

# Machine Learning Based Salinity Emulator Dashboard

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# Study Objectives

Develop machine learning based tools to estimate Delta salinity, with specific goals to:












- Explore novel deep-learning approaches beyond the conventional Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) model.
- Develop ML models in the multi-task learning (MTL) paradigm allow a single model to evaluate outputs at multiple study locations.
- **Develop a browser-based dashboard to facilitate user interaction (Focus of this presentation)**



# Study Background

The Dashboard is based on the ML Architectures presented in two recent studies:

## Multi-Location Emulation of a Process-Based Salinity Model Using Machine Learning

by  Siyu Qi <sup>1,\*</sup> ,  Minxue He <sup>2,\*</sup> ,  Zhaojun Bai <sup>3</sup> ,  Zhi Ding <sup>1</sup> ,  Prabhjot Sandhu <sup>2</sup> ,  Yu Zhou <sup>2</sup> ,  Peyman Namadi <sup>2</sup> ,  Bradley Tom <sup>2</sup> ,  Raymond Hoang <sup>2</sup>  and  Jamie Anderson <sup>2</sup> 

<https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4441/14/13/2030>

### Application of Multiple ML Architectures:

- Multi-layer perceptron (MLP)
- Long-Short-Term Memory (LSTM)
- Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)
- Residual Network (ResNet)

**Target (label):** daily DSM2 historical simulations ("noise free") of EC from 1990-2019

## Novel Salinity Modeling Using Deep Learning for the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta of California

by  Siyu Qi <sup>1,\*</sup> ,  Minxue He <sup>2,\*</sup> ,  Zhaojun Bai <sup>3</sup>,  Zhi Ding <sup>1</sup>,  Prabhjot Sandhu <sup>2</sup>,  Francis Chung <sup>2</sup>,  Peyman Namadi <sup>2</sup>,  Yu Zhou <sup>2</sup>,  Raymond Hoang <sup>2</sup>,  Bradley Tom <sup>2</sup>,  Jamie Anderson <sup>2</sup> and  Dong Min Roh <sup>4</sup> 

<https://www.mdpi.com/2073-4441/14/22/3628>

### Applied novel architectures:

- residual long short-term memory (Res-LSTM) network
- residual gated recurrent unit (Res-GRU) model

**Target (label):** observed data from 2001–2019



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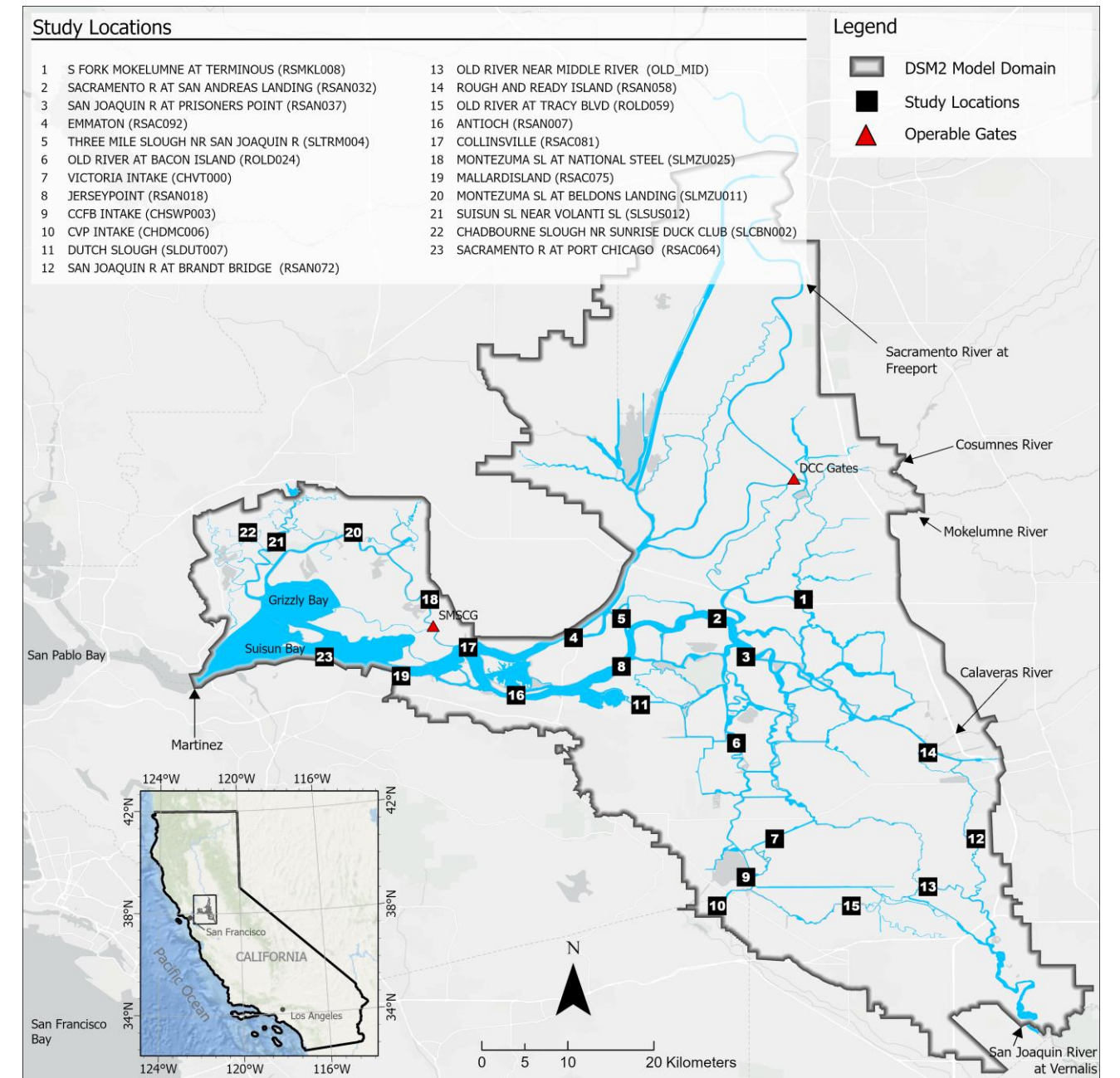


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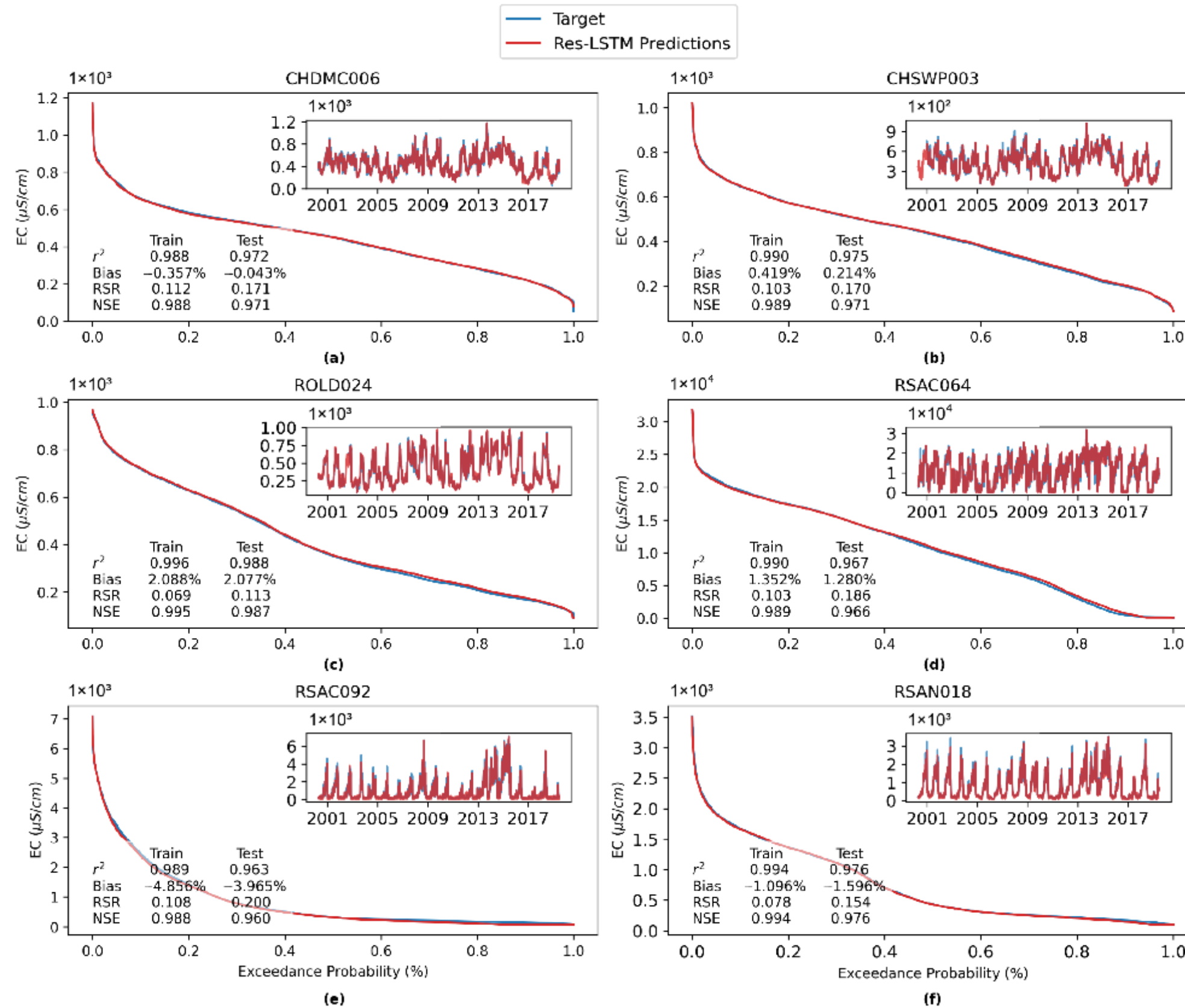
## 8 Input variables

Index	Input Feature Name	Definition
1	Northern Flow	Sum of Sacramento, Yolo Bypass, Mokelumne River, Cosumnes River, and Calaveras River flows.
2	San Joaquin River Flow	San Joaquin River at Vernalis Flow.
3	Pumping	Sum of pumping from Banks Pumping Plant, Jones Pumping Plant, and Contra Costa Water District at Rock Slough, Old River, and Victoria Canal.
4	Delta Cross-Channel Gate Operation	Delta Cross-Channel Gate Openings.
5	Consumptive Use	Net Delta Consumptive use estimated by Delta Channel Depletion (DCD) and Suisun Marsh Channel Depletion (SMCD) models.
6	Martinez Tidal Energy	Tidal energy at Martinez, calculated as the daily maximum–the daily minimum astronomical tide at Martinez.
7	San Joaquin River EC	Electrical conductivity measured at San Joaquin River at Vernalis.
8	Sacramento River EC	Electrical conductivity measured at Sacramento River at Greens Landing.

## 23 Electrical Conductivity (EC) Monitoring Stations



# Results



Exceedance probability plot and time series plot of Res-LSTM simulated versus observed salinity at daily time step.





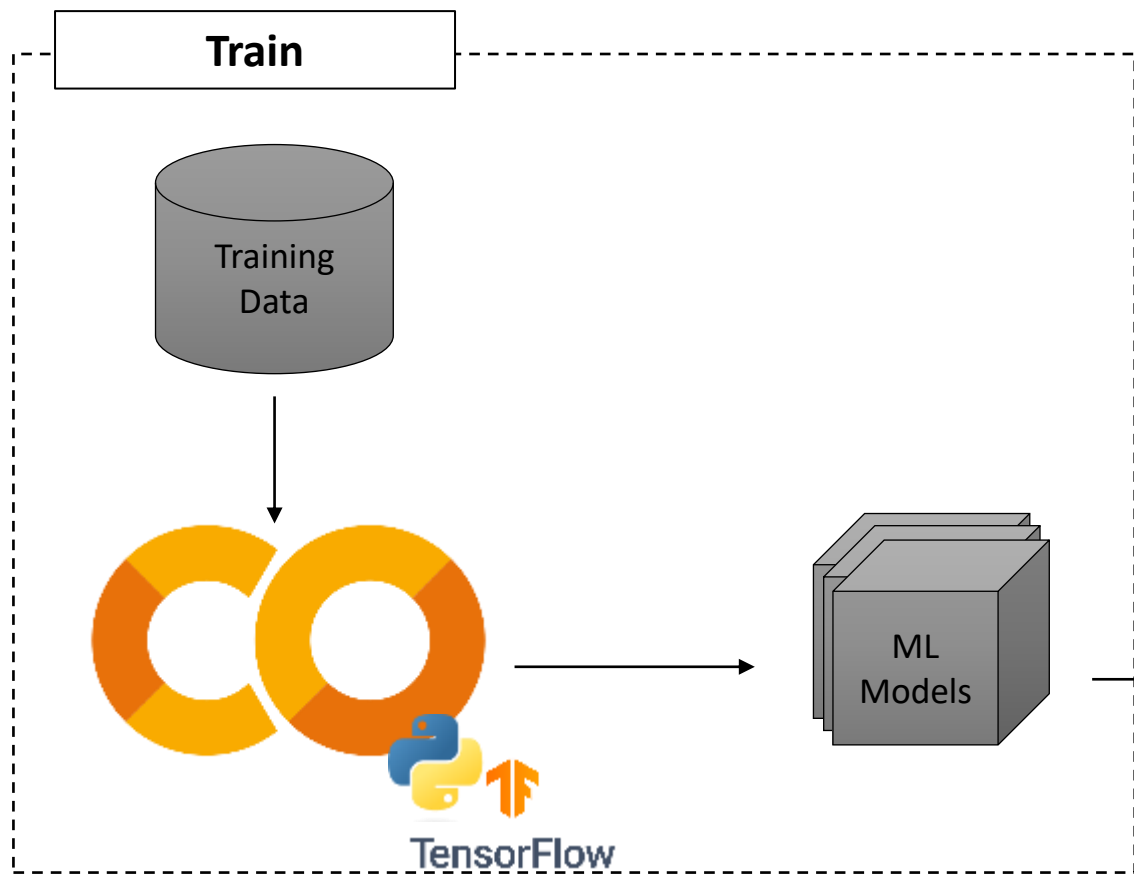
# Dashboard Introduction

- A complementary browser-based Delta Salinity Dashboard was developed to serve as the **front-end user interface for the DSM2 salinity emulation machine learning models described in the previous slides.**
- Users can **interactively explore hypothetical scenarios** (e.g., by varying Delta boundary conditions including inflows, export levels, boundary salinity, etc.) and view the corresponding salinity outputs at key compliance locations during user-defined simulation periods.

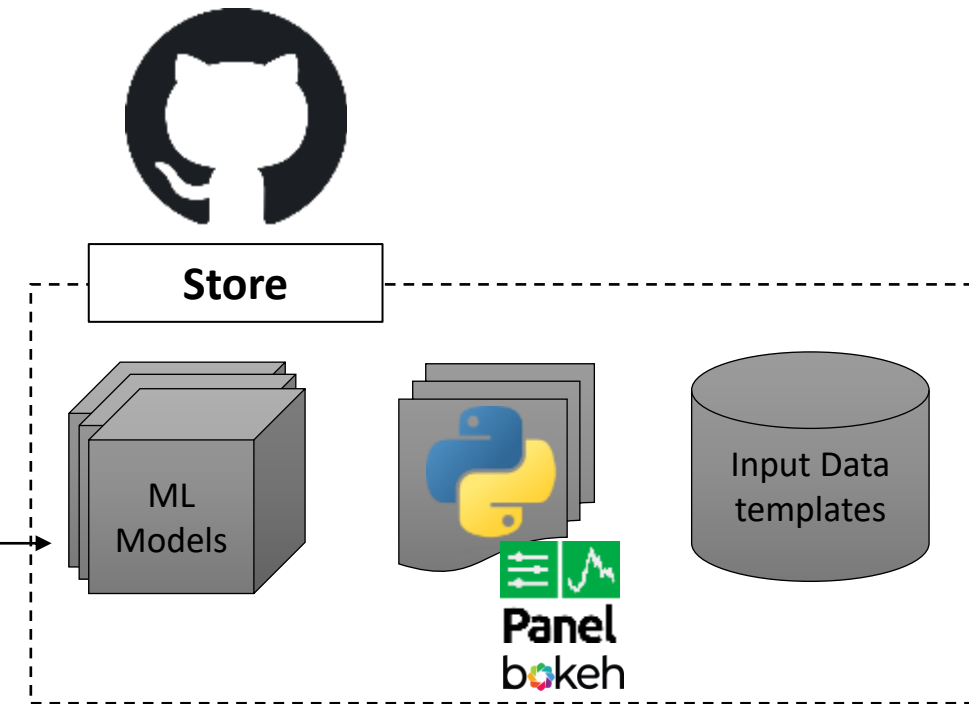


# Dashboard Architecture

Models are trained on **Google Colab** using the scripts reviewed today (they can also be trained locally).



Models, template input data, evaluation dashboard scripts are stored in a **GitHub** repository.



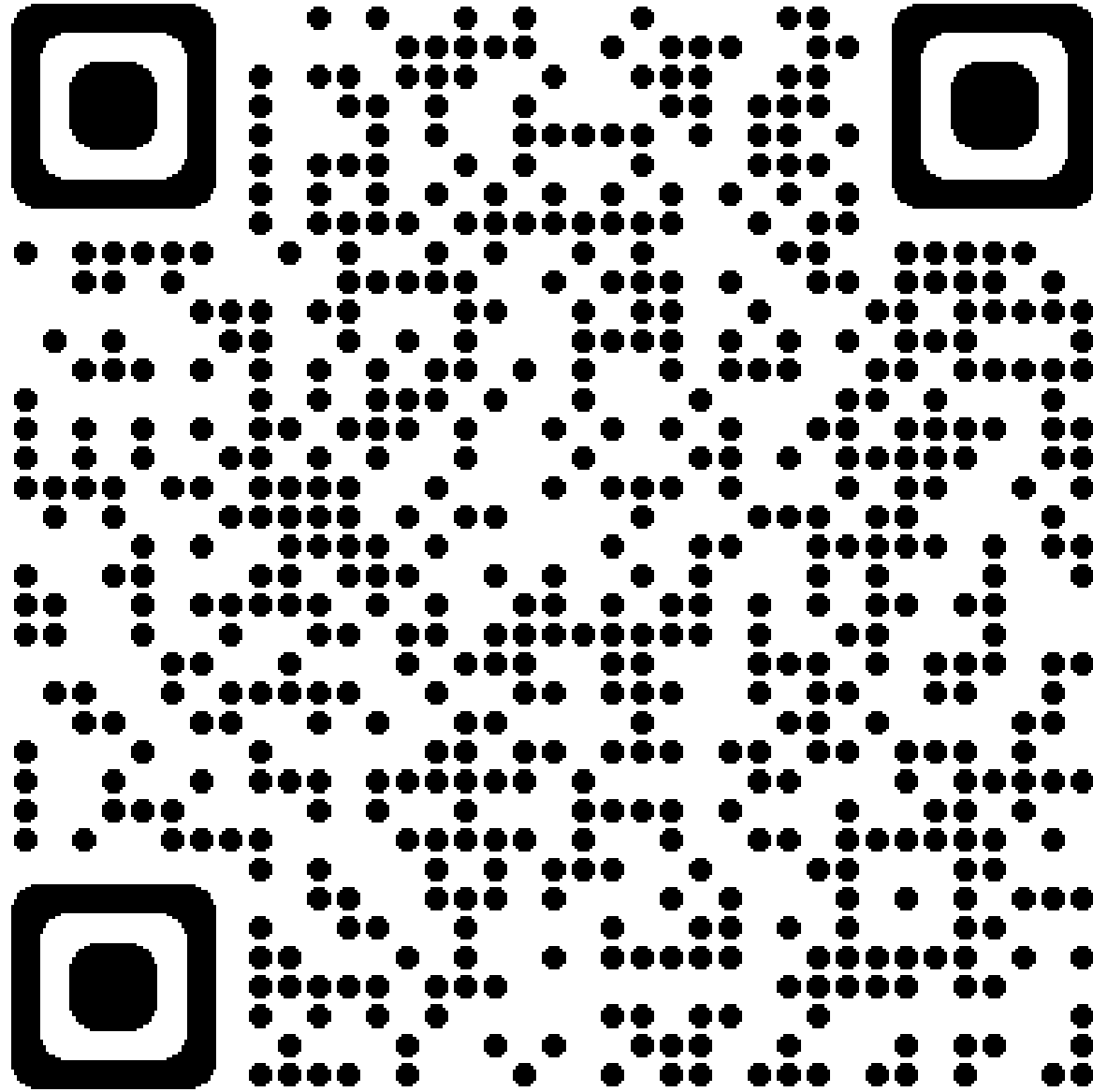
Pre-trained emulator models are hosted on **Microsoft Azure**, and *evaluation* of the models are computed on their servers.



Servers can be scaled up or out to accommodate higher machine workloads (for more complex models) or larger user volumes.



# Dashboard Access



[dwrbdodash.azurewebsites.net](https://dwrbdodash.azurewebsites.net)



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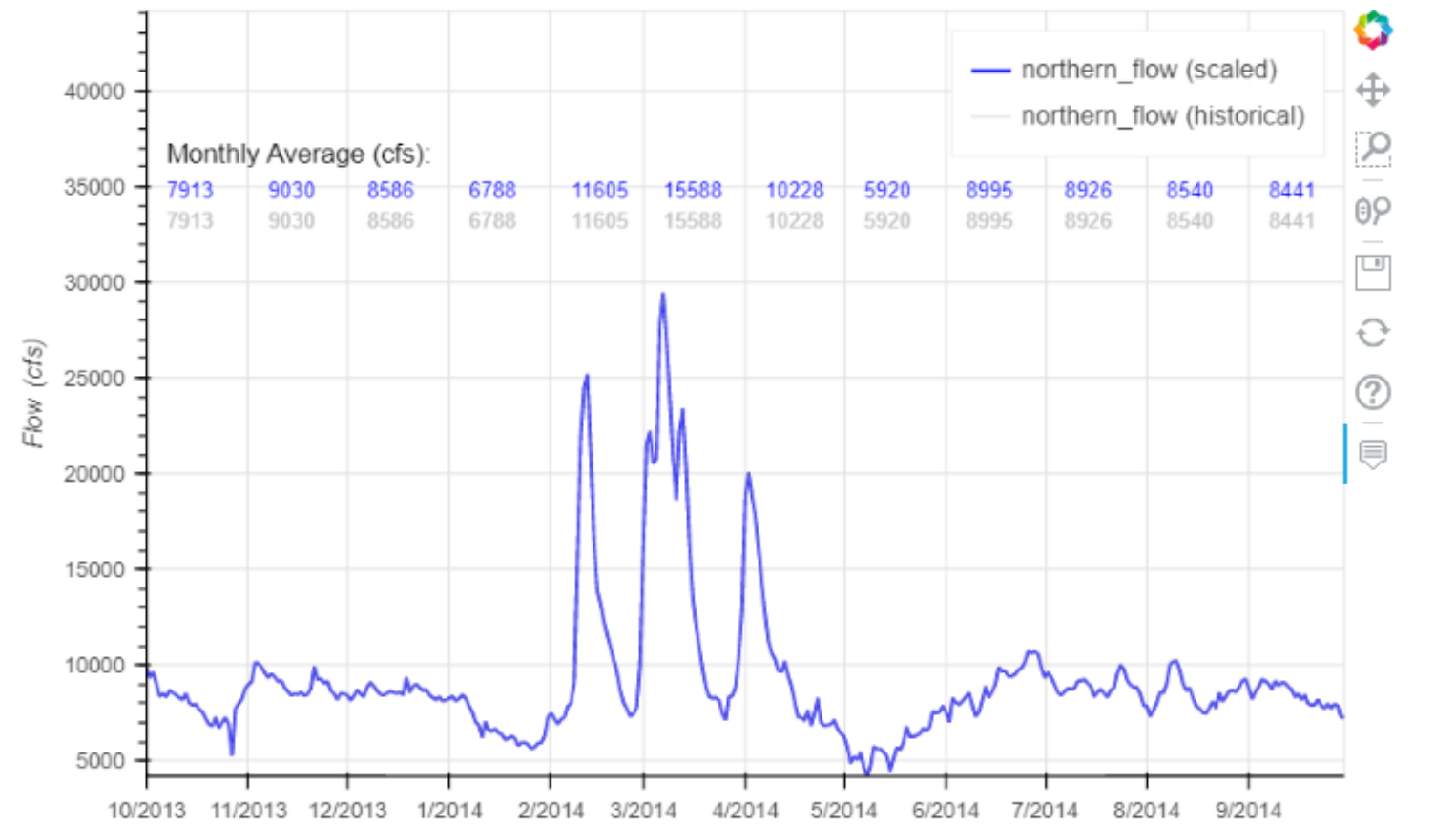
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## ANN Inputs - Input Scaler

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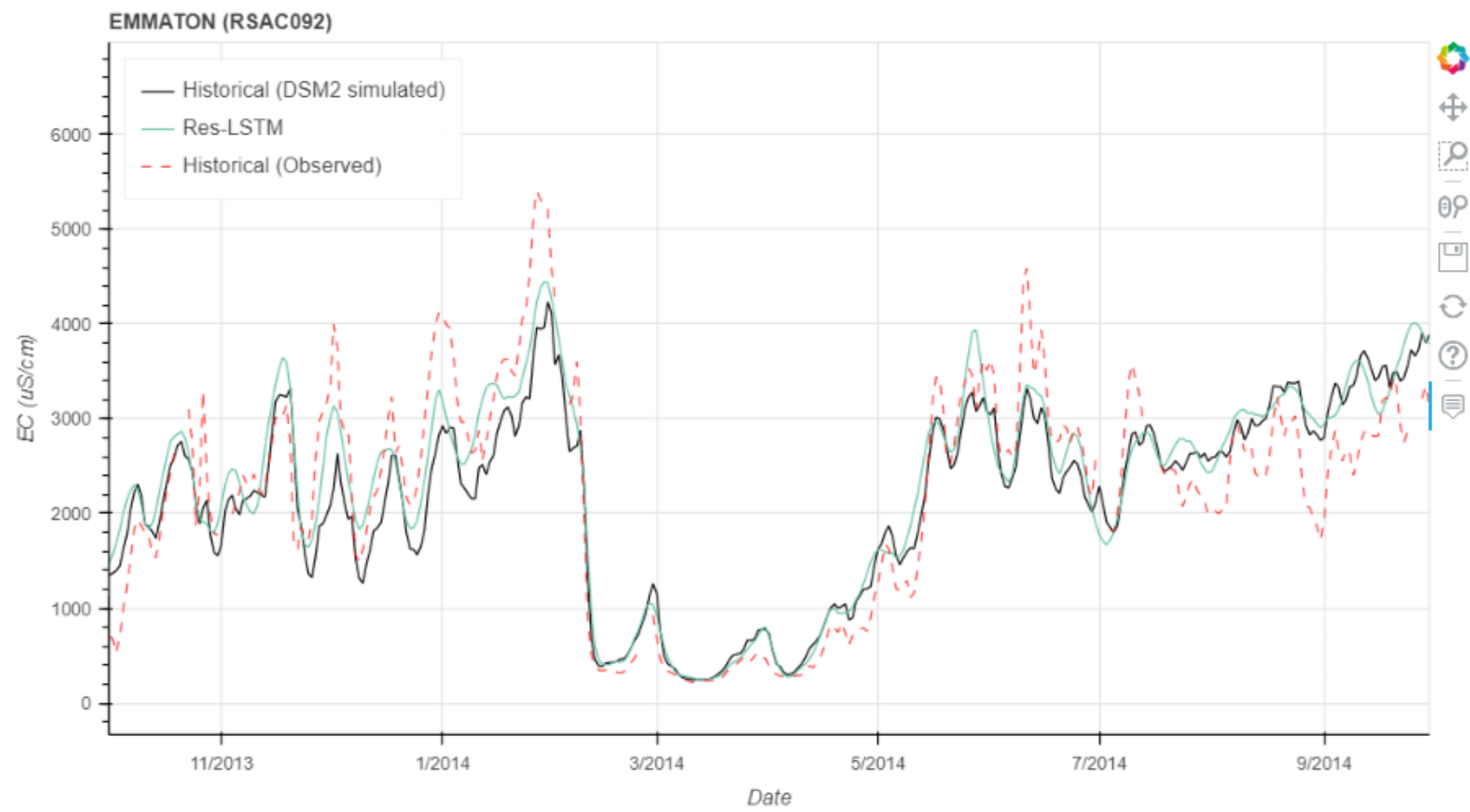
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## ANN Outputs

Plots

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- Overlay Observed Data

Download ANN Input Data Download ANN Output Data Refresh Plot



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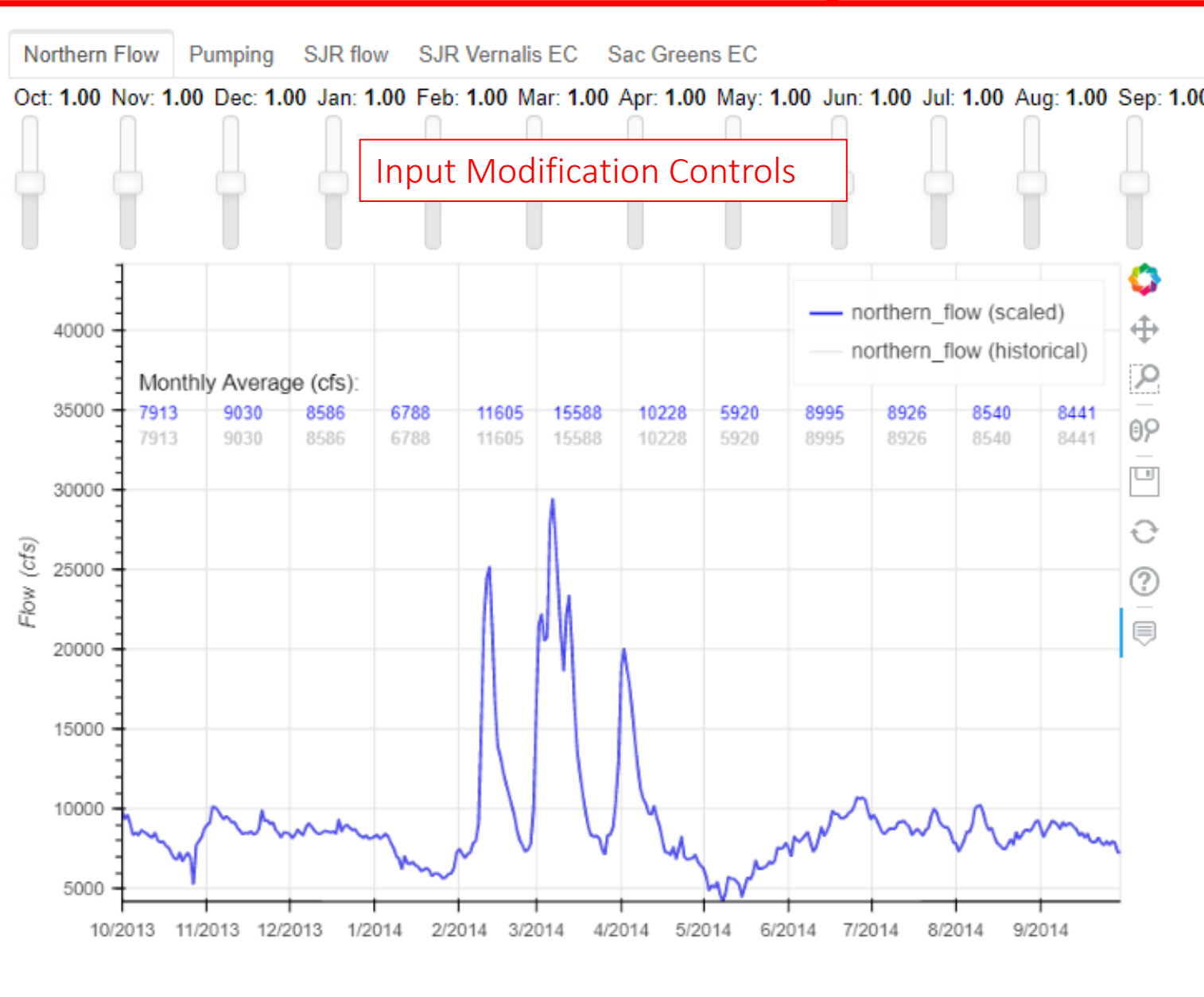
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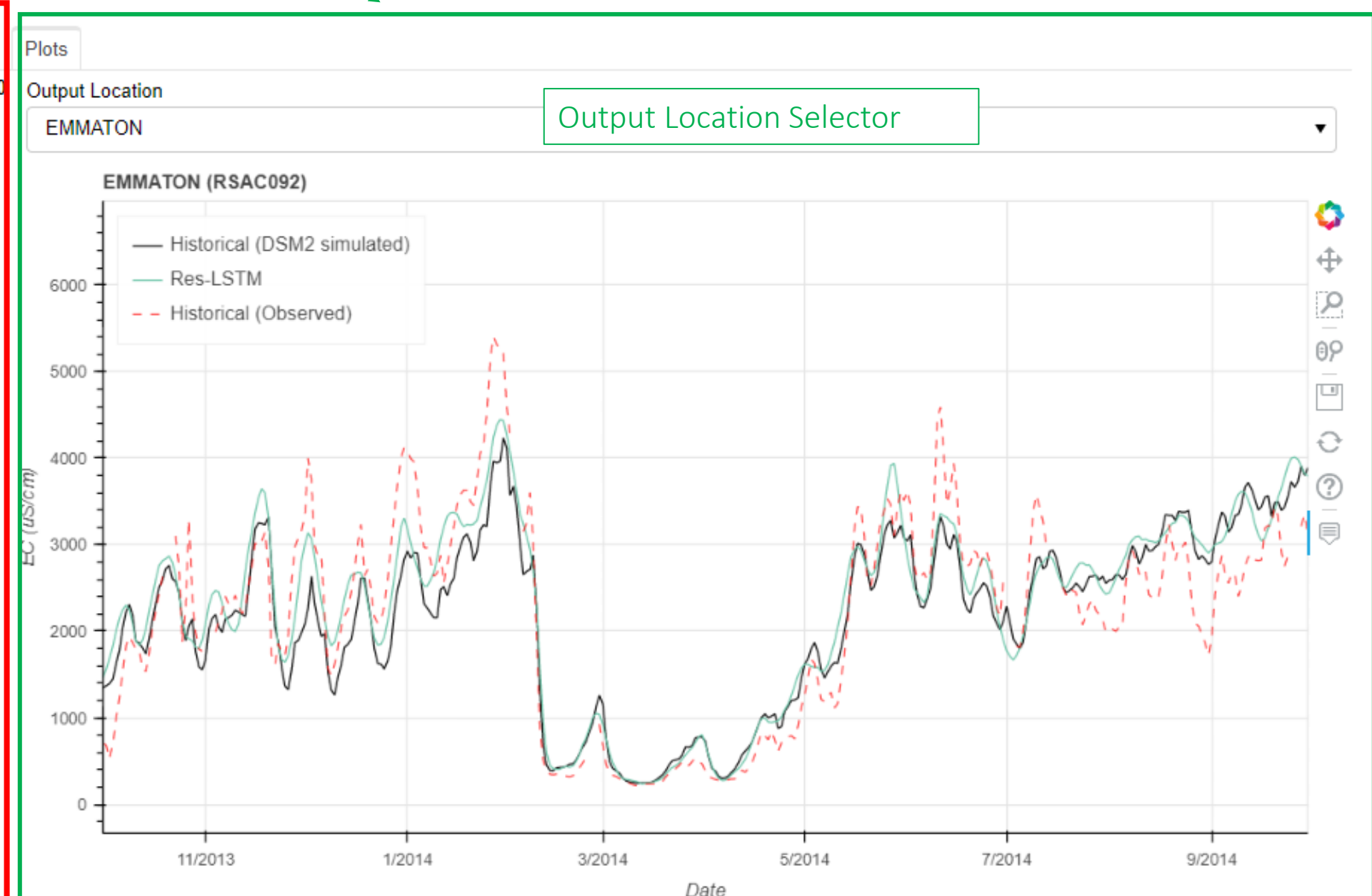
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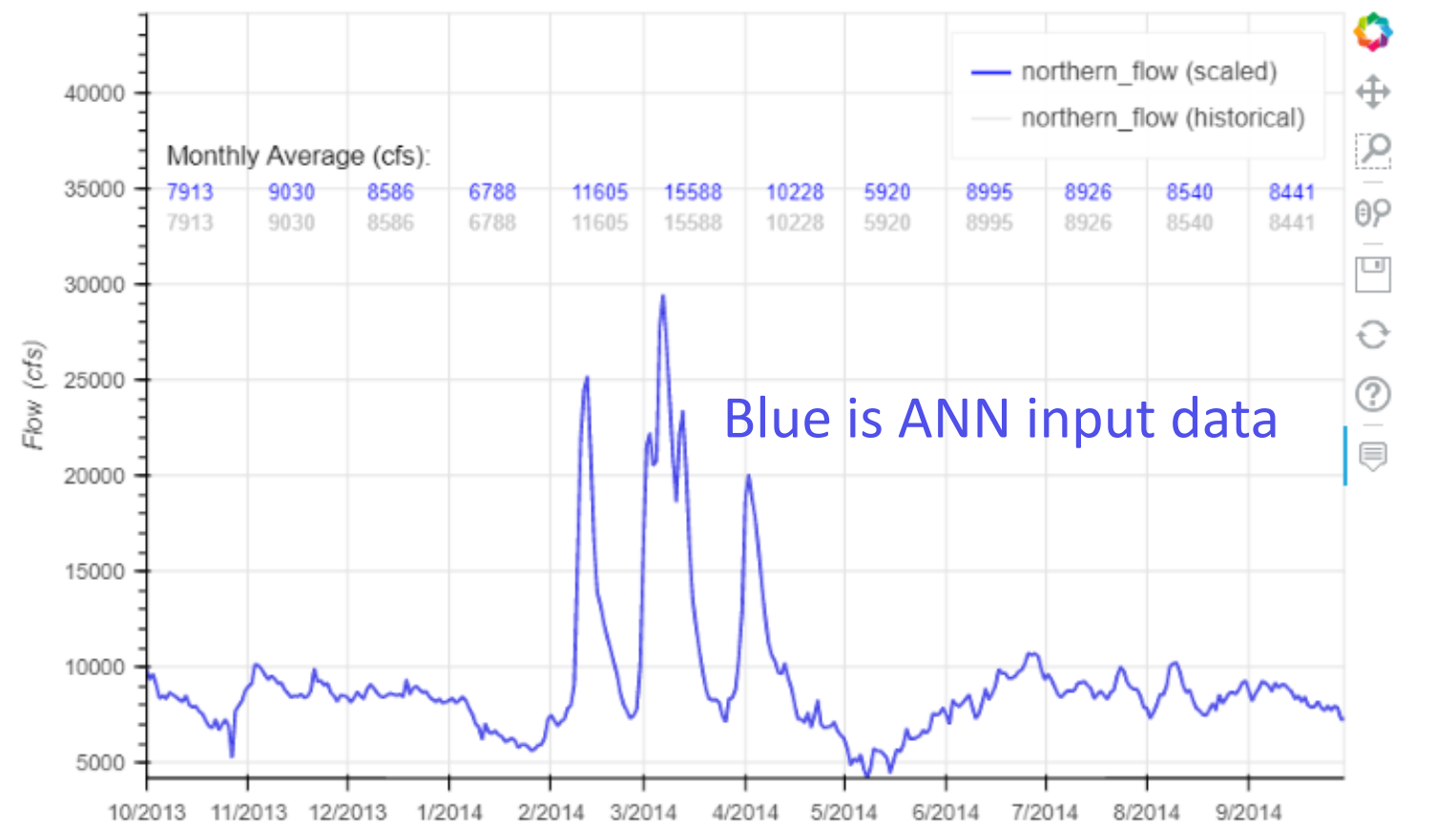
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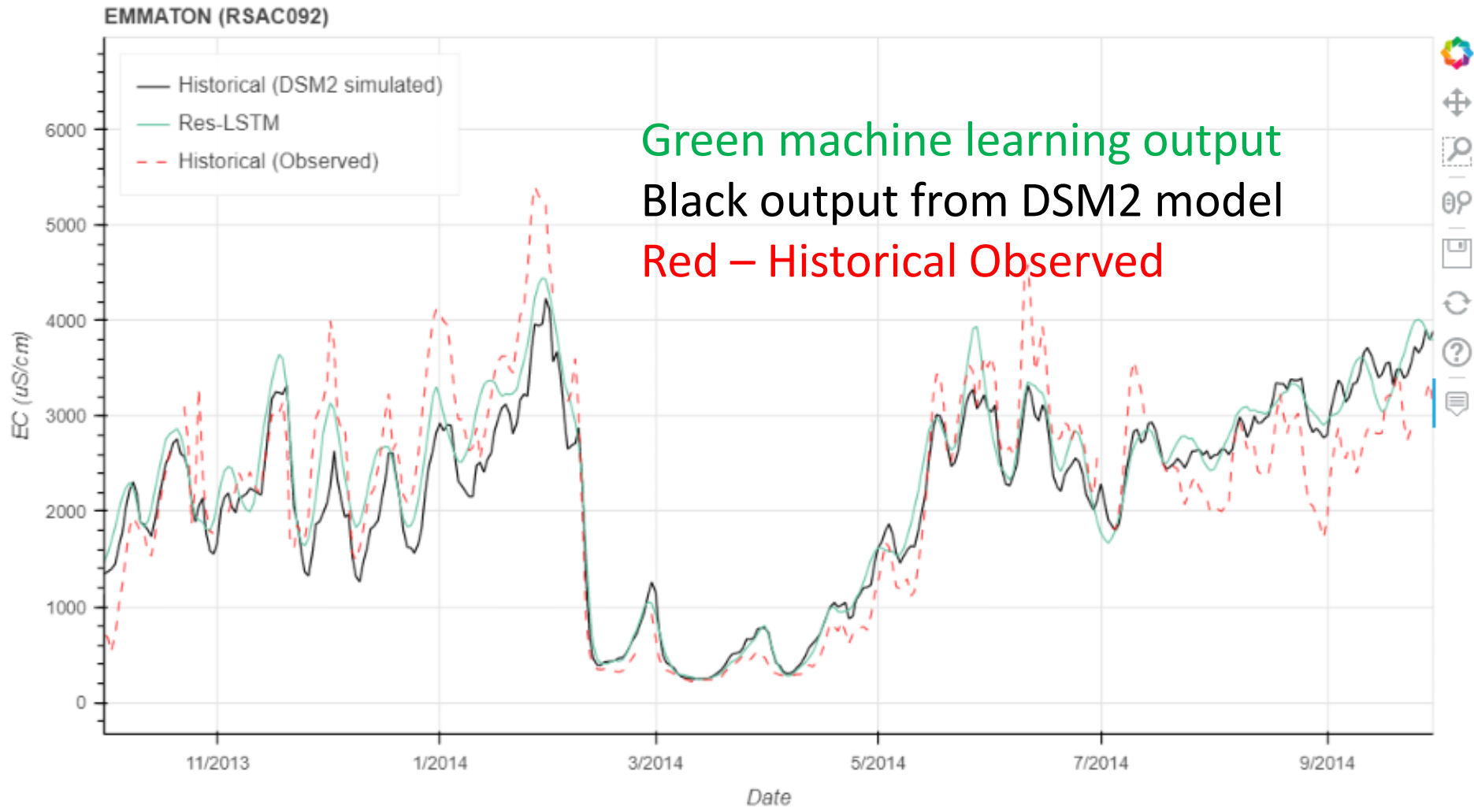


Blue is ANN input data

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# 1 Select Simulation Year



Simulation Period (WY)

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# 2 Click tab for parameter to be scaled

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Can **increase** values by up to 20% (scale factor 1.2)

Can **decrease** values by up to 20% (scale factor 0.8)

# 3 Adjust monthly scaling sliders



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# QUESTIONS



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