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# FROM DATA TO DECISIONS: MACHINE LEARNING FOR WATER ALLOCATION AMID HYDROLOGIC EXTREMES

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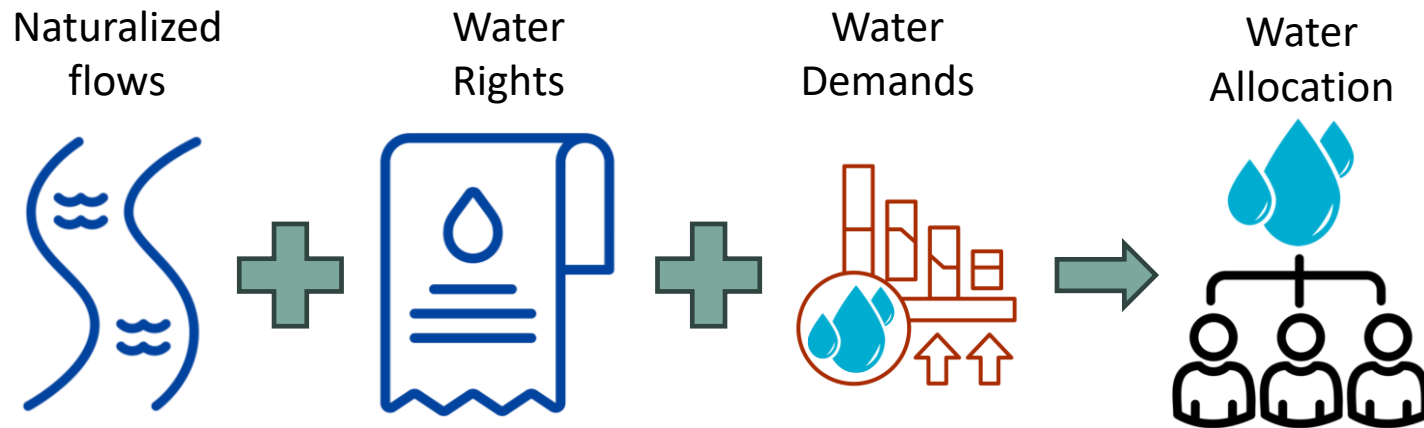
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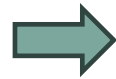
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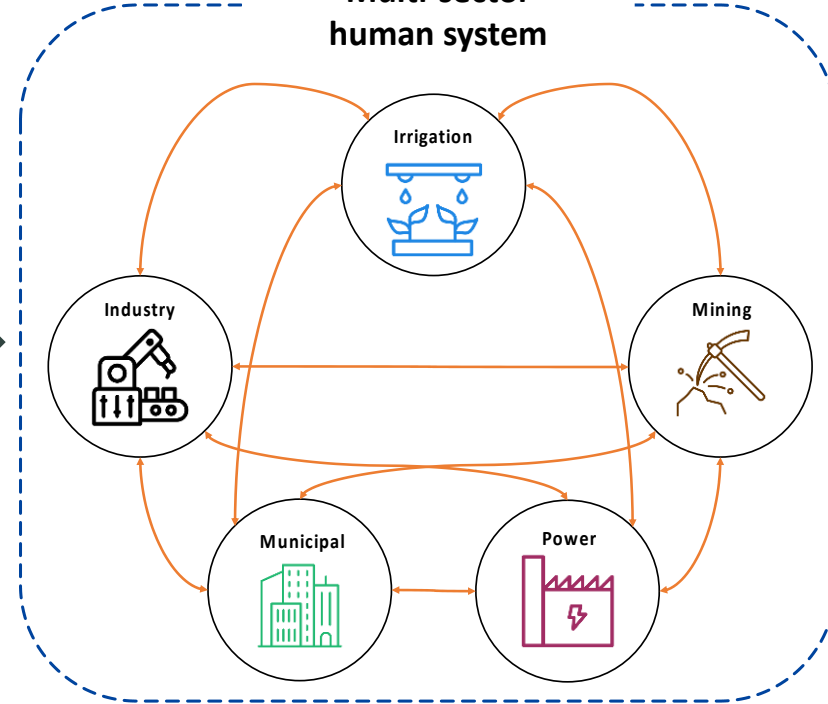
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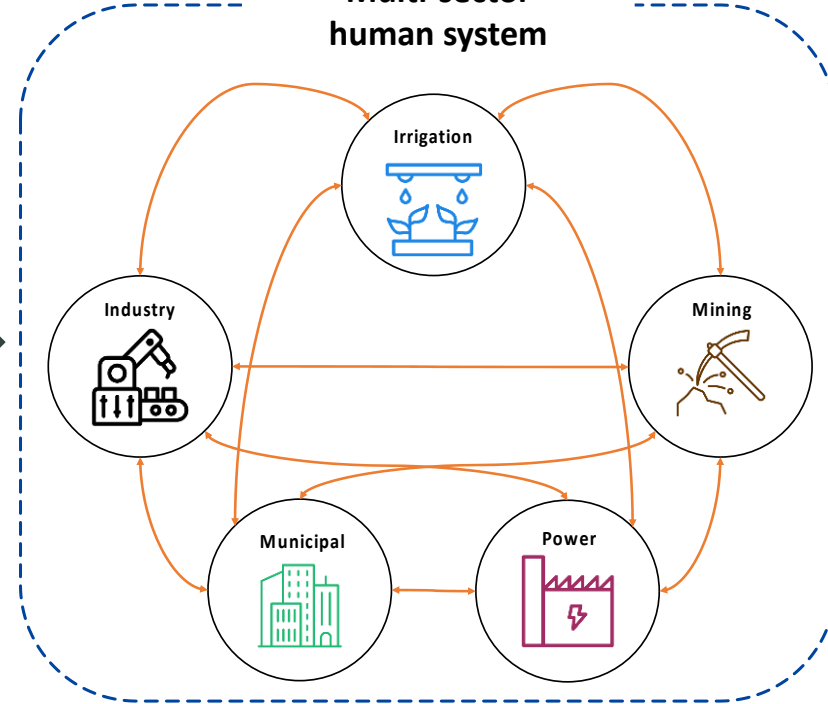
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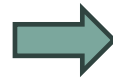
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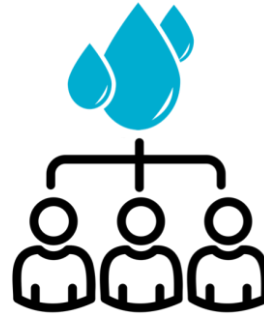
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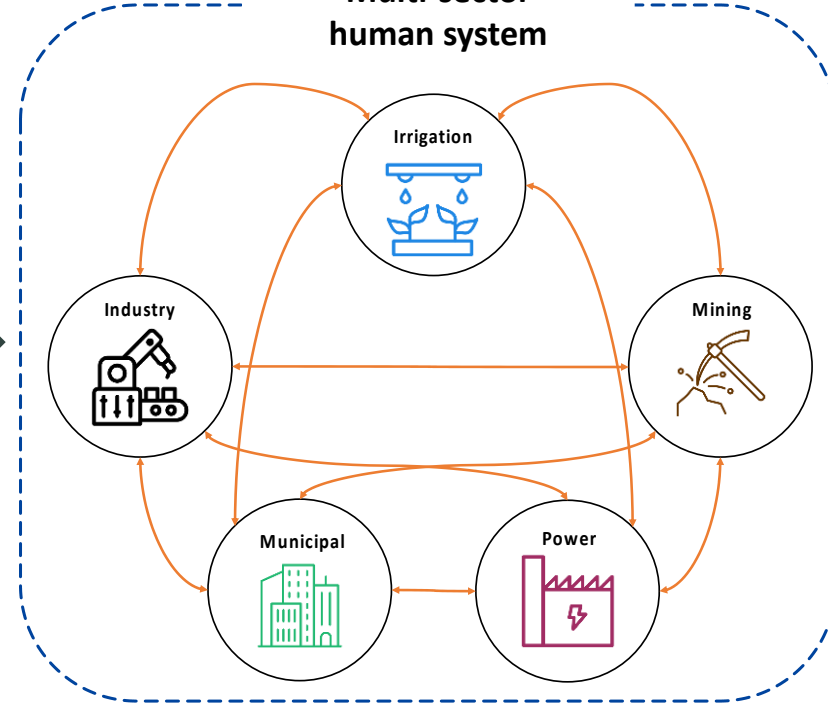
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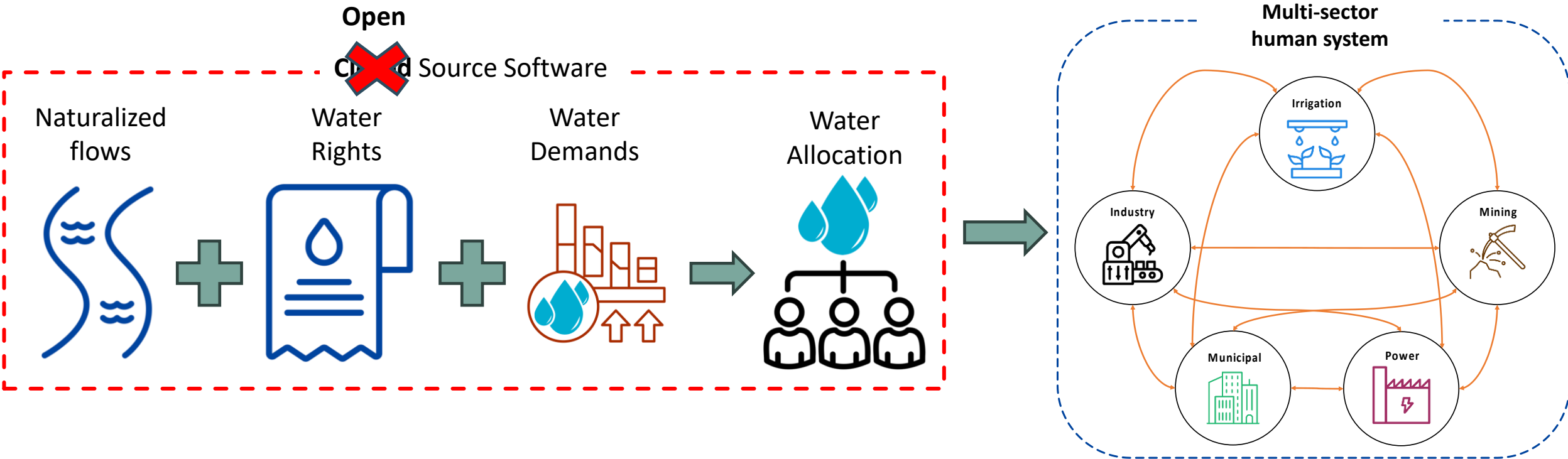
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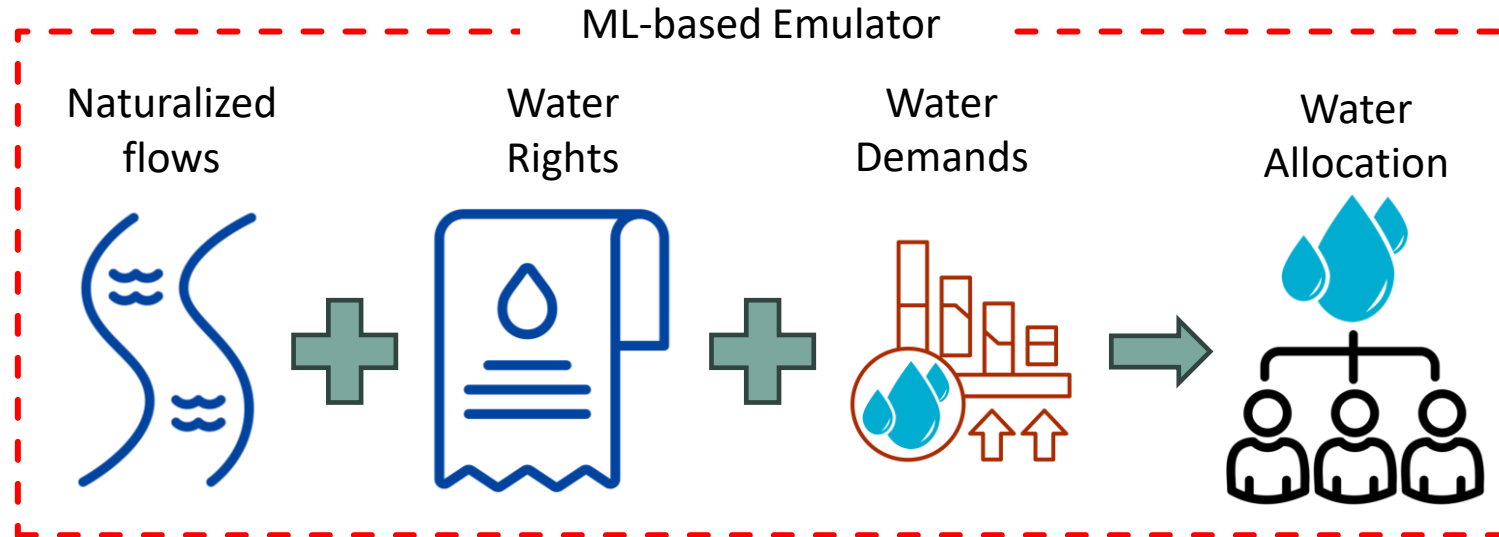
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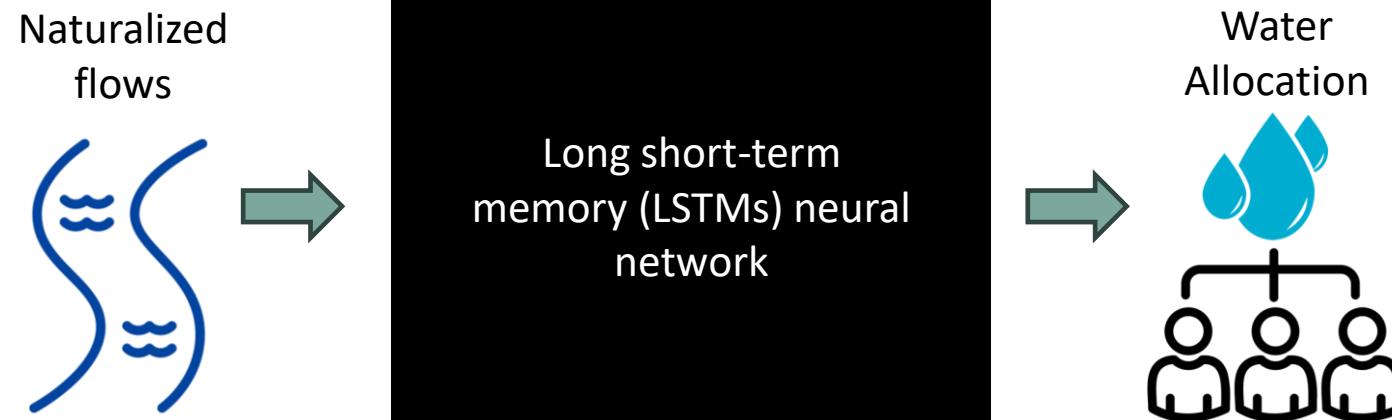
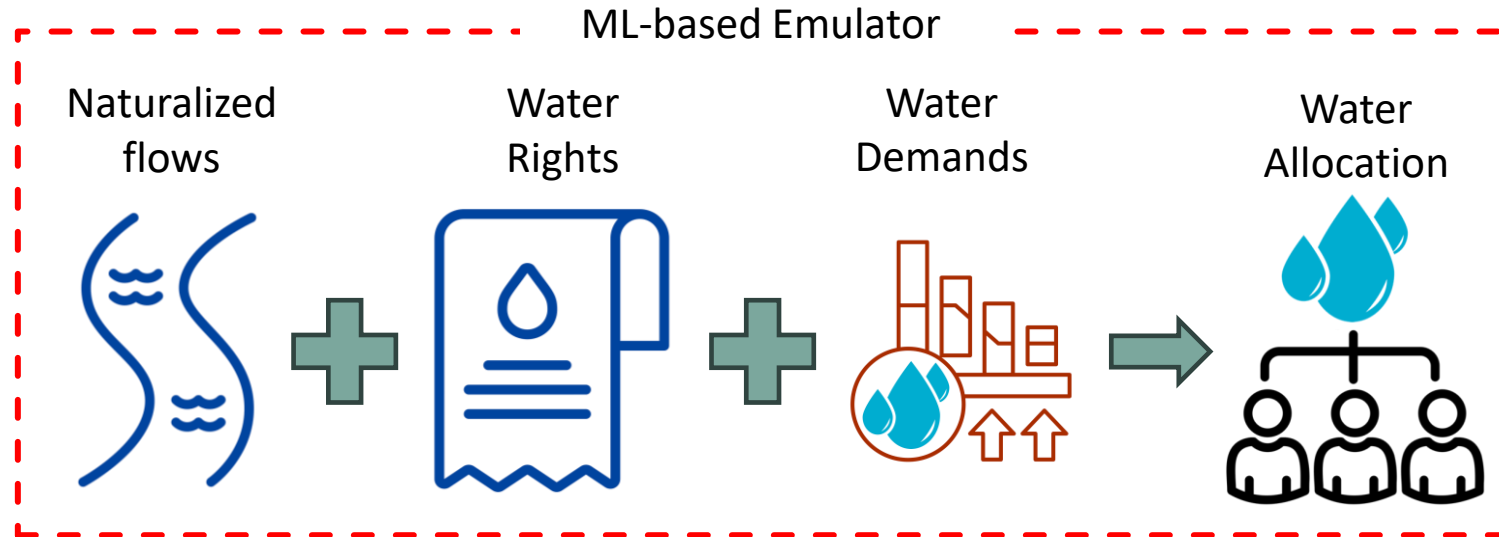
**Key knowledge gap**

Understanding the efficacy of using long short-term memory (LSTMs) neural network as a surrogate model for water allocation processes and the appropriate conditions for using a training model

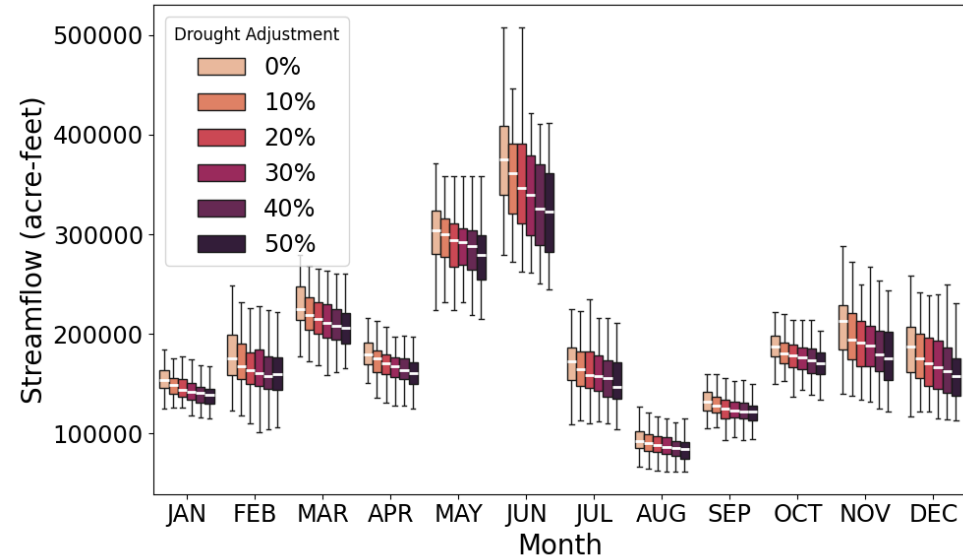
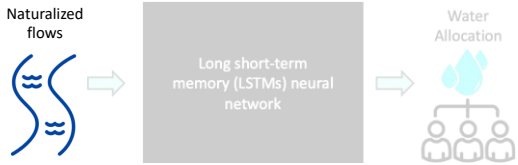
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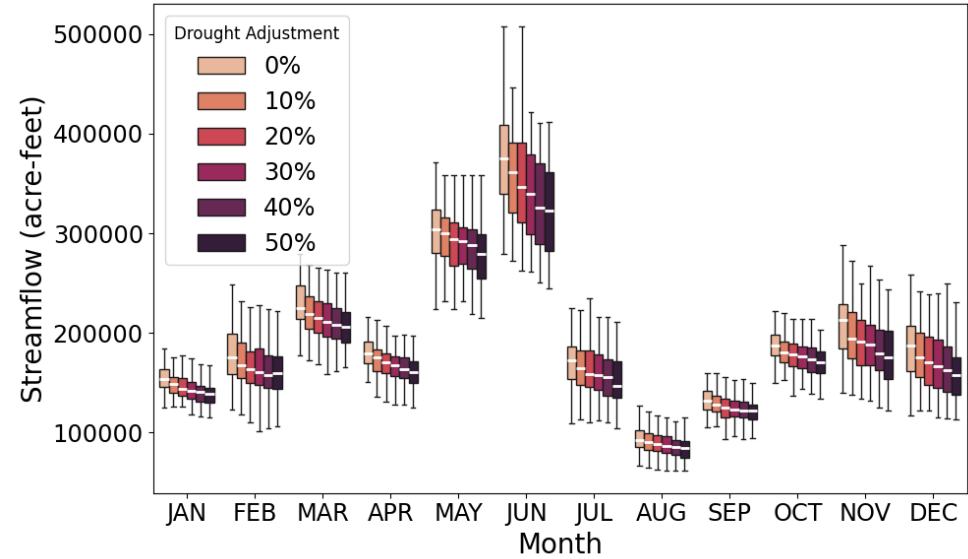
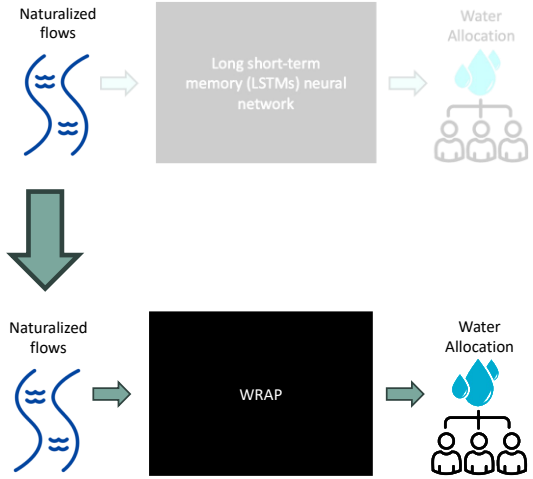


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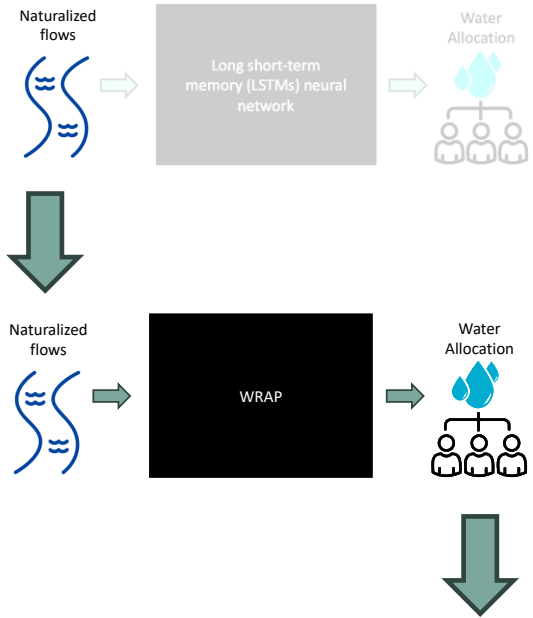
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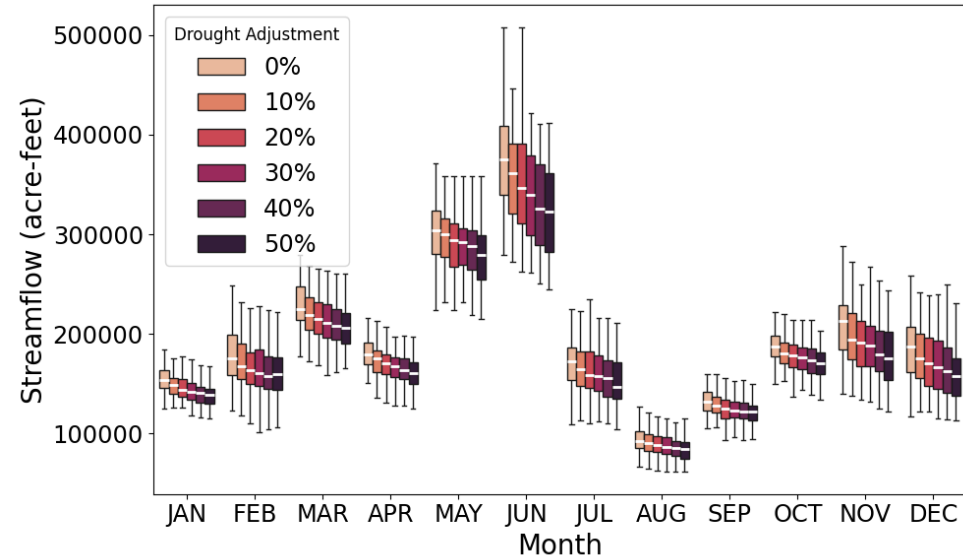


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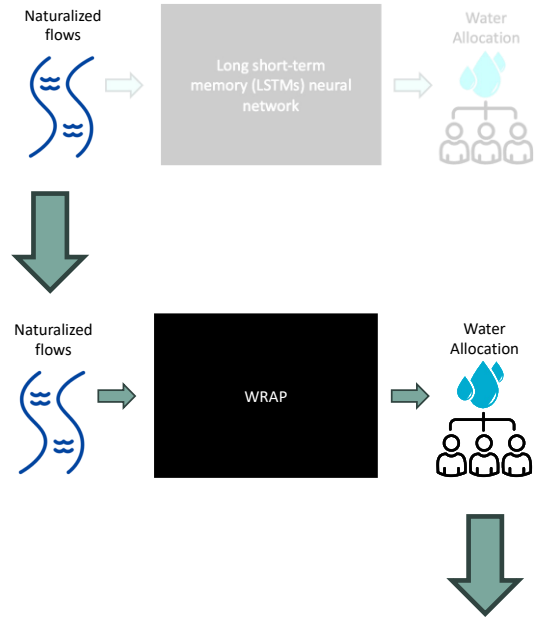


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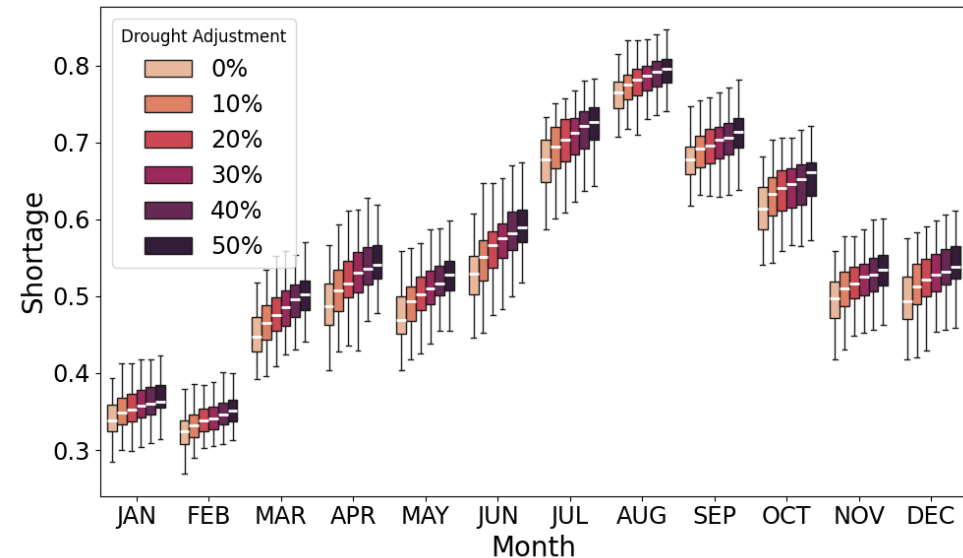
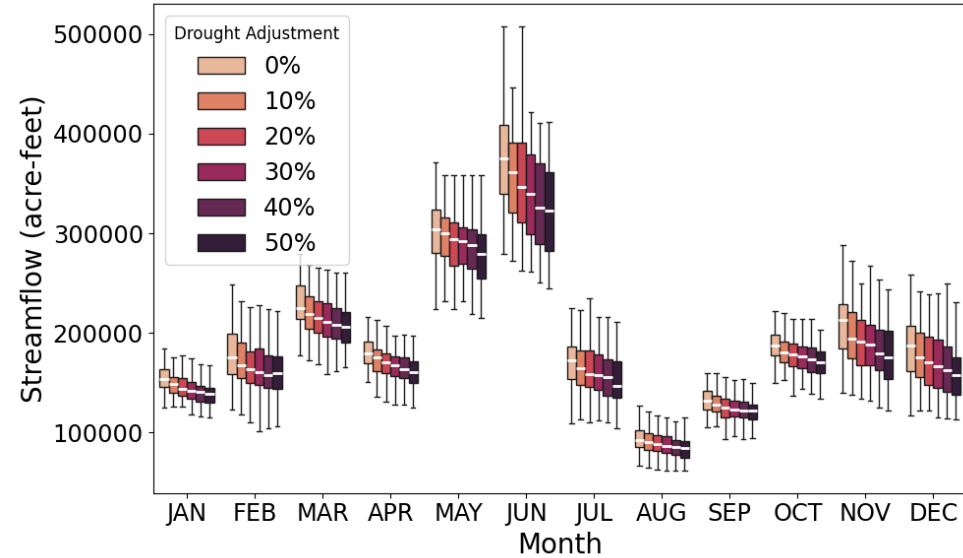


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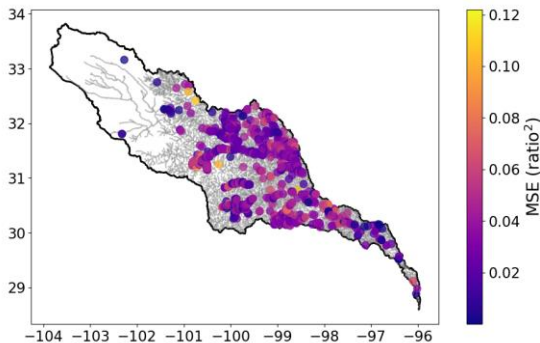
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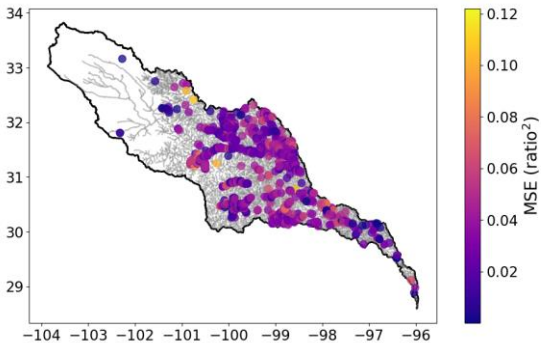
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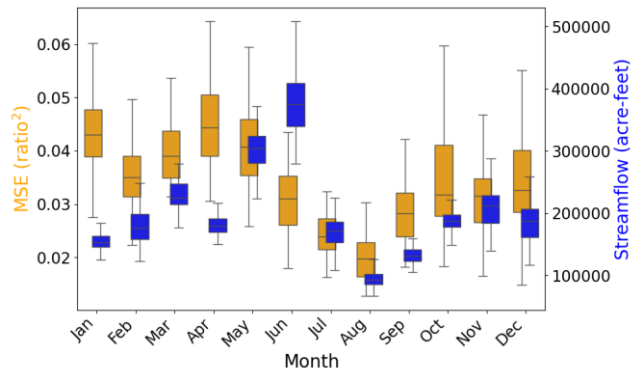
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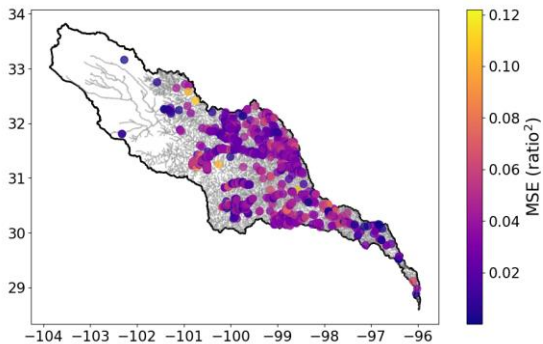
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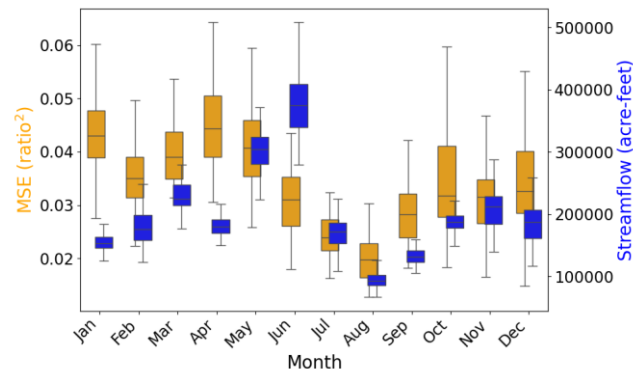
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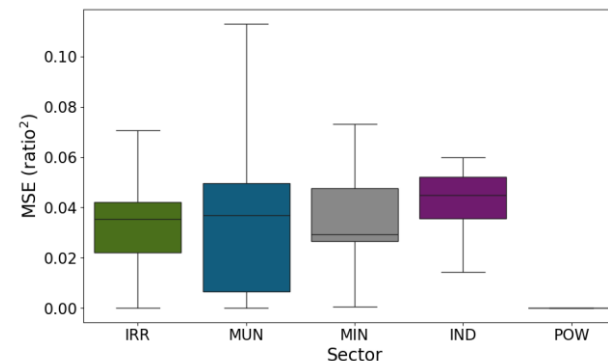
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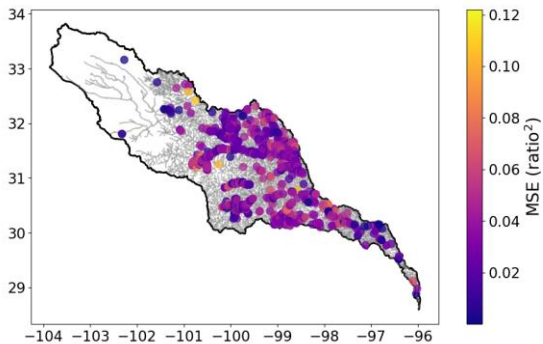
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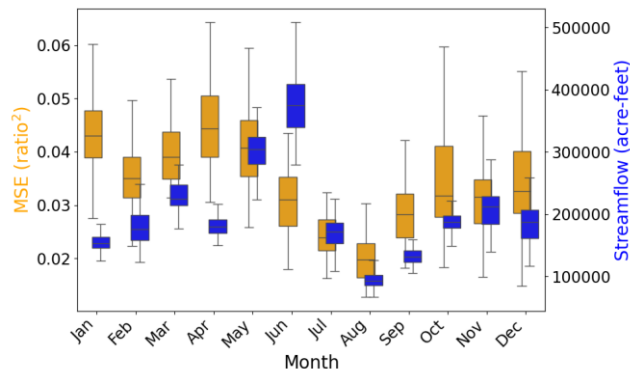
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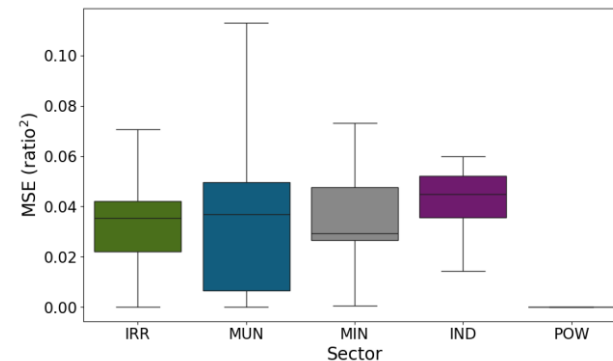
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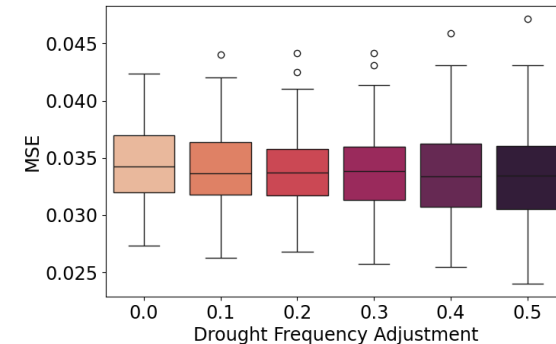
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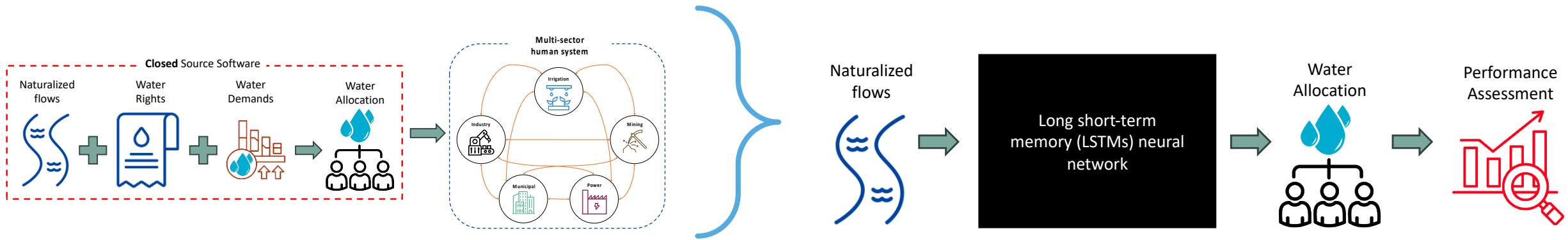
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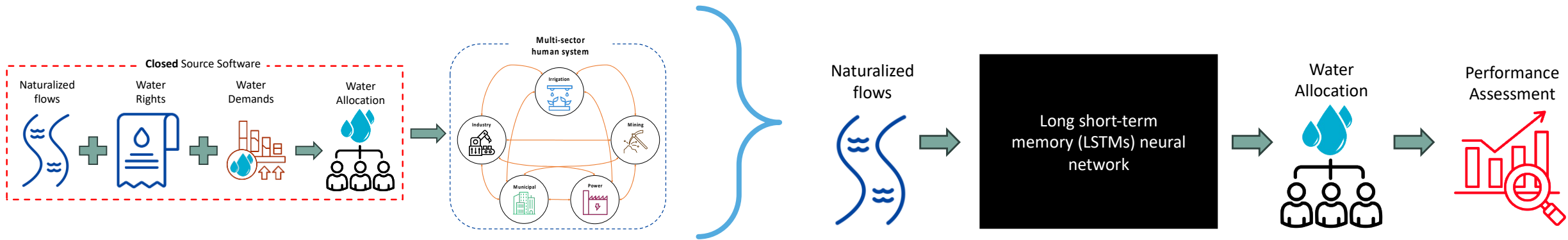
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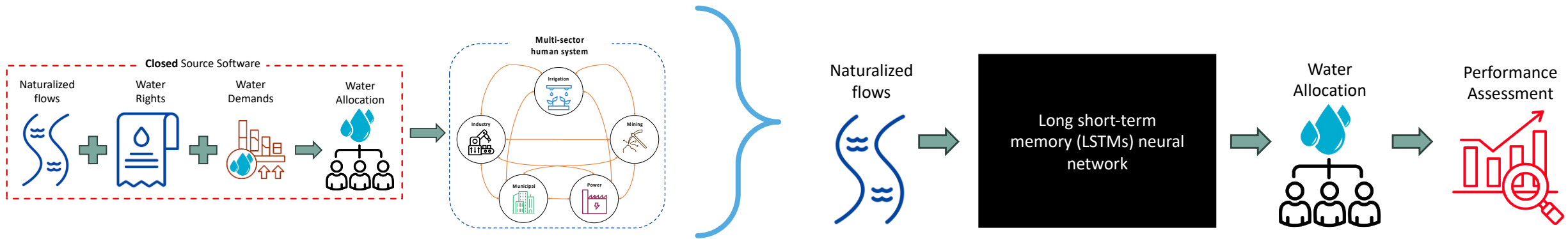
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