

# Forecasting meteotsunamis with Neural Networks

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# Motivation



🏠 / Investigadors / Catàleg de serveis R+D+I / Energia, medi ambient i gestió del territori  
/ Assessorament sobre la predicció i els impactes de les rissagues a Ciutadella i altres ports de les illes Balears

## Motivation

Computational  
Cost

+

### SOCIB / Balearic Rissaga Forecasting System (BRIFS)



Balearic Islands  
Coastal Observing  
and Forecasting  
System



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<http://www.socib.eu/?seccion=modeling&facility=rissagaforecast>

## Predicció Probabilística del Risc de RISSAGA al Port de Ciutadella



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<https://meteo.uib.es/rissaga/>

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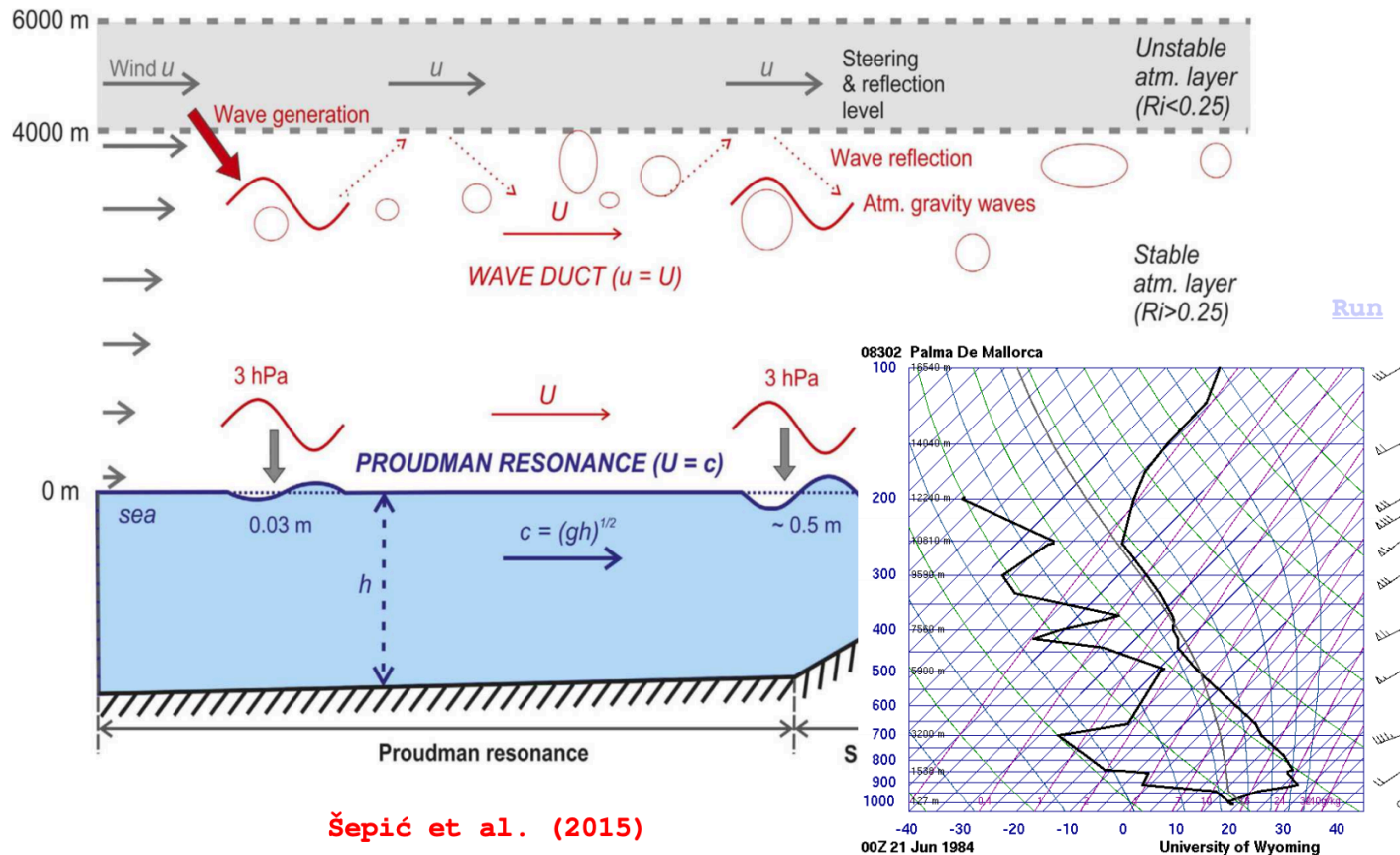
Can we go  
further?

# Background

TRAM\_*non\_hydro\_set1\_2D\_oro*STRETCH\_implicit

## > "Rissaga" Study

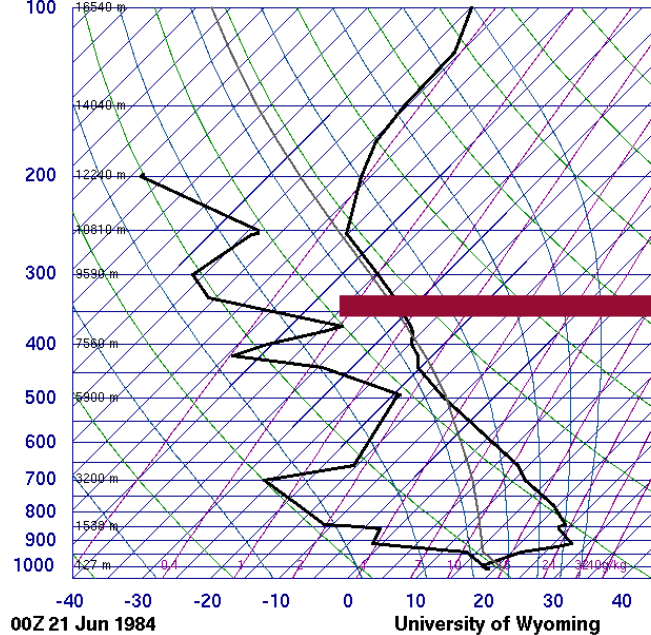
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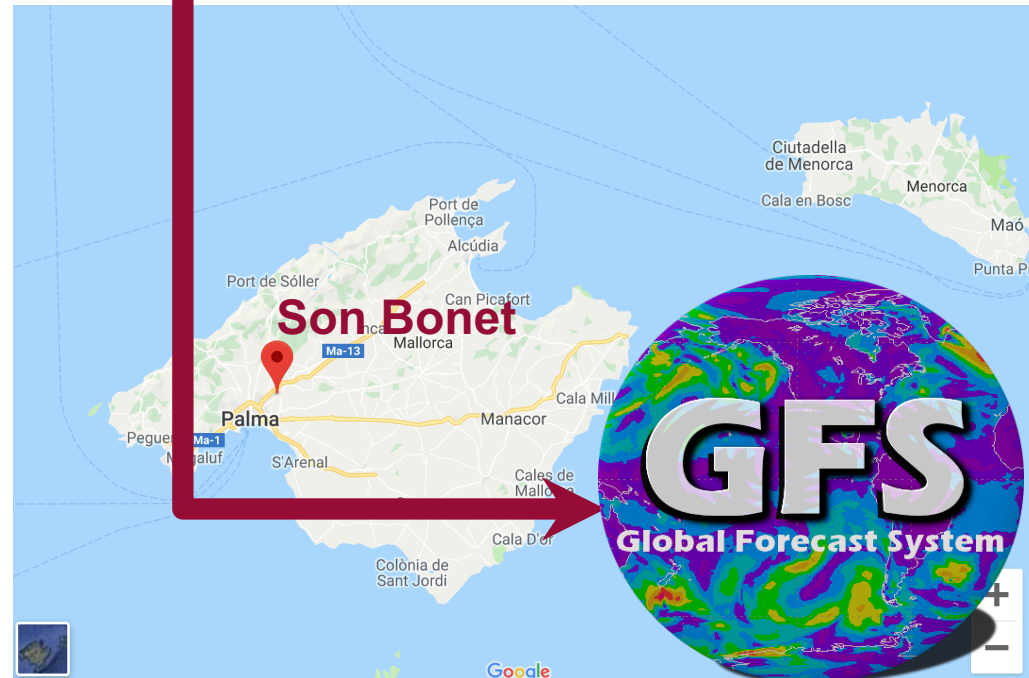
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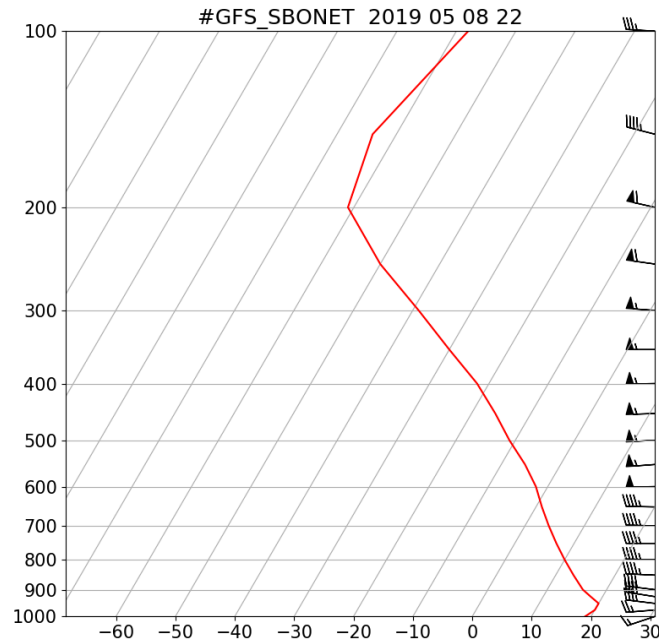


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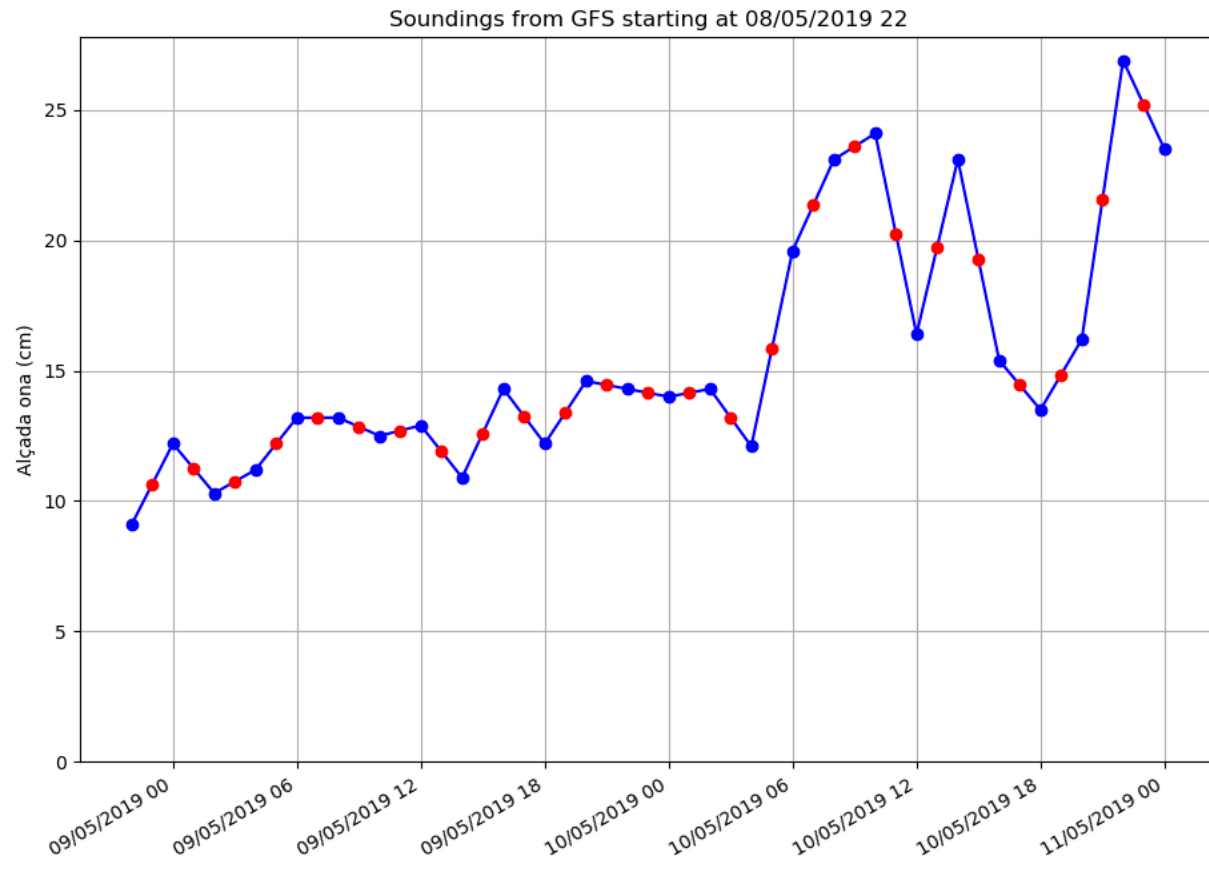
**GFS “soundings”  
for daily running**



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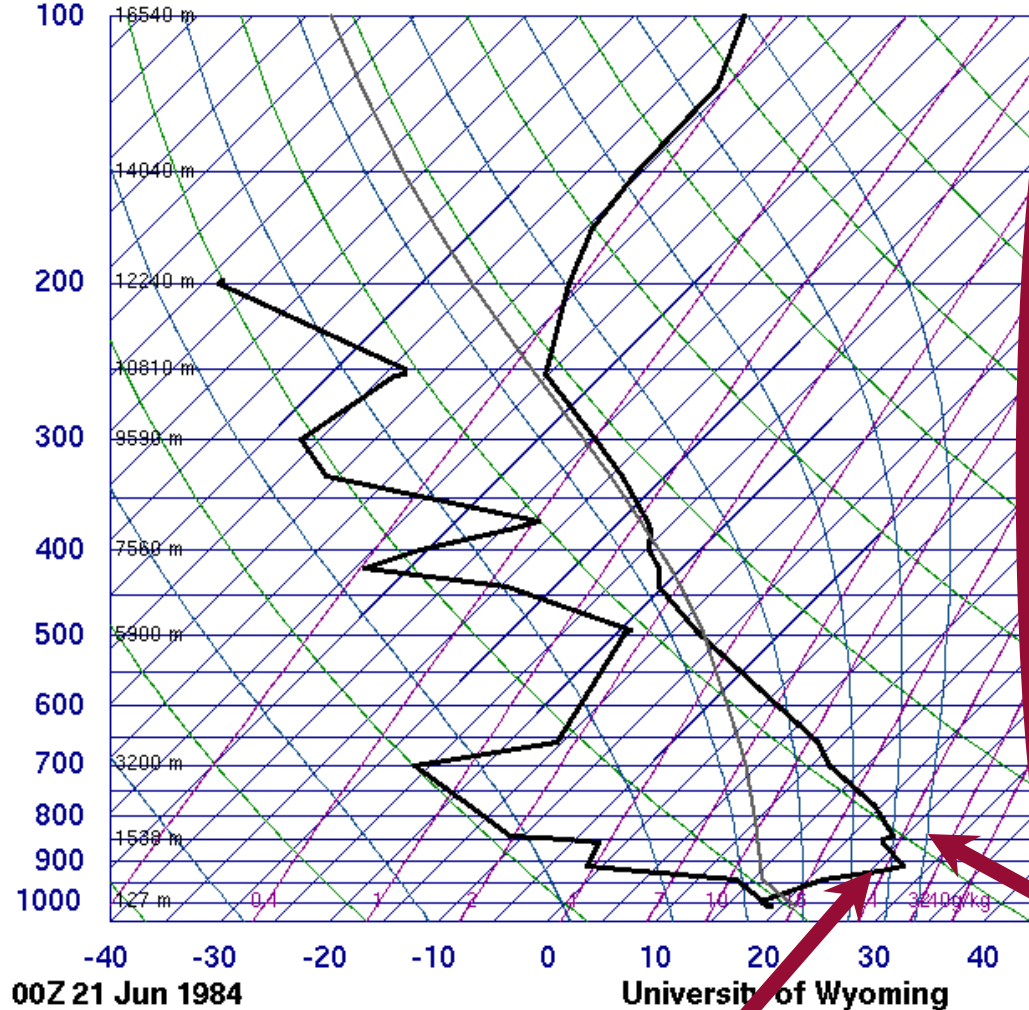
**26 simulations!!**  
**6 h a regular day**



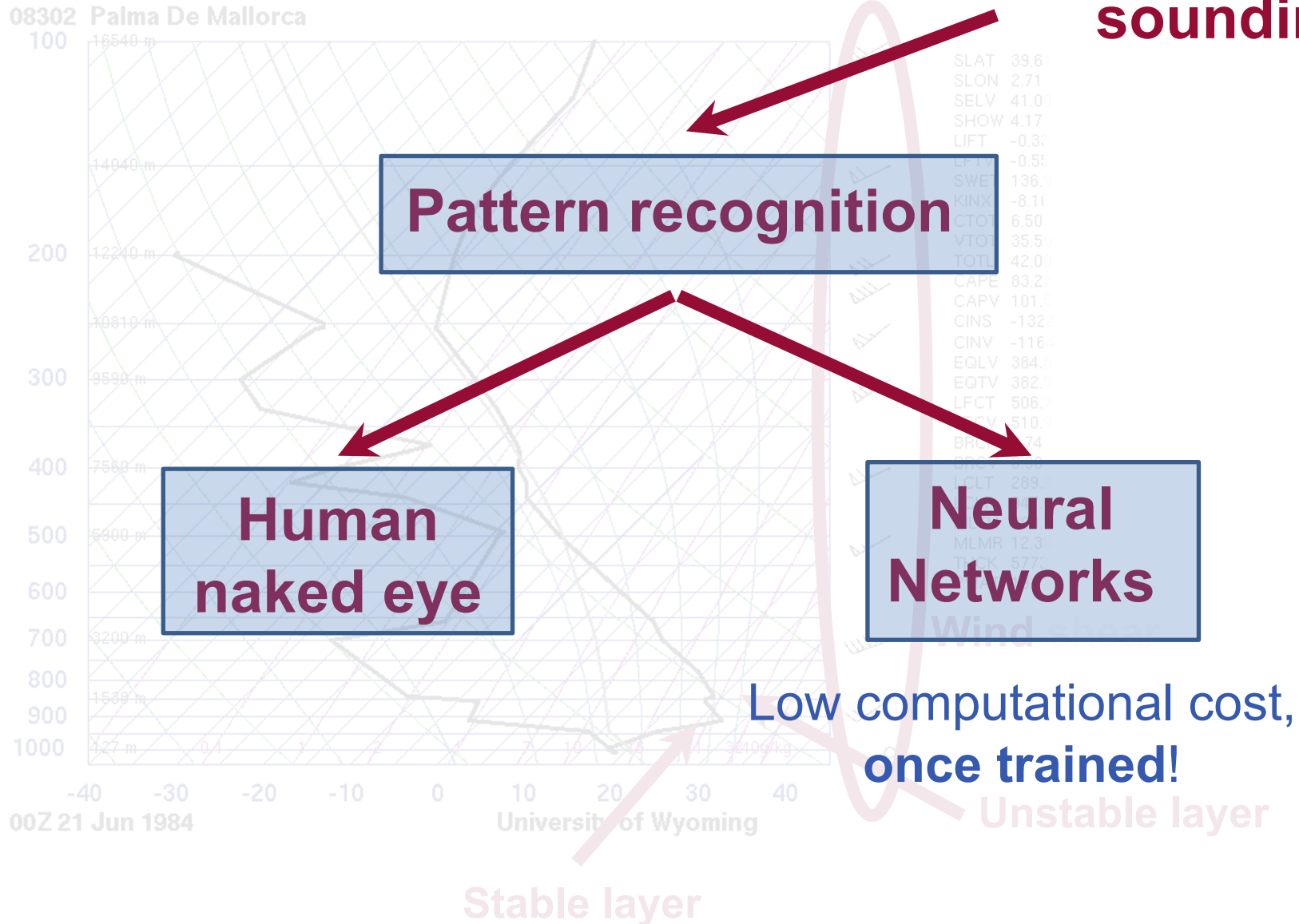
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## Typical rissaga sounding

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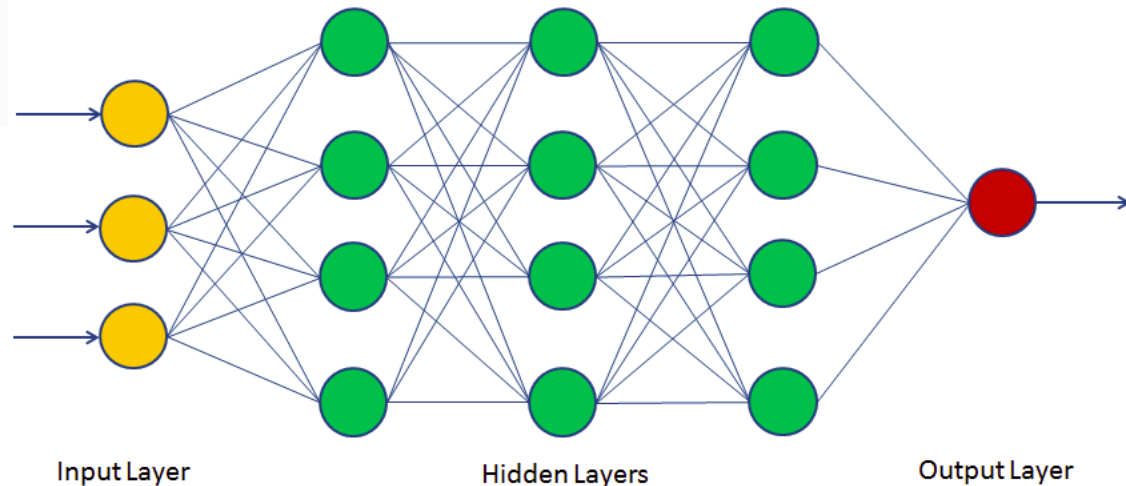
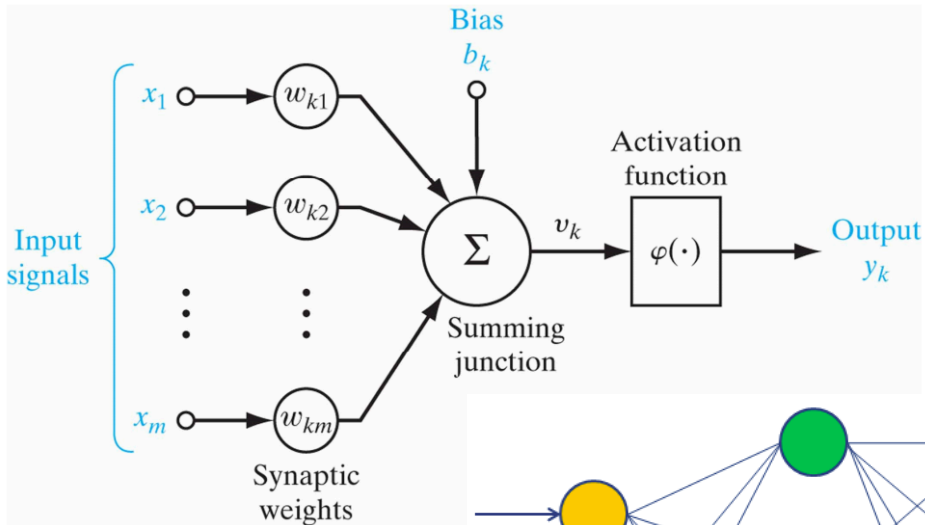
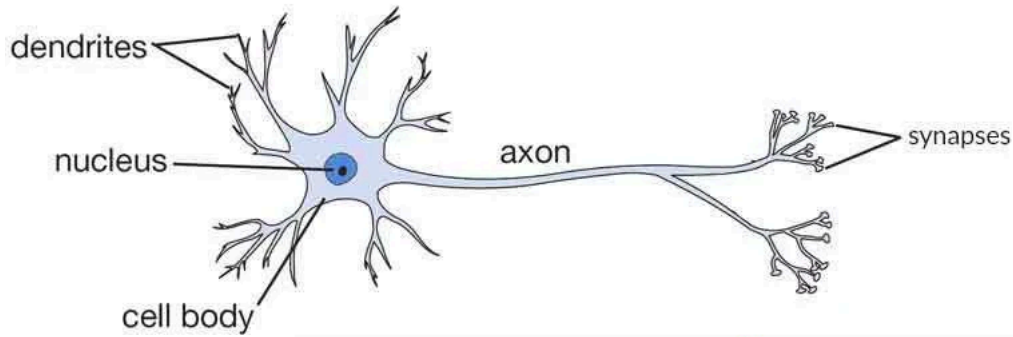


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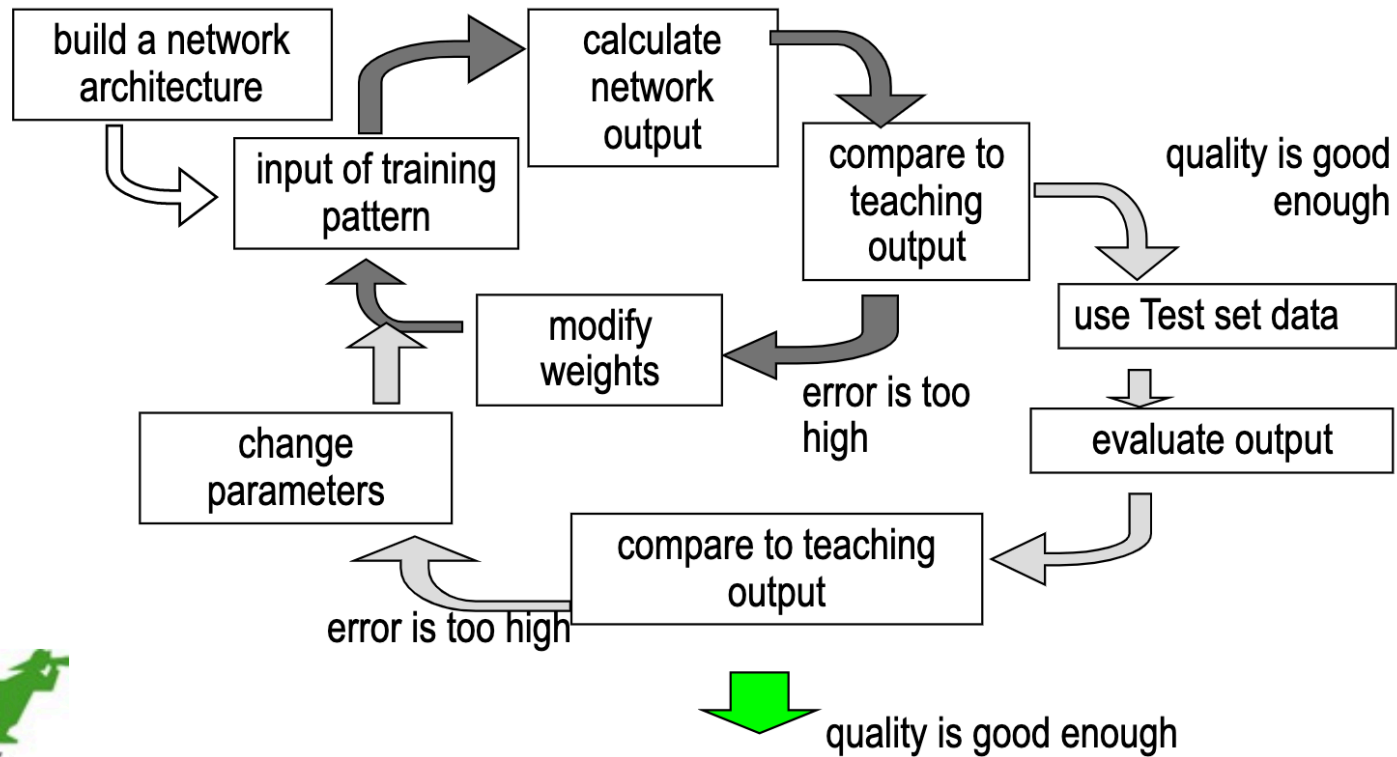




# Neural networks



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## Package ‘neuralnet’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Training of Neural Networks

**Version** 1.44.2

**Date** 2019-02-07

**Depends** R (>= 2.9.0)

**Imports** grid, MASS, grDevices, stats, utils, Deriv

**Description** Training of neural networks using backpropagation, resilient backpropagation with (Riedmiller, 1994) or without weight backtracking (Riedmiller and Braun, 1993) or the modified globally convergent version by Anastasiadis et al. (2005). The package allows flexible settings through custom-choice of error and activation function. Furthermore, the calculation of generalized weights (Intrator O & Intrator N, 1993) is implemented.

**License** GPL (>= 2)

**Suggests** testthat

**URL** <https://github.com/bips-hb/neuralnet>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/bips-hb/neuralnet/issues>

**RoxygenNote** 6.1.0

**NeedsCompilation** no

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**Rprop+**

**Resilient backpropagation with weight backtracking**

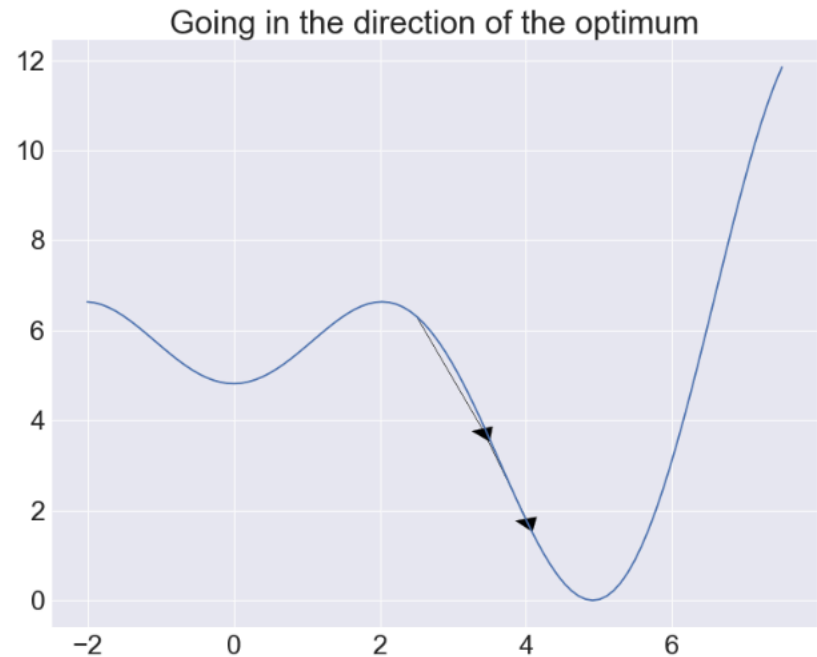
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*The gradient direction changes when jumping over optima*



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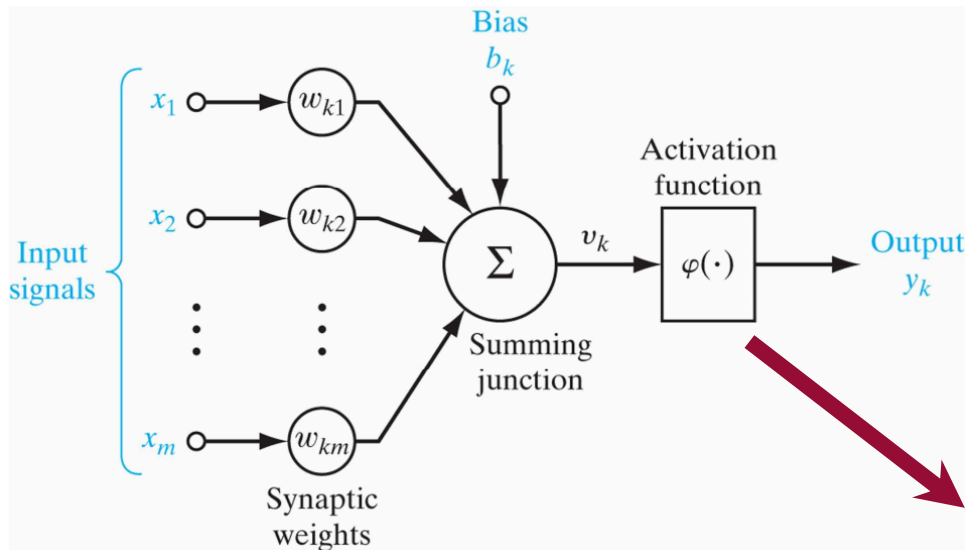
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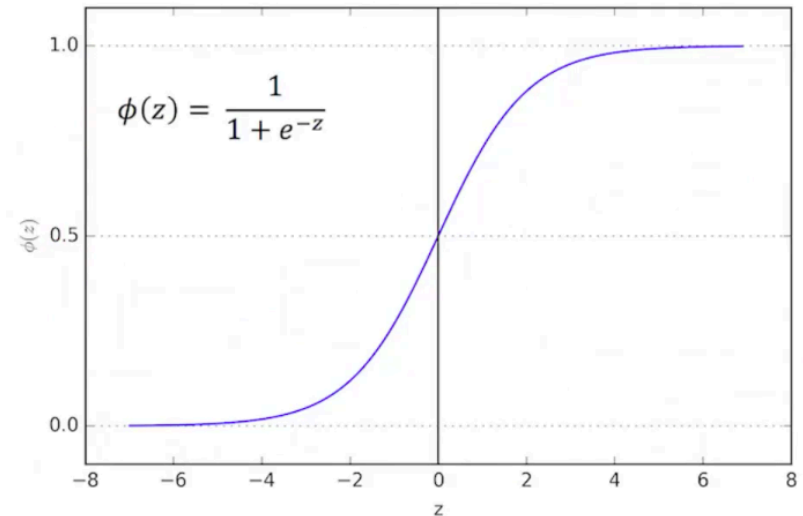
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## Activation function: Logistic function



## Activation functions

- Determine the output of a neural network and each individual neuron.
- Help normalize the output of each neuron to a range between 1 and 0 or between -1 and 1.

# Our neural network setup

## Database

### Training (75%) – Test (25%)

- **126 rissaga days**

Extending heterogeneously from July 1981 to July 2018 (plus one old case from September 1975).

- **549 non-rissaga days**

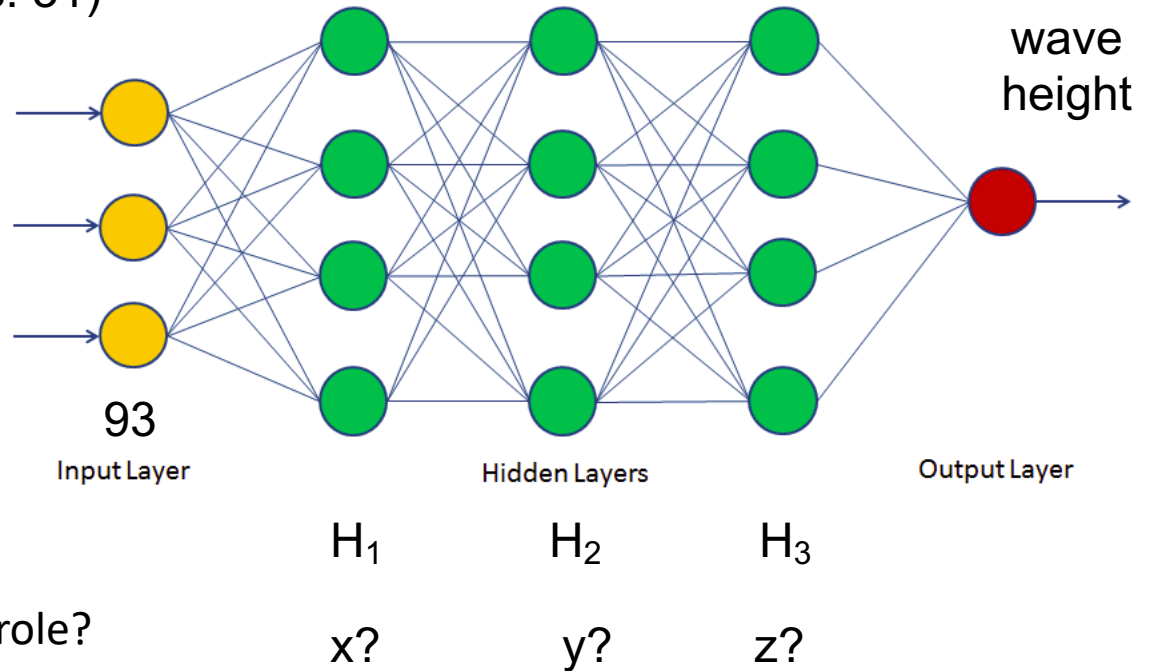
Quasi-continuous record from December 2016 to July 2018. After filtering out a dozen of rissaga days happened in period and discarding those days without thermodynamic soundings available.

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## Design

“GFS soundings”  
(same pressure levels: 31)

- Temperature
- u-wind component
- v-wind component



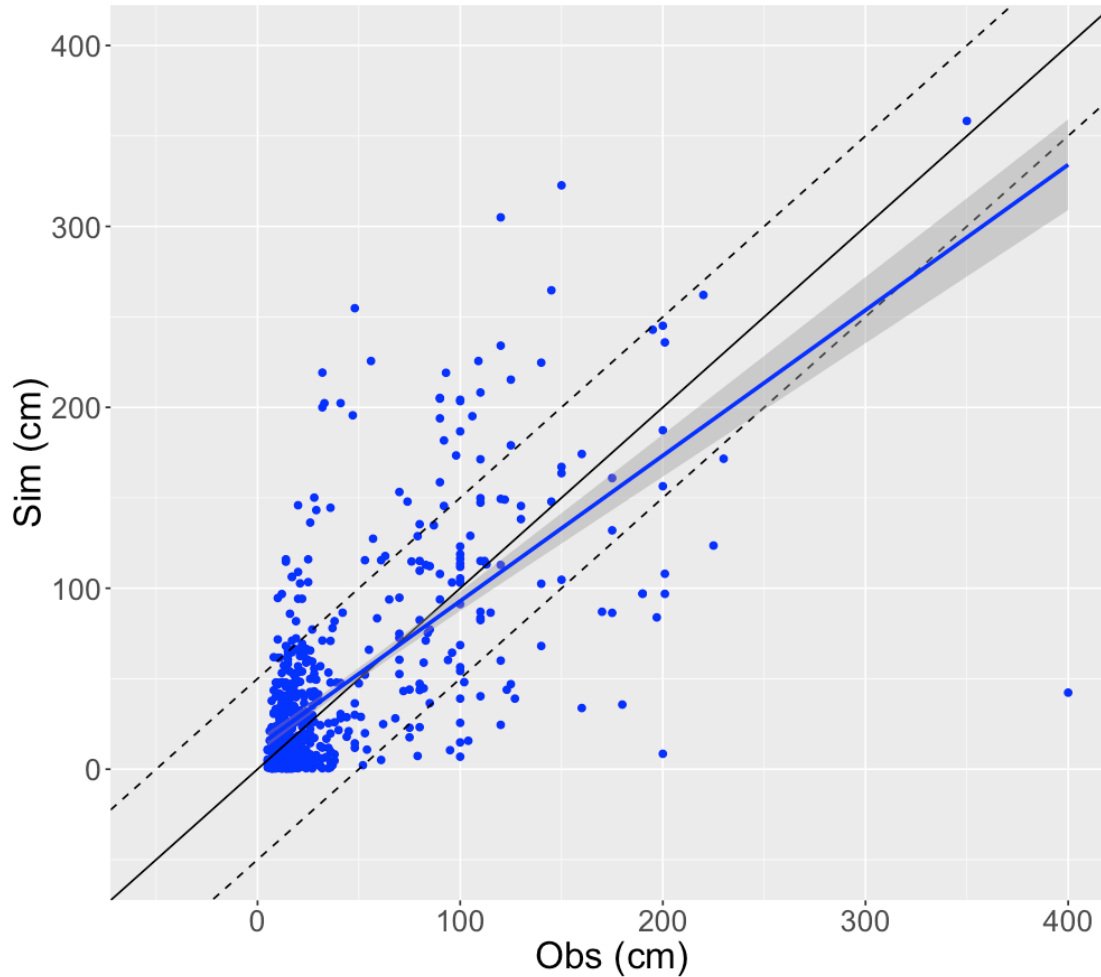
stopping criteria (threshold) role?

## Results

TRAM

RMSE = 45.4 cm Adj R<sup>2</sup> = 0.43052

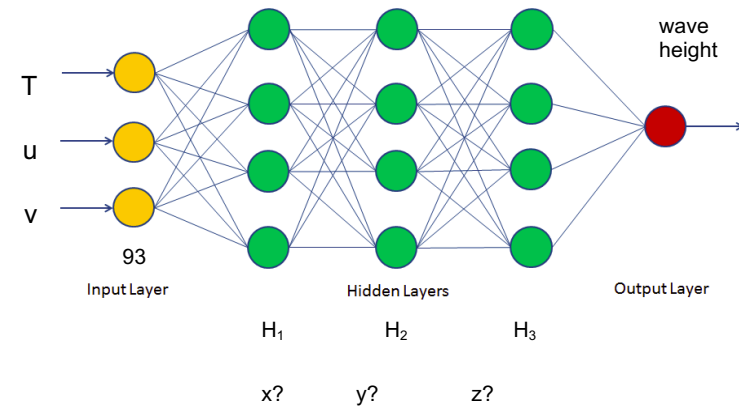
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**Can we do  
better?**

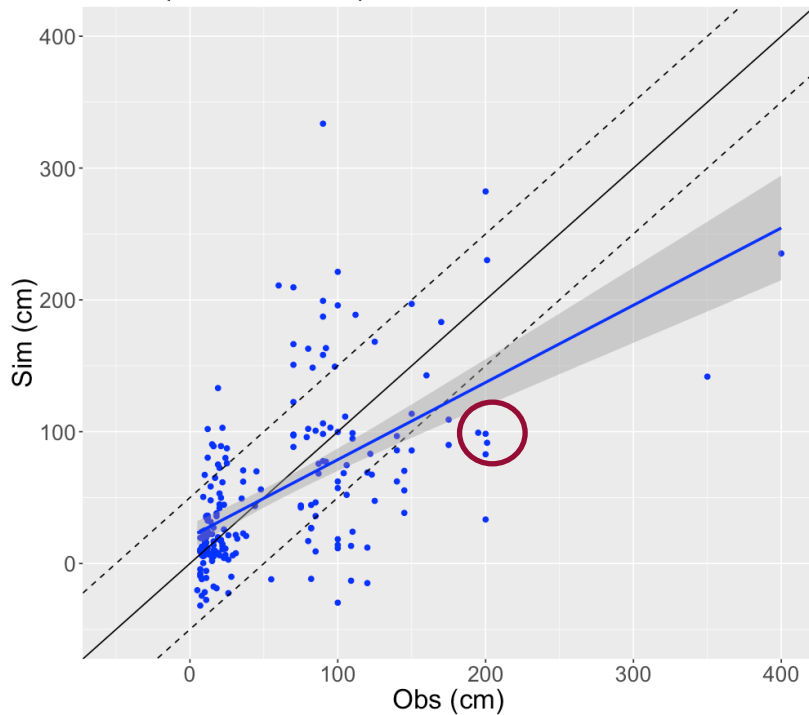


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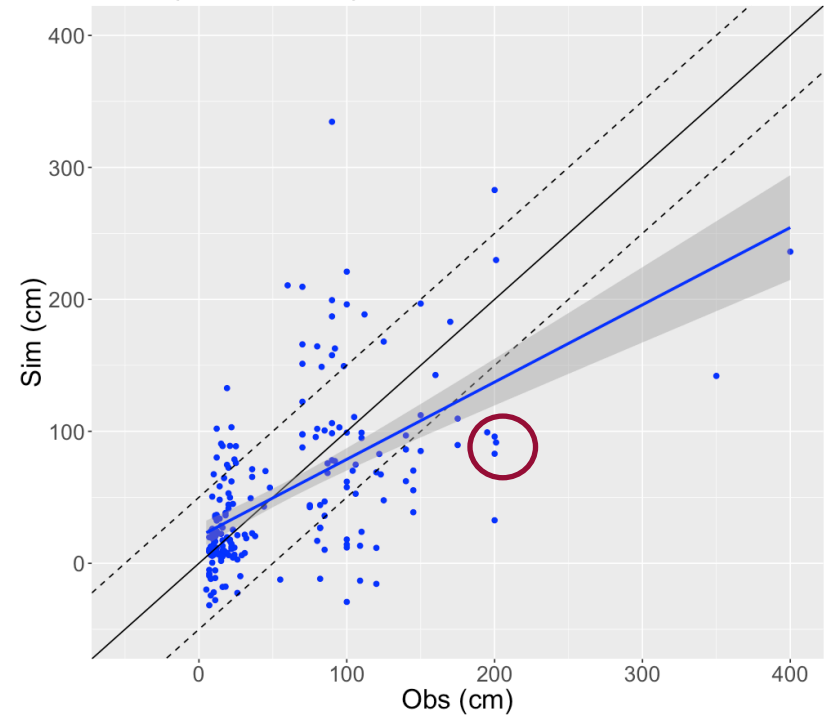
Threshold: **0.1**

H1: 70 , H2: 45 , H3: 25 - Threshold: 0.1  
 RMSE = 56.9 cm Adj R2 = 0.32954  
 Intercept = 19.461 Slope = 0.59063 P = 5.0548e-20

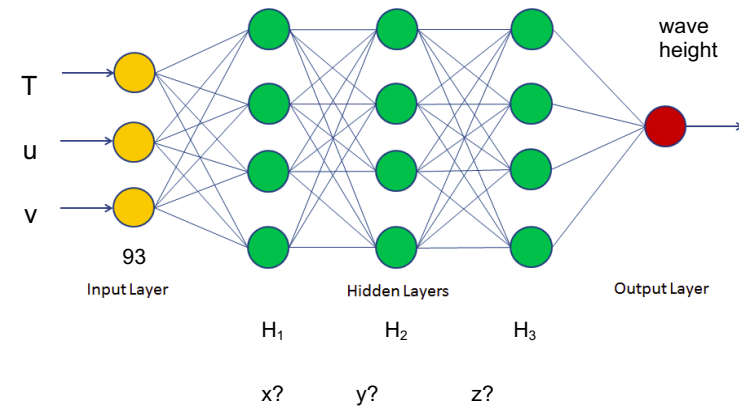


Threshold: **0.05**

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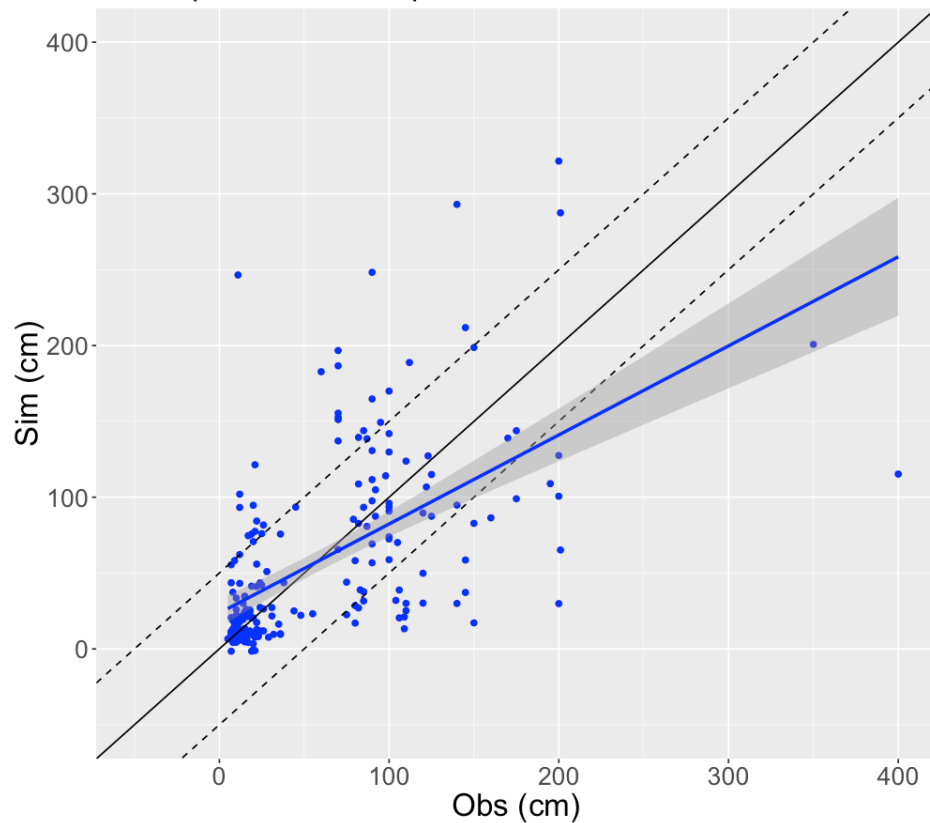
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**H1: 150**, H2: 90, H3: 30 - Threshold: 0.1

RMSE = 55.7 cm Adj R2 = 0.33765

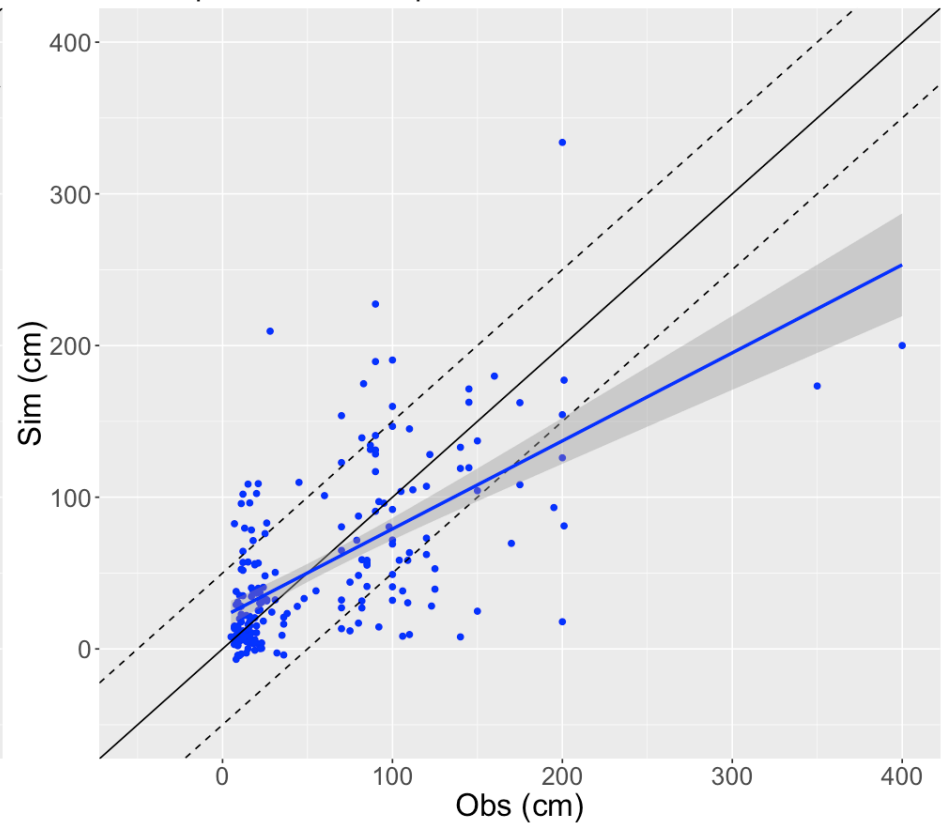
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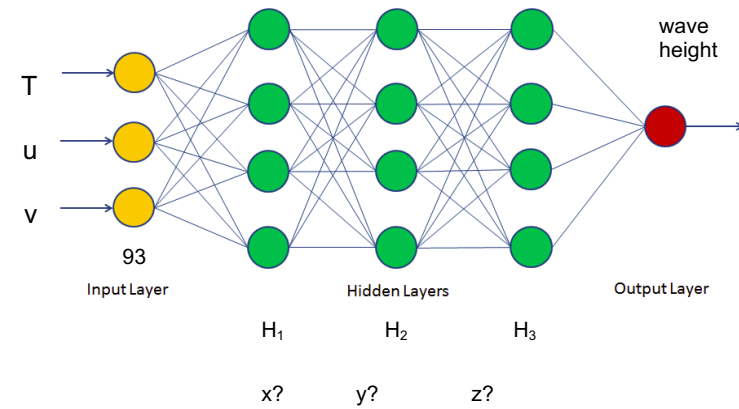
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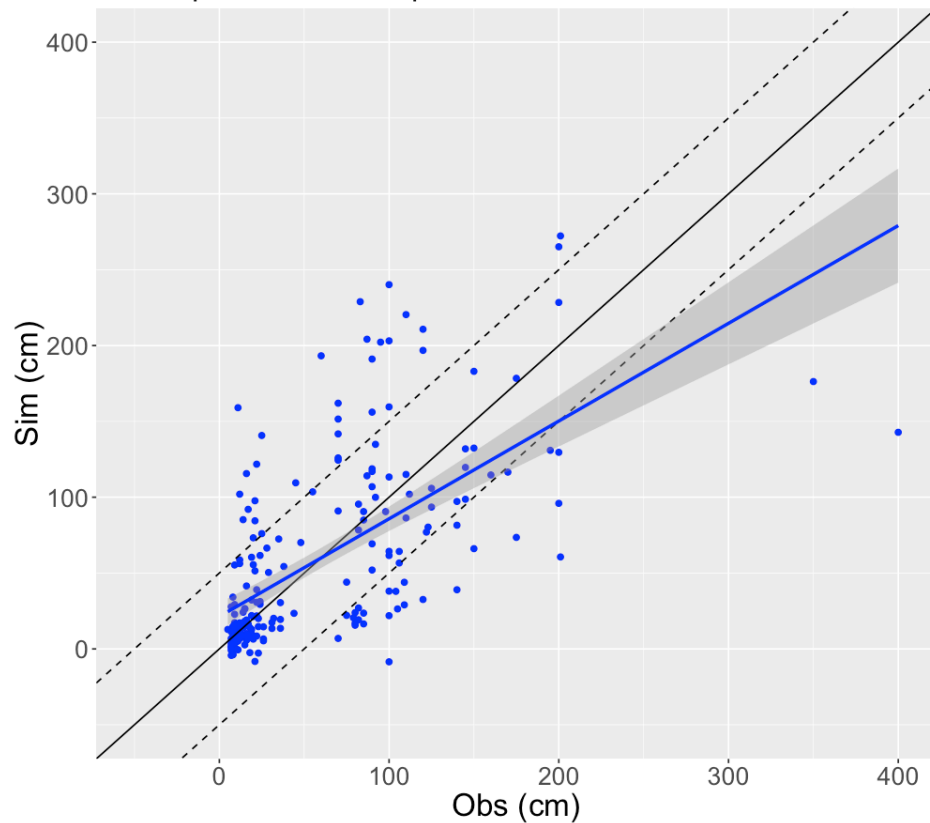
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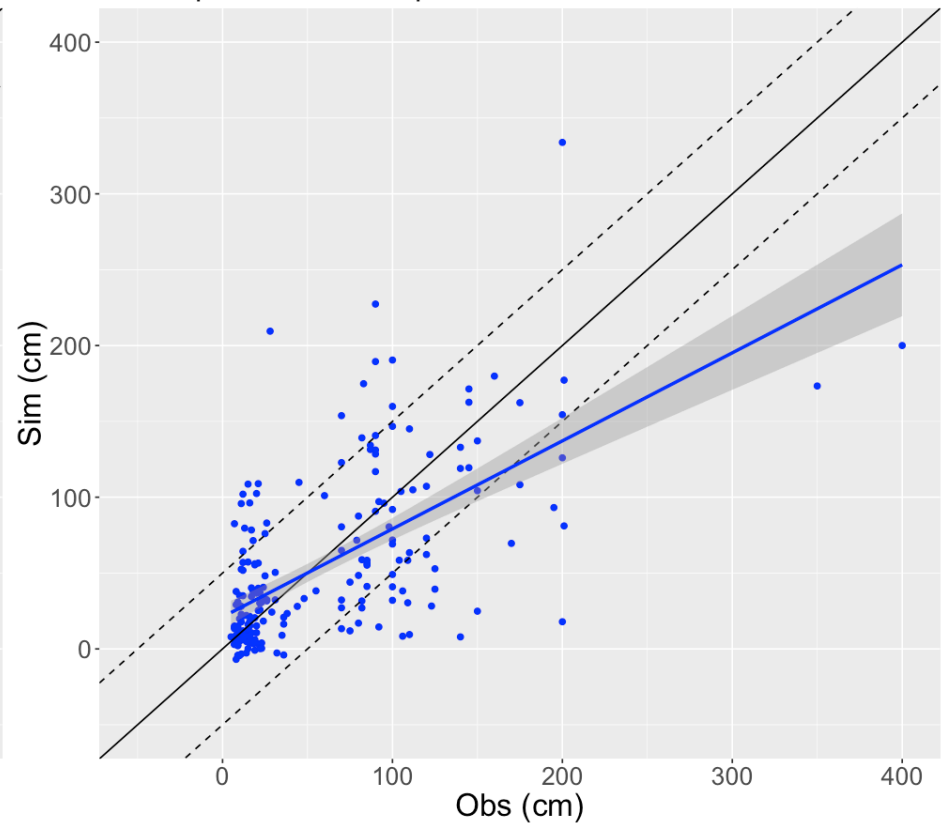
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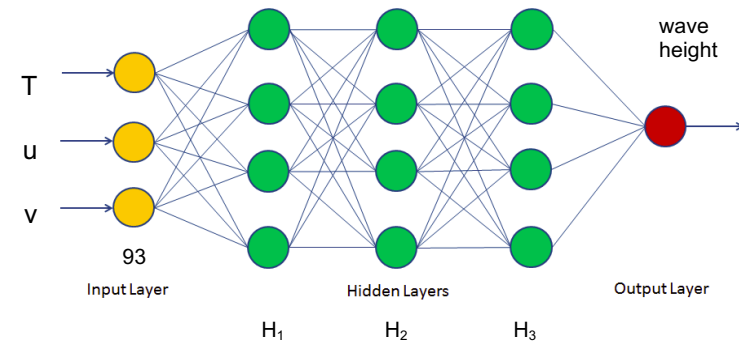
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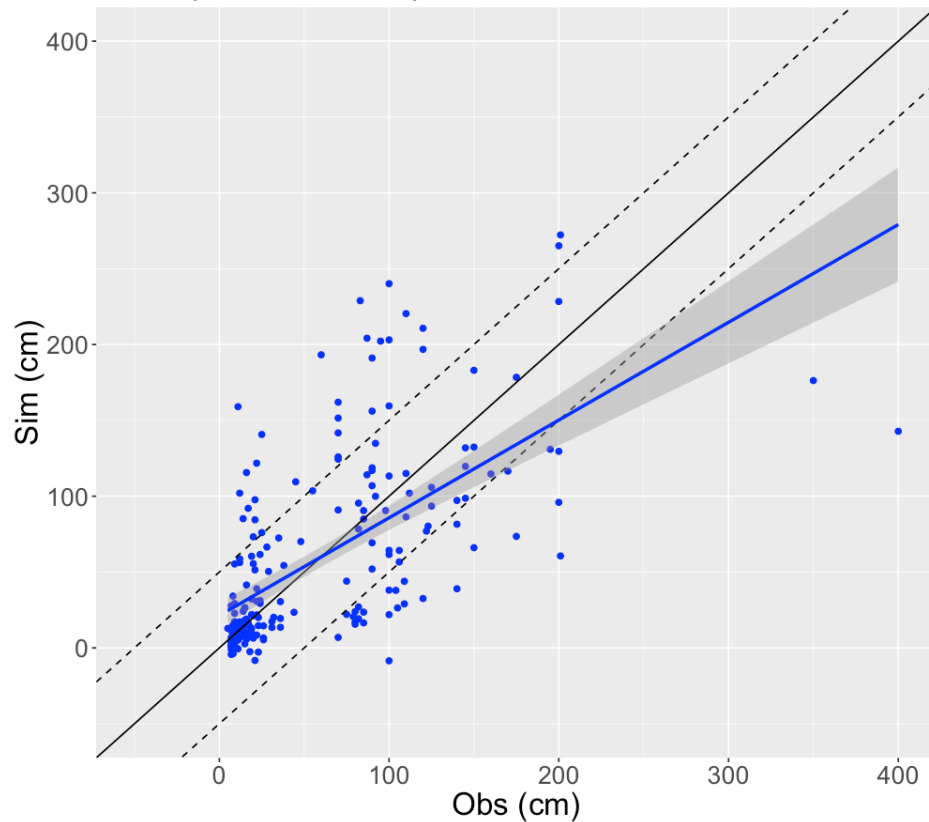


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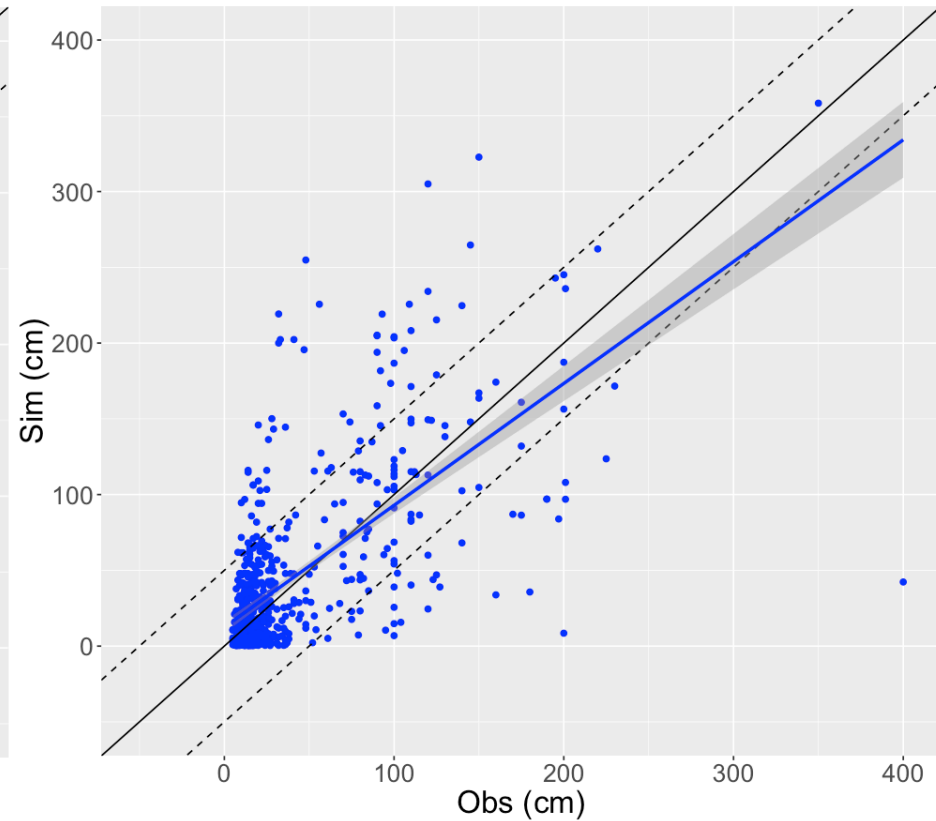


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## Conclusions

- Our NN shows **similar** forecasting **ability** that our current forecasting system **to predict rissagues** with a **cheaper computational cost**.
- **More work** needs to be done to **properly design the NN** in order to improve the prediction.

**We can do better!**







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