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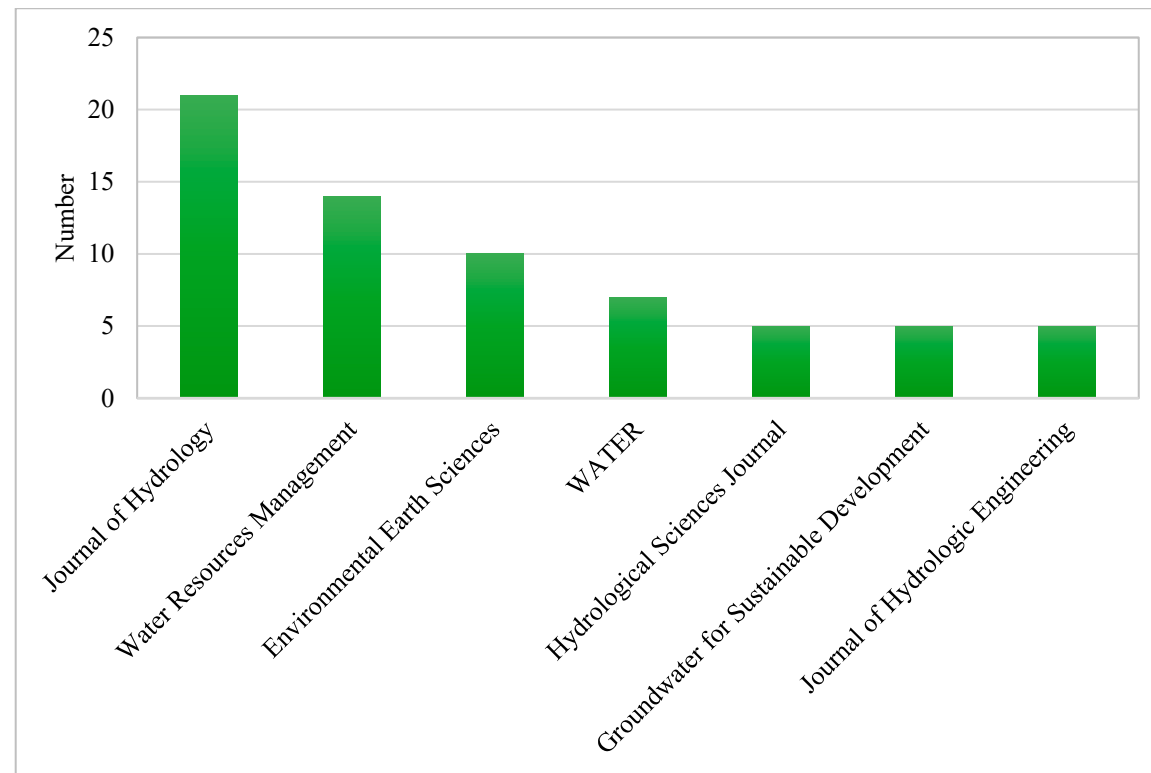


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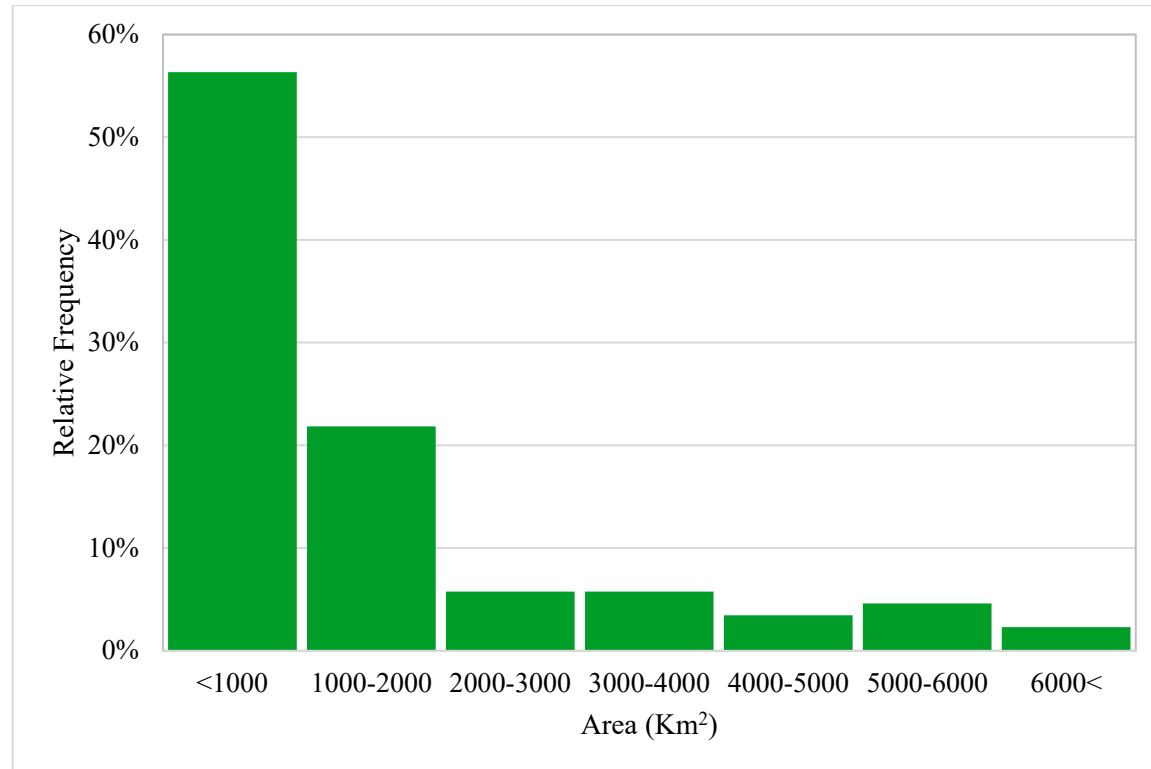


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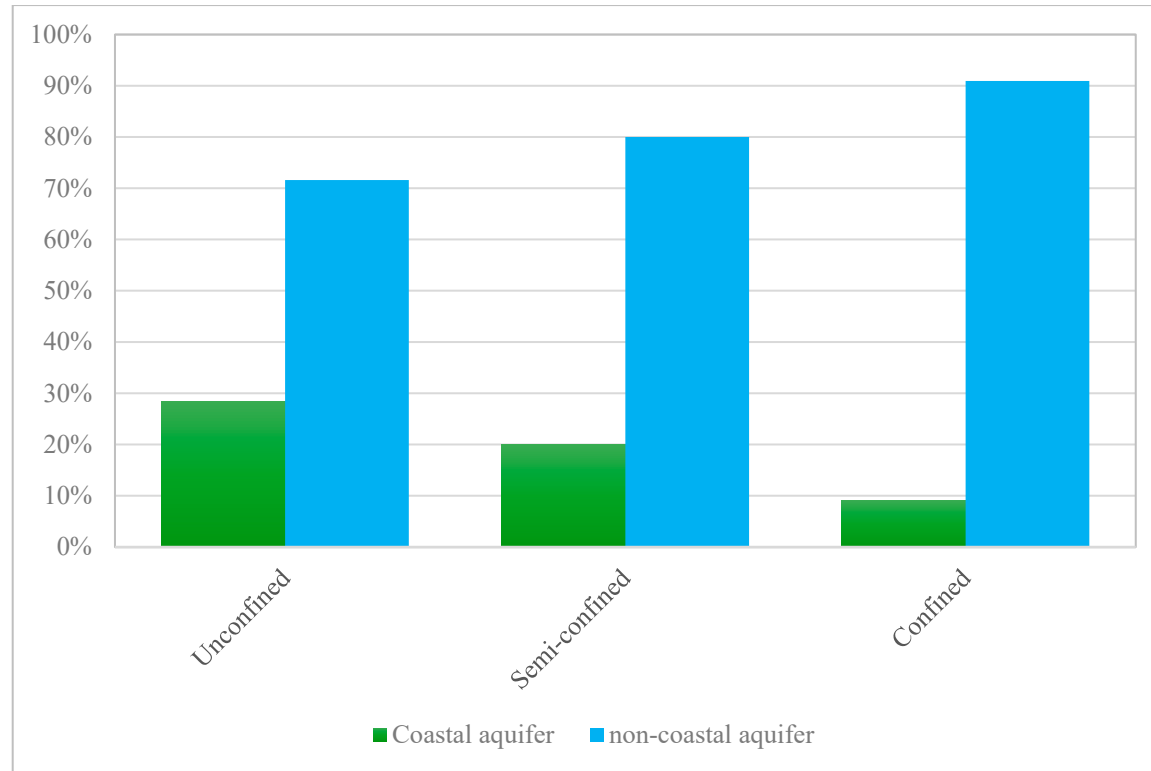


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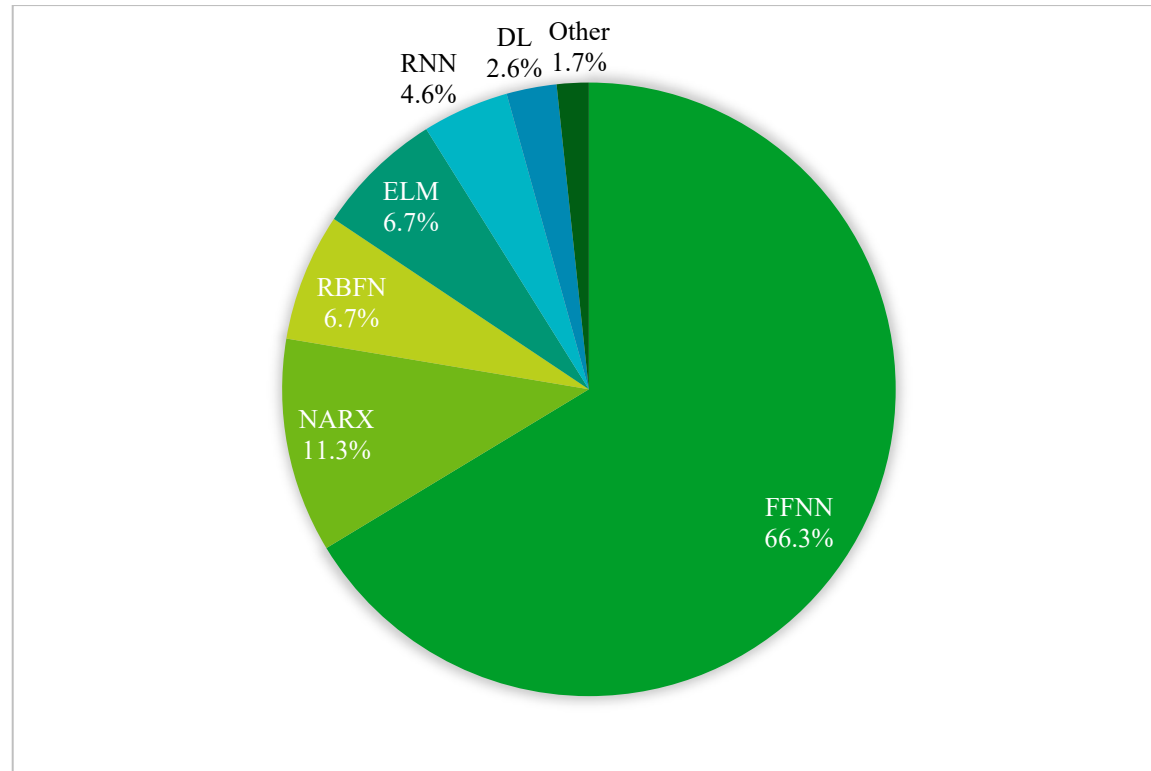


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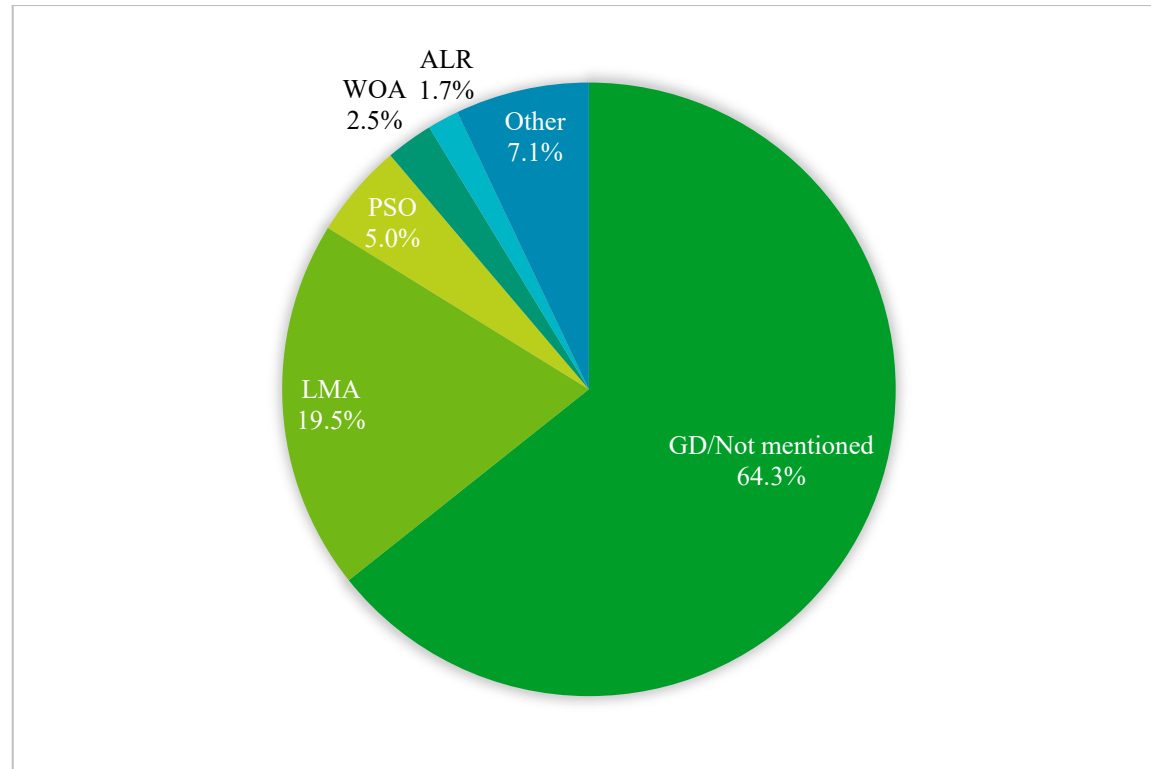


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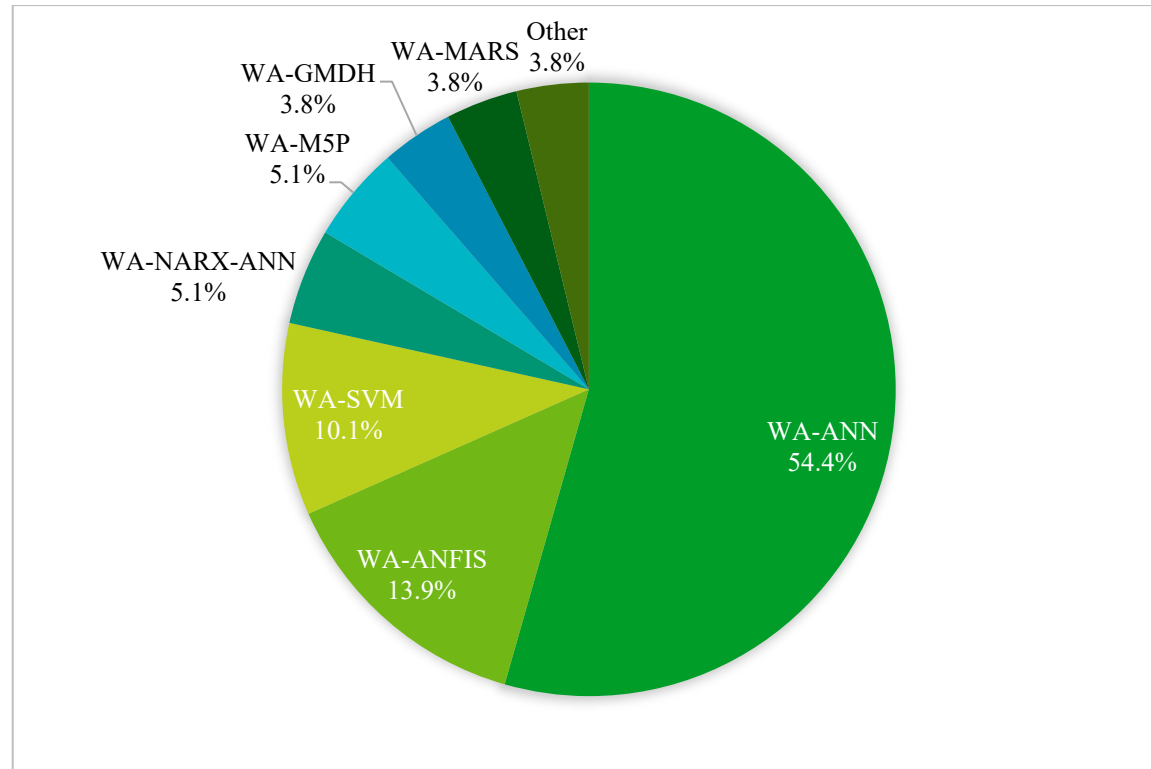


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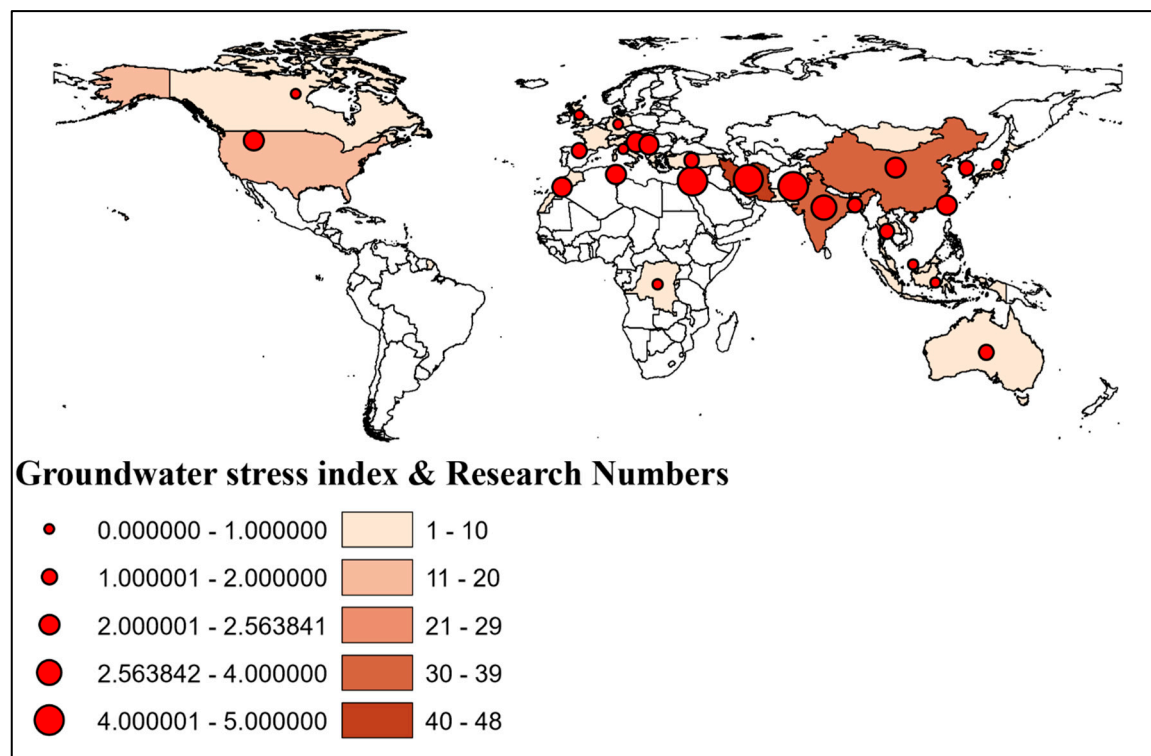


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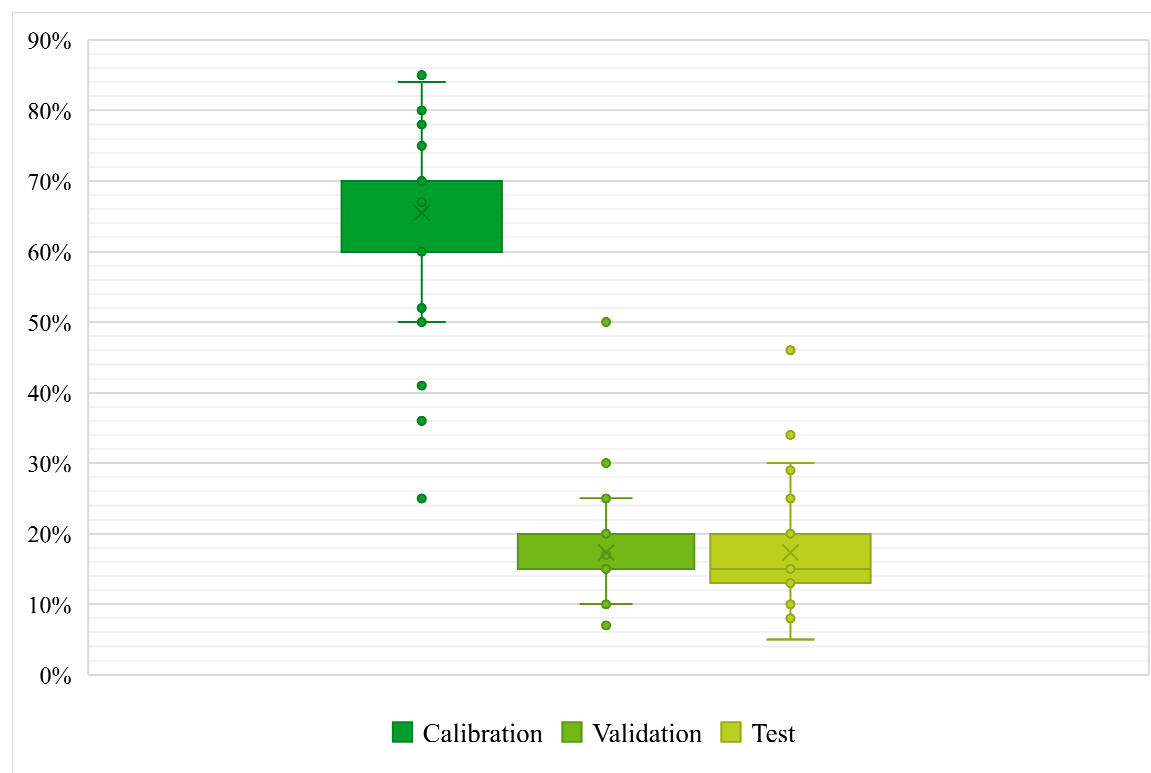


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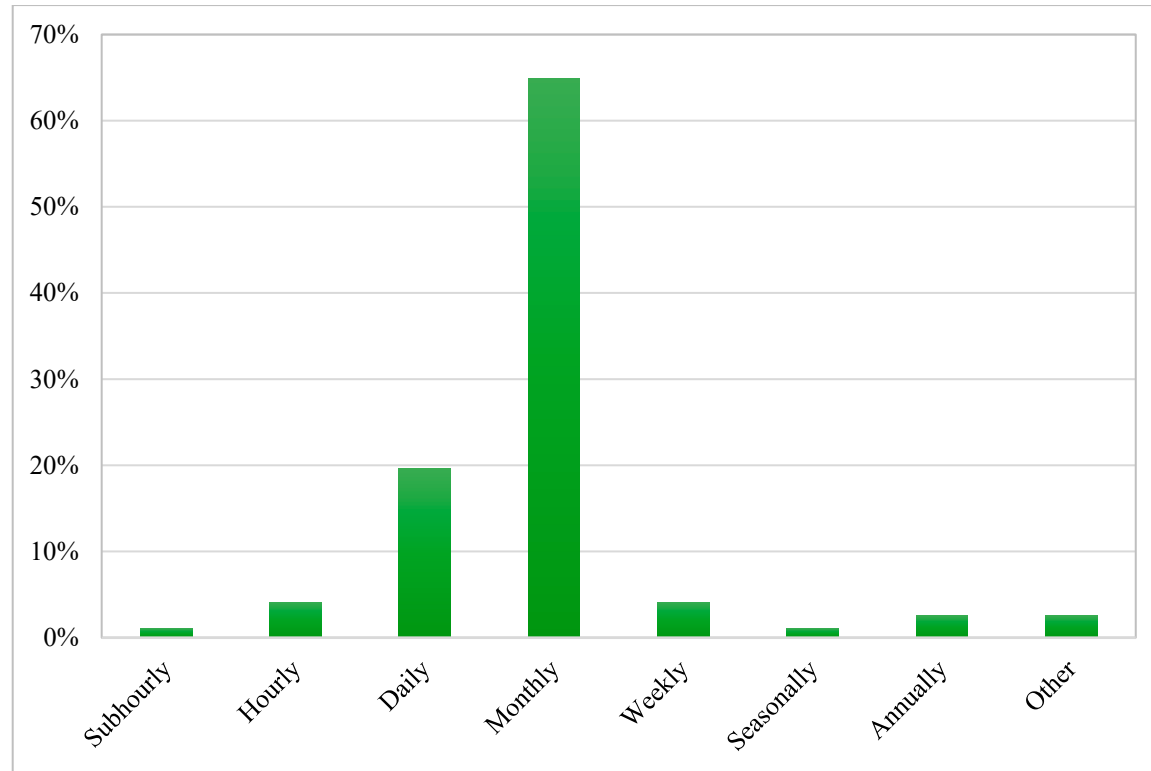


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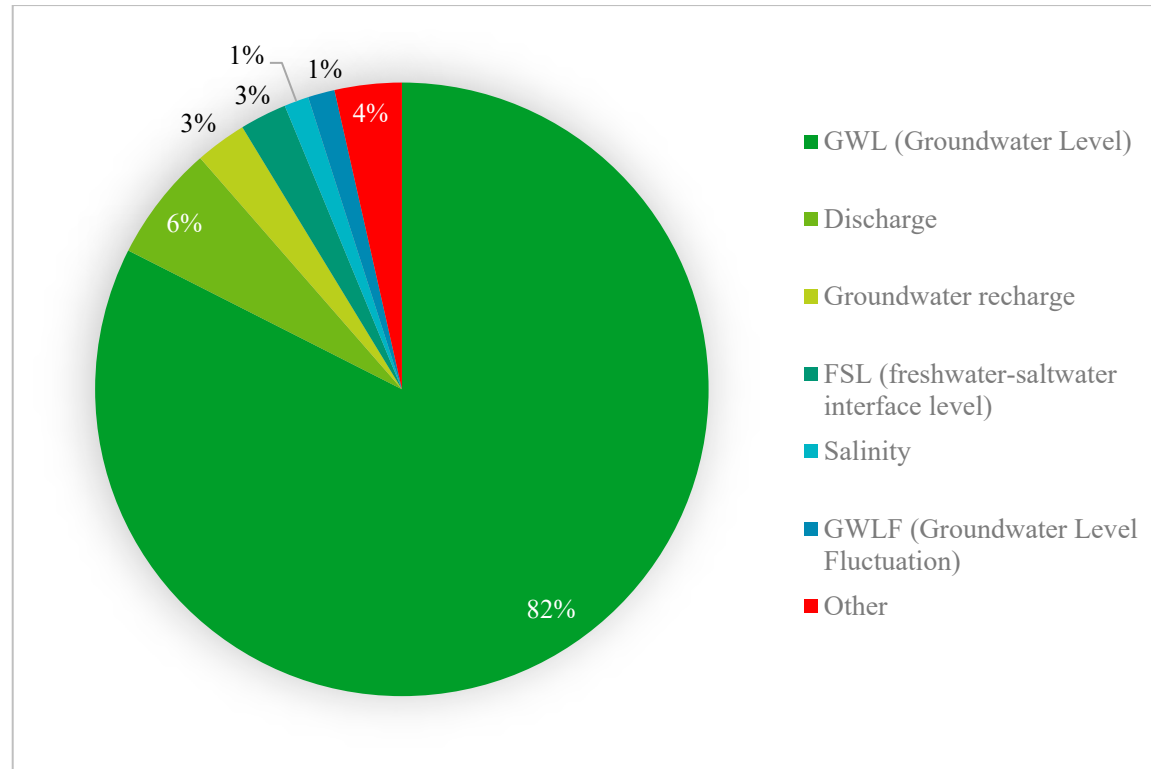


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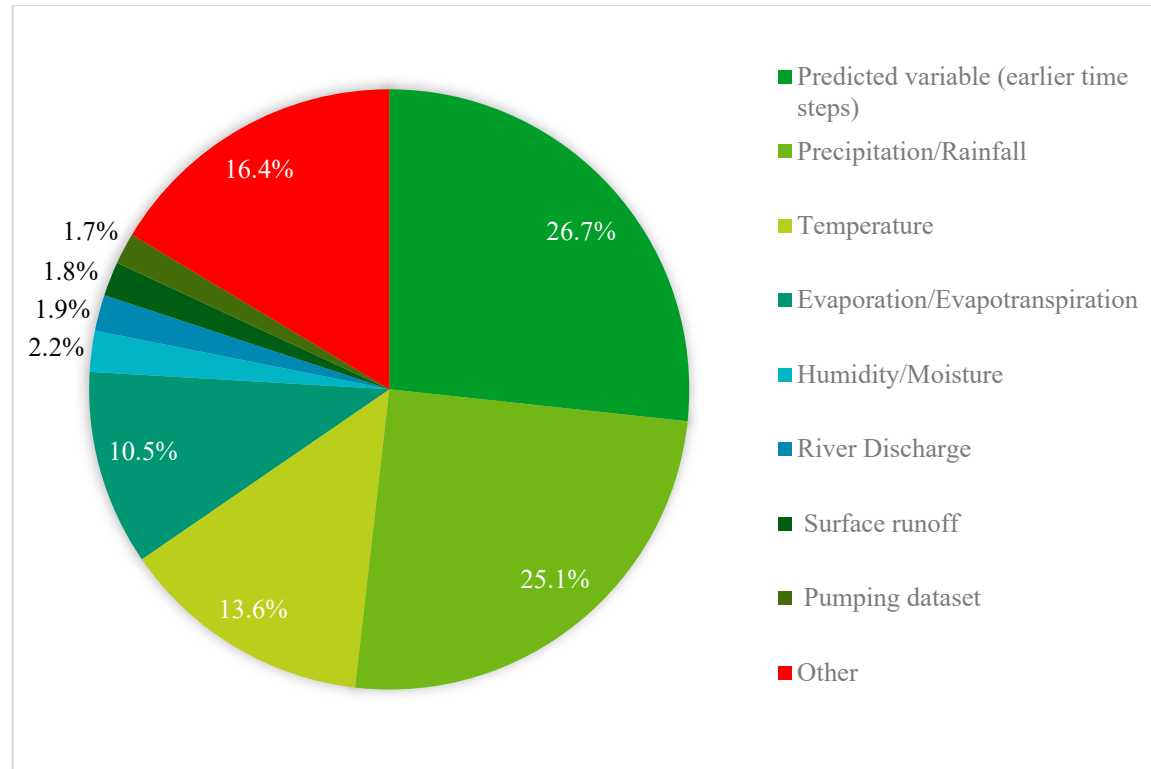


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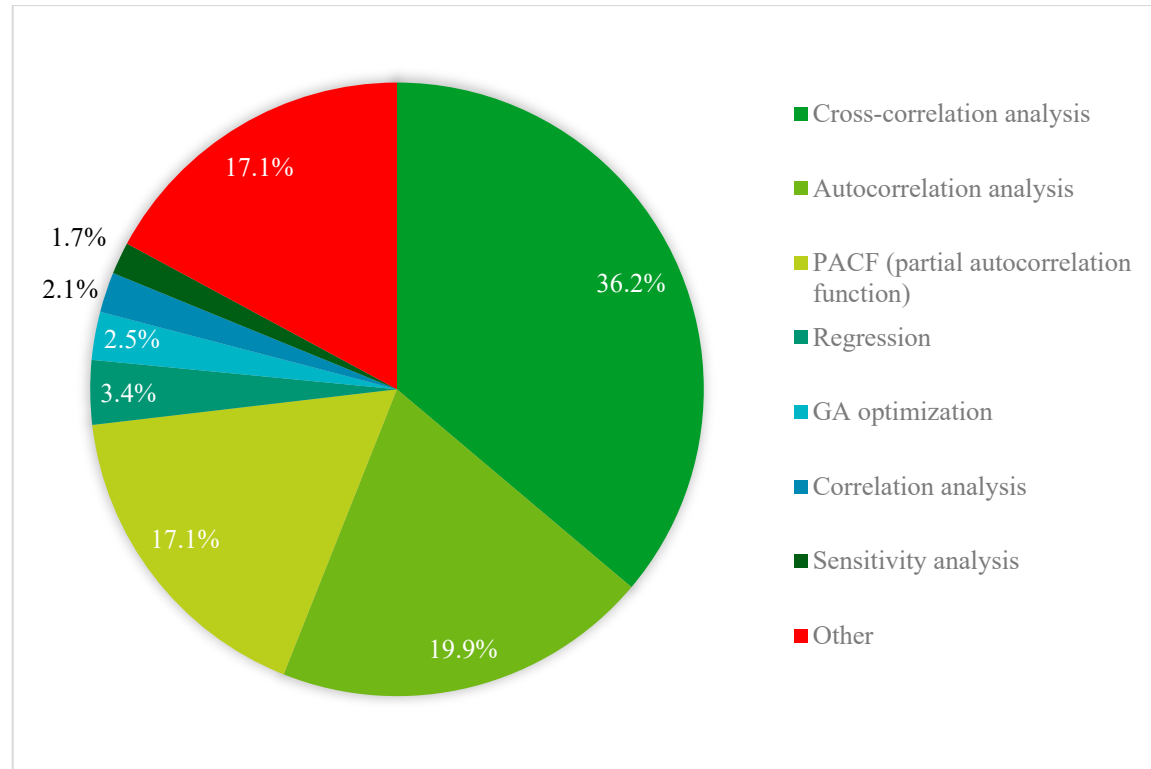


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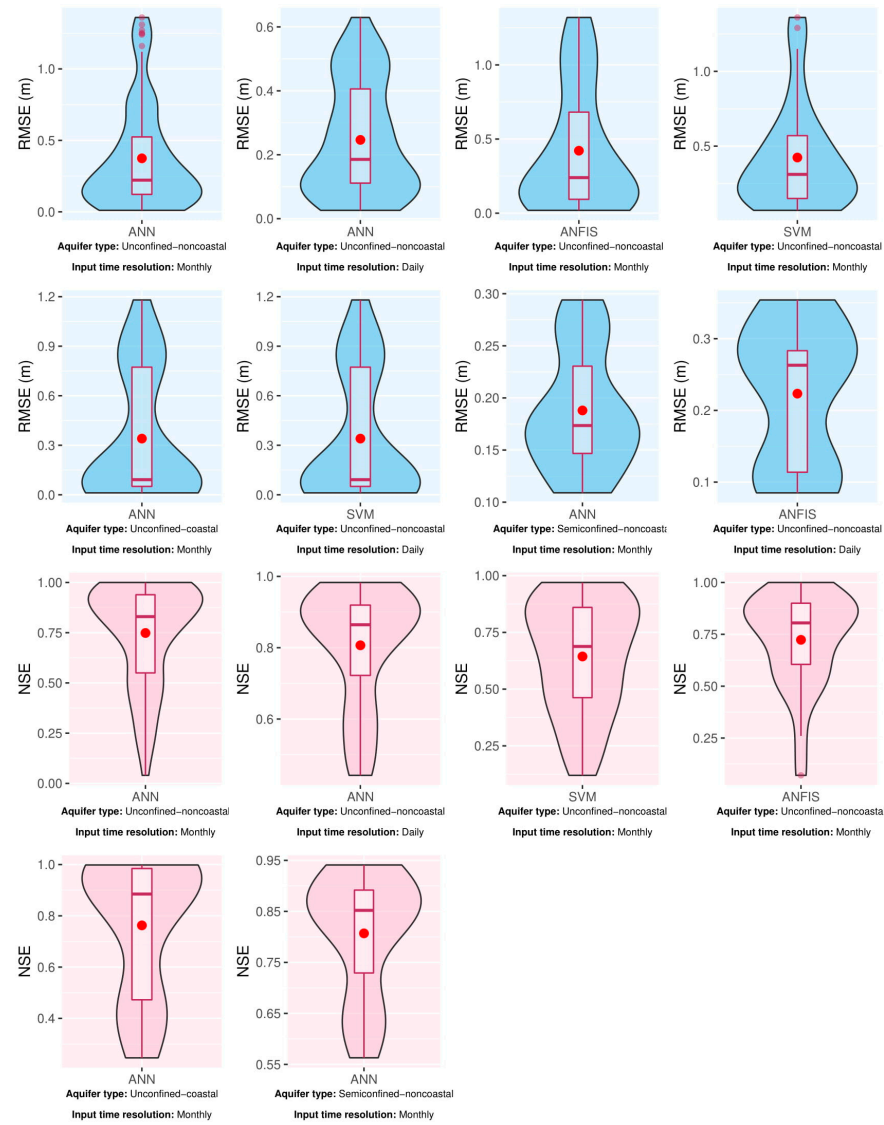


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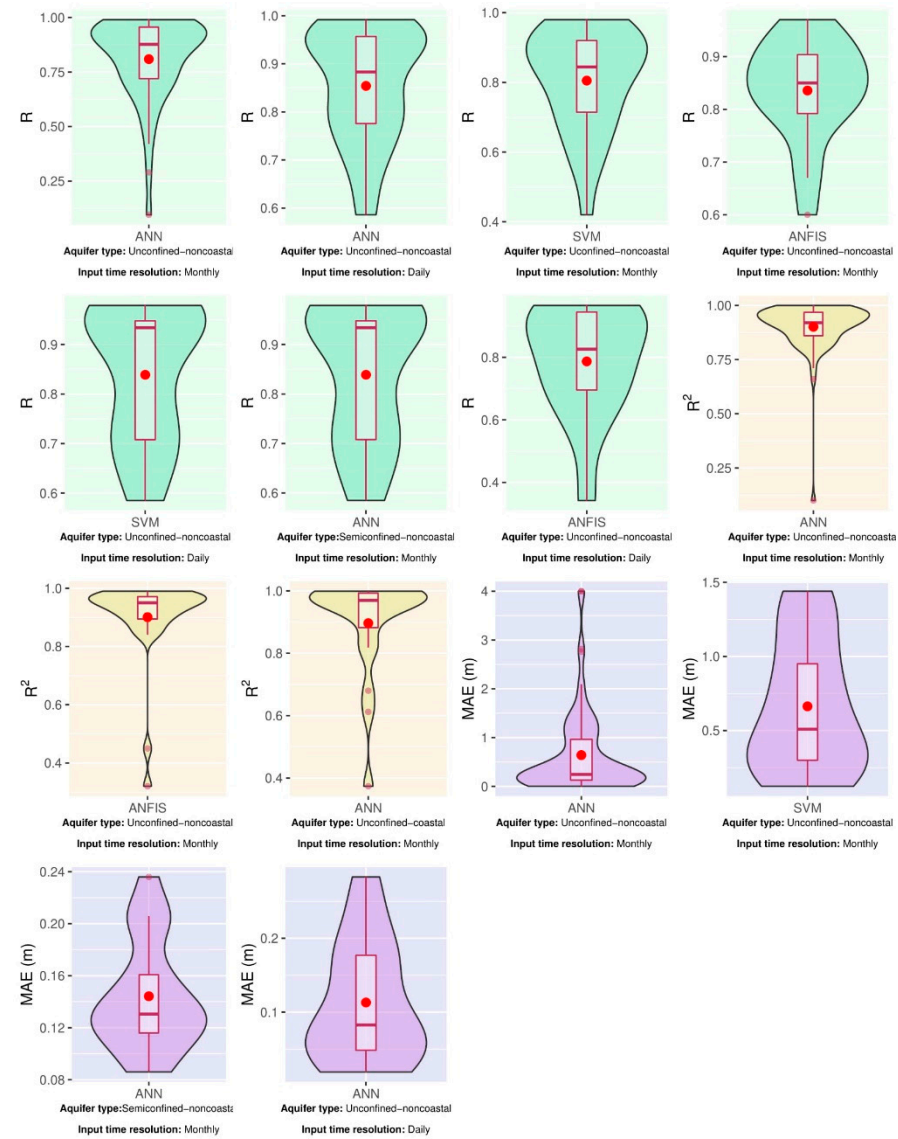


Figure S14. Results of meta-analysis for subcategories combination

Tables:

Table S1. Input variables for predicted characteristics

Predicted Characteristic	1st input	2nd input	3rd input	4th input
Discharge	Precipitation/Rainfall (46.3%)	Predicted variable (earlier time steps) (33.6%)	GWL (Groundwater Level) (5.6%)	Predicted variable (adjacent wells/other places) (3.7%)
Groundwater recharge	Precipitation/Rainfall (32.9%)	Temperature (32.9%)	Evaporation/Evapotranspiration (12.9%)	Exploitation/Extraction (12.9%)
FSL (freshwater-saltwater interface level)	Tide level (50%)	GWL (Groundwater Level) (33%)	Predicted variable (earlier time steps) (17%)	
Salinity	Predicted variable (earlier time steps) (17%)	Temperature (13%)	Evaporation/Evapotranspiration (13%)	

Table S2. Statistics of groundwater level's violin plots depicted in Figure 11

Index	RMSE (m)	NSE	R	R²	MAE (m)	MSE (m²)
Number of records	546	374	288	270	202	68
Q ₁	0.11	0.56	0.77	0.83	0.11	0.00
Q ₂	0.26	0.83	0.87	0.92	0.24	0.05
Q ₃	0.62	0.92	0.95	0.97	0.91	0.71
Mean	0.52	0.72	0.84	0.86	0.60	1.19
Min	0.00	-1.85	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.00
Max	8.98	1.00	0.99	1.00	4.22	9.57
Low Whisker	0.00	0.03	0.52	0.62	0.00	0.00
High Whisker	1.38	1.00	0.99	1.00	2.11	1.78

Table S3. Statistics of other characteristics' violin plots illustrated in Figure 12

Index	Discharge		Groundwater recharge		Freshwater saltwater interface	
	RMSE (m ³ /s)	MAE (m ³ /s)	R ²	RMSE (mm)	R ²	RMAE
Number of records	50	44	38	23	17	21
Q ₁	0.01	0.03	0.83	0.19	0.48	0.80
Q ₂	0.04	0.04	0.92	19.46	0.77	1.27
Q ₃	0.05	0.05	0.97	49.00	0.91	1.39
Mean	0.05	0.26	0.87	80.34	0.70	1.11
Min	0.00	0.01	0.39	0.10	0.04	0.48
Max	0.53	1.89	1.00	479.00	0.97	1.42
Low Whisker	0.00	0.01	0.62	0.10	0.04	0.48
High Whisker	0.10	0.09	1.00	122.22	0.97	1.42

Table S4. Statistics of the violin plots represented in Figure 13

Index	ML method																		
	ANFIS	ANN	Decision Tree	GEP	SVM	ANFIS	ANN	Decision Tree	SVM	ANFIS	ANN	GEP	SVM	ANFIS	ANN	SVM	ANN	SVM	ANN
	RMSE (m)					NSE				R				R ²			MAE (m)		MSE (m ²)
Number of records	67	242	24	18	84	38	179	20	64	42	133	15	58	35	135	35	132	28	42
Q ₁	0.10	0.09	0.03	0.10	0.13	0.50	0.68	0.71	0.49	0.78	0.77	0.71	0.73	0.89	0.85	0.78	0.09	0.28	0.00
Q ₂	0.26	0.18	0.10	0.25	0.26	0.75	0.86	0.87	0.75	0.84	0.89	0.80	0.84	0.95	0.93	0.92	0.20	0.49	0.01
Q ₃	0.62	0.45	0.38	0.32	0.46	0.89	0.94	0.93	0.88	0.92	0.95	0.96	0.94	0.97	0.97	0.96	0.47	1.10	0.05
Mean	0.38	0.30	0.29	0.22	0.35	0.69	0.78	0.75	0.69	0.82	0.84	0.81	0.83	0.91	0.90	0.84	0.47	0.69	0.08
Min	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.11	0.12	0.34	0.10	0.56	0.42	0.32	0.10	0.29	0.00	0.12	0.00
Max	1.32	1.36	1.19	0.35	1.36	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.99	1.00	0.98	4.00	2.26	0.72
Low Whisker	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.07	0.29	0.38	0.12	0.59	0.51	0.56	0.42	0.78	0.67	0.52	0.00	0.12	0.00
High Whisker	1.32	0.97	0.90	0.35	0.96	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.99	1.00	0.98	1.05	2.26	0.12

Table S4. Continued

Index	ANN type									
	FFNN	NARX	FFNN	NARX	FFNN	FFNN	NARX	FFNN	FFNN	NARX
	RMSE (m)		NSE		R	R ²		MAE (m)	MSE (m ²)	
Number of records	144	19	104	17	98	75	16	67	17	16
Q ₁	0.11	0.01	0.54	0.85	0.76	0.85	0.92	0.07	0.00	0.00
Q ₂	0.18	0.11	0.82	0.94	0.87	0.93	0.97	0.17	0.00	0.00
Q ₃	0.46	0.46	0.91	0.98	0.95	0.97	0.98	0.48	0.05	0.13
Mean	0.31	0.24	0.73	0.91	0.83	0.89	0.93	0.43	0.03	0.14
Min	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.74	0.10	0.37	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
Max	0.25	0.00	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	2.82	0.10	0.72
Low Whisker	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.74	0.48	0.67	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
High Whisker	0.25	0.00	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.09	0.10	0.31

Table S5. Statistics of the violin plots represented in Figure 14

Index	Aquifer types												
	Confined	Semi-confined	Unconfined	Confined	Semi-confined	Unconfined	Confined	Semi-confined	Unconfined	Semi-confined	Unconfined	Semi-confined	Unconfined
	RMSE (m)			NSE			R			R ²		MAE (m)	
Number of records	16	47	432	18	42	304	16	19	253	32	237	22	172
Q ₁	0.36	0.10	0.09	0.63	0.81	0.55	0.81	0.83	0.76	0.88	0.83	0.09	0.12
Q ₂	0.47	0.15	0.22	0.83	0.87	0.82	0.91	0.93	0.86	0.93	0.92	0.13	0.27
Q ₃	0.63	0.19	0.48	0.87	0.92	0.93	0.94	0.96	0.95	0.96	0.97	0.16	1.03
Mean	0.49	0.19	0.33	0.76	0.84	0.74	0.86	0.90	0.83	0.86	0.86	0.12	0.67
Min	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.25	0.04	0.37	0.76	0.10	0.29	0.09	0.00	0.00
Max	0.78	1.28	1.36	0.93	0.97	1.00	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.98	1.00	0.24	4.22
Low Whisker	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.65	0.04	0.60	0.76	0.48	0.75	0.62	0.00	0.00
High Whisker	0.78	0.33	1.05	0.93	0.97	1.00	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.98	1.00	0.24	2.39

Table S5. Continued

Index	Coastal aquifer (Y/N)									
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
	RMSE (m)		NSE		R		R ²		MAE (m)	
Number of records	402	93	298	66	256	32	207	63	174	28
Q ₁	0.11	0.06	0.62	0.56	0.77	0.79	0.83	0.84	0.12	0.04
Q ₂	0.22	0.13	0.83	0.88	0.87	0.83	0.91	0.96	0.24	0.17
Q ₃	0.43	0.64	0.92	0.98	0.95	0.95	0.96	0.99	0.90	0.99
Mean	0.32	0.33	0.74	0.77	0.83	0.86	0.85	0.89	0.59	0.64
Min	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.25	0.10	0.75	0.09	0.37	0.00	0.00
Max	1.36	1.19	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	4.22	2.86
Low Whisker	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.25	0.50	0.75	0.64	0.62	0.00	0.00
High Whisker	0.91	1.19	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	2.07	2.41

Table S5. Continued

Index	Cross Validation (Y/N)									
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
	RMSE (m)		NSE		R		R ²		MAE (m)	
Number of records	401	63	287	51	249	30	226	39	175	25
Q ₁	0.10	0.18	0.62	0.44	0.77	0.77	0.84	0.65	0.10	0.22
Q ₂	0.20	0.38	0.85	0.73	0.87	0.85	0.92	0.84	0.21	0.33
Q ₃	0.41	0.68	0.93	0.87	0.95	0.92	0.97	0.96	0.83	1.15
Mean	0.31	0.48	0.76	0.66	0.84	0.81	0.88	0.76	0.58	0.79
Min	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.11	0.29	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.00
Max	1.36	1.29	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	4.22	2.86
Low Whisker	0.00	0.03	0.15	0.11	0.50	0.54	0.65	0.19	0.00	0.00
High Whisker	0.89	1.29	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.93	2.56

Table S5. Continued

Index	Sample division														
	70-30	75-25	80-20	Other	70-30	75-25	Other	70-30	75-25	Other	70-30	75-25	Other	70-30	Other
	RMSE (m)				NSE			R			R ²			MAE (m)	
Number of records	56	92	23	324	74	41	238	48	76	151	38	28	196	54	128
Q ₁	0.04	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.60	0.49	0.63	0.71	0.71	0.80	0.84	0.77	0.83	0.23	0.07
Q ₂	0.22	0.25	0.14	0.20	0.82	0.89	0.84	0.87	0.85	0.87	0.90	0.93	0.92	1.18	0.16
Q ₃	0.61	0.30	0.39	0.51	0.93	0.95	0.92	0.96	0.94	0.94	0.93	0.97	0.97	1.56	0.34
Mean	0.40	0.23	0.37	0.34	0.72	0.77	0.75	0.82	0.82	0.85	0.88	0.87	0.86	1.27	0.29
Min	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.42	0.11	0.42	0.34	0.10	0.57	0.61	0.09	0.04	0.00
Max	1.36	1.27	1.29	1.36	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	4.22	2.86
Low Whisker	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.11	0.42	0.18	0.42	0.37	0.58	0.70	0.61	0.62	0.04	0.00
High Whisker	1.36	0.59	0.80	1.12	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	3.55	0.74

Table S6. Statistics of the violin plots represented in Figure 15

Index	Input data time resolution											
	Daily	Hourly	Monthly	Daily	Hourly	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily	Monthly
	RMSE (m)			NSE			R		R ²		MAE (m)	
Number of records	138	24	302	68	17	251	95	175	39	212	19	173
Q ₁	0.11	0.02	0.12	0.69	0.72	0.55	0.76	0.78	0.80	0.83	0.02	0.13
Q ₂	0.17	0.03	0.30	0.87	0.83	0.81	0.88	0.85	0.90	0.92	0.07	0.25
Q ₃	0.29	0.05	0.64	0.94	0.93	0.92	0.96	0.93	0.96	0.97	0.17	0.95
Mean	0.22	0.05	0.41	0.79	0.83	0.72	0.84	0.82	0.85	0.86	0.09	0.63
Min	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.25	0.69	0.04	0.34	0.10	0.39	0.09	0.00	0.29
Max	1.03	0.41	1.36	0.98	0.99	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.28	1.00
Low Whisker	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.32	0.69	0.04	0.45	0.54	0.56	0.63	0.00	0.29
High Whisker	0.57	0.09	1.36	0.98	0.99	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.28	1.00

Table S6. Continued

Index	Selection technique									
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
	RMSE (m)		NSE		R		R ²		MAE (m)	
Number of records	311	184	214	150	184	104	167	103	151	51
Q ₁	0.10	0.09	0.51	0.77	0.78	0.76	0.78	0.87	0.12	0.04
Q ₂	0.20	0.23	0.77	0.88	0.85	0.92	0.91	0.94	0.23	0.25
Q ₃	0.49	0.41	0.91	0.94	0.94	0.96	0.96	0.98	0.96	0.65
Mean	0.34	0.30	0.69	0.83	0.83	0.85	0.84	0.90	0.54	0.76
Min	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.38	0.10	0.34	0.09	0.10	0.00	0.00
Max	1.36	1.29	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	2.86	4.22
Low Whisker	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.51	0.55	0.45	0.52	0.70	0.00	0.00
High Whisker	1.07	0.88	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	2.22	1.57

Table S6. Continued

Index	Forecast for future									
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
	RMSE (m)		NSE		R		R ²		MAE (m)	
Number of records	171	324	83	281	100	188	100	170	65	137
Q ₁	0.09	0.10	0.71	0.56	0.79	0.77	0.80	0.84	0.17	0.09
Q ₂	0.18	0.22	0.80	0.85	0.87	0.87	0.89	0.94	0.24	0.24
Q ₃	0.34	0.55	0.91	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.97	0.86	0.96
Mean	0.26	0.36	0.78	0.74	0.84	0.84	0.85	0.87	0.75	0.53
Min	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.04	0.34	0.10	0.32	0.09	0.03	0.00
Max	1.29	1.36	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.00	4.22	2.86
Low Whisker	0.00	0.00	0.42	0.04	0.56	0.49	0.57	0.65	0.03	0.00
High Whisker	0.71	1.23	1.00	1.00	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.88	2.25

Abbreviations:

AIC	Akaike information criterion
ANFIS	adaptive network-based fuzzy inference system
ANN	artificial neural network
CEBC	Center for Evidence-Based Conservation
FFNN	feed-forward neural networks
GEP	gene expression programming
GP	genetic programming
GA	genetic algorithm
LMA	Levenberg–Marquardt
LR	linear regression
MAE	mean absolute error
MAPE	mean absolute percentage error
MSE	mean squared error
ML	machine learning
MLR	multiple linear regression
NARX	nonlinear autoregressive network with exogenous inputs
NRMSE	normalized root mean square error
NSE	Nash–Sutcliffe efficiency
RF	random forest
RMAE	relative mean absolute error
RMSE	root mean square error
PSO	particle swarm optimization
SST	sea surface temperature
SVM	support vector machine
SWAT	soil and water assessment tool