

# Data Science in Sustainable Energy Systems

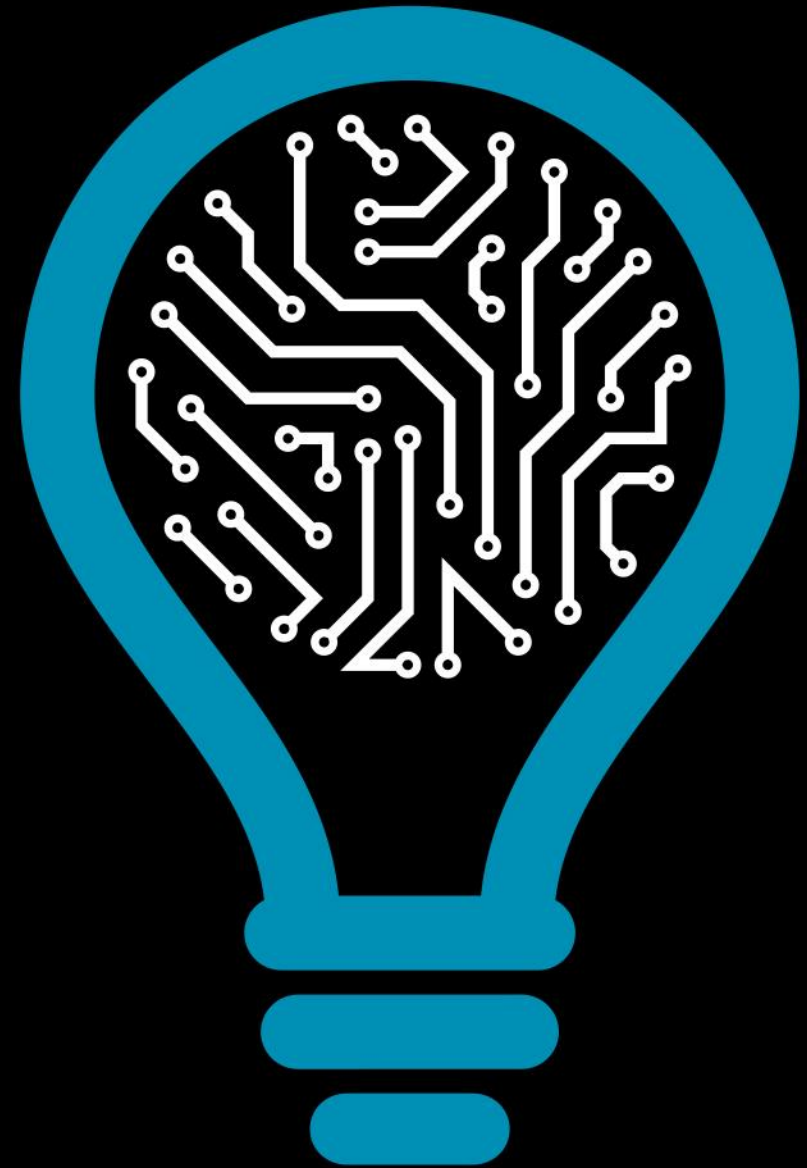
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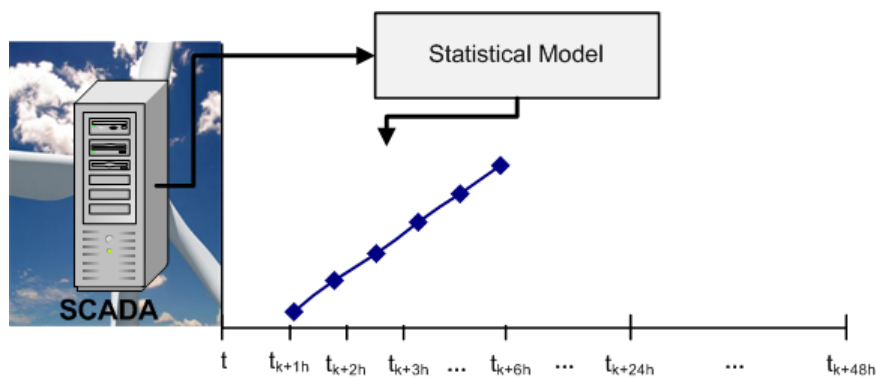
# Use Cases for this Talk



# Renewable Energy Forecasting

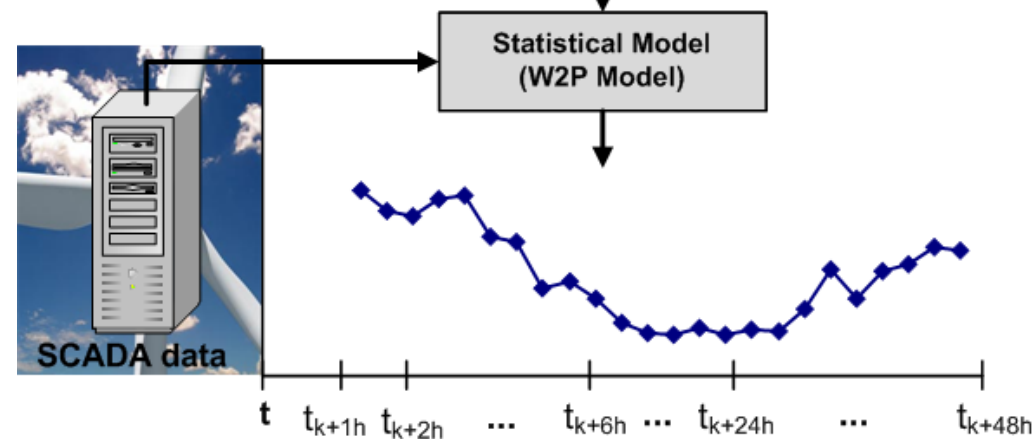
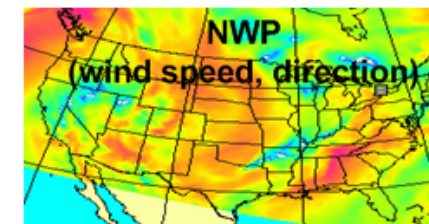
# Renewable Energy Forecasting in a Glance

Very short-term power forecasting (~6 hrs ahead)

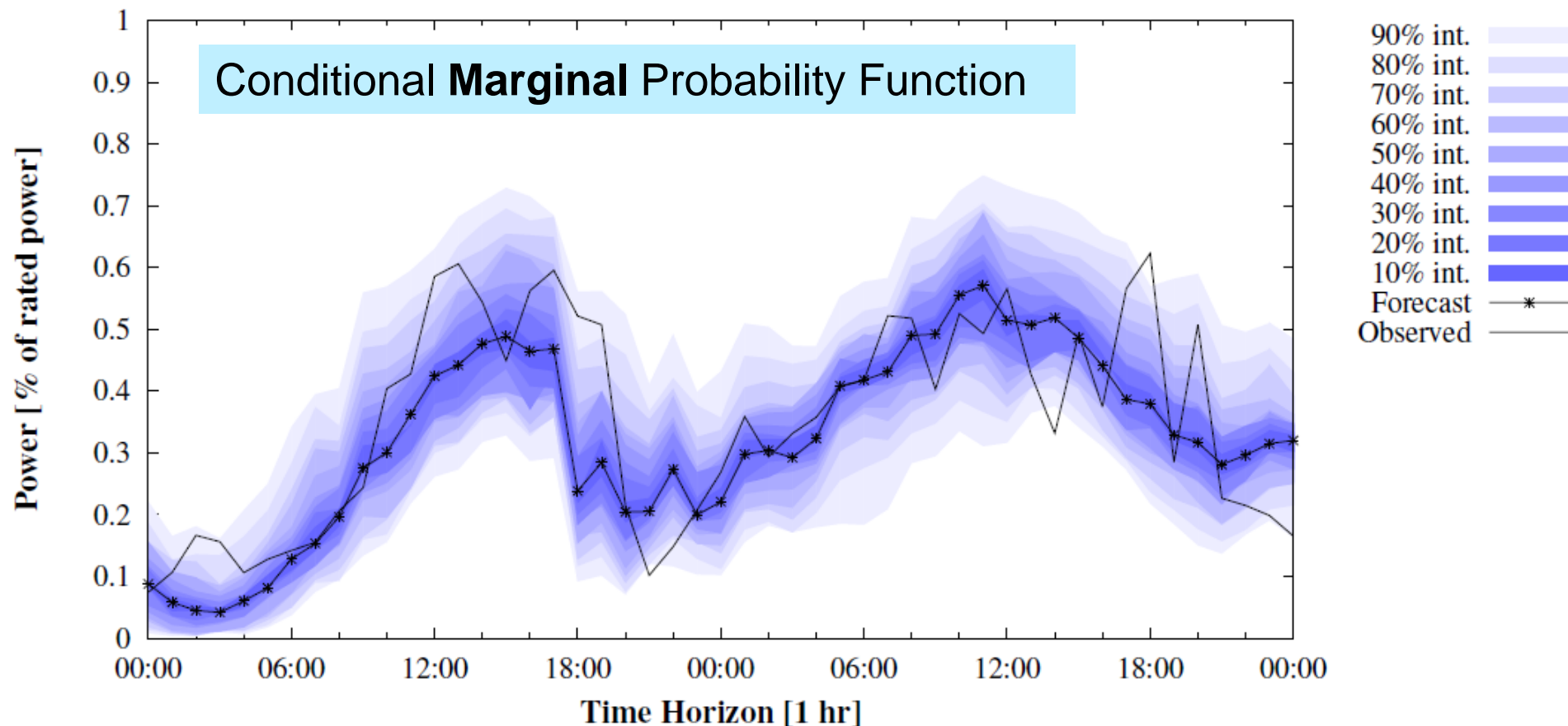


Short-term power forecasting  
(from 48hrs to 1 week ahead)

*NWP: Numerical  
Weather Predictions  
(e.g. IPMA)*

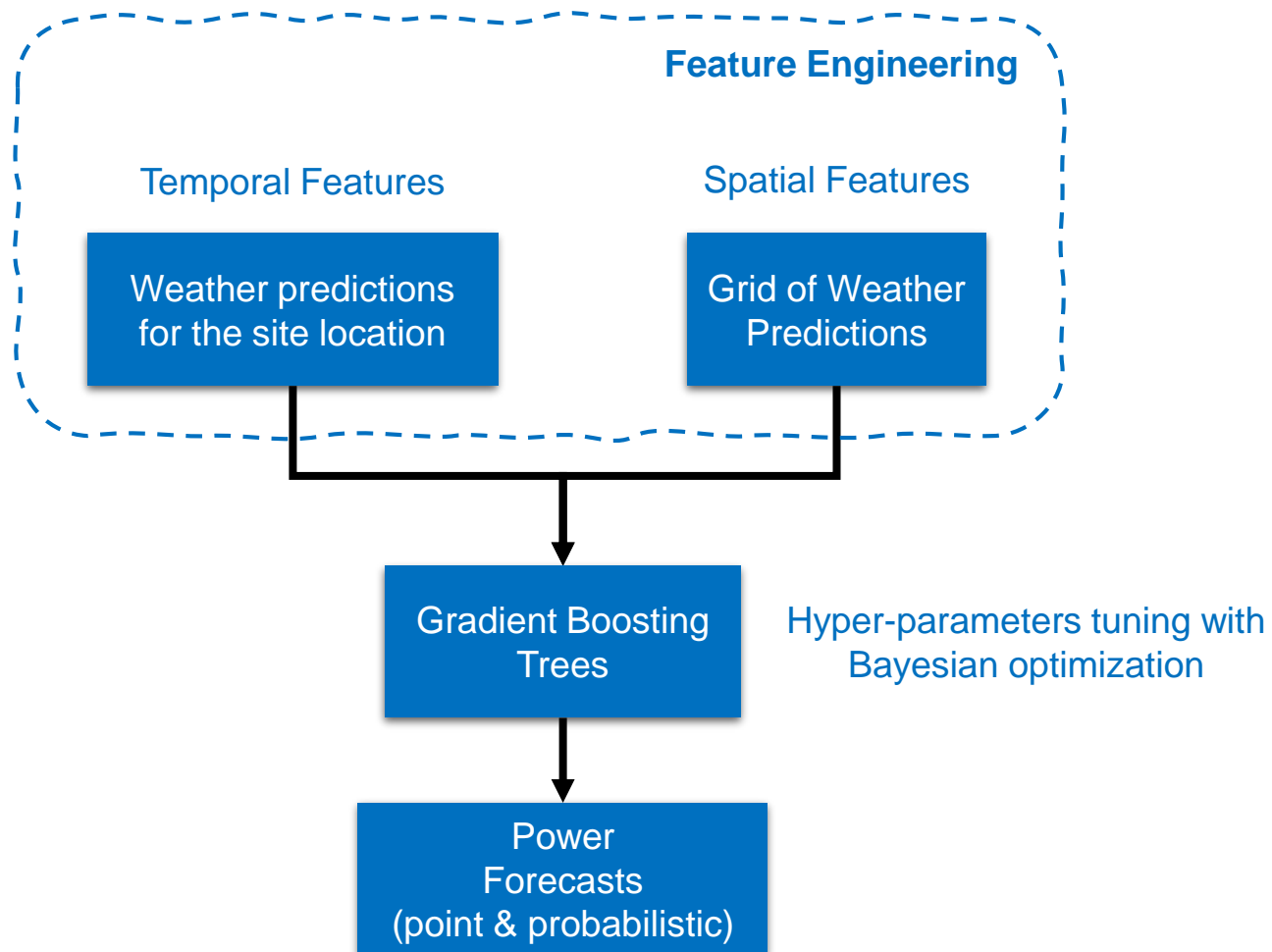


# Renewable Energy Forecast Uncertainty

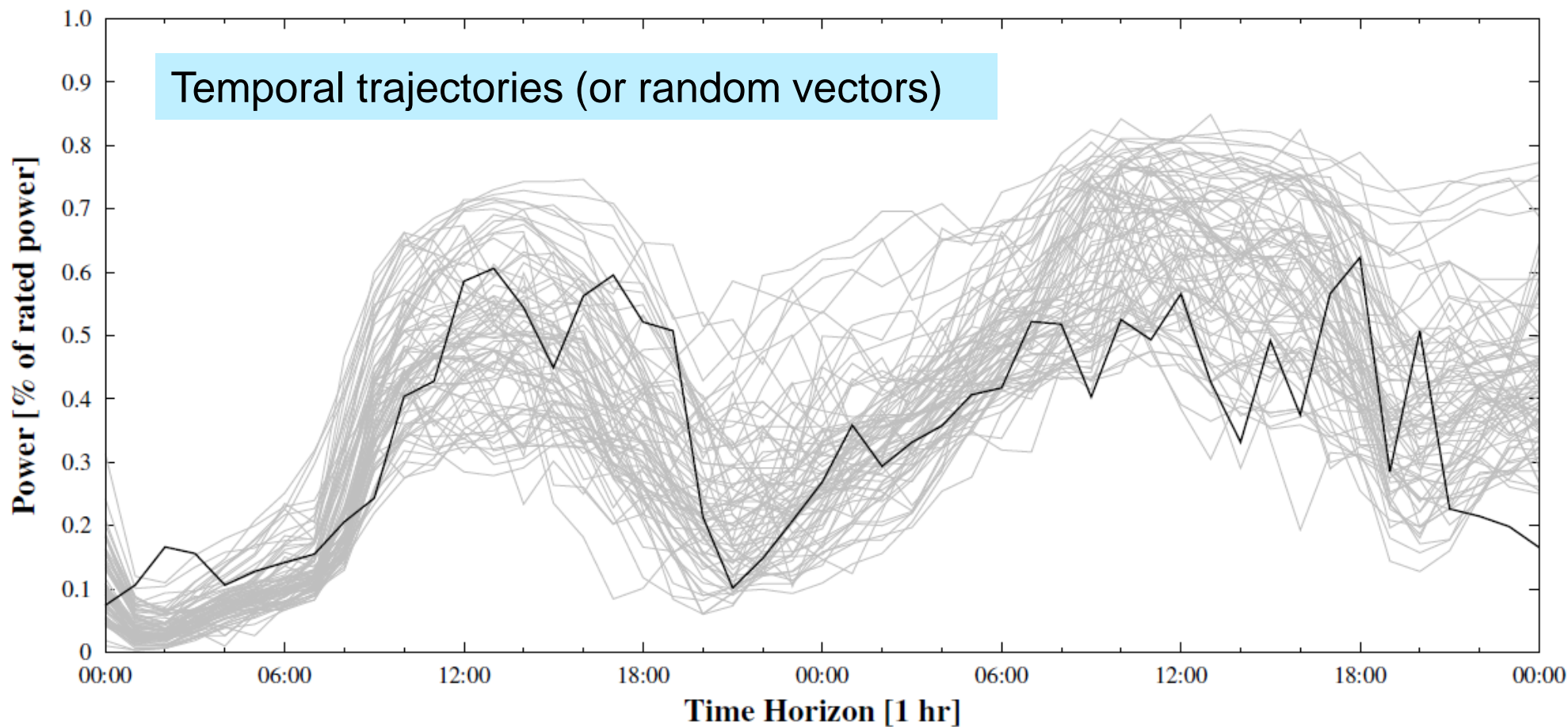


Misleading information to a decision-maker, e.g. interpret the quantiles as a possible temporal evolution in time

# Forecasting Framework for Marginal Distributions

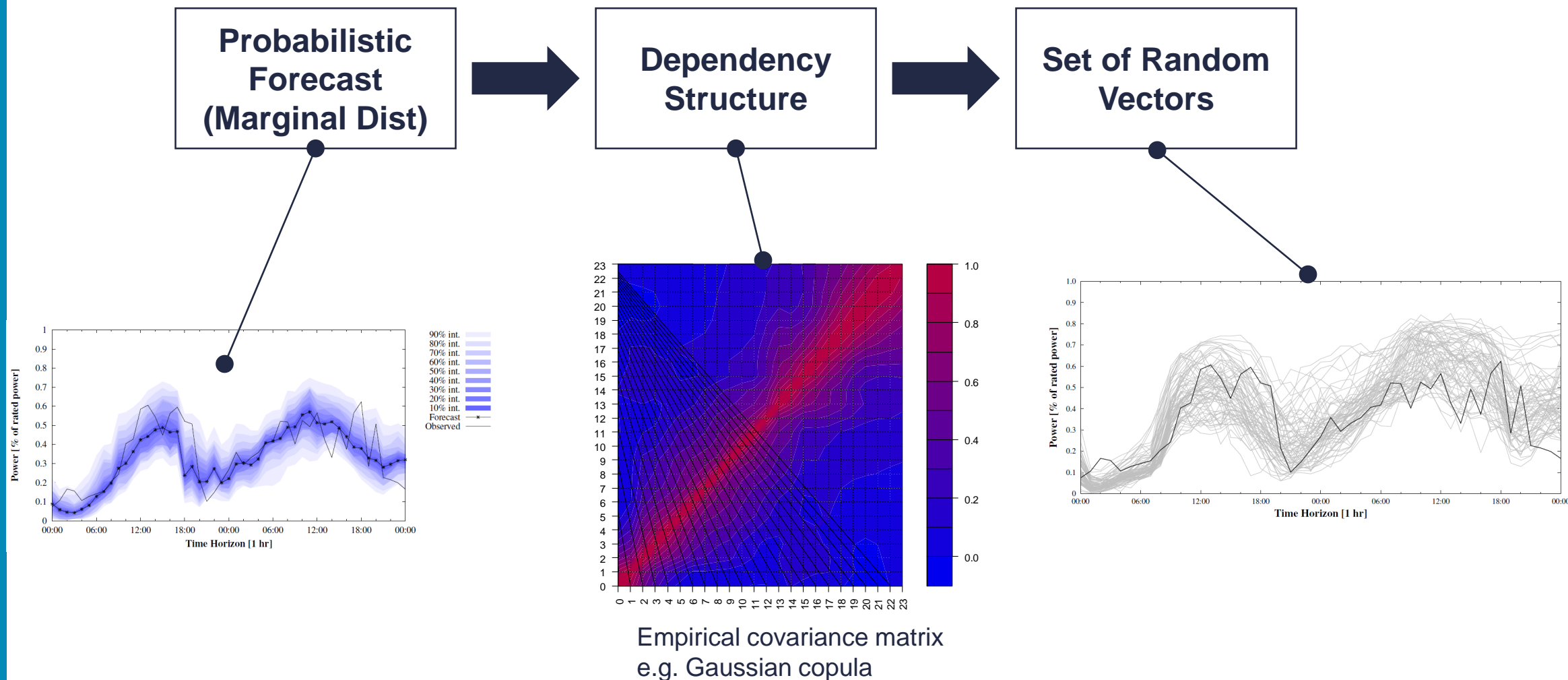


# Renewable Energy Forecast Uncertainty



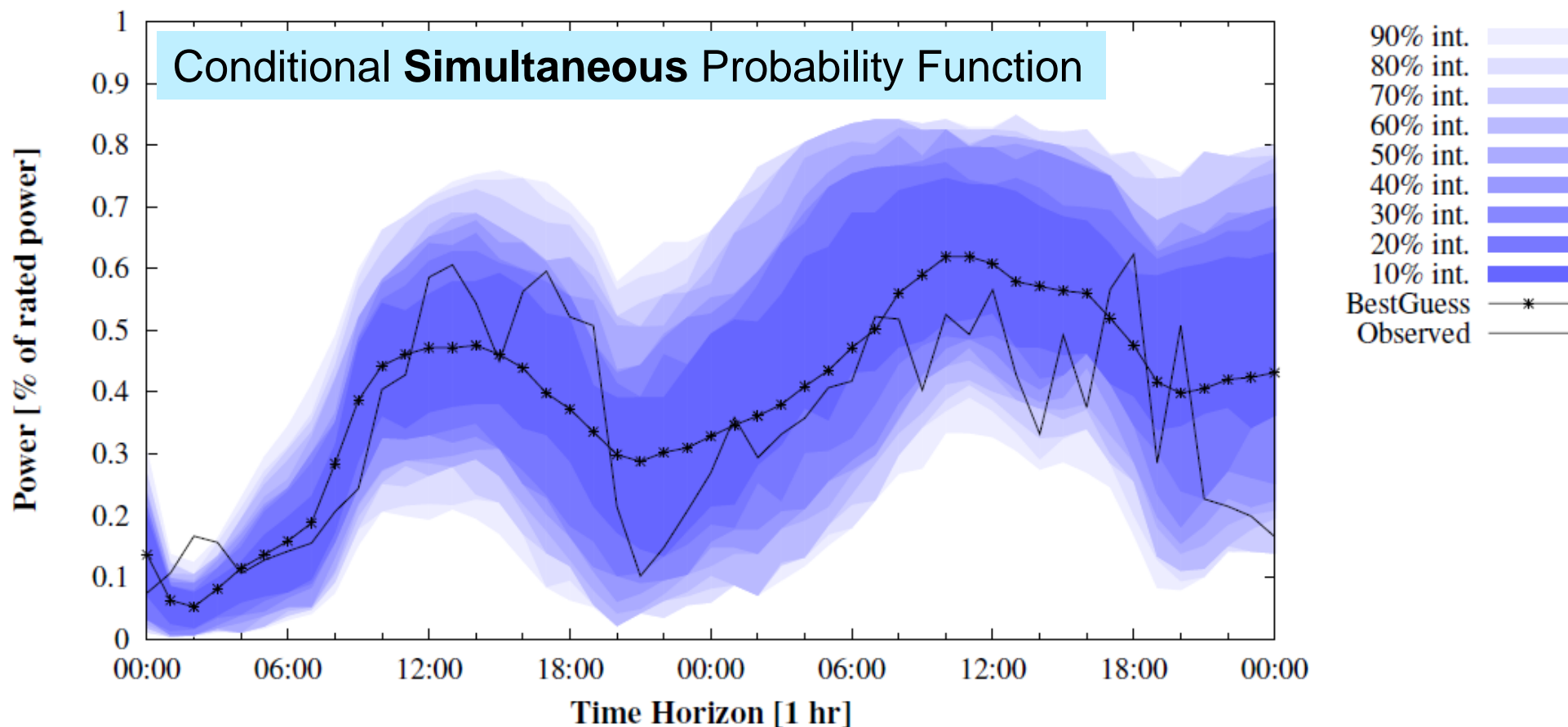
Captures temporal and spatial-temporal dependency structure

# Generation of Temporal Trajectories (Uncertainty)





# Renewable Energy Forecast Uncertainty

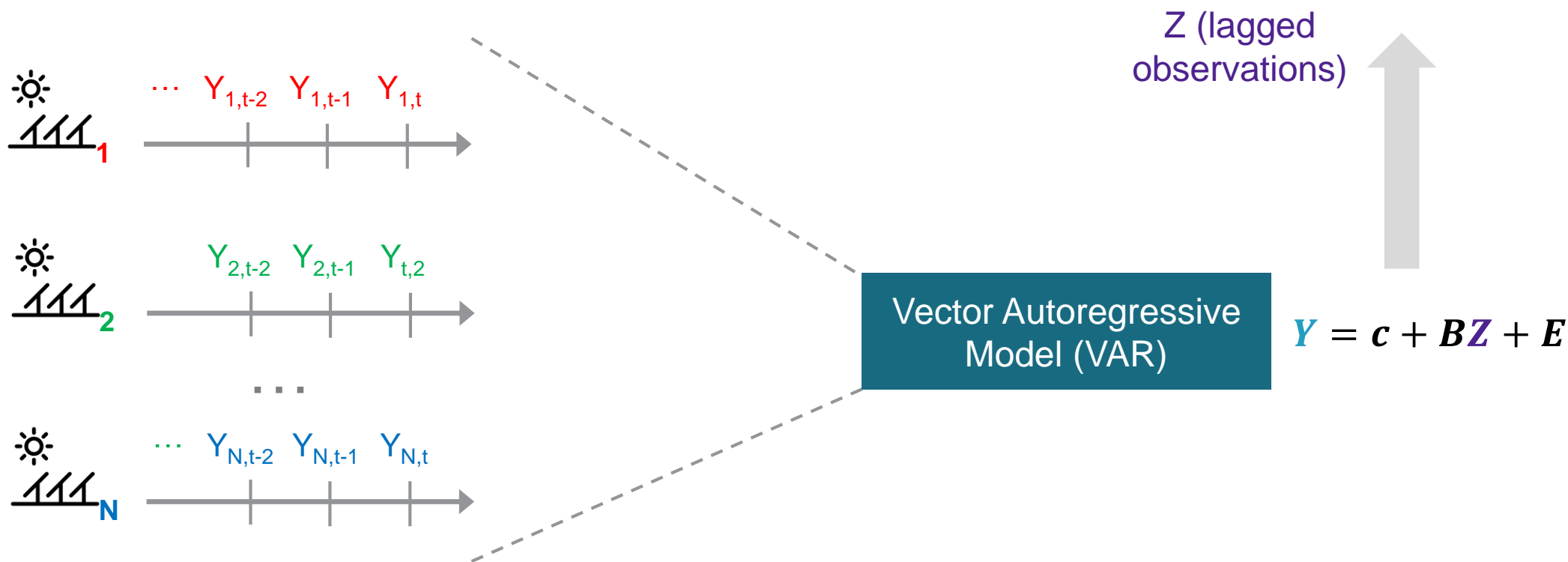


# Collaborative Forecasting

## Using Geographically Distributed Time Series

Example: matrix format for 2 PV sites

$$[Y_{1,t} \quad Y_{2,t}] = [c_1 \quad c_2] + \begin{bmatrix} B_{1,1}^1 & B_{1,2}^1 & B_{1,1}^2 & B_{1,2}^2 \\ B_{2,1}^1 & B_{2,2}^1 & B_{2,1}^2 & B_{2,2}^2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} Y_{1,t-1} \\ Y_{2,t-1} \\ Y_{1,t-2} \\ Y_{2,t-2} \end{bmatrix} + [E_{1,t} \quad E_{2,t}]$$



# Collaborative Forecasting

## LASSO Sparse Structure

$$\frac{1}{2} \|Y - BZ\|_2^2 + \lambda \|B\|_1$$

- ❑ Improves forecast accuracy
- ❑ Automatic finding of spatial-temporal dependencies

LASSO-VAR Structures	Illustration
sLV	
rLV	
ILV	
lsLV	
ooLV	
cLV	

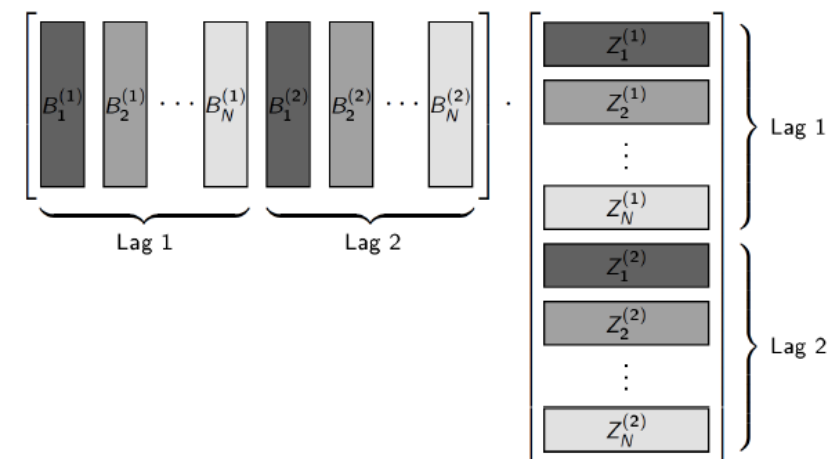
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## Distributed Learning



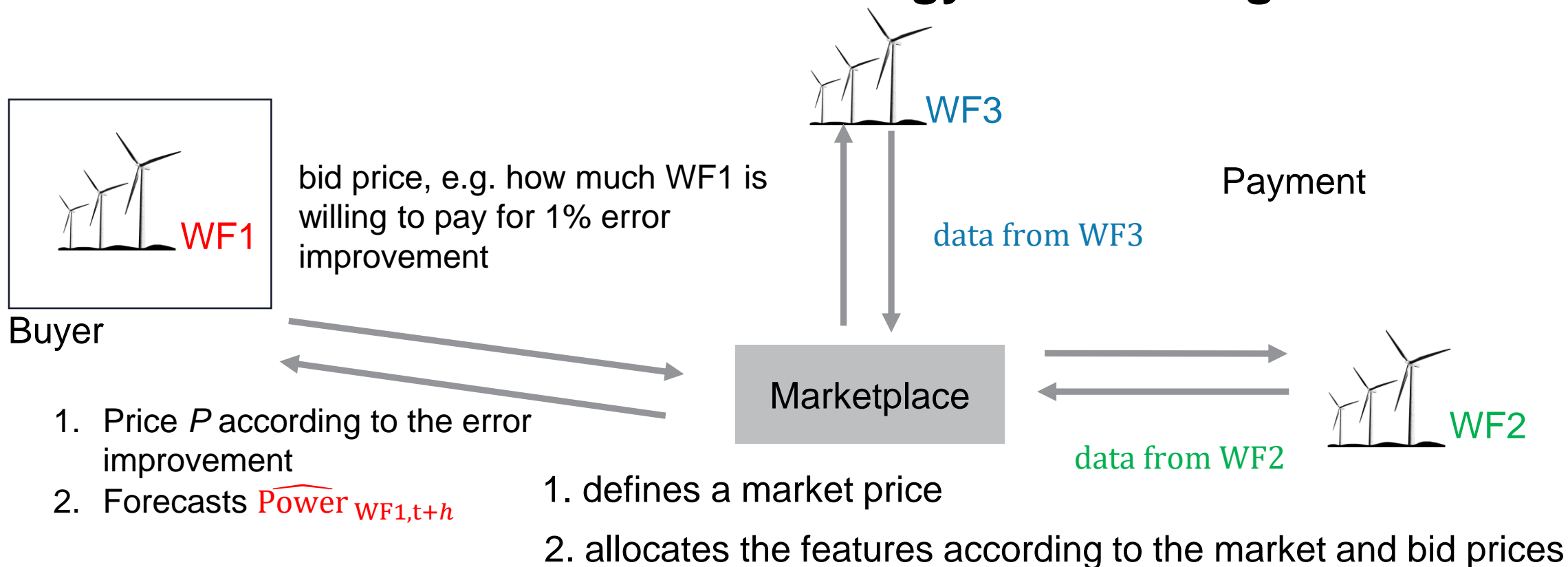
Does not guarantee data privacy

→ Algebraic cryptography is one solution



ADMM - alternating direction method of multipliers  
Break up large datasets into blocks and carry out  
the VAR fitting over each block

# Data Market for Renewable Energy Forecasting



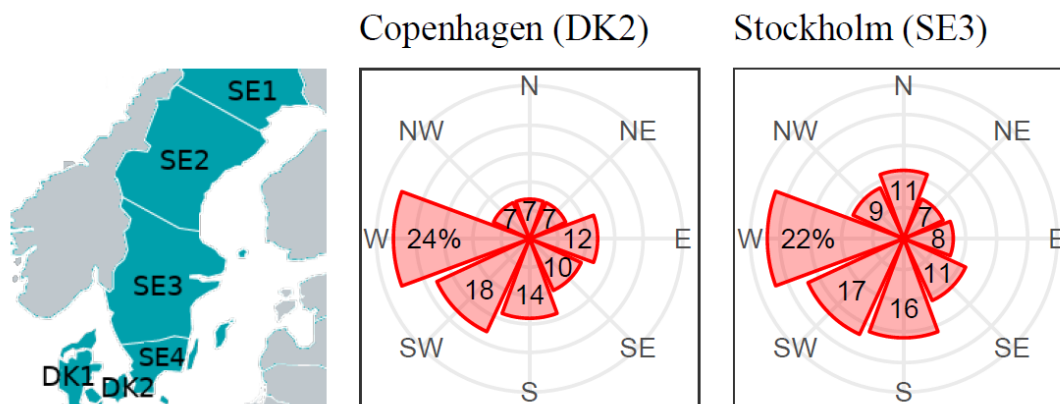
$$\widehat{\text{Power}}_{\text{WF1},t} = \hat{f}_{\text{WF1}}(\text{data from WF1, allocated data from WF2, allocated data from WF3})$$

$$\widehat{\text{Power}}_{\text{local WF1},t} = \hat{f}_{\text{WF1}}(\text{data from WF1})$$

Error improvement? **Yes**

How much do WF2/WF3 contribute for this improvement?

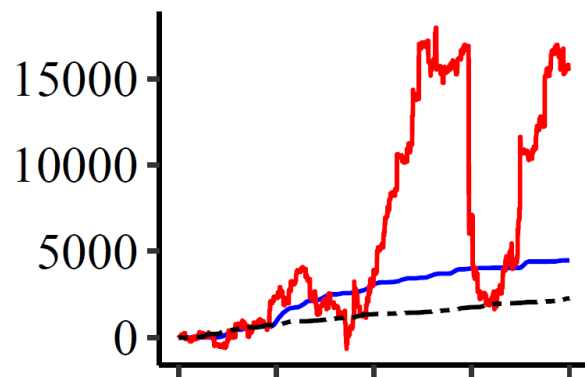
# Data Market: Results with Nord Pool Data



— Cumulative Data Market Revenue — Cumulative Extra Revenue from Electricity Market - - - Cumulative Payment

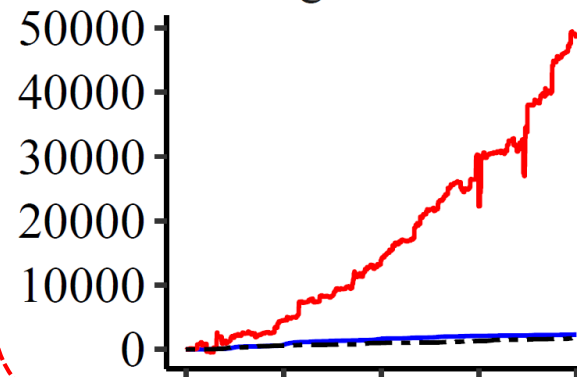
Agent with highest reward for data sharing

Agent DK1

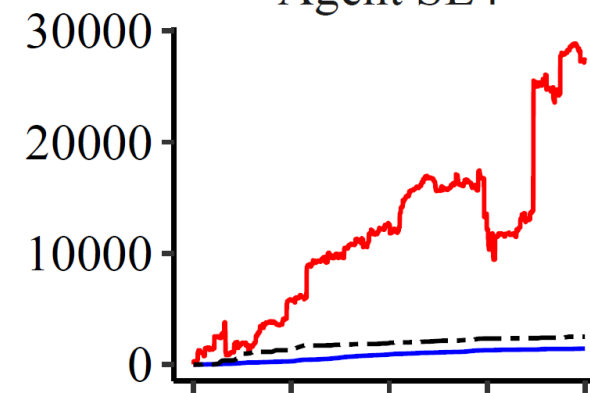


Agents that maximize electricity market revenue due to “extra” data

Agent DK2



Agent SE4

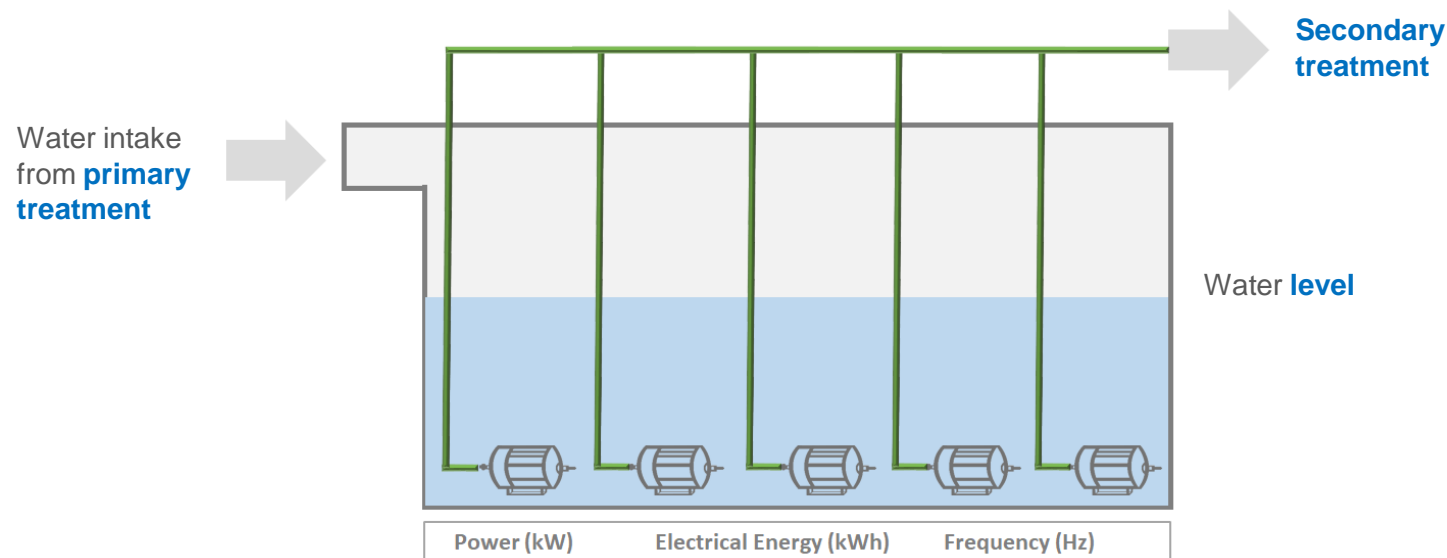


# Energy Optimization

# Energy Optimization in Wastewater Station

## Minimize electrical energy consumption

- ☐ Avoid modelling the wastewater system
- ☐ Use data already available from the SCADA



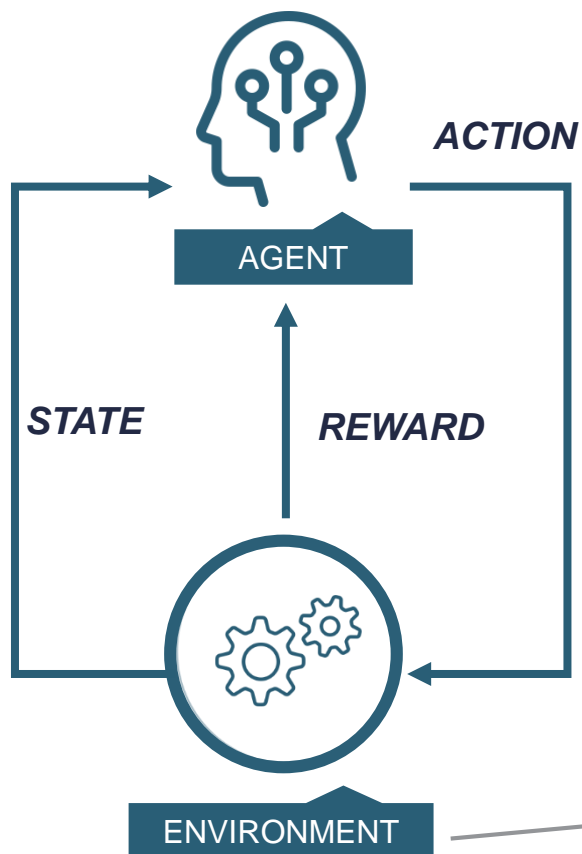
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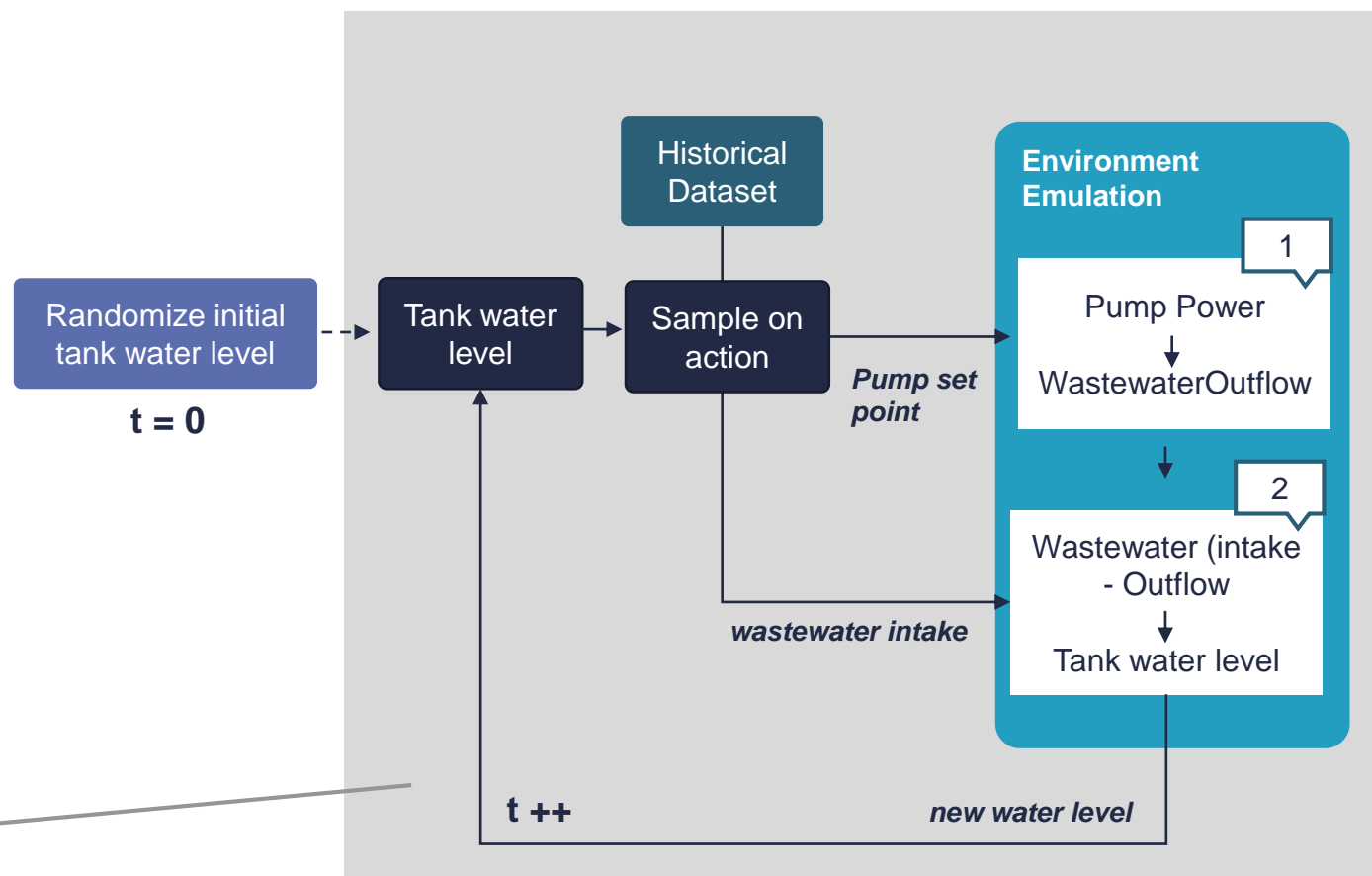


# Reinforcement Learning Framework

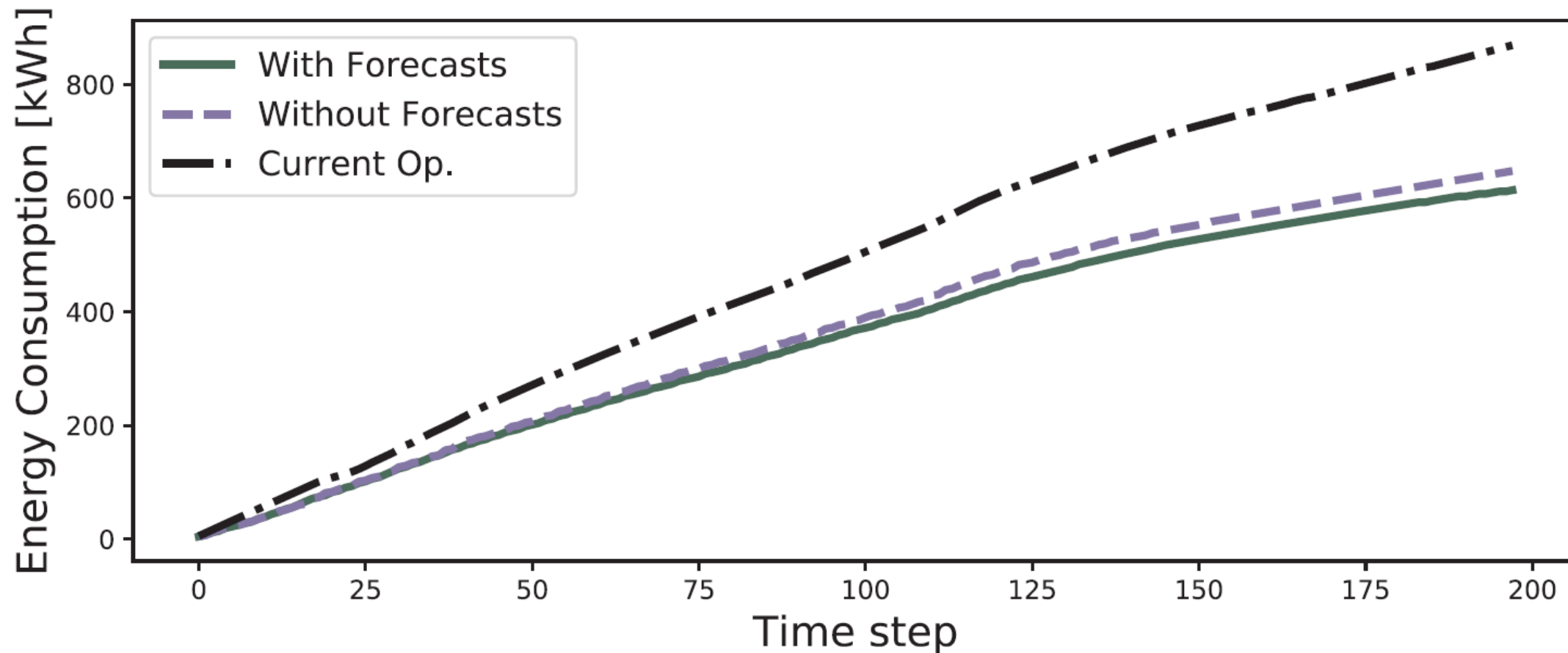
## Reinforcement Learning



## Pre-training before deployment



# Results for Alcântara Wastewater Station

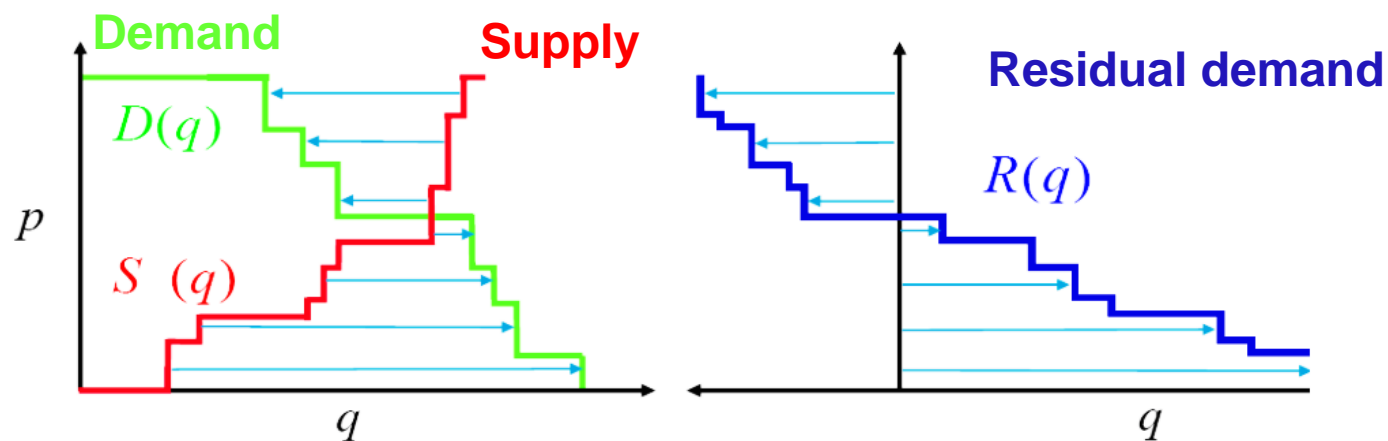


# Forecasting Electricity Market Curves

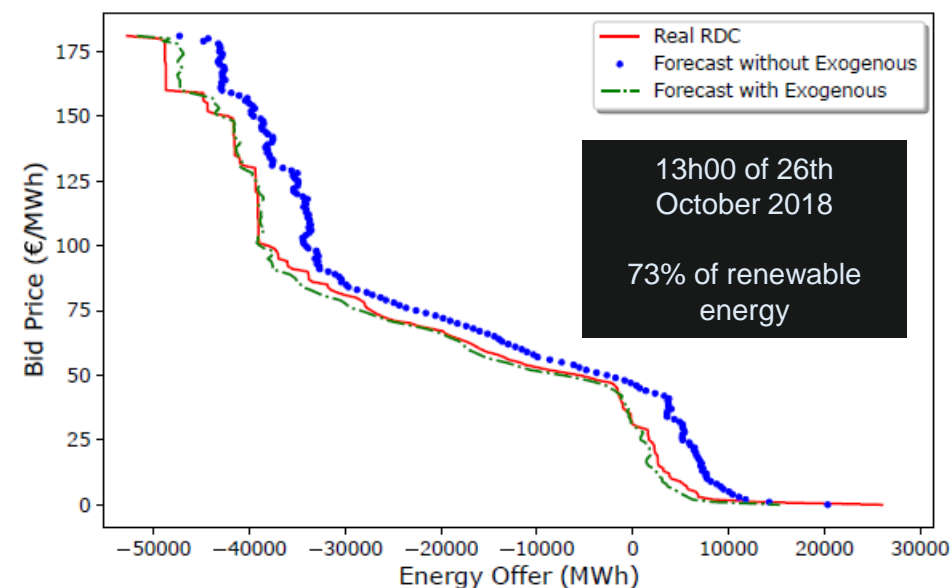
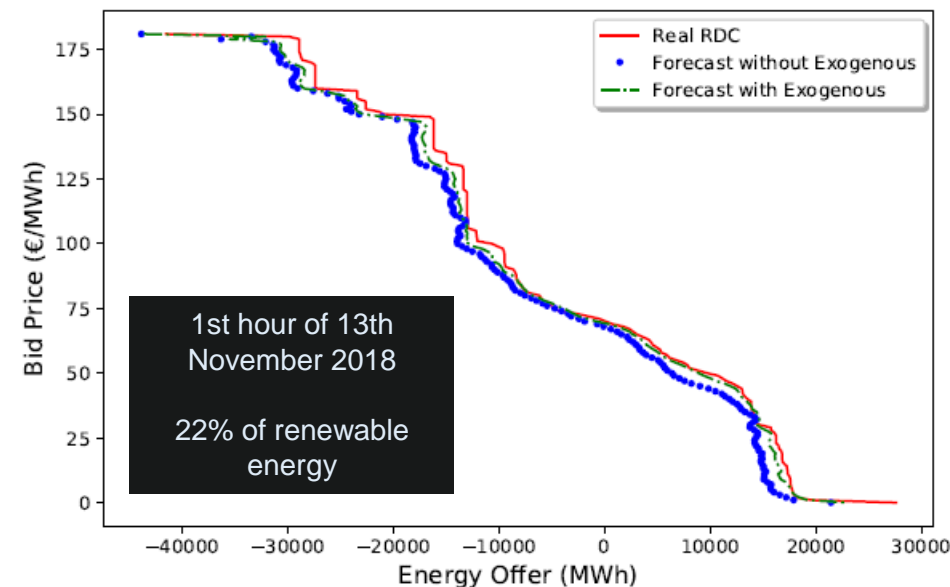
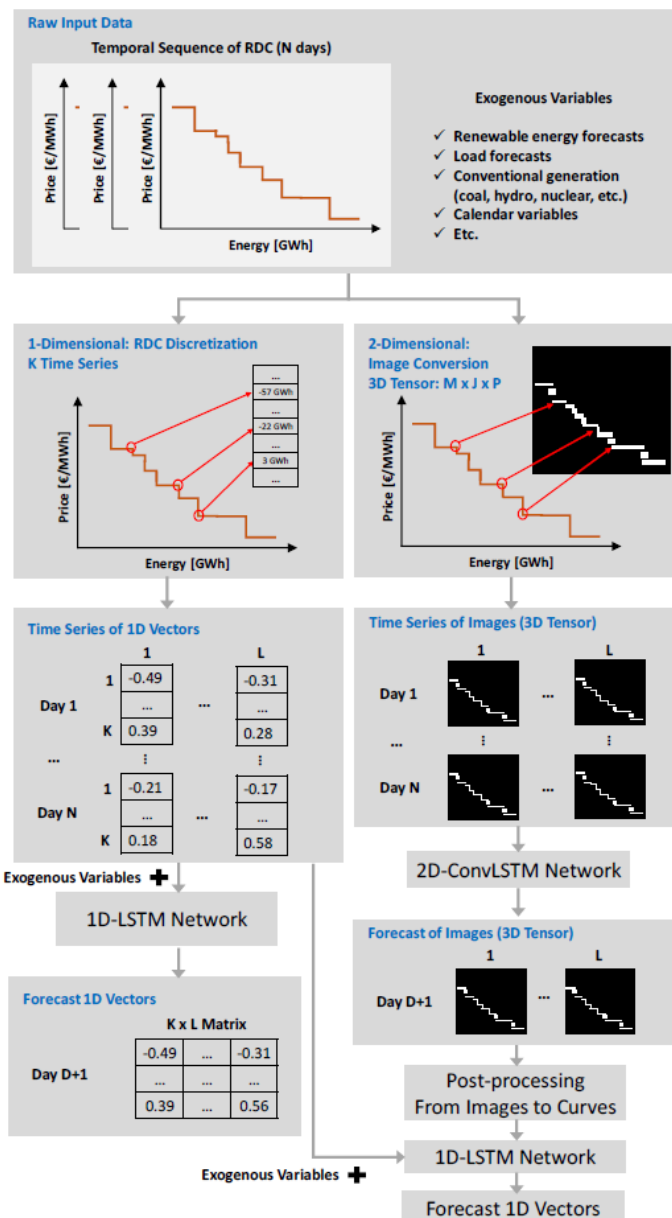
# Forecast Electricity Market Curves

## Predict residual demand curves

- ▶ Day-ahead forecast of residual demand curves
- ▶ Exploit the capacity of deep learning in handling frames/images

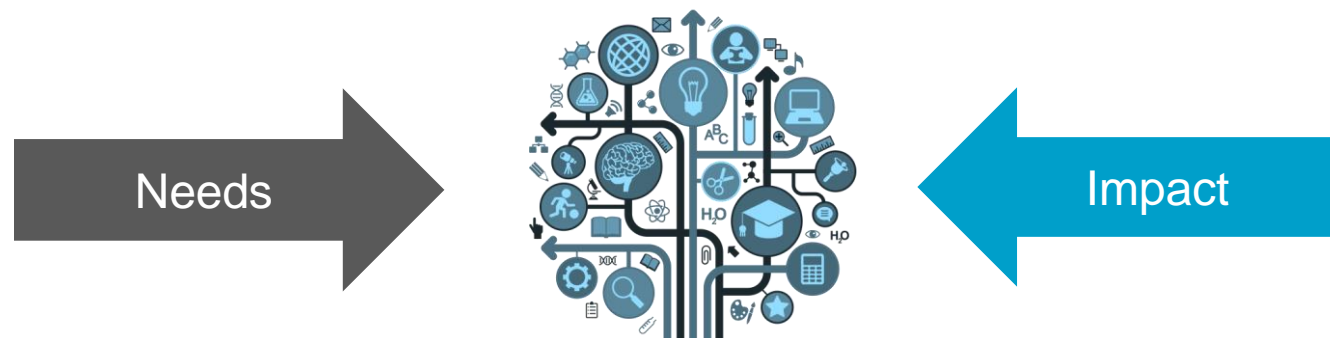


# Deep Learning Forecasting Framework



# Wrap-up

# Concluding Remarks



Model interpretability (explainability)

Hybridization between data and physical models

Attractive business cases in the energy sector

Paradigm shift towards distributed learning

Keep humans as a core building block @energy sector

Broader adoption by decision-makers and industry

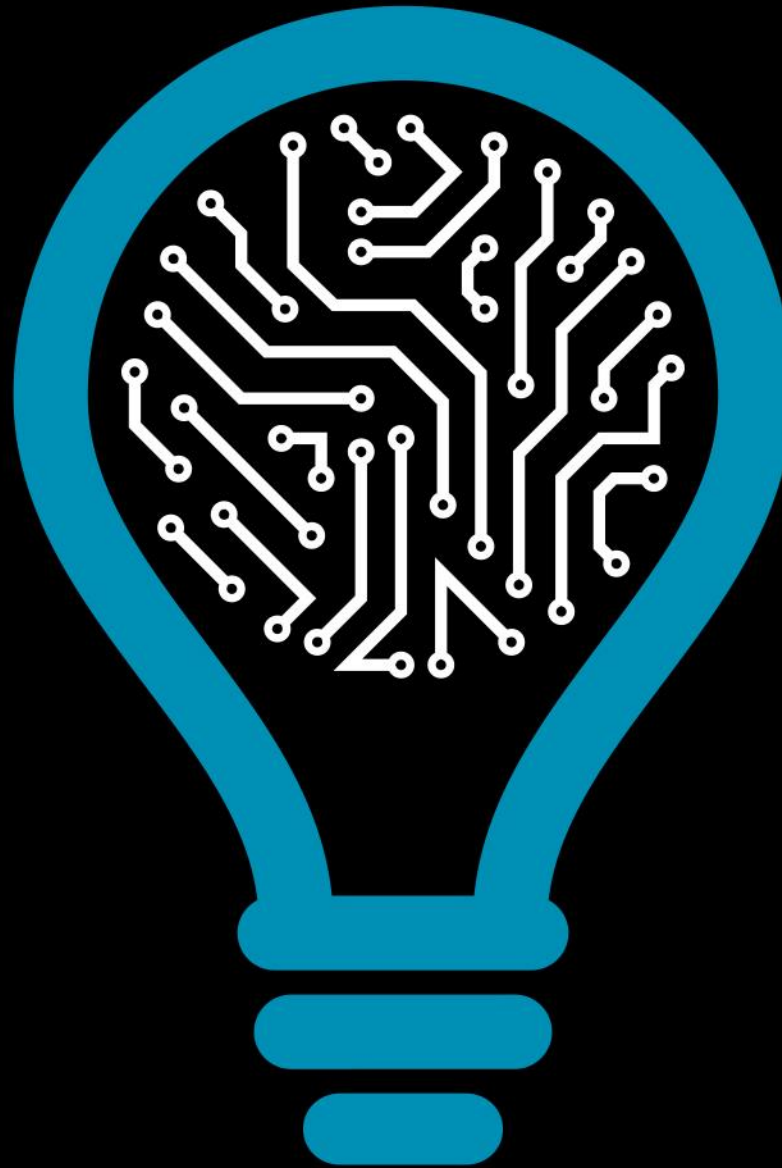
Fast deployment and embedded expert knowledge

De-risk investment in data science and R&D from academia

Reduce big data requirements & New business models

Improved human decisions & reduce stress levels

from knowledge  
production to  
science-based  
innovation



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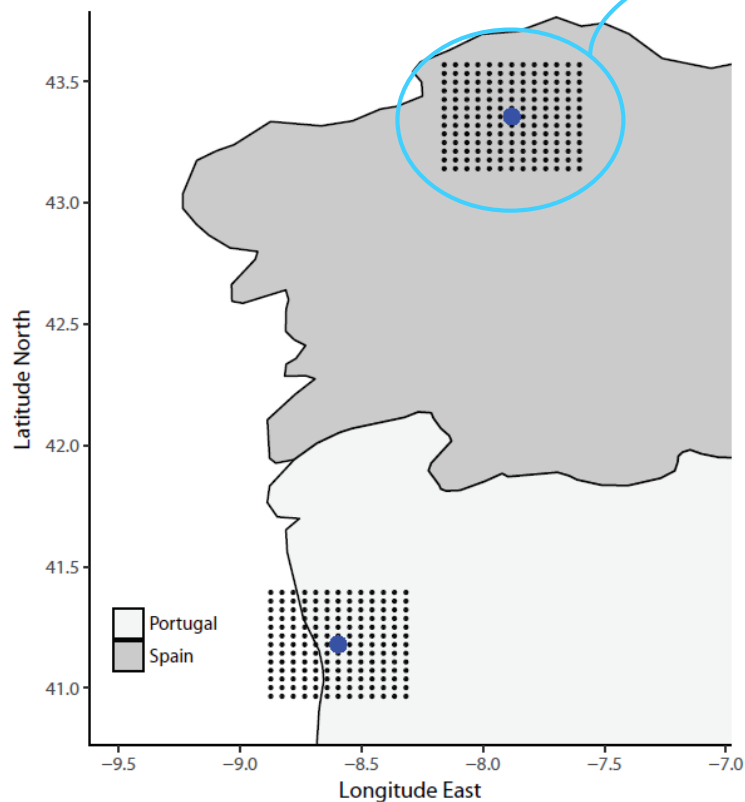


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# Backup Slides

# Improving Uncertainty Forecasting with Feature Engineering



Raw weather forecasts dataset: **2704 variables** for the wind power plant and **1014 variables** for the PV site

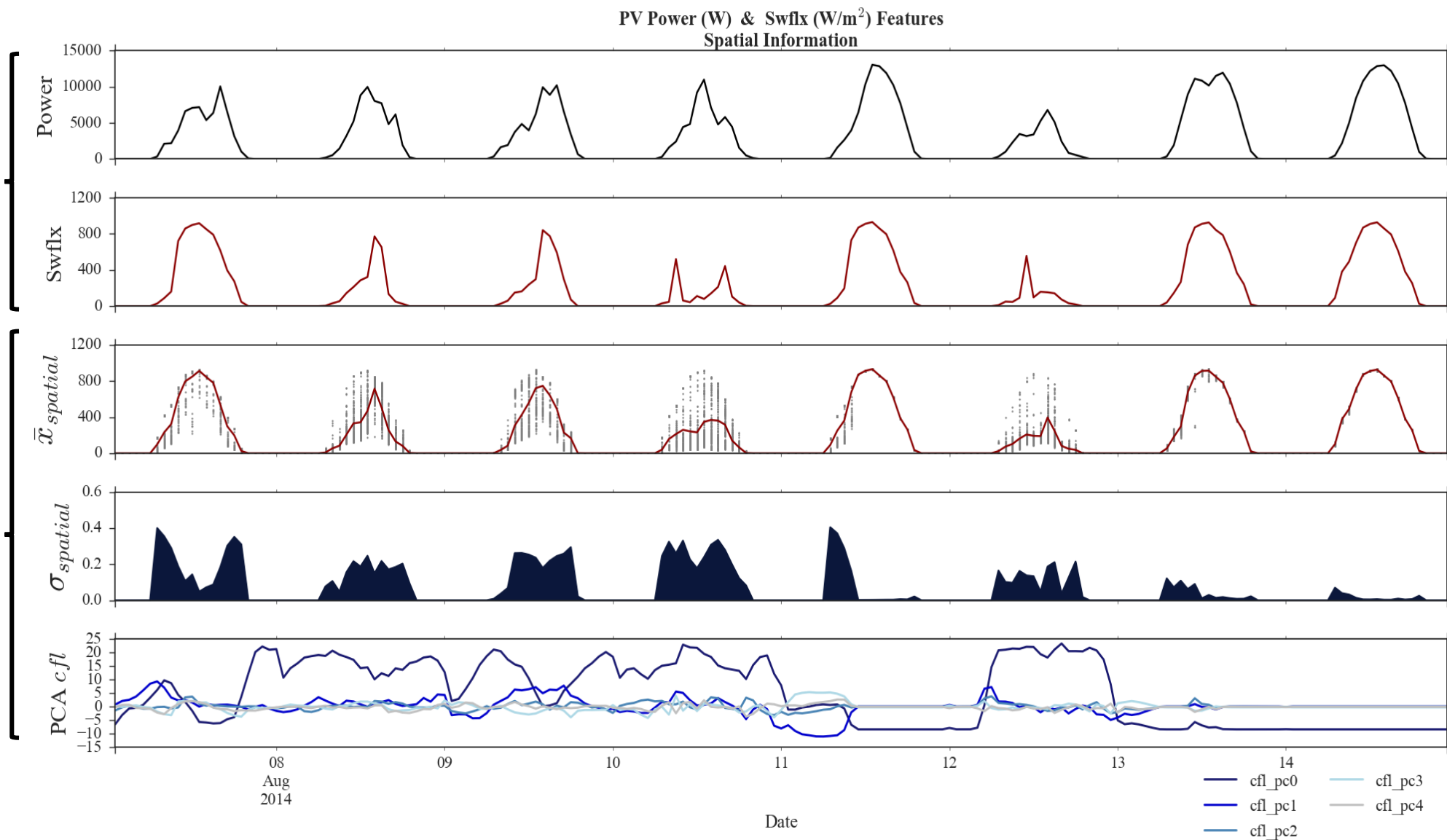
Clear case for feature engineering: **how much information can be extracted from this raw data?**

NWP Grid Description	
<i>NWP variables</i>	Shortwave flux Temperature at 2m Cloud cover at low/mid/high levels
<i>Number of geographical points</i>	169
<i>Area coverage</i>	Aprox. 2400 km <sup>2</sup>
<i>Distance between points</i>	Aprox. 4km <sup>2</sup>
<i>NWP grid resolution</i>	4km

# Feature Engineering from Temporal and Spatial Data

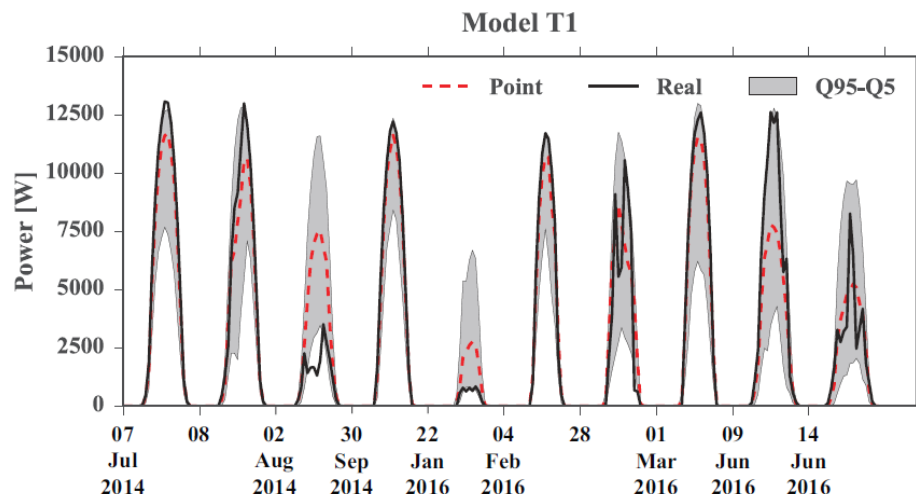
Local Information

Spatial Information

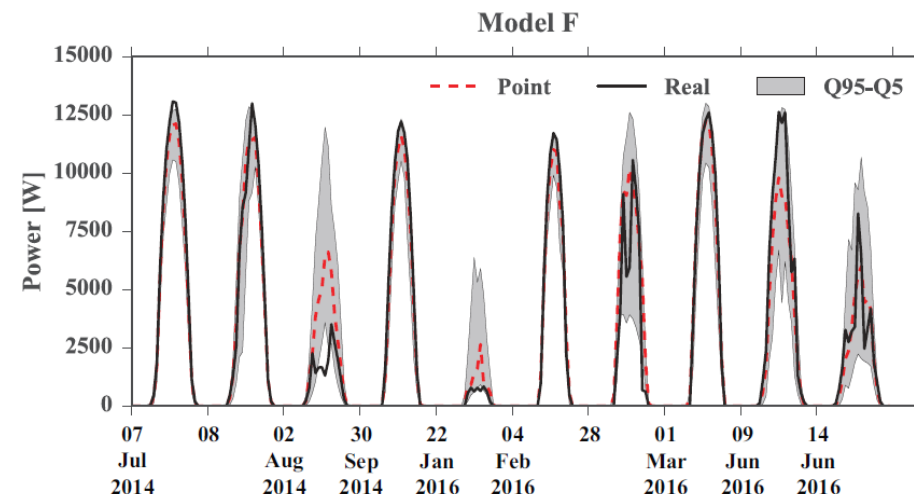


# Forecast Example

Temporal Information



Temporal & Spatial Information



## Probabilistic forecasts

- Uncertainty better modeled around the observed values
- Some of the abnormal high uncertainty verified for clear-sky days is removed

## Point forecasts

- Some of the over/underestimation situations are resolved
- Improvements on the power peak forecasts for some clear-sky days

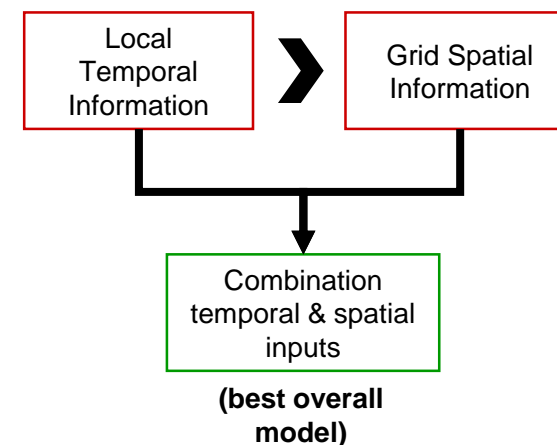
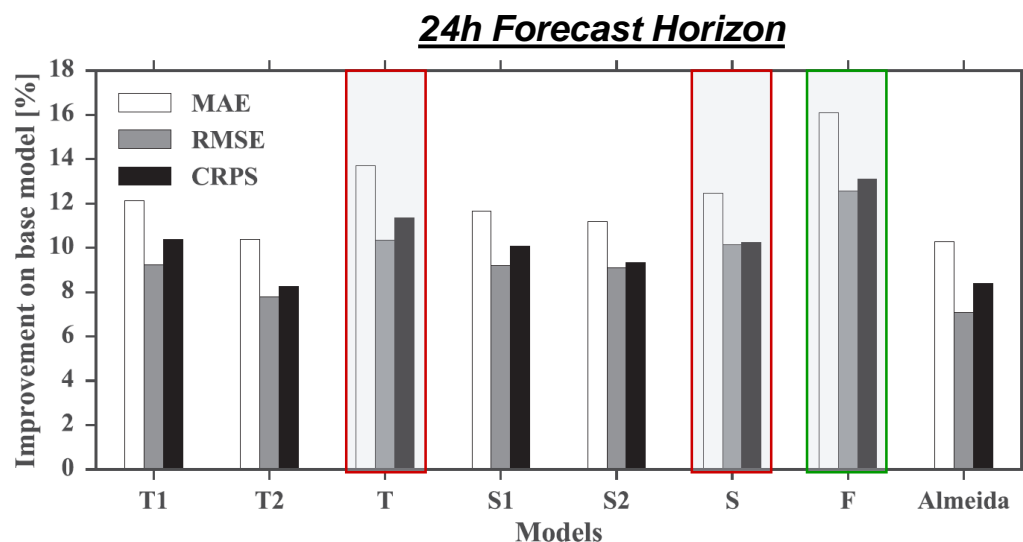
# Numerical Results: Solar Energy Forecasting

$$Improvement = \left( 1 - \frac{metric_{model}}{metric_{base}} \right) \cdot 100\%$$

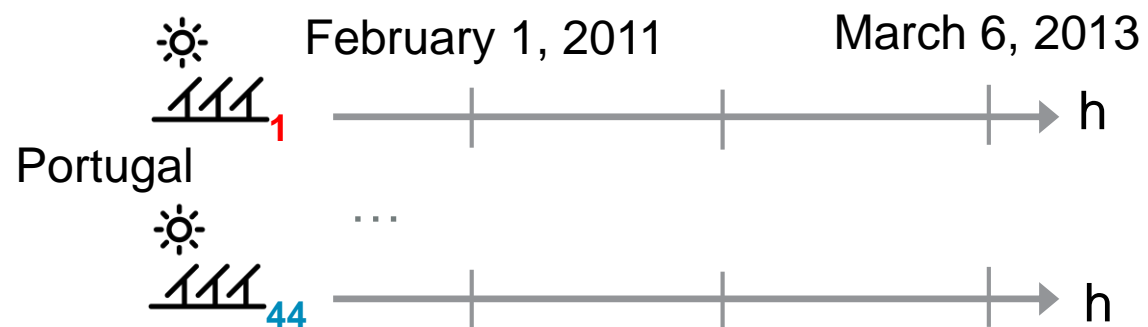
Base Model Inputs	
<i>Chronological</i>	Month
	Hour
<i>NWP forecasts for the location of interest (INESC-TEC)</i>	Surface downwelling shortwave flux [W/m <sup>2</sup> ]
	Temperature at 2m [K]
	Cloud cover at low levels [0, 1]
	Cloud cover at medium levels [0, 1]
	Cloud cover at high levels [0, 1]
	Cloud cover at low and medium levels [0, 1]

FEATURES CONSIDERED IN EVERY FORECASTING MODEL

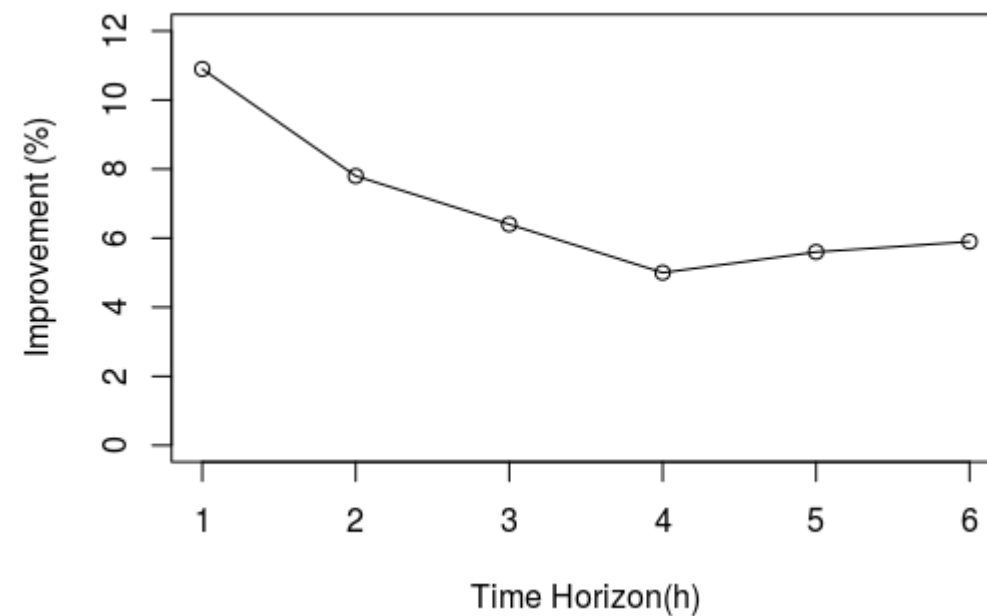
Domain	ID	Features
Temporal	T1	Lags and leads
	T2	$\sigma_{time}^2$ and different NWP runs
	T	Combination of models T1 and T2 inputs
Spatial	S1	$\sigma_{spatial}$ and $\bar{x}_{spatial}$
	S2	Principal components
	S	Combination of models S1 and S2 inputs
Temporal & Spatial	F	Combination of both domain features



# VAR: Results for a Smart Grid Pilot



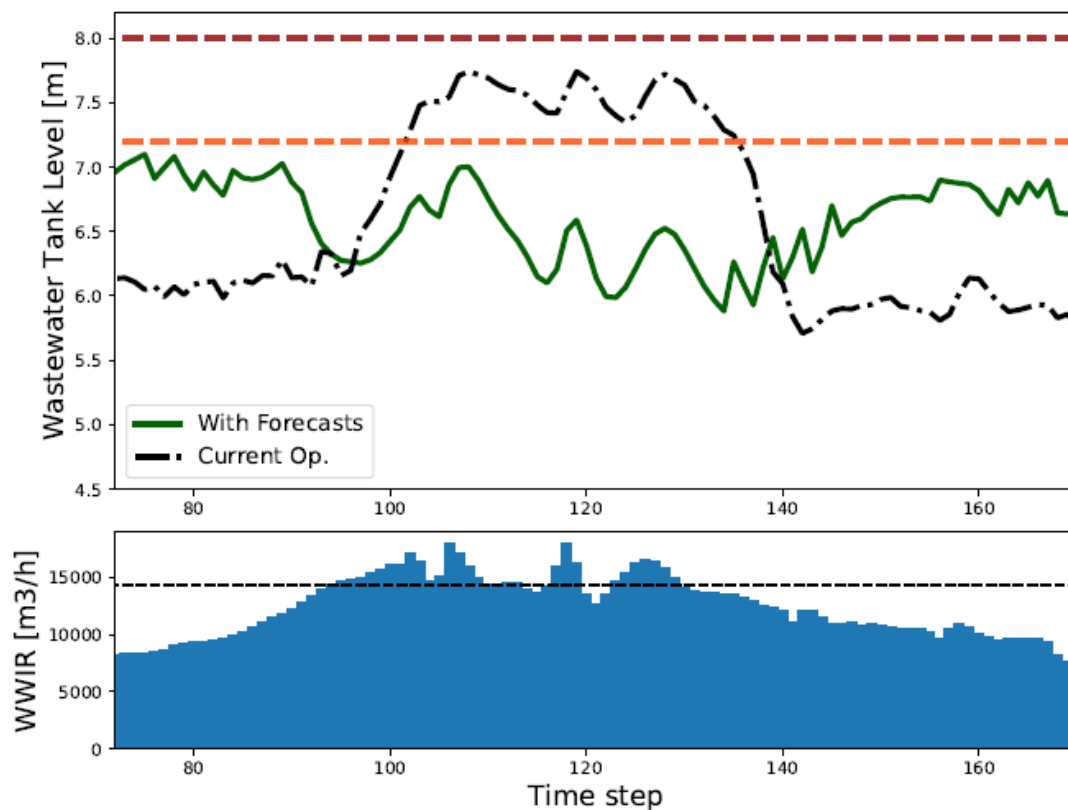
RMSE improvement (%) over an autoregressive model



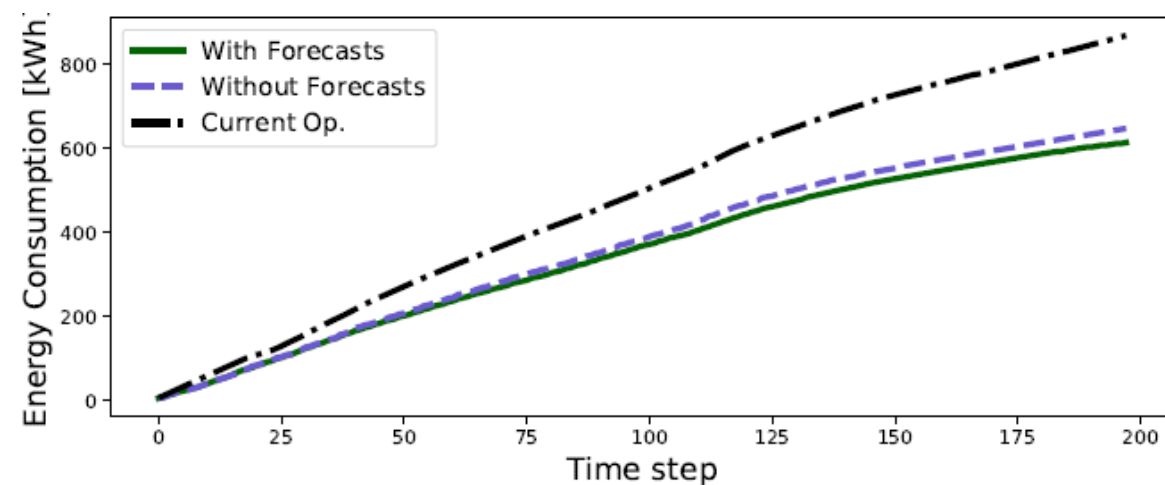
# Results for Alcântara Wastewater Station

## Predictive approach

*("imagining" and acting based on future states)*



## Energy Savings with AI



Reduce energy consumption by 15 - 30%

# Market Curve Forecasting: Results for the Iberian Electricity Market

Model	RMSE	1D Imp.	Hybrid Imp.
Naïve 1	2.91%	40.1%	44.4%
Naïve 2	3.2%	45.5%	49.4%
ANN	2.75%	36.2%	40.1%
PCA + ANN	2.84%	38.7%	43.1%
PCA + GBTR	2,78%	37.4%	41.9%

Model	Frèchet	1D Imp.	Hybrid Imp.
Naïve 1	3.64%	53.7%	54.8%
Naïve 2	4.15%	59.4%	60.3%
ANN	3.92%	56.9%	58%
PCA + ANN	3.53%	52.2%	53.3%
PCA + GBTR	3.22%	47.5%	48.8%