

# Sustainable Water Management

What can we learn by Data Exploration and Modelling

# Motivation

- Personal: Understanding time-series better
- get

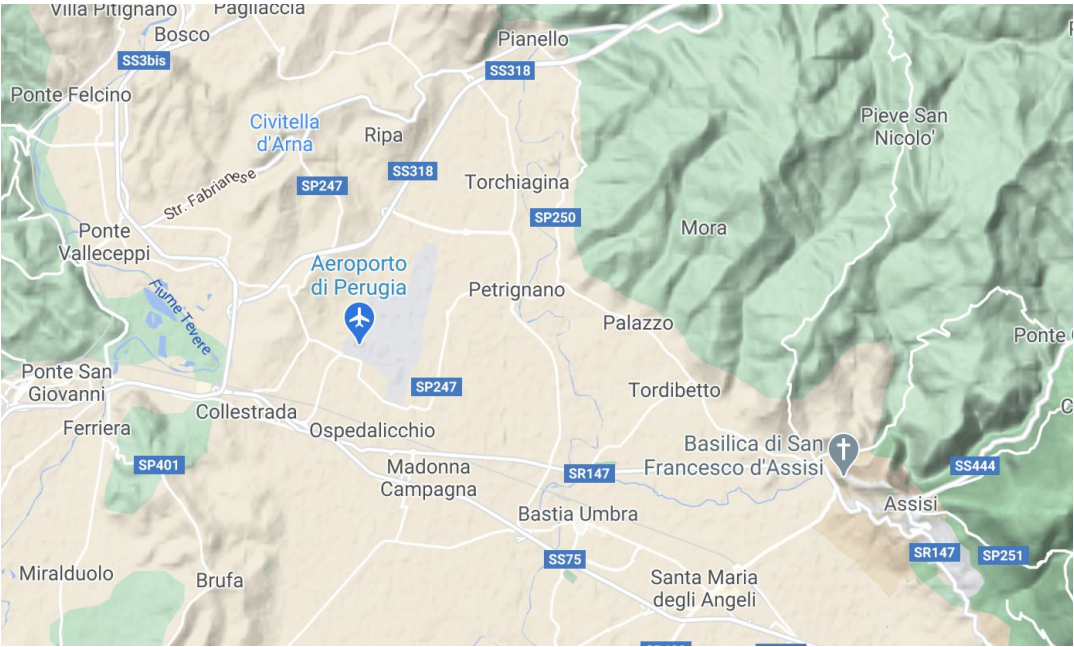


# Location

Petrignano

Data Source:

<https://www.kaggle.com/c/acea-water-prediction/overview>



# Data

## *Daily measurements*

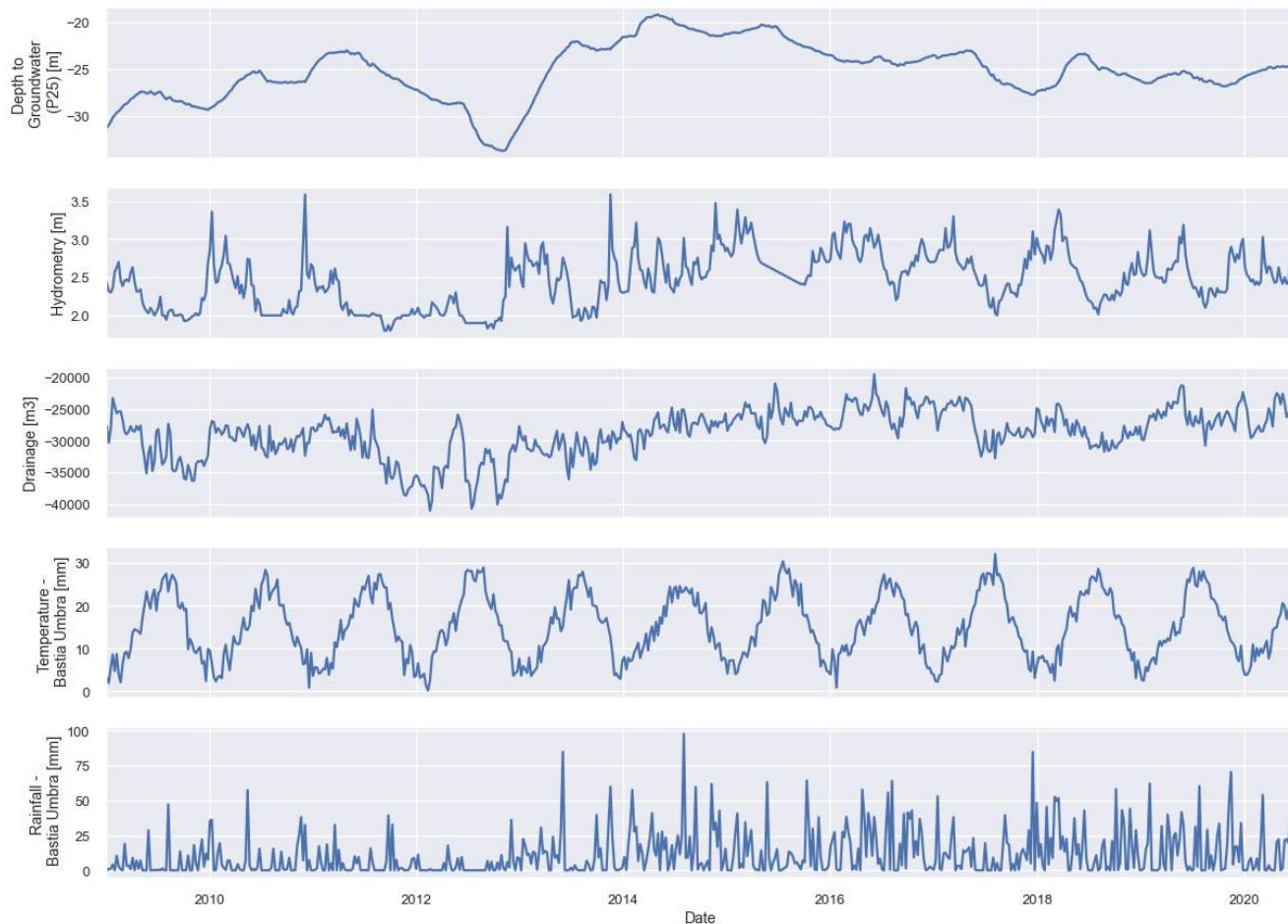
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→ **Downsampled to weekly  
data to reduce noise**

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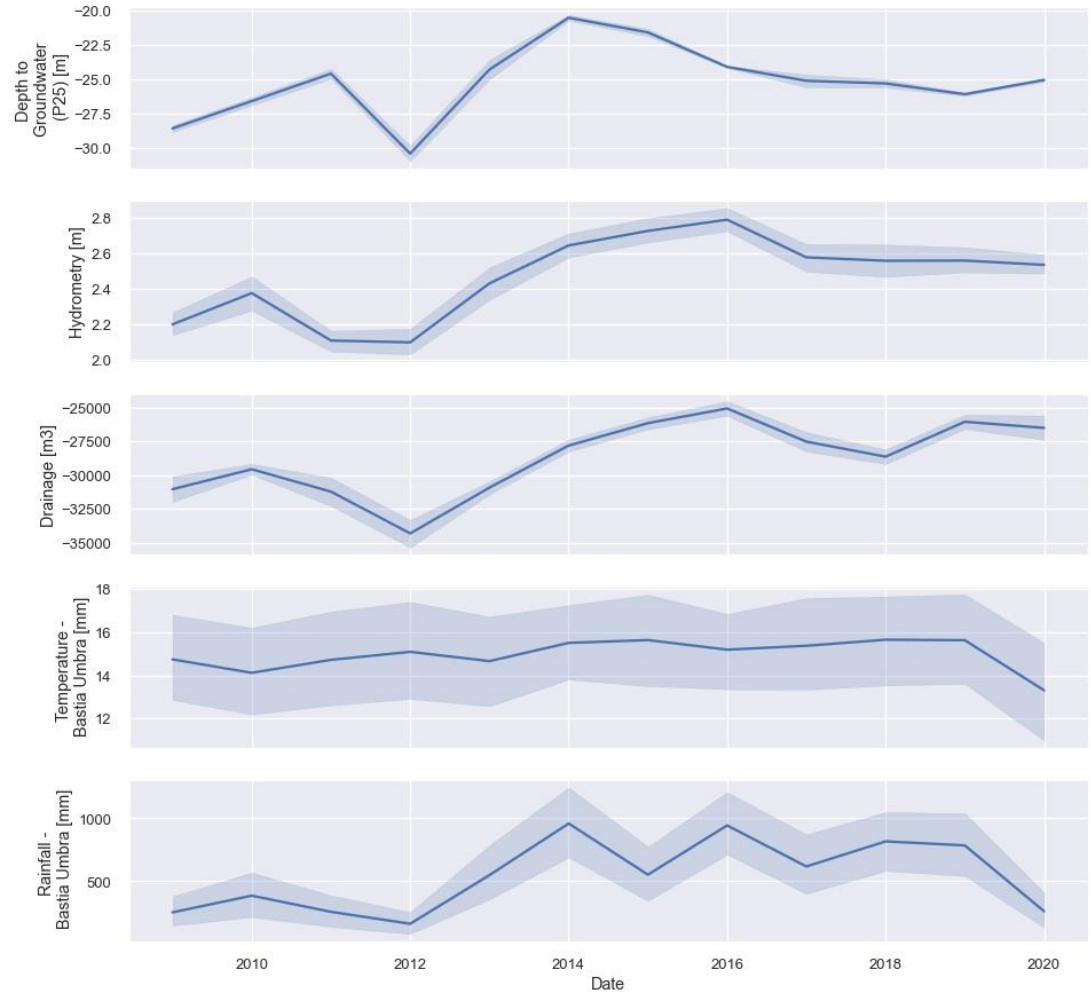
# Trends in Data

Depth to Groundwater is following:

- Drainage (Depleting)
- Hydrometry (Refilling)
- Rainfall (Refilling)

Negative Spike in Groundwater level follows drought period and an increased demand of water

Recovery of Groundwater due to refilling (Rainfall, River water) and reduction of water extraction (water saving?)



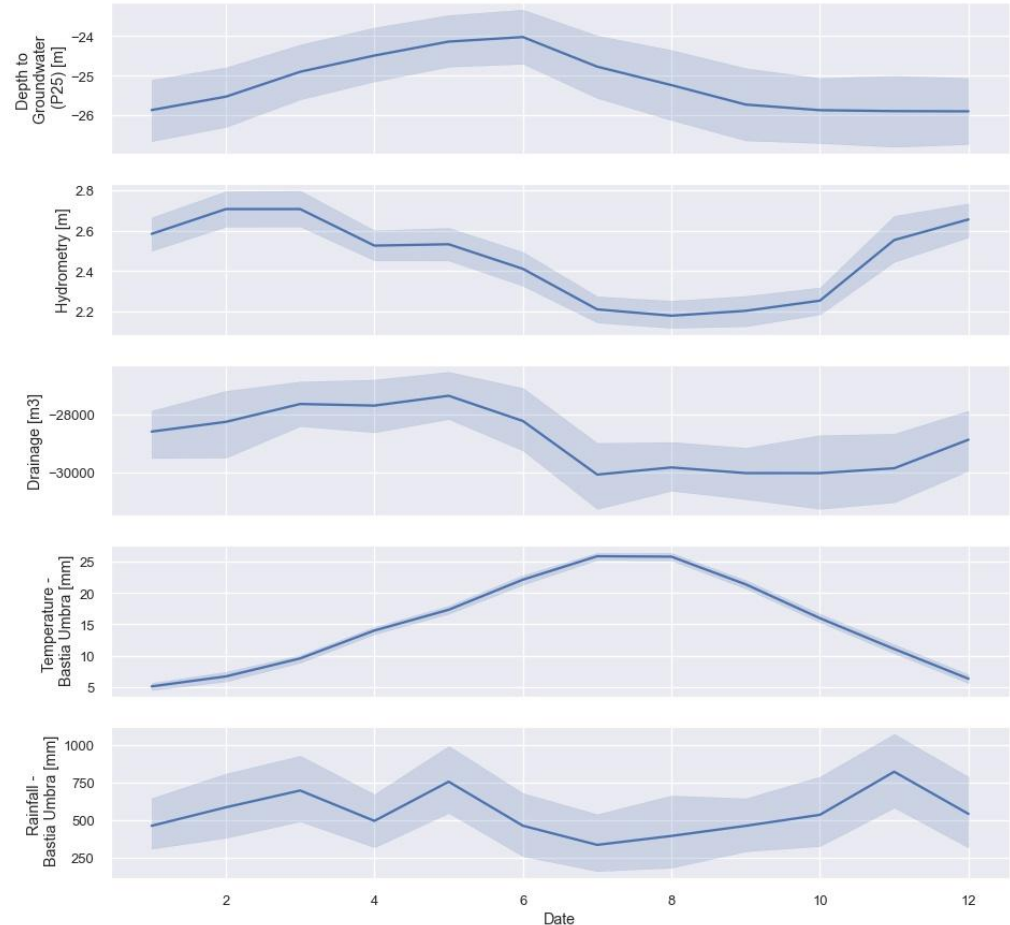
# Seasonality in Data

## Depth to Groundwater:

- Refilling in Spring
- Depleting in Summer
- Min: Nov / Max: June

## Lagging rel. Groundwater Level:

- Hydrometry: 3 Month ahead
- Drainage: **2 Month ahead**
- Temperature: 2 Month behind



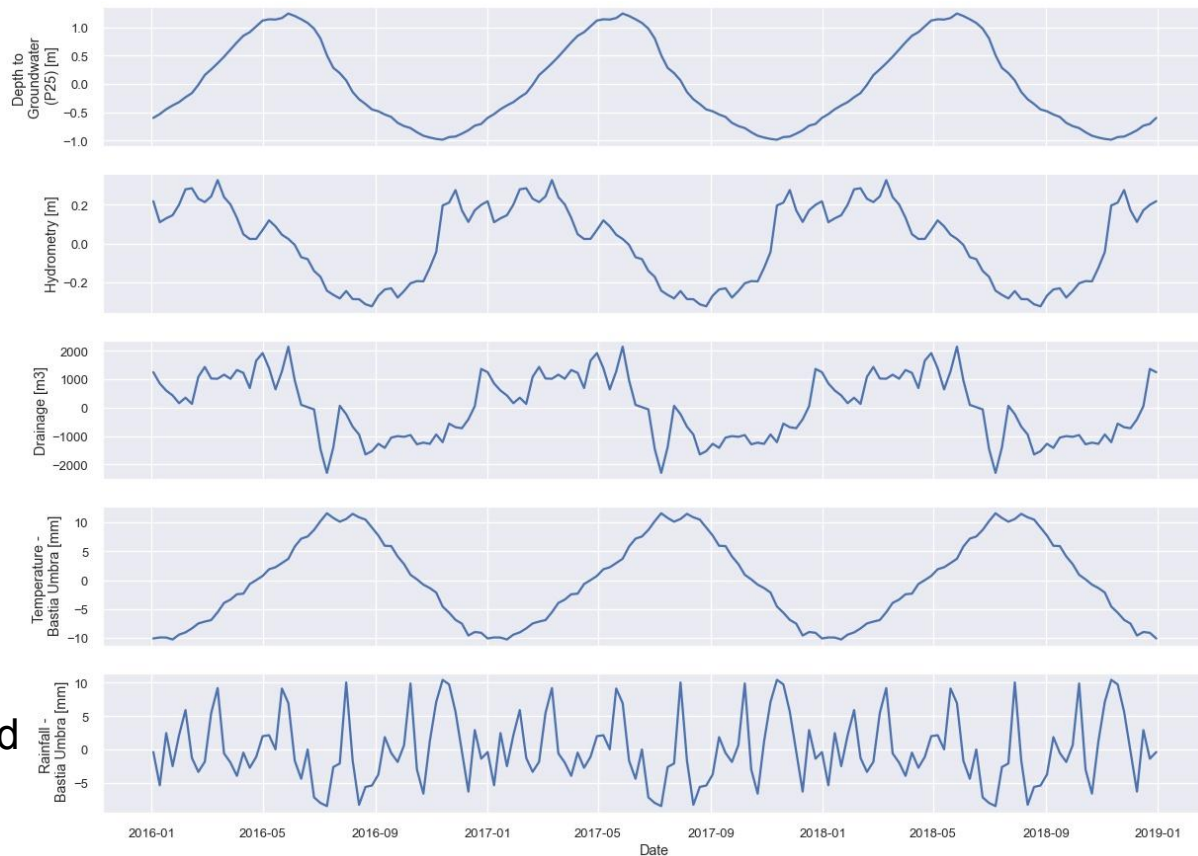
# Data - decomposed seasonality

## Decomposition (statsmodels):

- To get seasonality subtract trend with yearly moving average

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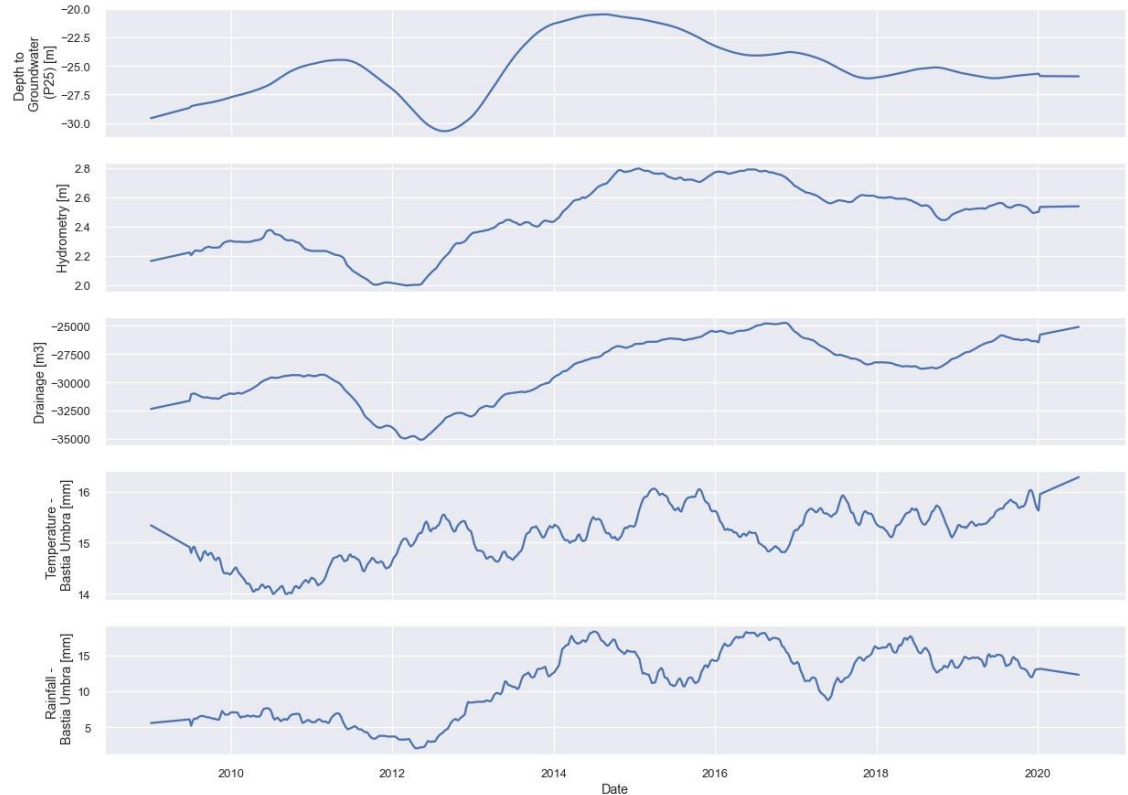
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# Data - decomposed yearly trend

Lagging rel. Groundwater Level:

- Hydrometry: 6 Month ahead
- Drainage: **4 Month ahead**
- Rainfall: 6 Month ahead

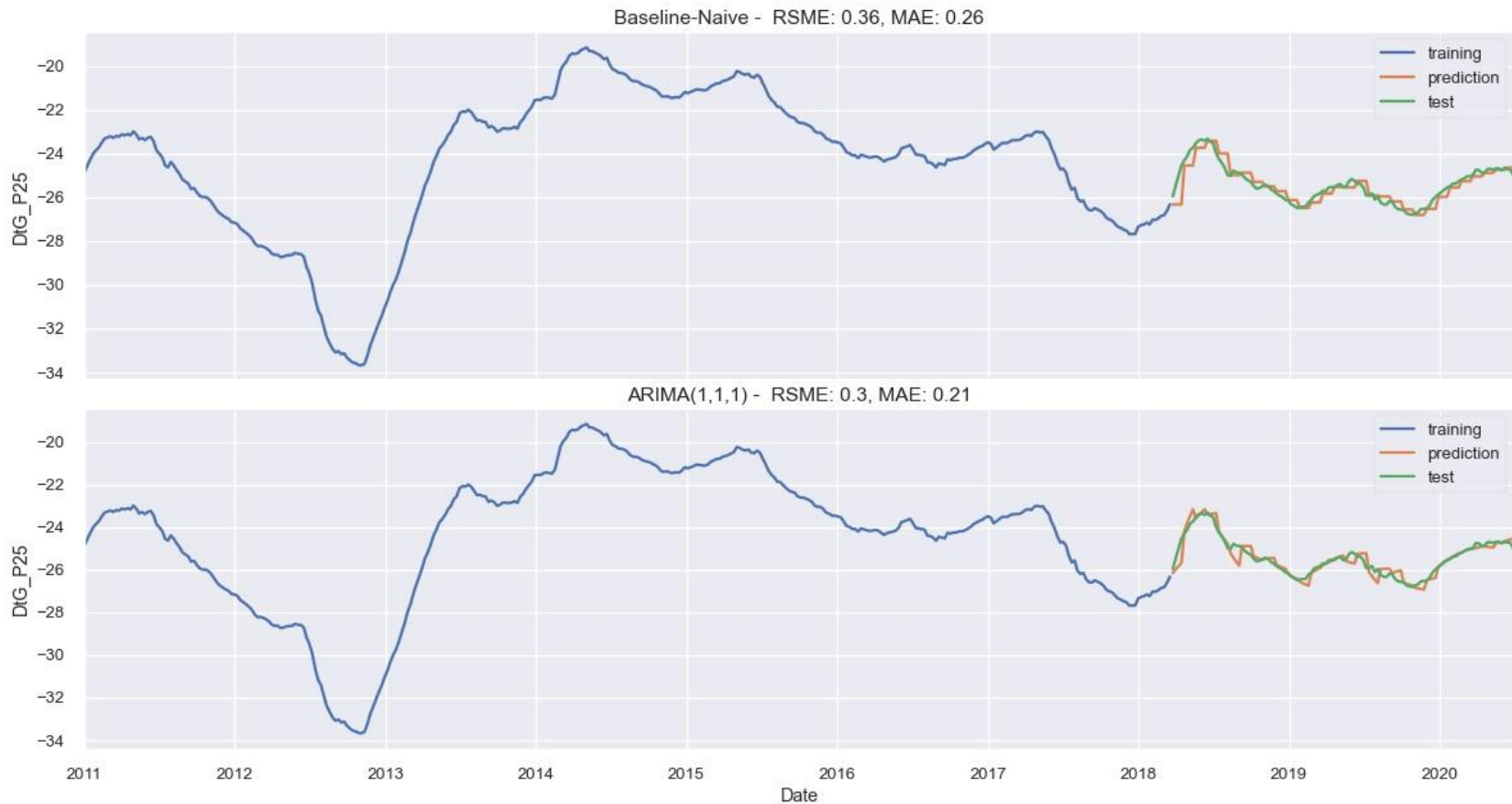




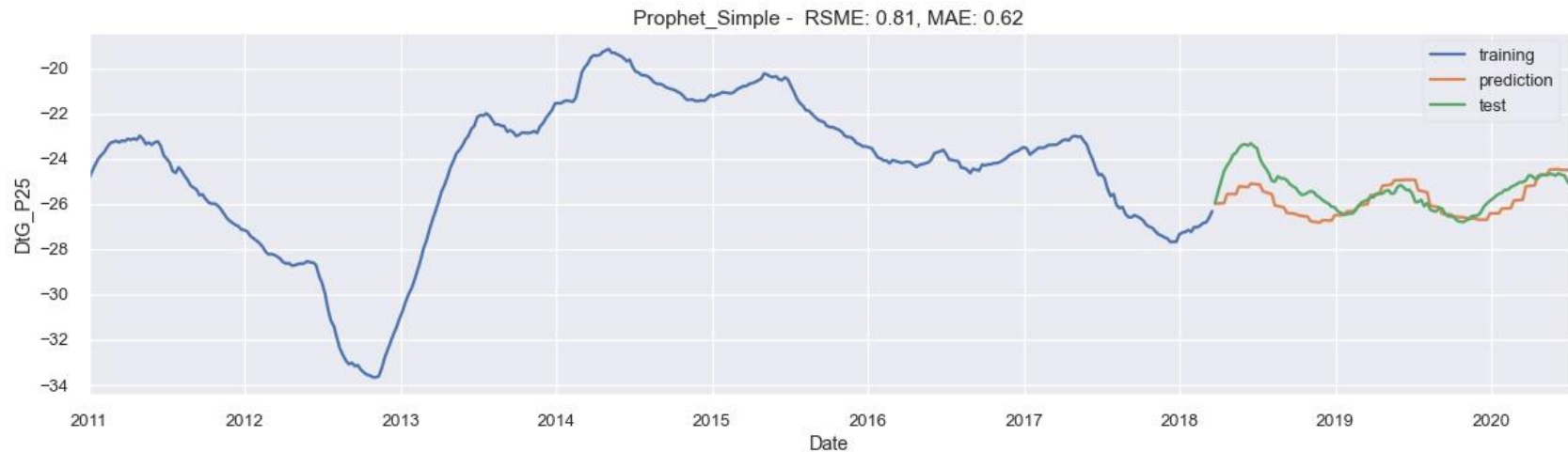
# Predicting - Water level

- Aim: Predicting Depth to Groundwater [m] for the next 4 weeks  
→ Walk-forward prediction with 4 weeks steps
- Train: 481 weeks (ca. 9.3 years), Test: 120 weeks (ca. 2.3 years)
- Models - univariate:
  - Naive Approach
  - ARIMA
  - Facebook Prophet
- Model - multivariate:
  - Catboost Regressor

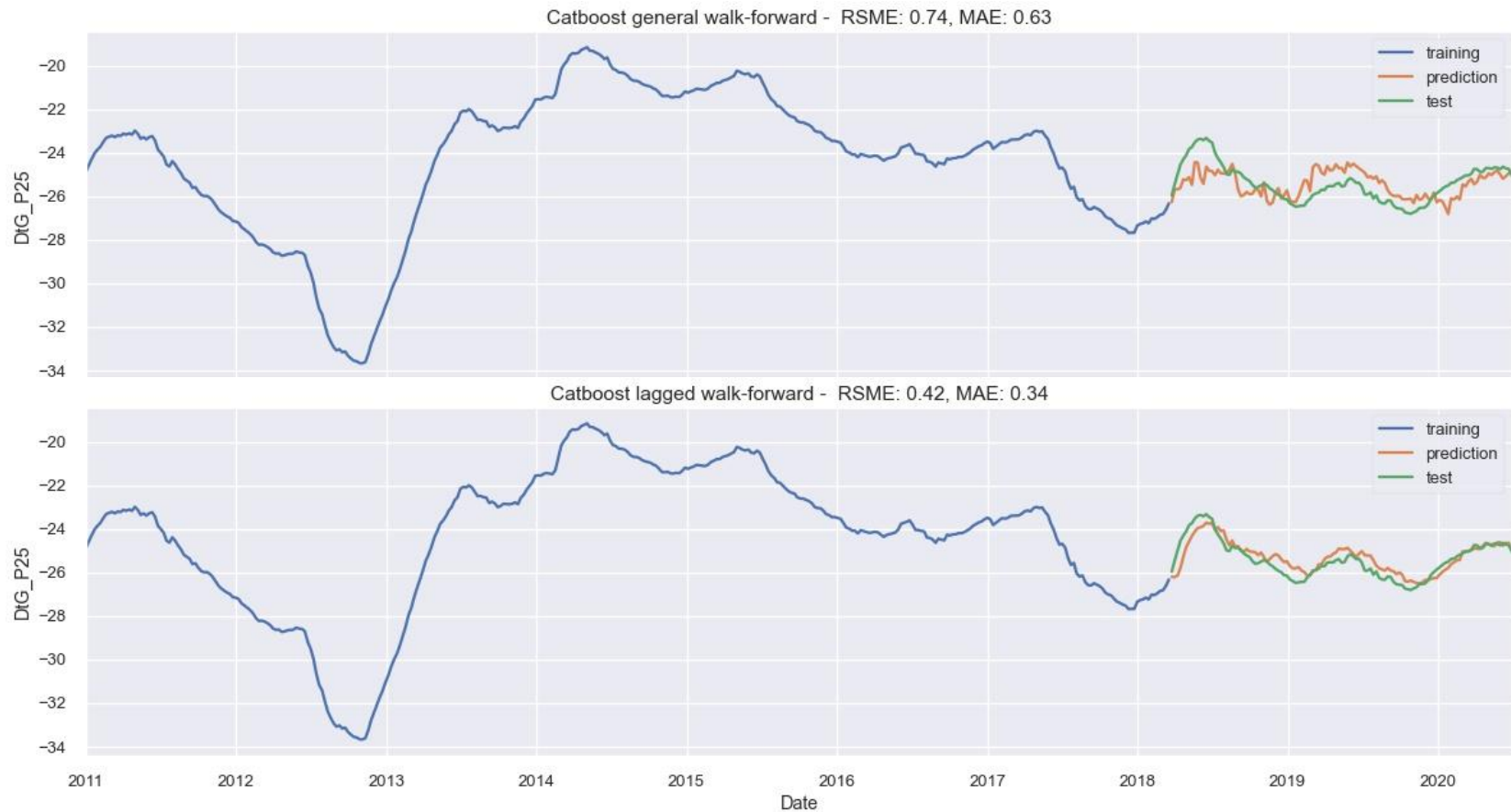
# Model - Naive / ARIMA



# Model - Prophet univariate

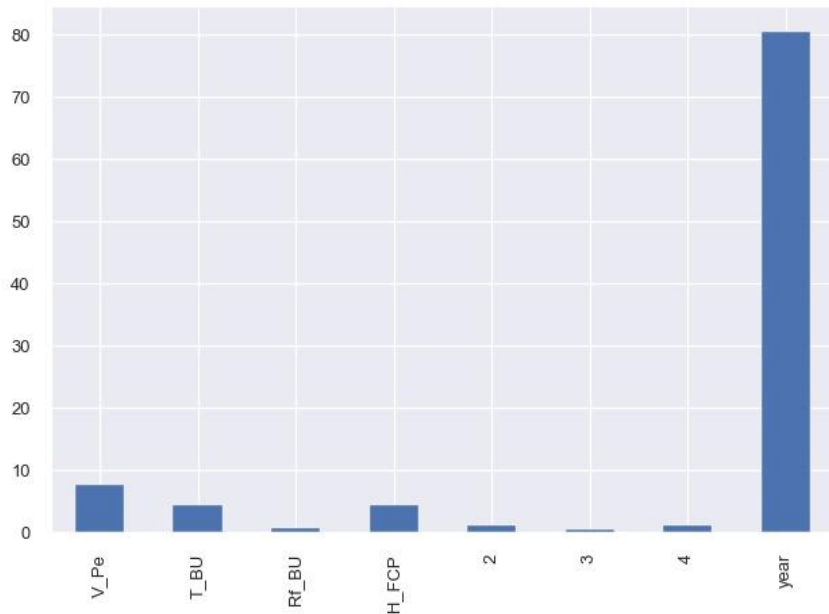


# Models - multivariate

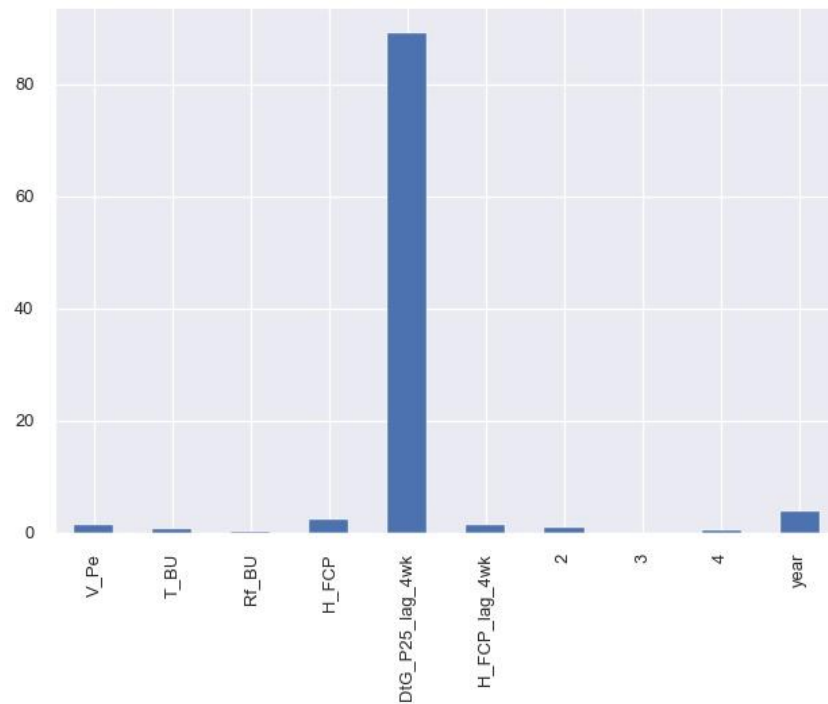


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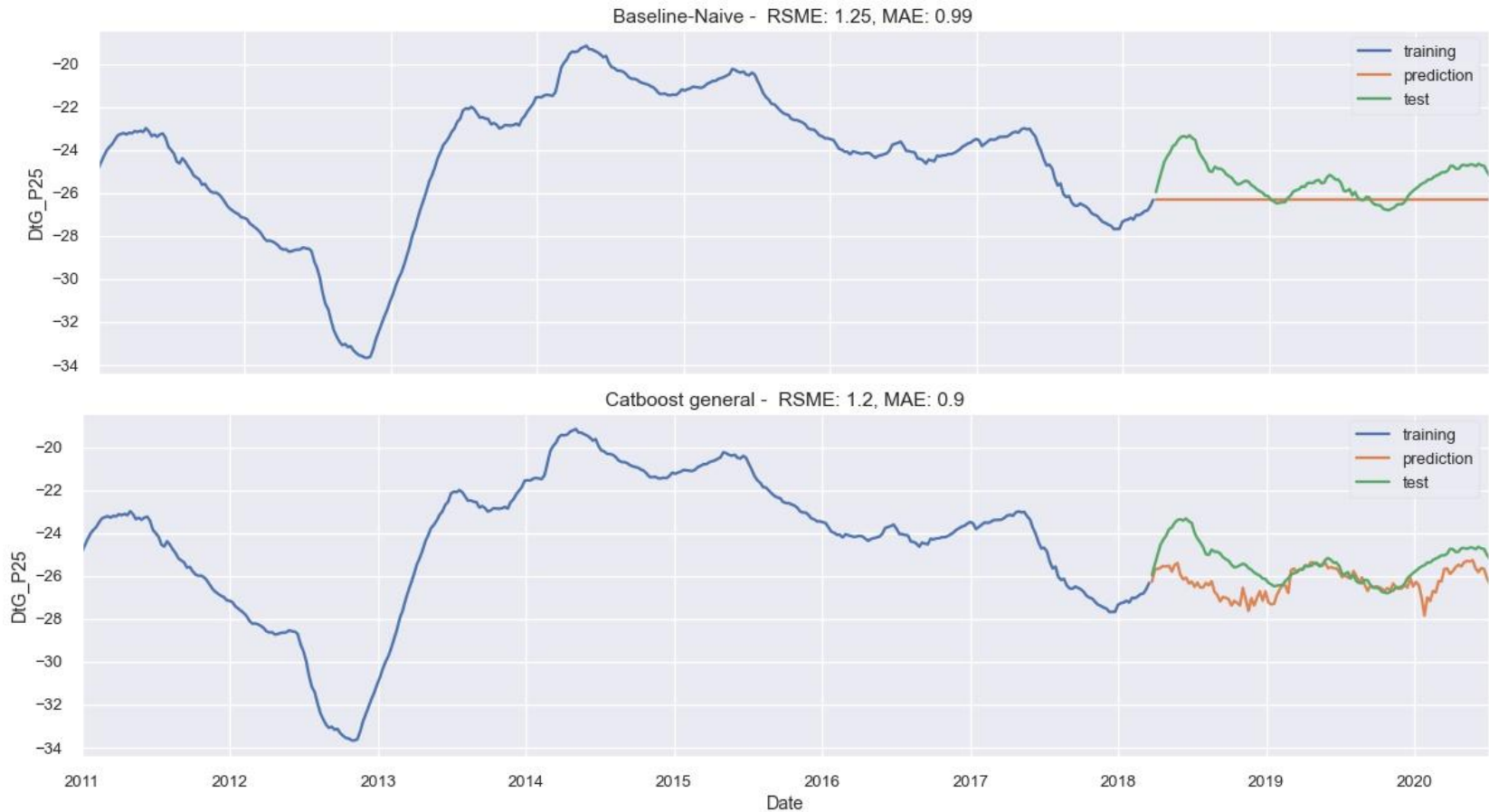
Feature Importance - Catboost general



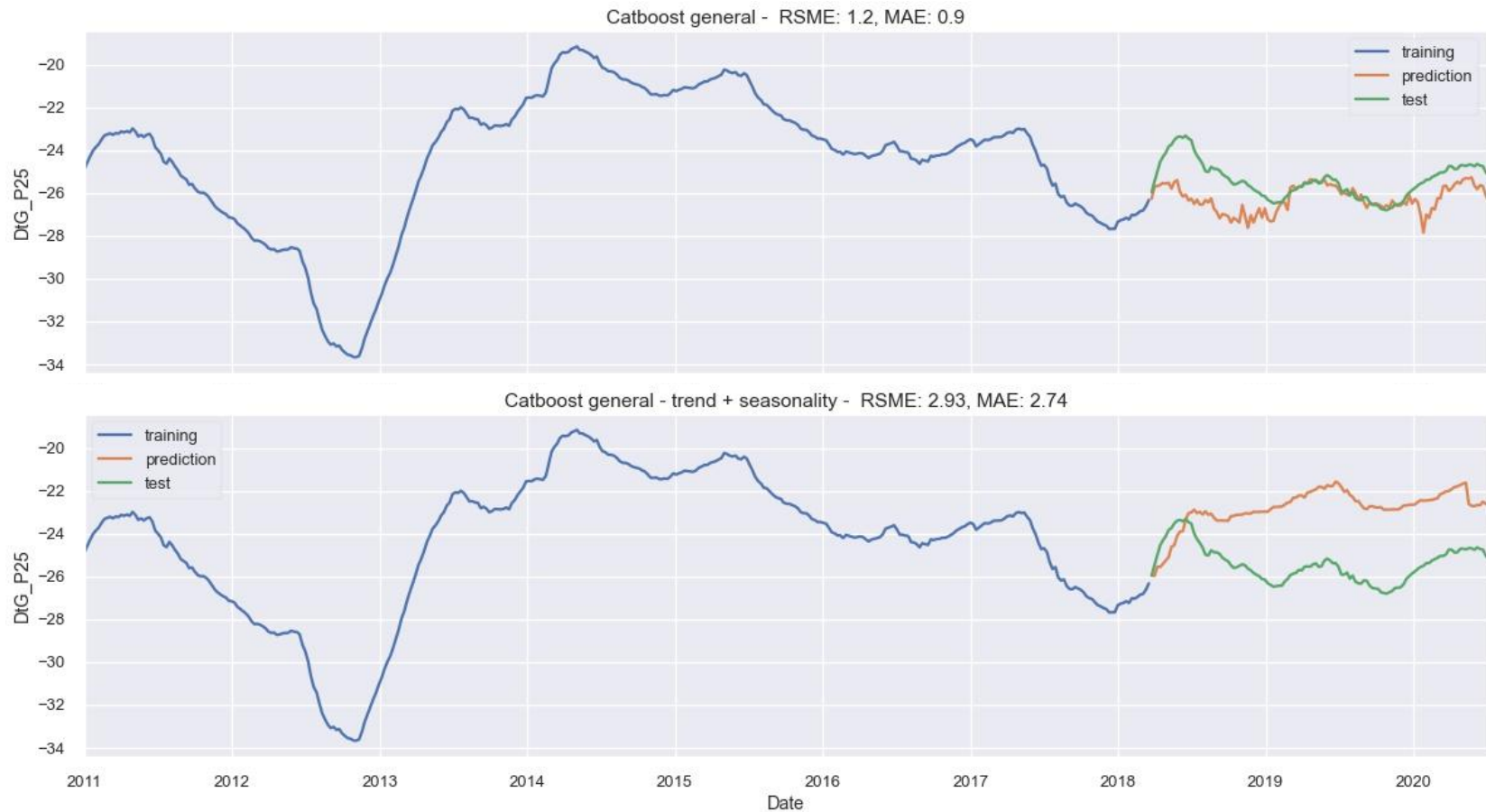
Feature Importance - Catboost 4 weeks lag



# Models (without retraining model)



# Models (trying trend and seasonality of features)



# Conclusion

Groundwater level is best model by knowing previous time-steps (lags) or using walk-forward prediction

Solely prediction on X-features is possible but is not precise

Important Features:

1. Drainage
2. Temperature
3. Hydrometry / Rainfall

Further work: Find a better way to teach the model feature dependence inferred from EDA / Try LSTM

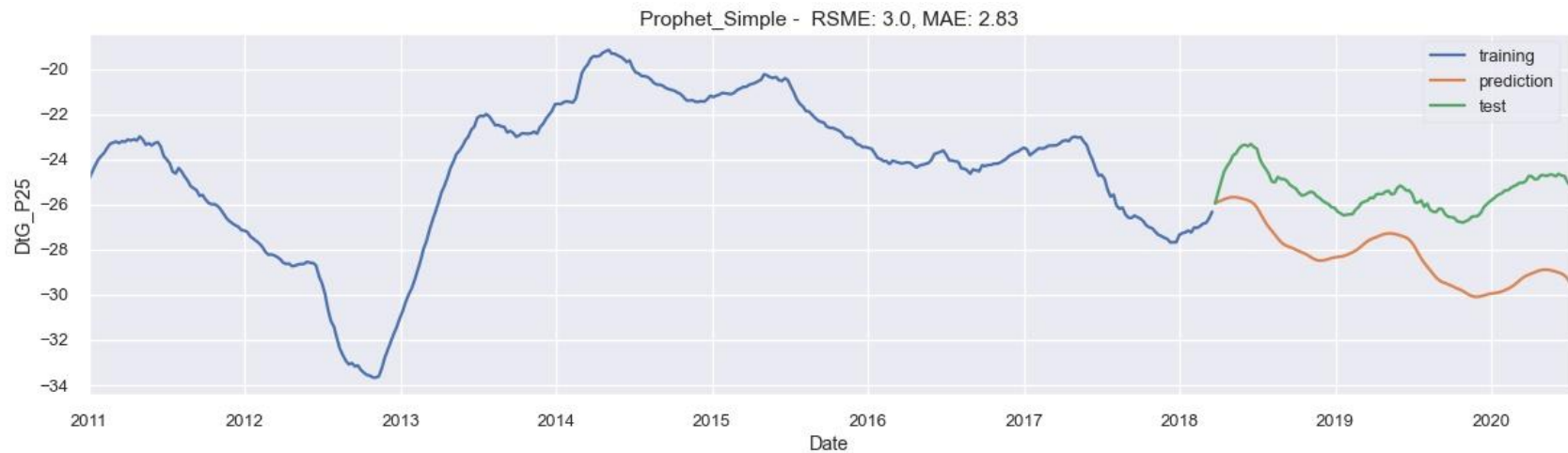
Model	RMSE
Naive	0.36
ARIMA	0.30
Prophet	0.62
Catboost	0.74
Catboost with 4w lag	0.42



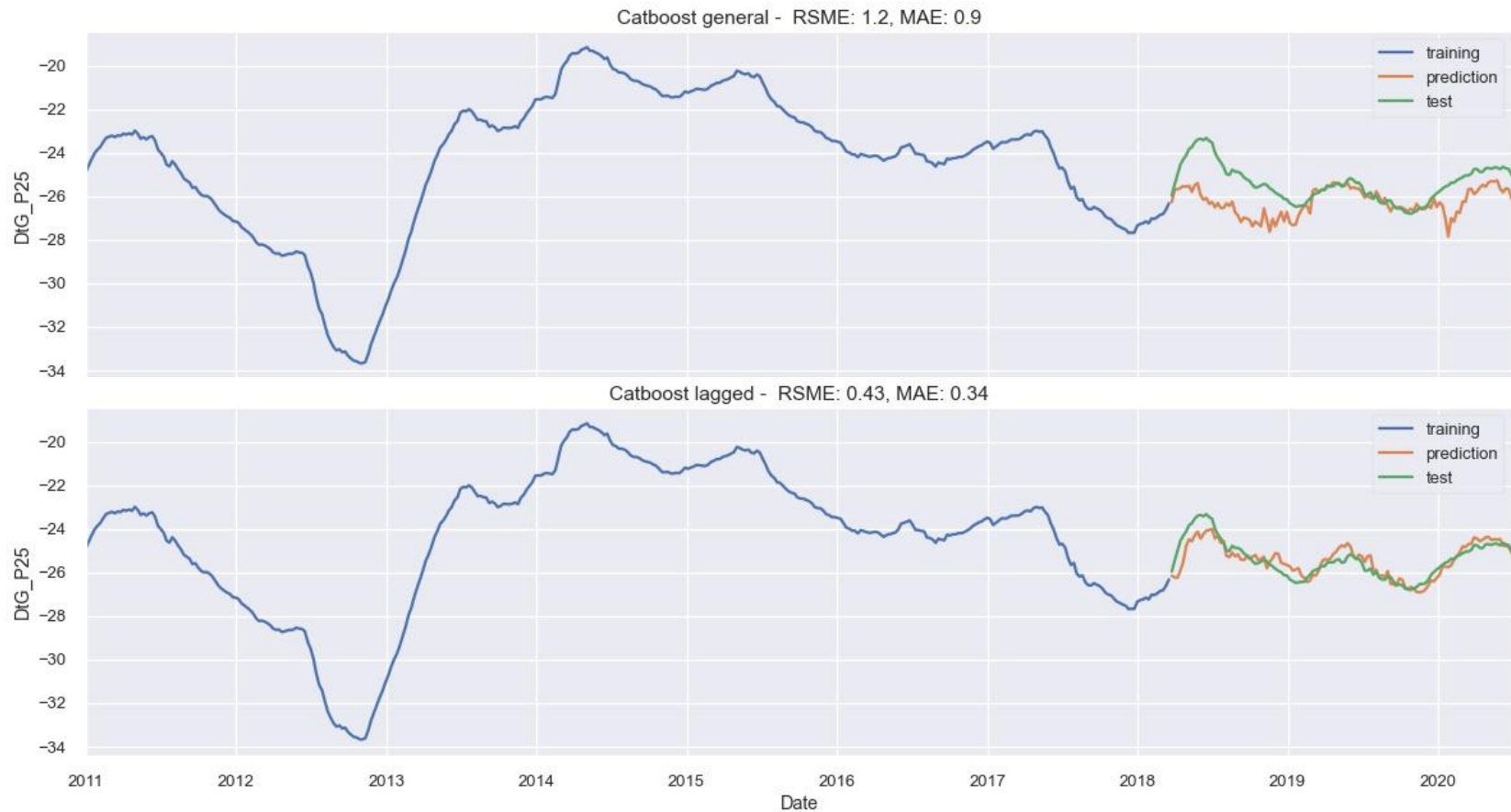
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# Model - univariate



# Models - multivariate



# Data

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*Missing values:* Imputed with  
interpolation

Only one Y target used: P25

