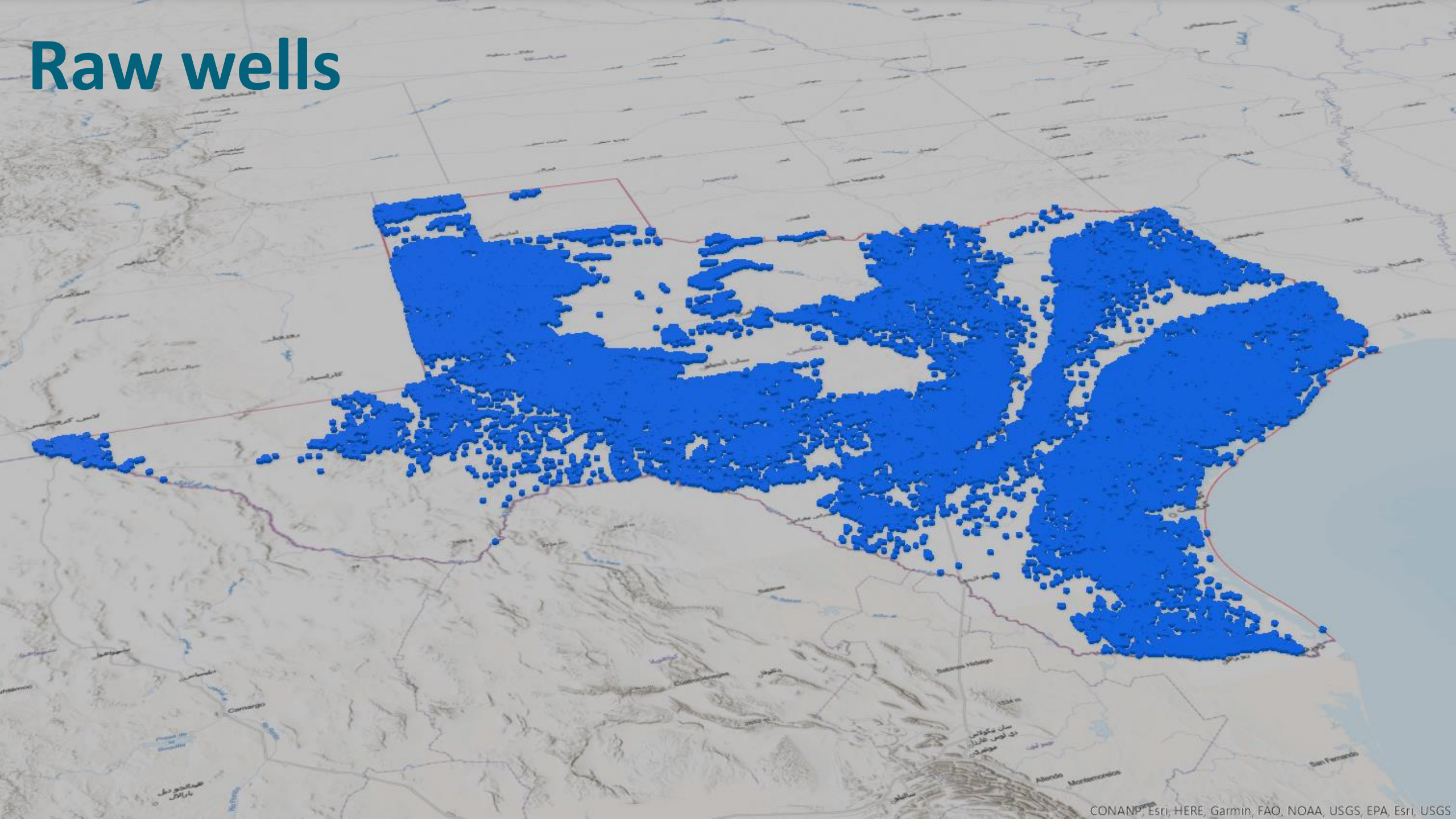


Basin Name: ogallala, Number of Wells: 3

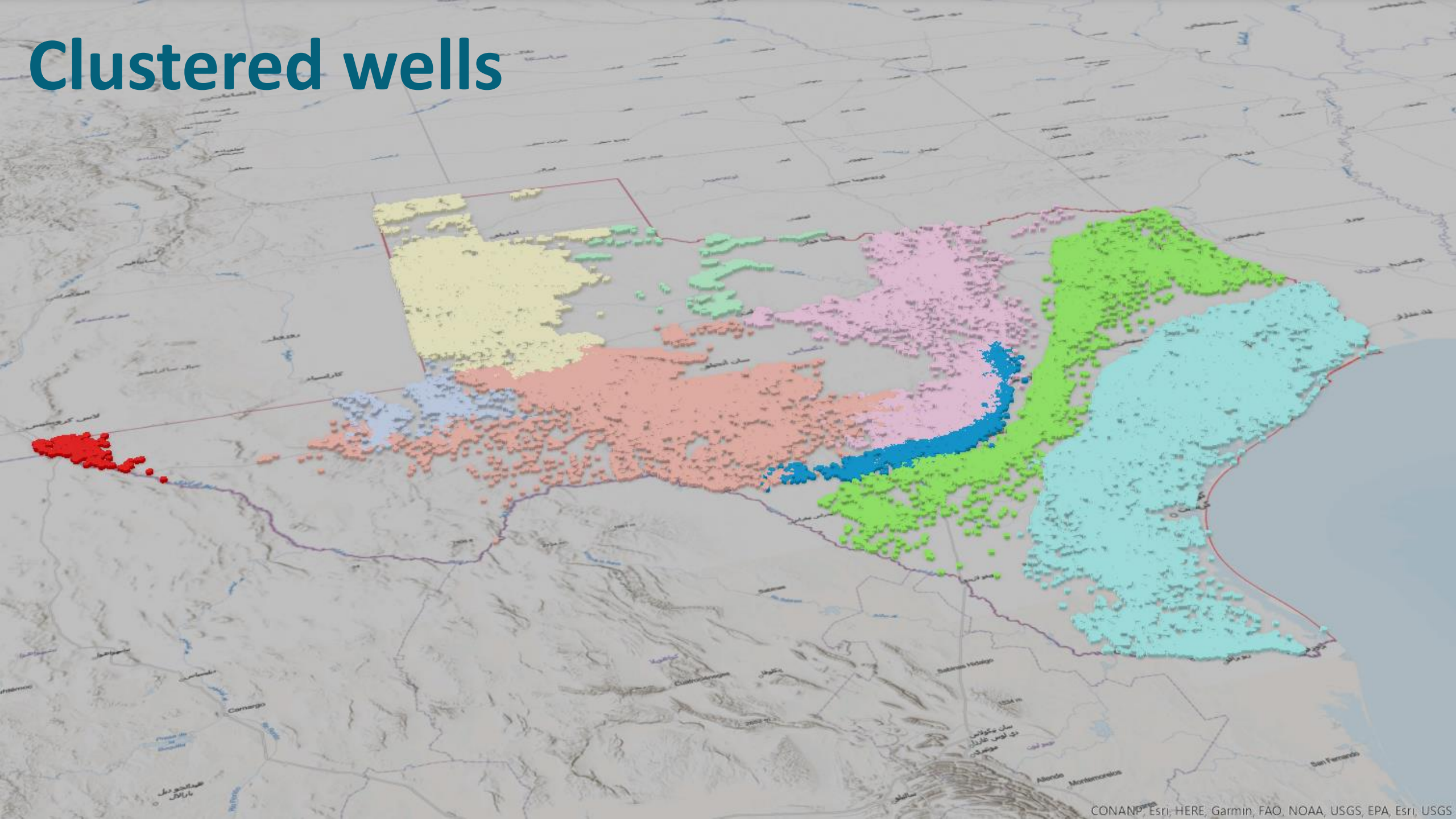




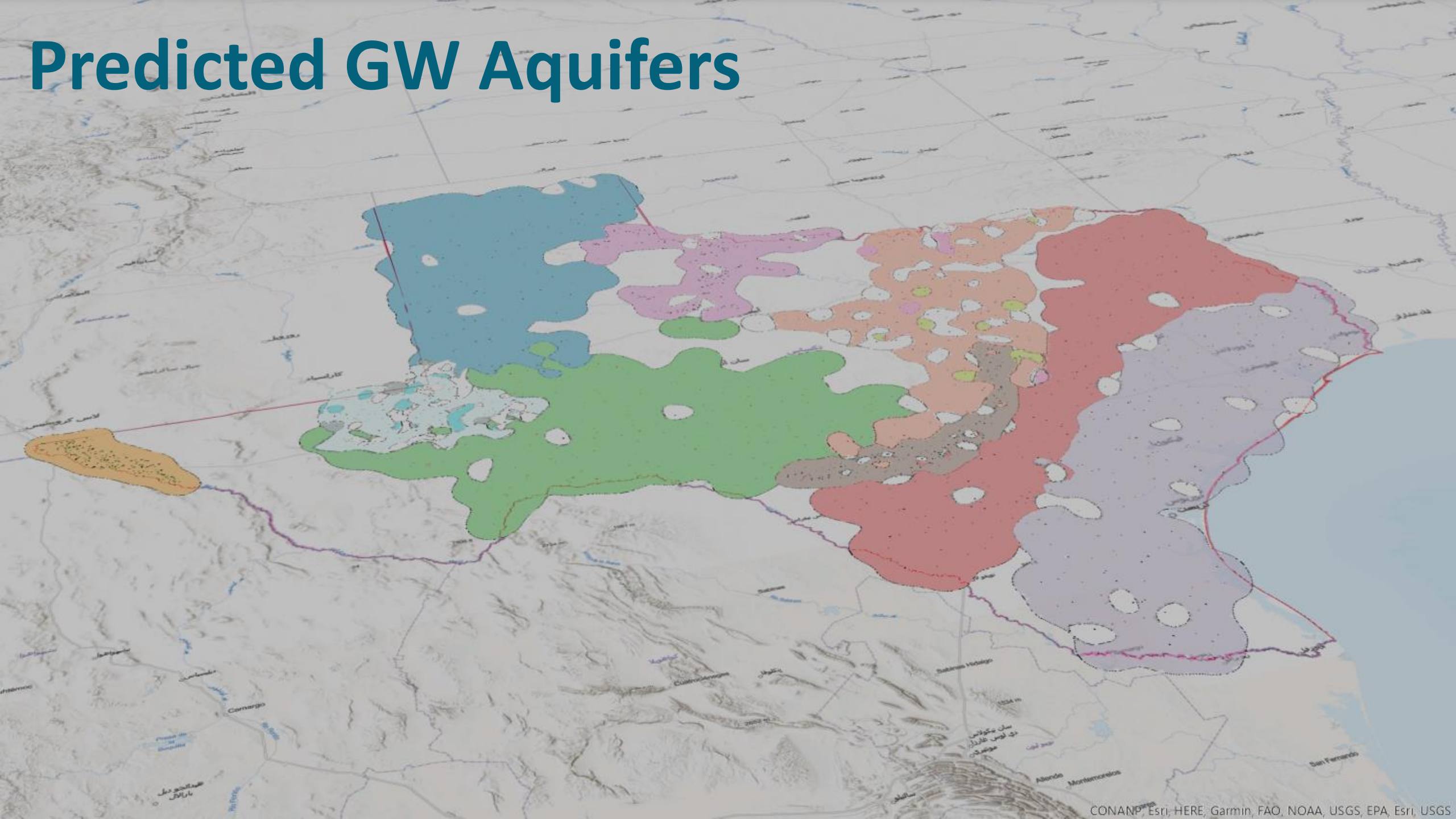
# Raw wells



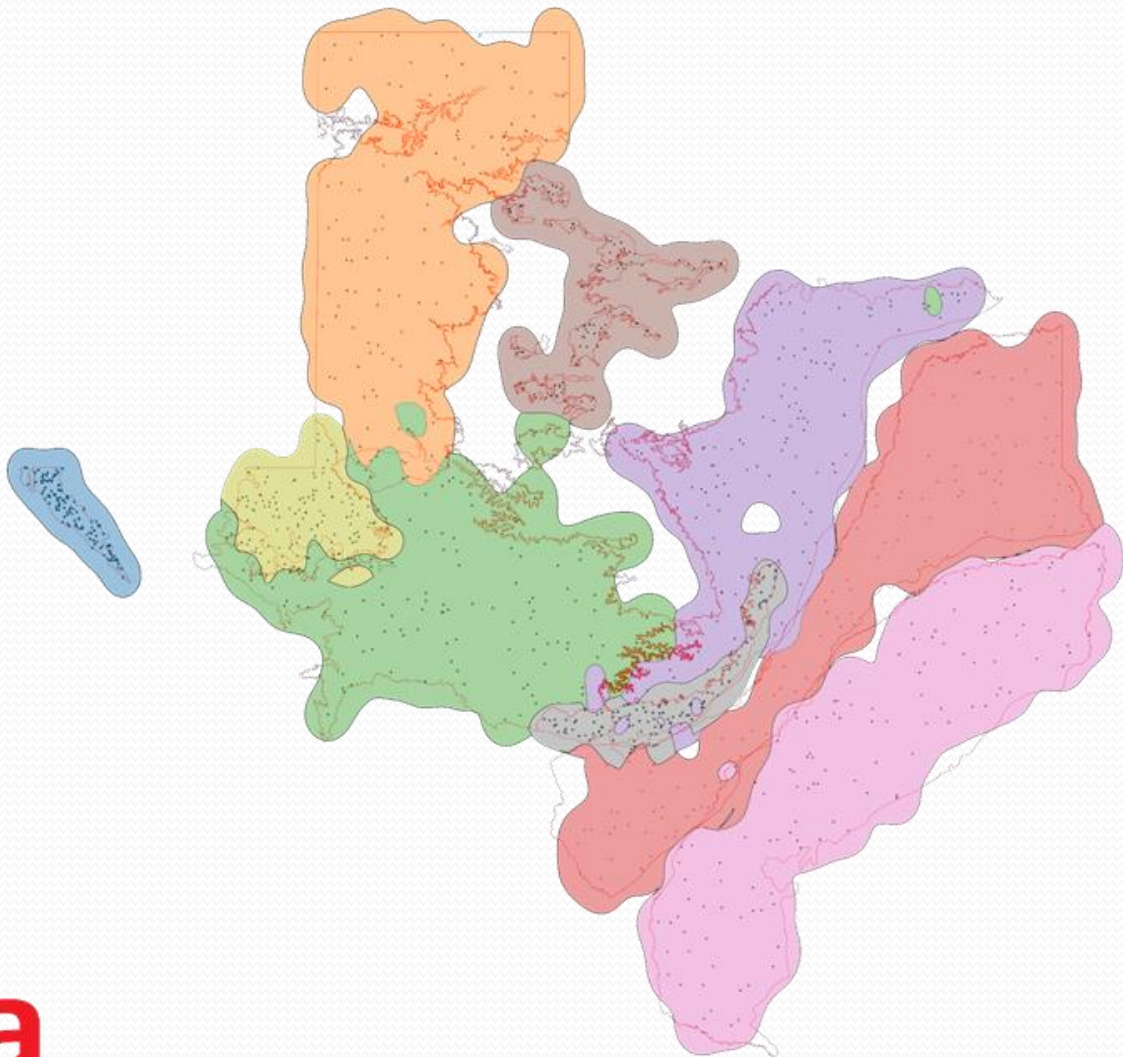
# Clustered wells



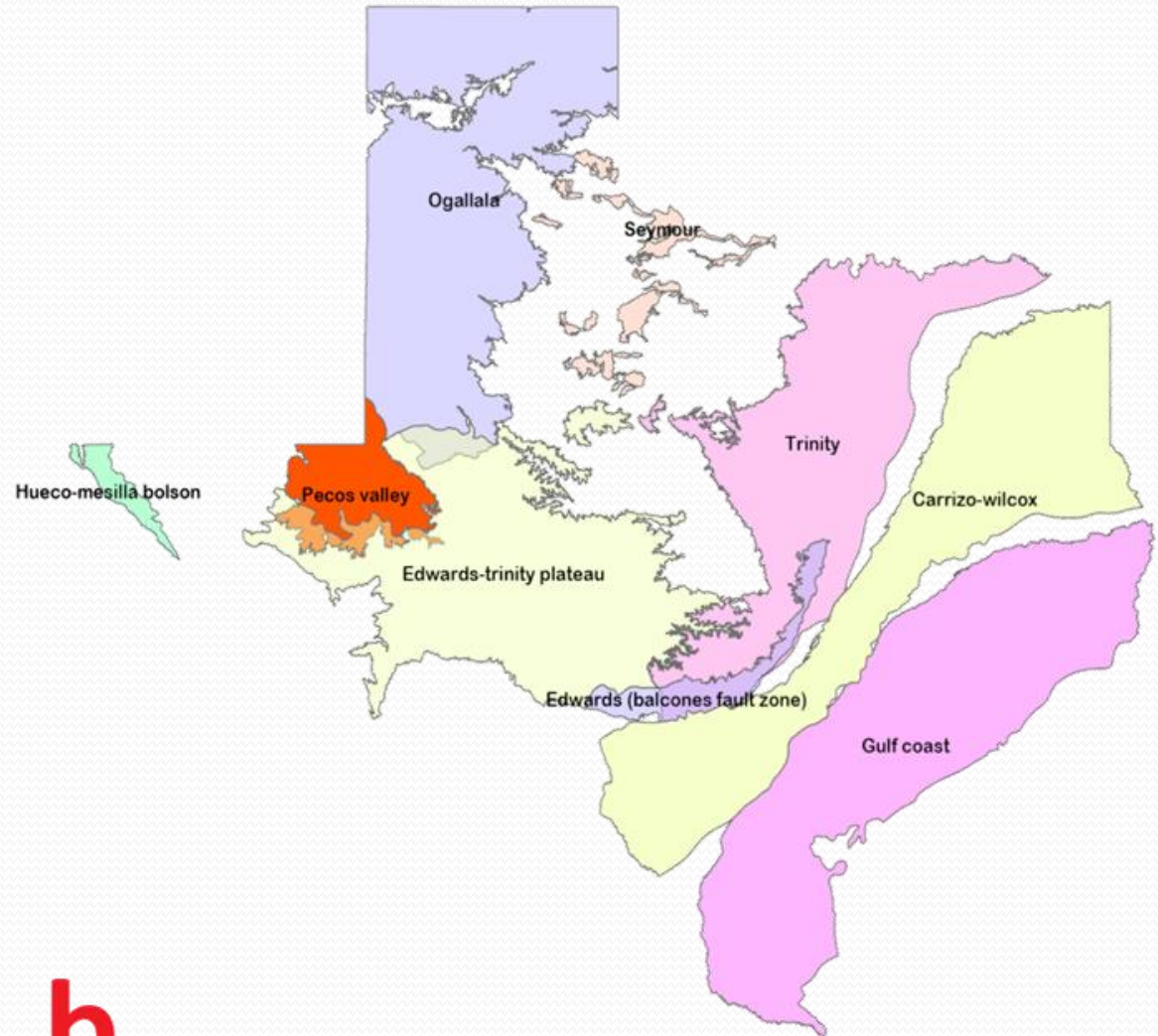
# Predicted GW Aquifers



# Results - Spatial



**a**



**b**

# Conclusion and Recommendations

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) utilization in hydrology is expanding exponentially. Yet awareness of its benefits and advantages are quite lacking.
- Data is the backbone of AI, yet protocols and policies that encourage sharing is almost none existent in the GCC.
- Collaboration and knowledge sharing has always been of incredible importance to Science in general, and to AI research in particular.
- Platforms and standardization of hydrology data would allow scientists to benefit immensely from the AI revolution and would allow the GCC countries to reap the benefits of advanced modeling and prediction techniques.
- We believe its imperative to have an initiative on the GCC level similar to the G20 Data Gaps Initiative (DGI) to organize, follow, and implement policies and solutions for Data sharing, utilization, and dissemination to prepare for the advent of AI.

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