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# Simulating lateral flow and its contribution to spatial variations of (rainfed) winter wheat yields

*Research state, preliminary results and following steps*

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# Conceptual background



Point-based model  
(1<sup>st</sup> routine)

Mechanistic modelling of  
surface run-off and  
optimization of hydraulic  
parameters

+

30 year-sequence



Upscaling method  
(LIF prediction)

MLR / ANN  
(data-driven method)  
training and testing sets

+

30 year-sequence

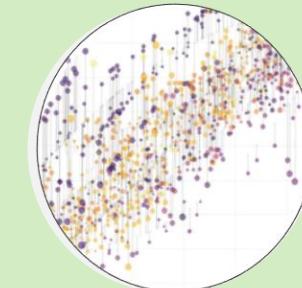
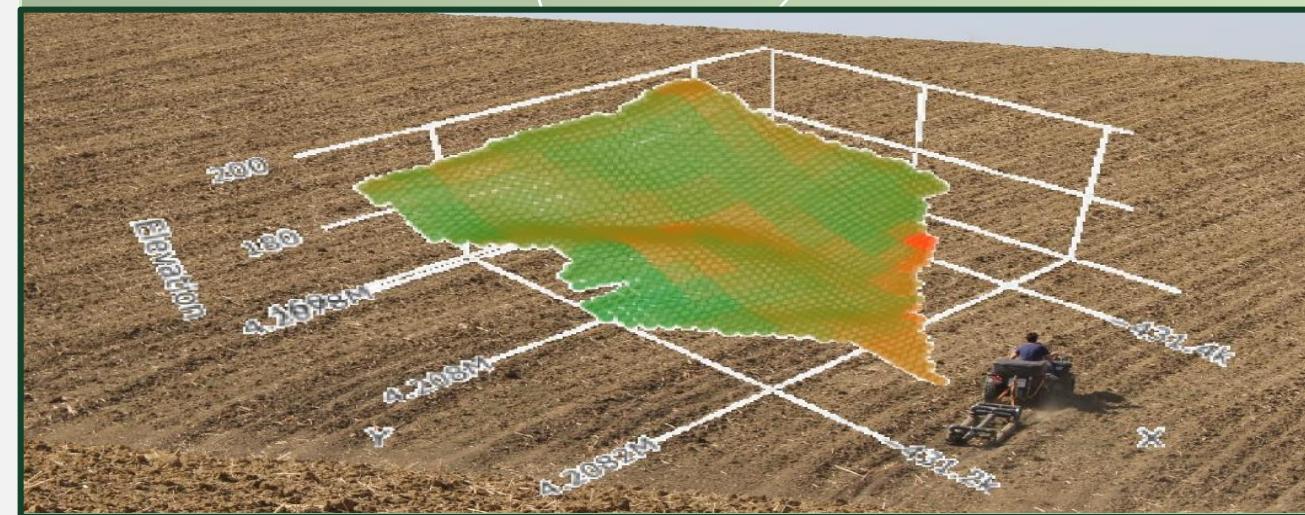


Crop modelling routine  
(2<sup>nd</sup> routine)

Yield simulations under  
the 1<sup>st</sup> vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> scenario  
(with/without LIF)  
Probability distribution  
functions of yield  
response to LIF

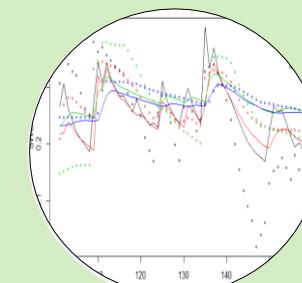


# Preliminary results



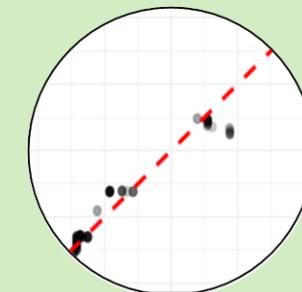
## Meta-analysis

Assimilation of NDVI-CC  
models into HYDRUS-1D



## Field datasets

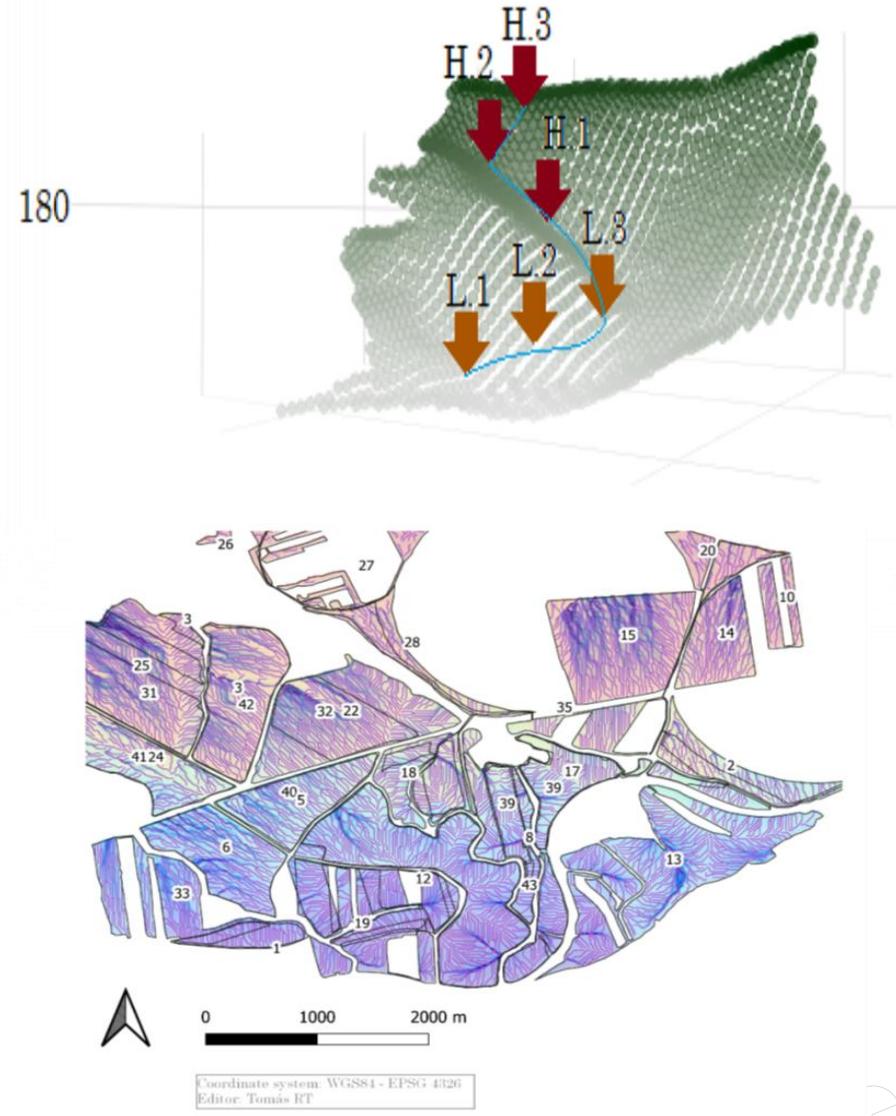
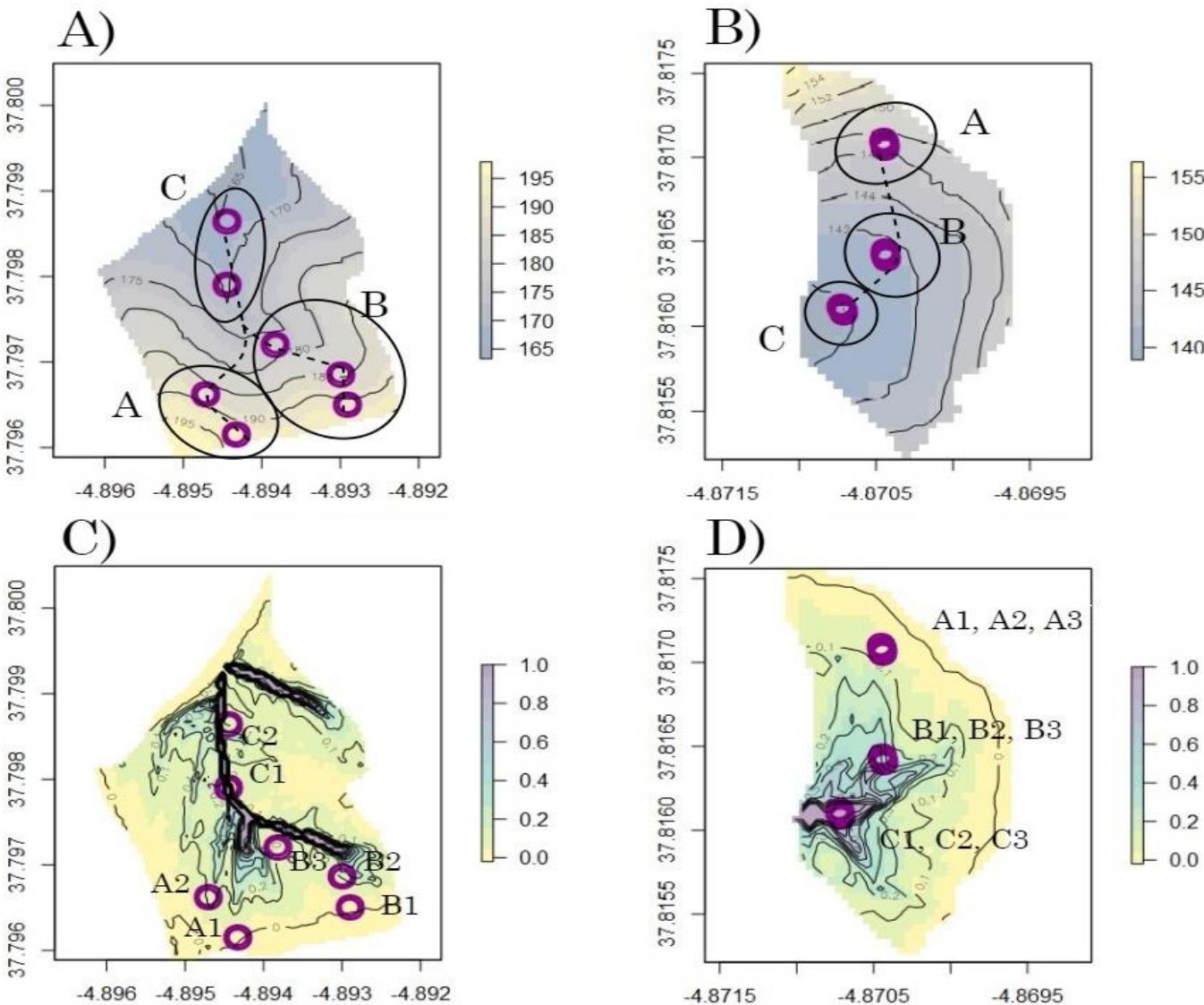
Soil parameterization, root  
growth rates, phenological  
development, crop growth and  
crop management



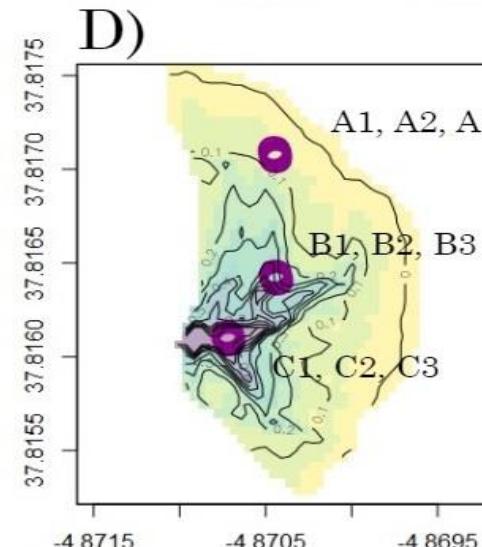
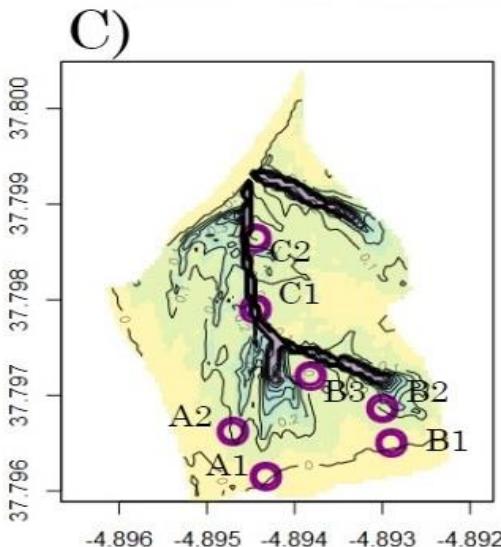
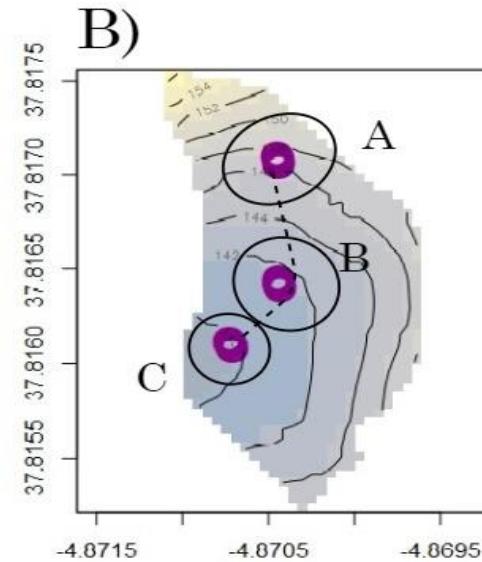
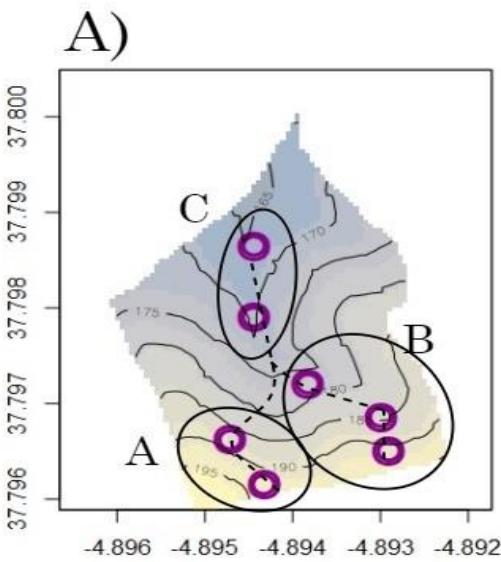
## Upscaling methods

Multiple Linear Reg. models  
Artificial Neural Networks  
"novel data assimilation algorithms"

# Experimental sites



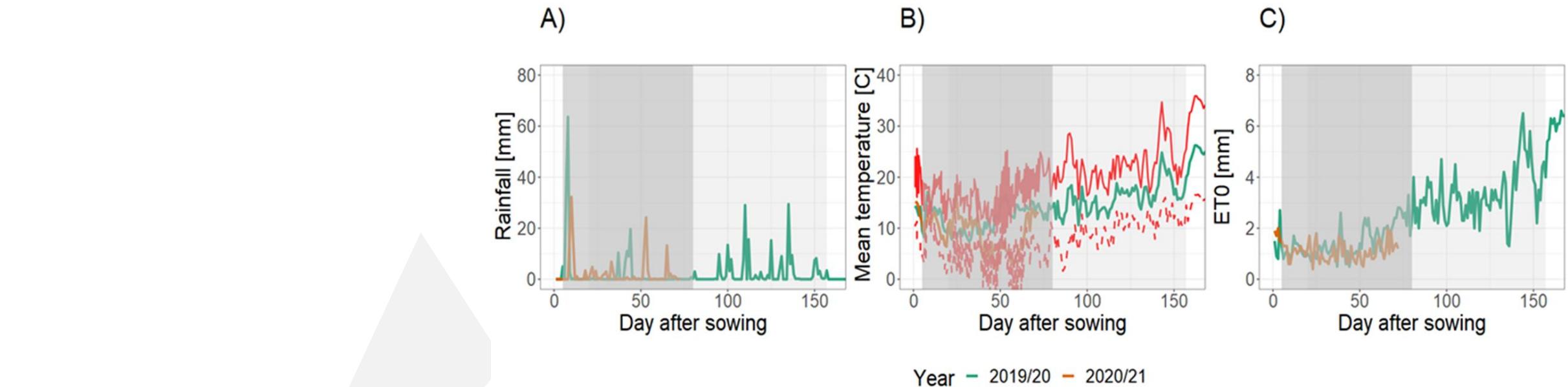
# Experimental sites



Parameter	Zone	Catchment-1			Catchment-2		
		A	B	C	A	B	C
	Sampling points [N] [Units]	2	3	2	3	3	3
Elevation	m (amsl.)	187 (2.4)	184 (5.1)	168 (2.3)	147 (0.5)	141 (0.3)	139 (0.3)
ECa	dS/m	0.31 (0.08)	0.28 (0.09)	0.48 (0.06)	-	-	-
%Clay	%	45 (3.4)	42 (3.3)	50 (3.4)	44 (2.8)		
%Sand	%	18 (2.6)	22 (2.9)	15 (2.8)	22 (3.2)		
Bulk density	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.78 (0.06)	1.81 (0.04)	1.74 (0.05)	1.66 (0.05)		
FAI	[0;1]	0.09 (0.021)	0.12 (0.082)	0.72 (0.218)	0.07 (0.005)	0.42 (0.002)	0.98 (0.011)

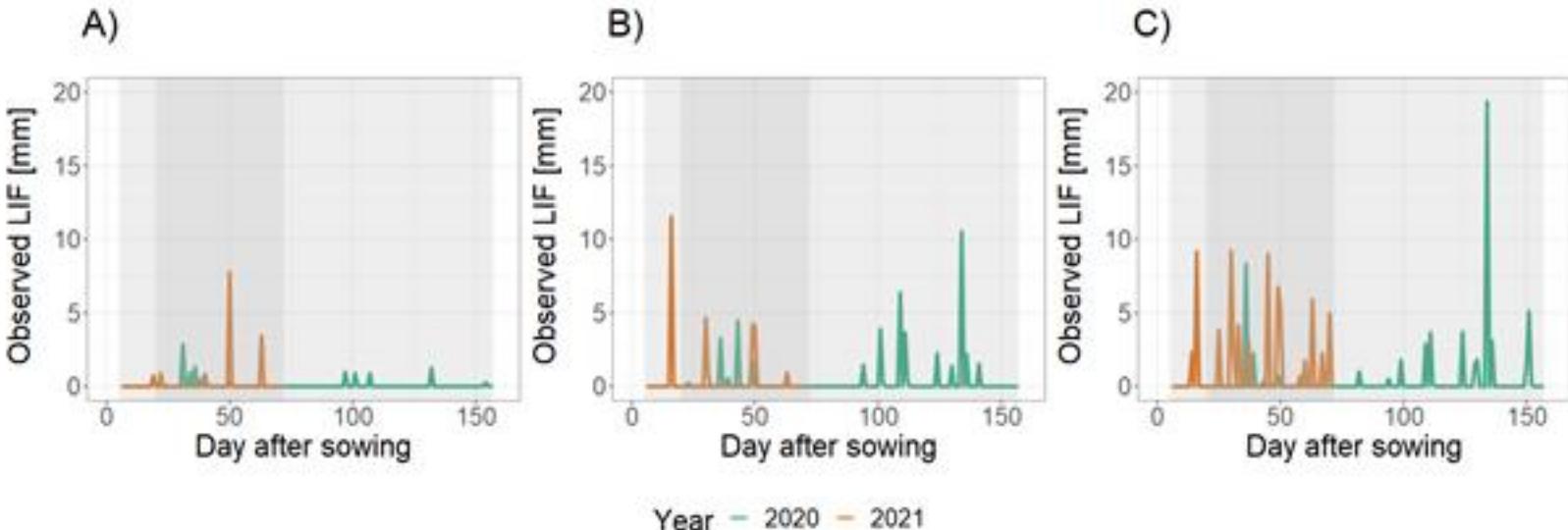


# Rainfall and meteorological data



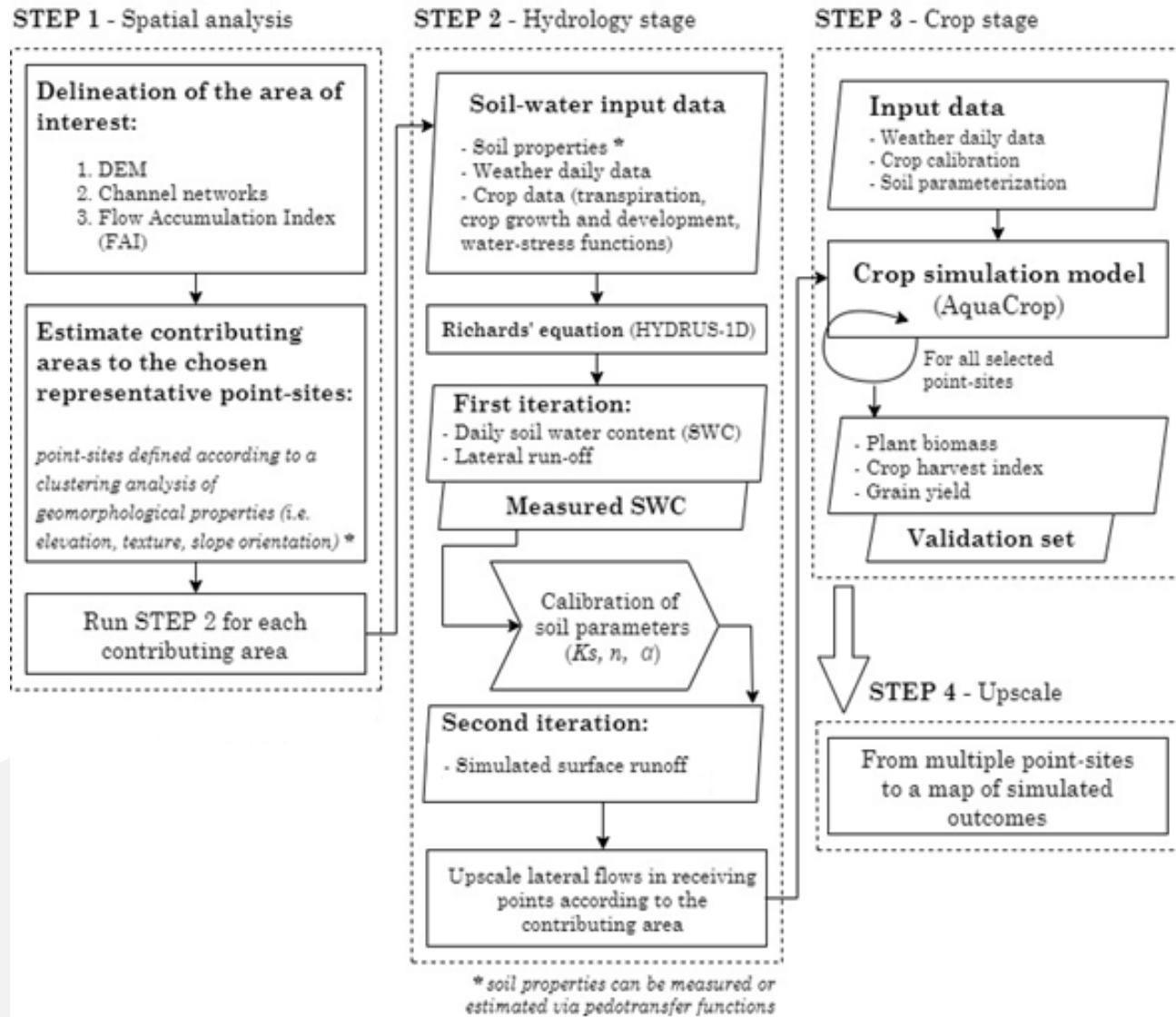
# Lateral inflows

(inferred from field observations)

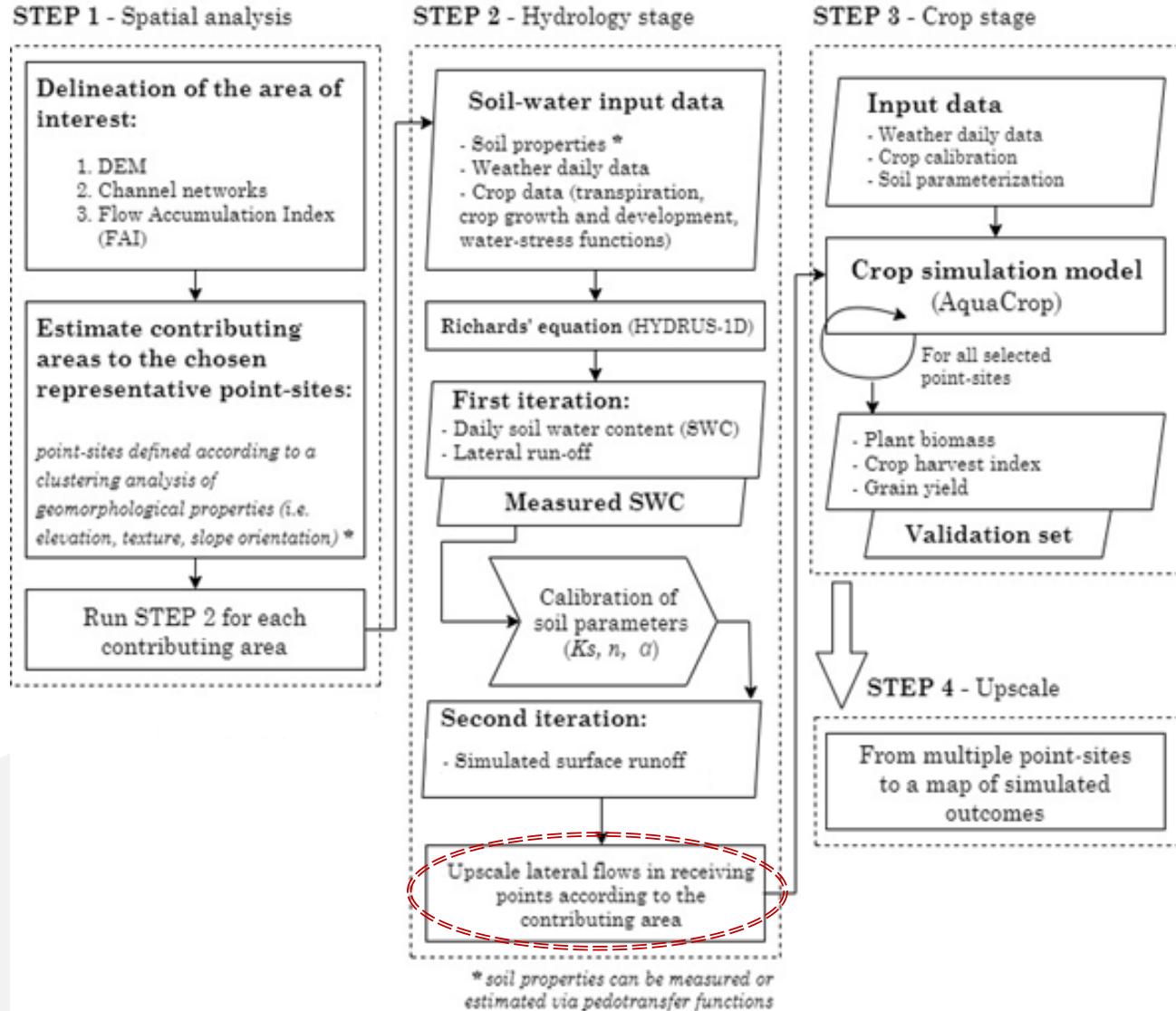


	Zone	Catchment-1 2019/20	Catchment-2 2019/21	Average 2019-21
SWC [mm]	A	209.36 (39.6) c	327.46 (22.3) c	257.36 (67.1) c
	B	237.36 (34.4) b	352.06 (10.9) a	269.66 (60.7) b
	C	269.37 (63.1) a	343.41 (12.6) b	299.65 (67.4) a
LIF <sub>n</sub> [mm]	A	0.08 (0.46) b	0.21 (1.22) b	0.13 (0.9) b
	B	0.31 (1.52) ab	0.41 (2.3) b	0.35 (1.8) b
	C	0.42 (2.09) a	1.11 (3.3) a	0.70 (2.7) a
CUM.LIF <sub>n</sub> [mm]	A	6.98 (3.9) b	4.43 (6.1) c	6.15 (5.5) c
	B	17.88 (15.7) a	16.75 (15.3) b	18.52 (15.8) b
	C	19.76 (16.9) a	34.45 (27.3) a	25.77 (22.9) a

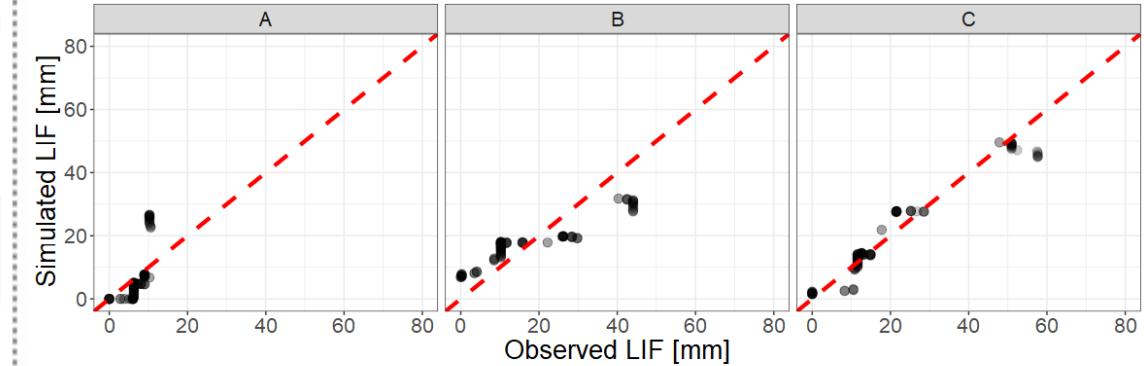
# Methodological design



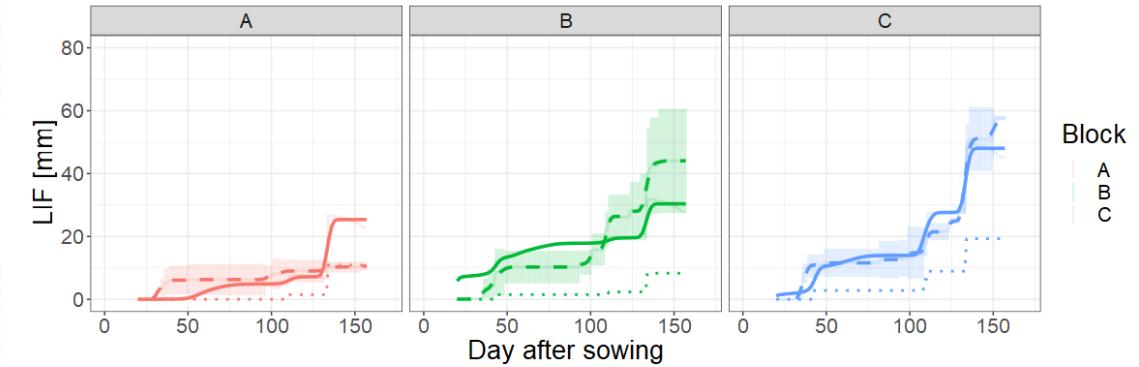
# Upscaling methods – “MLR”



MLR model [training set]  
[cumulative terms]



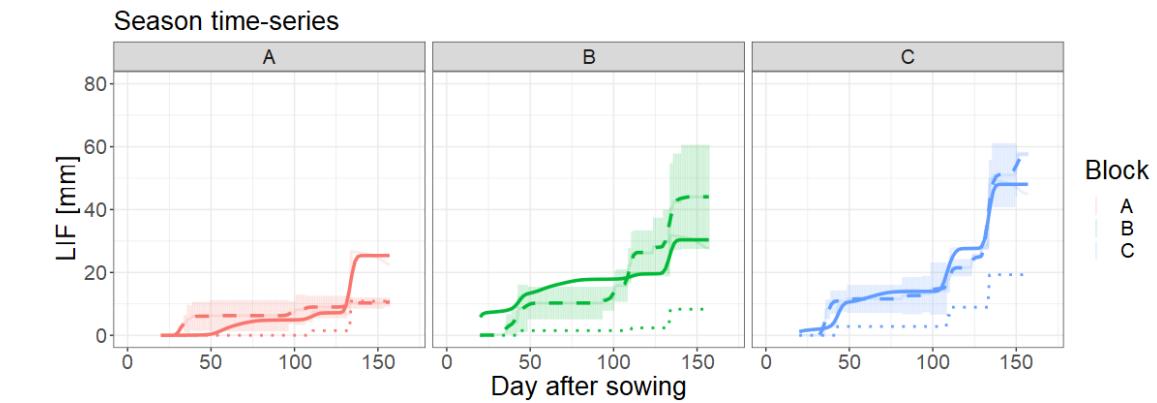
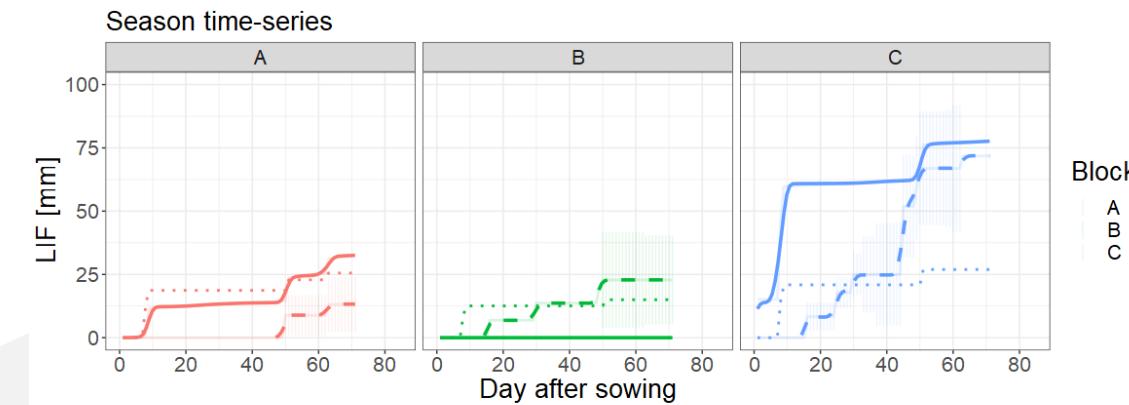
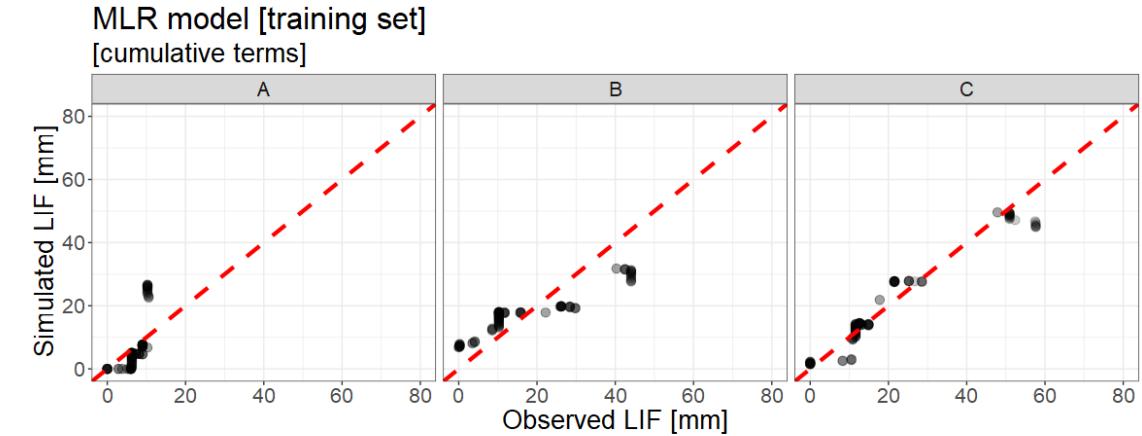
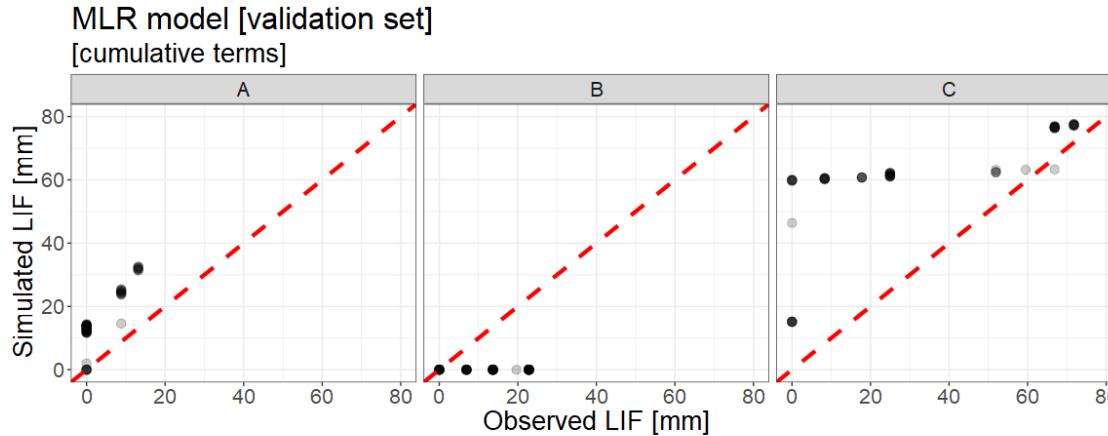
Season time-series



$R-sq=0.78$  (training)

# MLR model

(RMSE=21 mm; R-sq=0.78 (training); R-sq=0.48 (testing); Pearson=0.68; d-Willmott index=0.7)

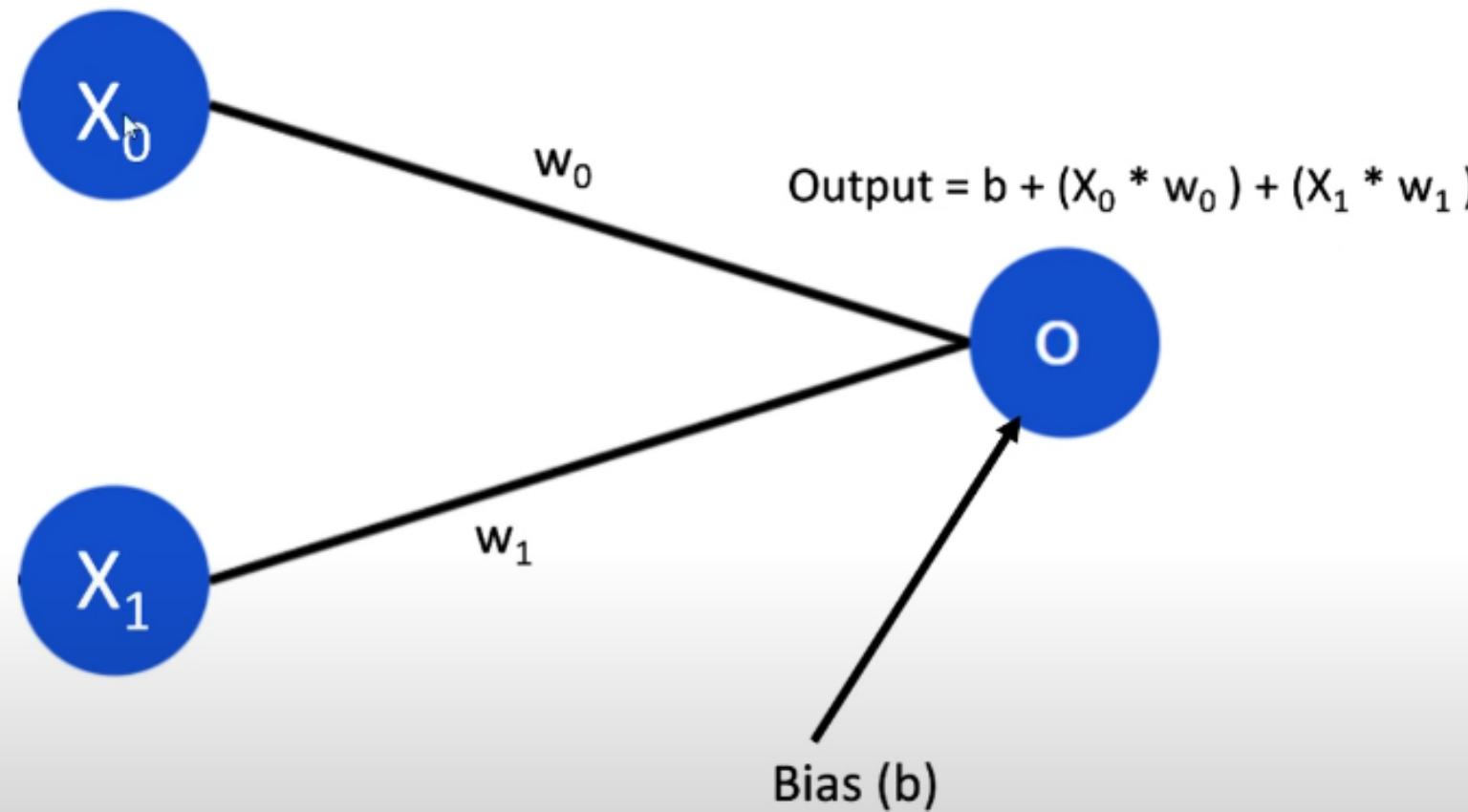


# MLR -> ANN

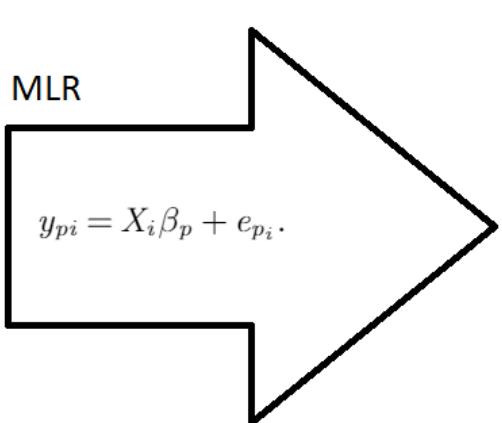
Neural network with no hidden layers is just a linear model

Input Layer

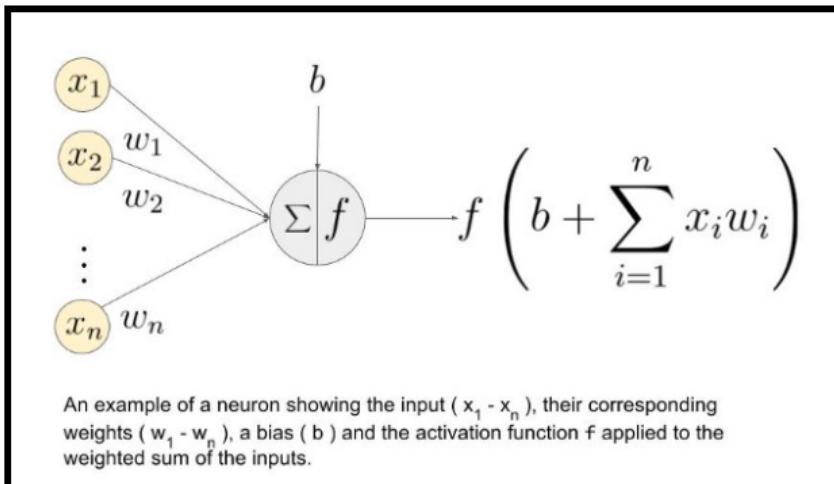
Output Layer



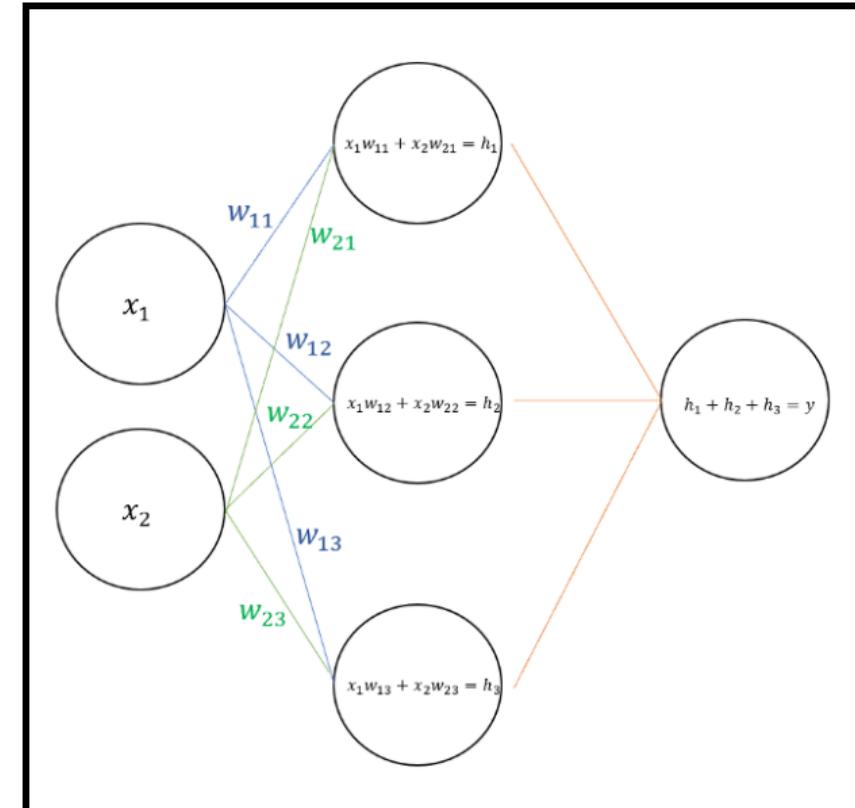
# MLR -> ANN



The simplest ANN (single neuron)



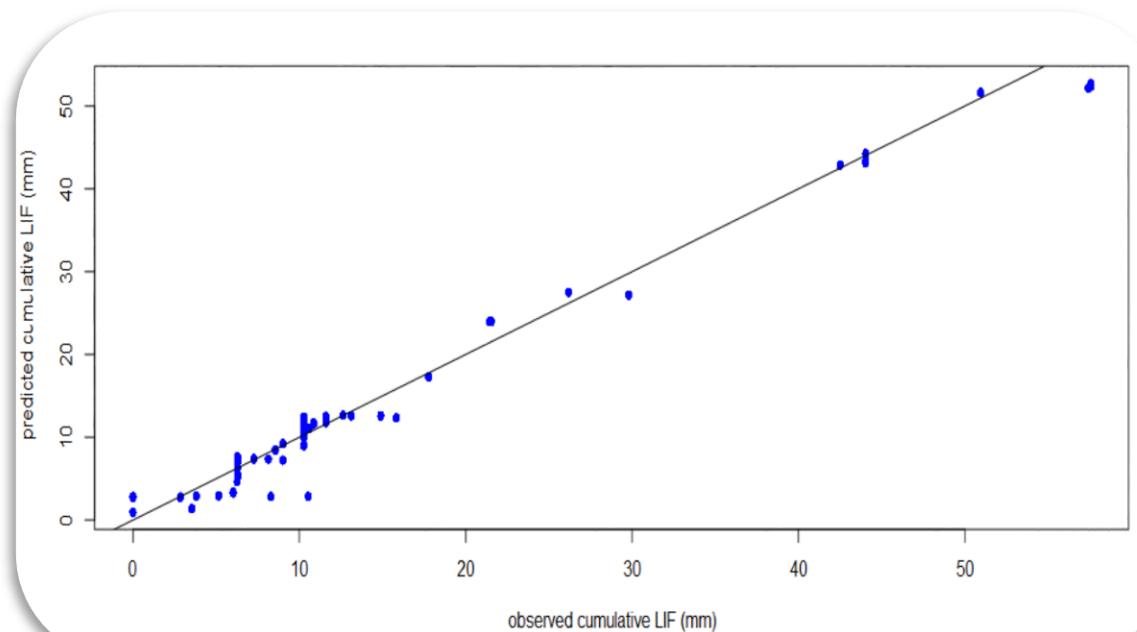
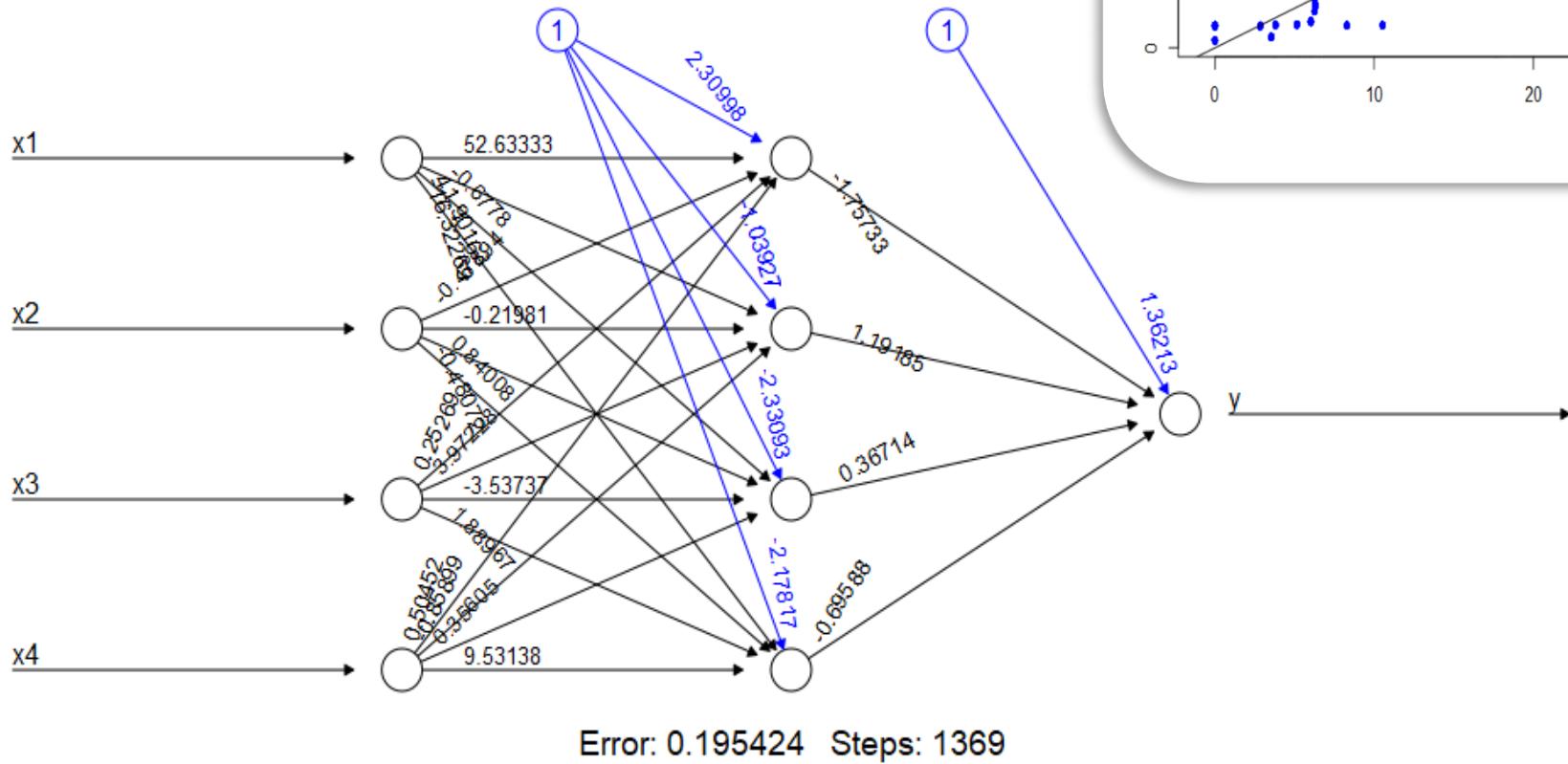
ANN w/3 neurons



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & w_{13} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & w_{23} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1w_{11} + x_2w_{21} \\ x_1w_{12} + x_2w_{22} \\ x_1w_{13} + x_2w_{23} \end{bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}'$$

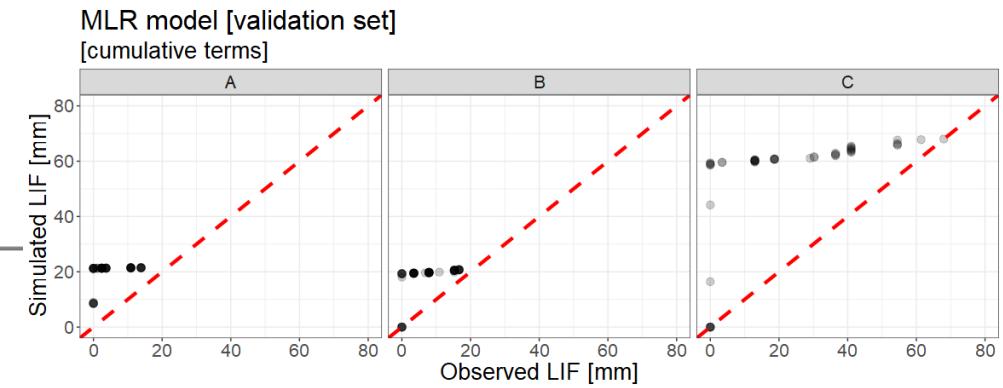
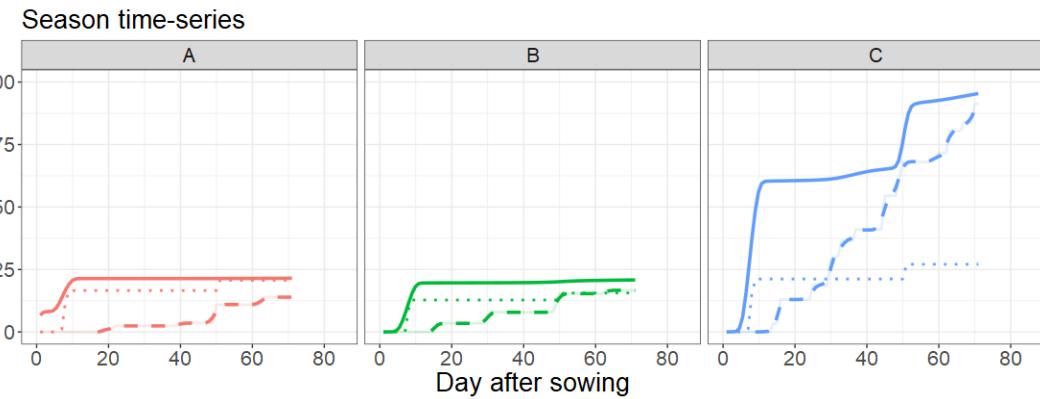
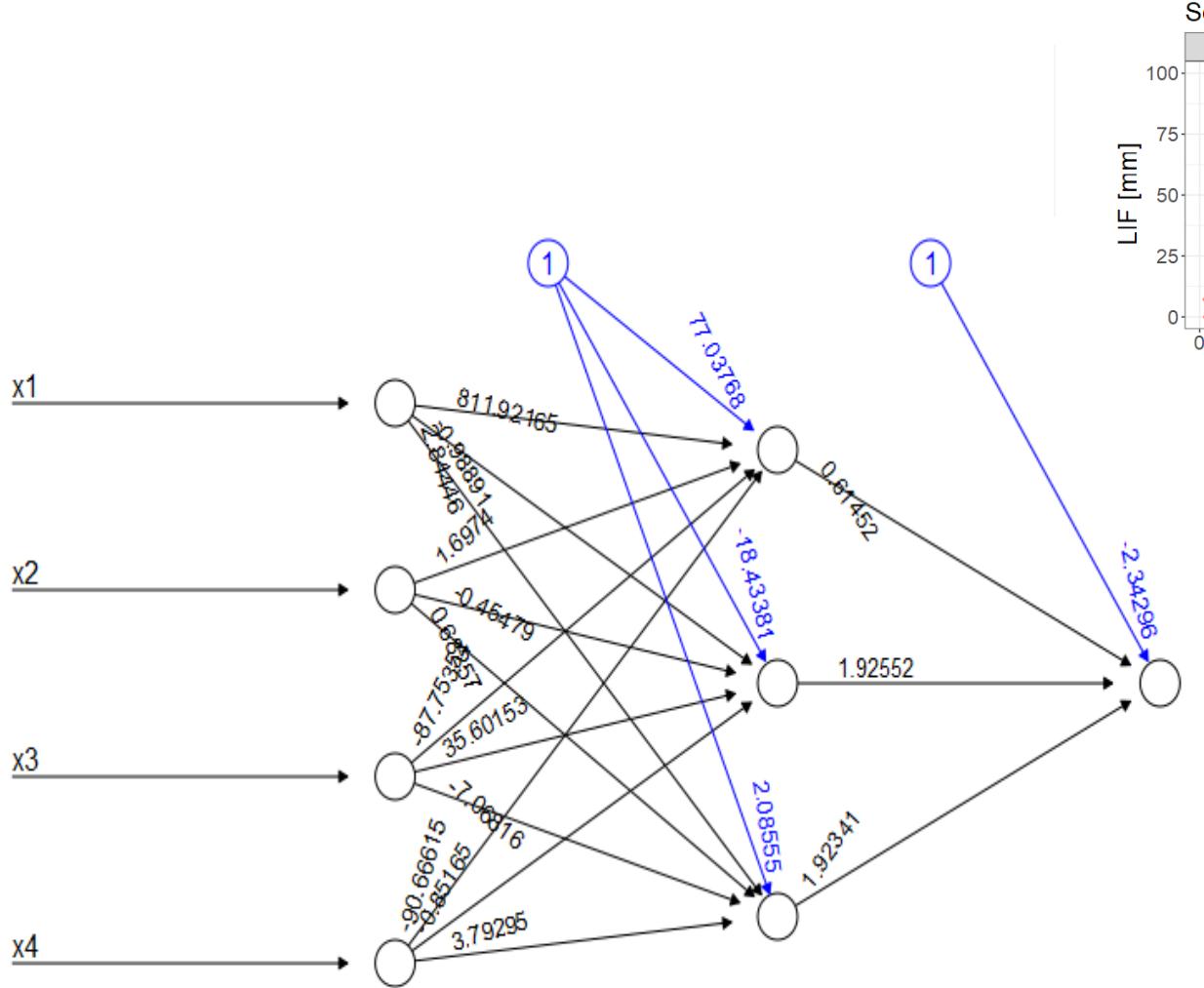
# ANN – random initialization

(RMSE=3 mm; R-sq=0.93)



# ANN – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year sets [train/test]

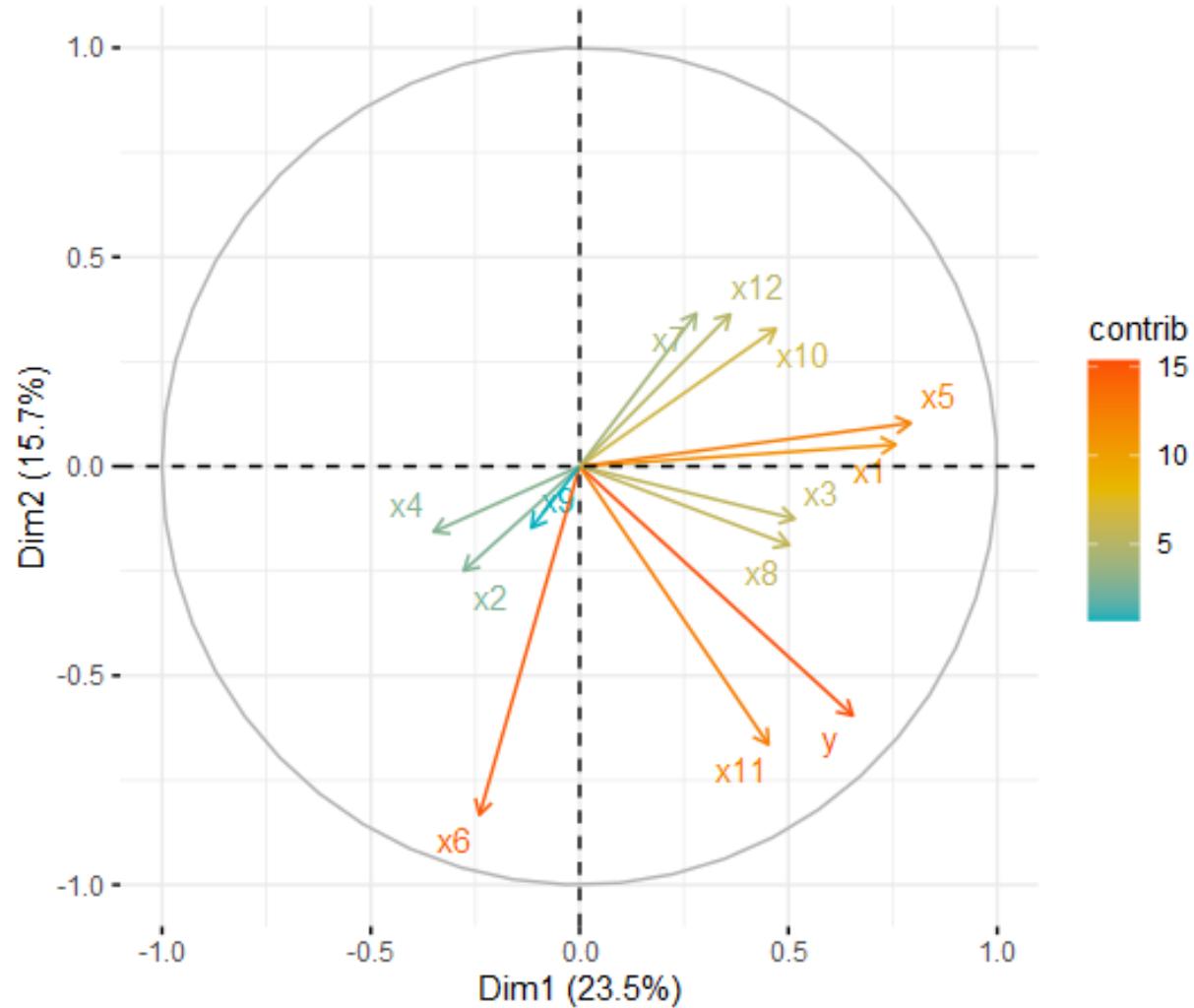
(RMSE=21 mm; R-sq=0.76; Pearson=0.86; d-Willmott index=0.83)



# ANN – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year sets [train/test] + X<sub>n</sub>(??)

(RMSE=??; R-sq=??; Pearson=??; d-Willmott index=??)

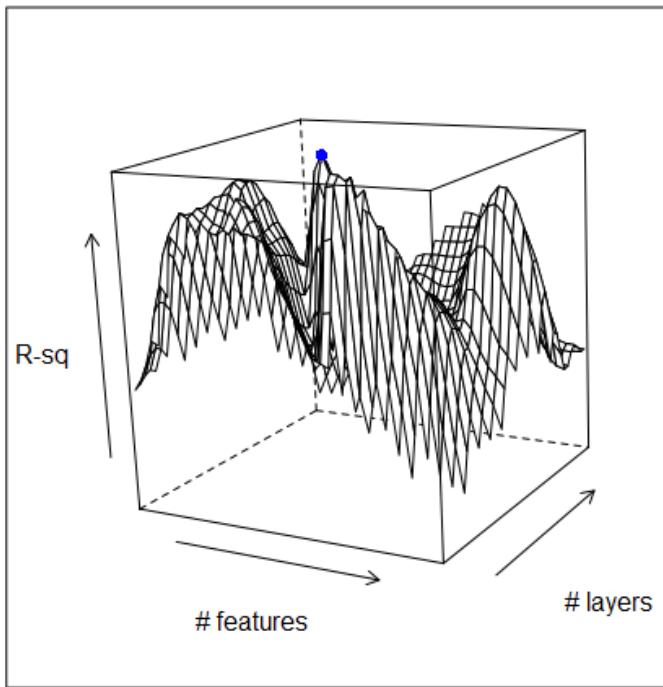
## Variables - PCA



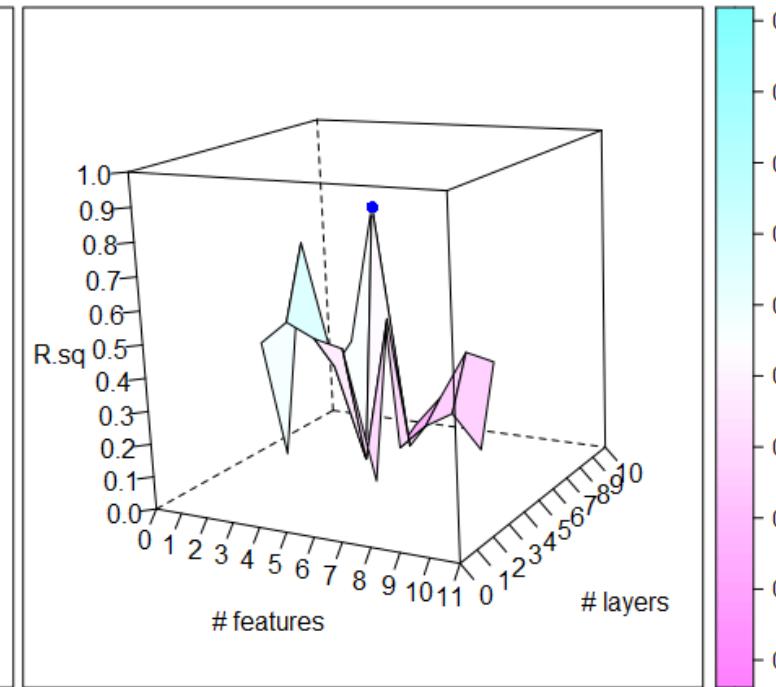
# ANN – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year sets [train/test] -> $X_1 + X_3 + X_5 + X_6 + X_{10} + X_{11}$

(Train RMSE=7.9 mm; Test RMSE=9.1 mm)

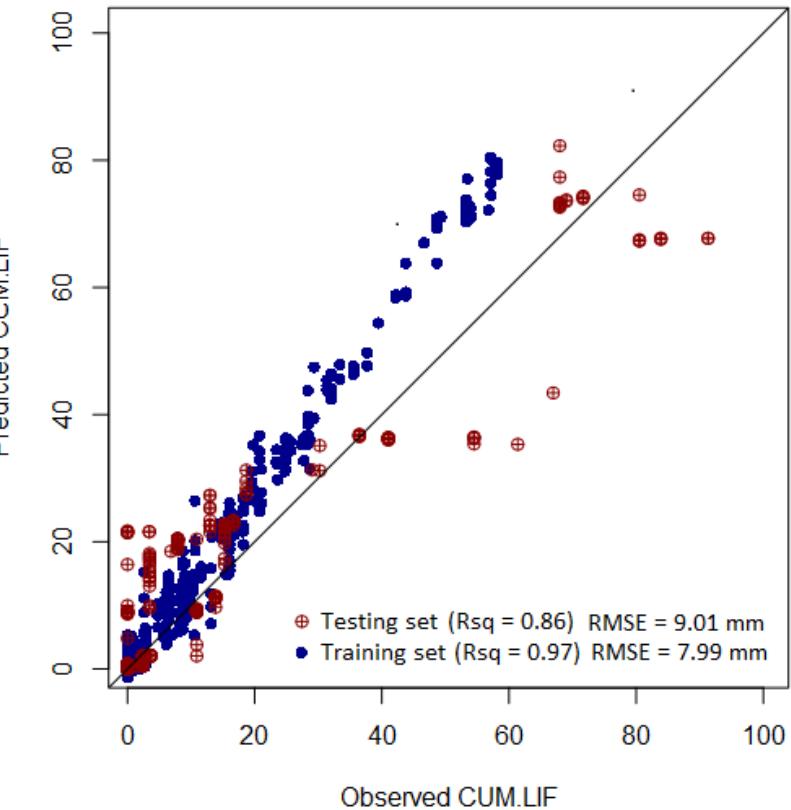
A) ANN R-sq surface plot



B) ANN structure and performance assessment



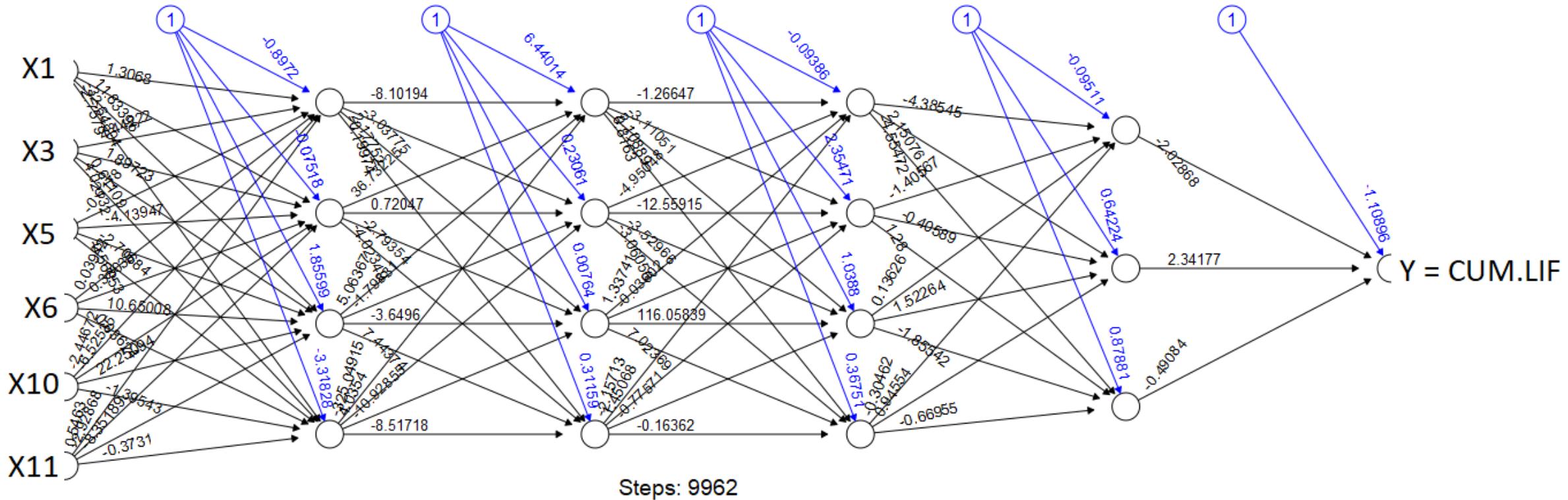
C)



- static multi-layer feedforward network;
- 6 input features;
- 4 hidden layers (w/logistic transformations);
- 3-4 neurons per layer [4,4,4,3]

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(RMSE=9.8 mm; R-sq=0.86; Pearson=0.93; d-Willmott index=0.95)



Best performing ANN structure:

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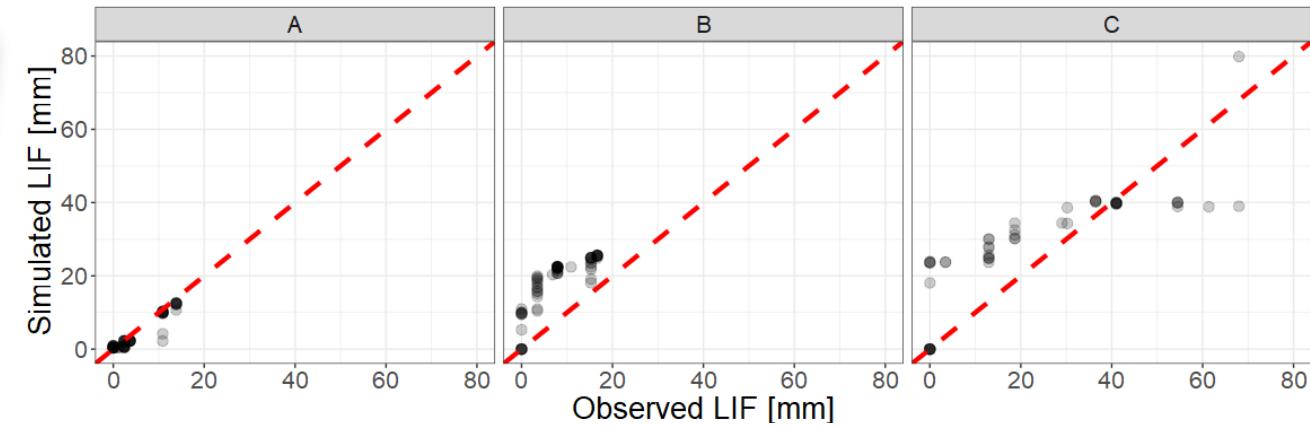
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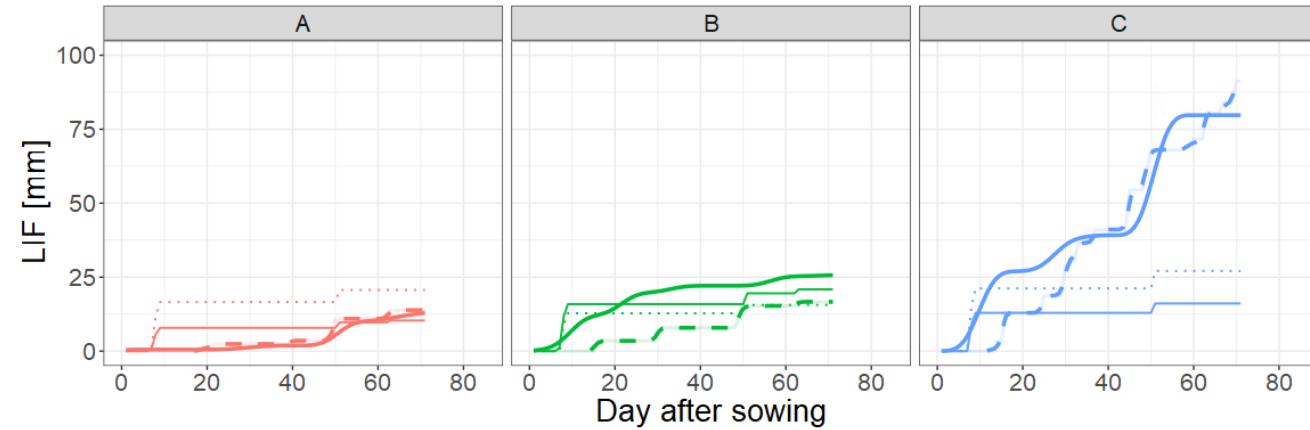
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MLR model [validation set]  
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Season time-series



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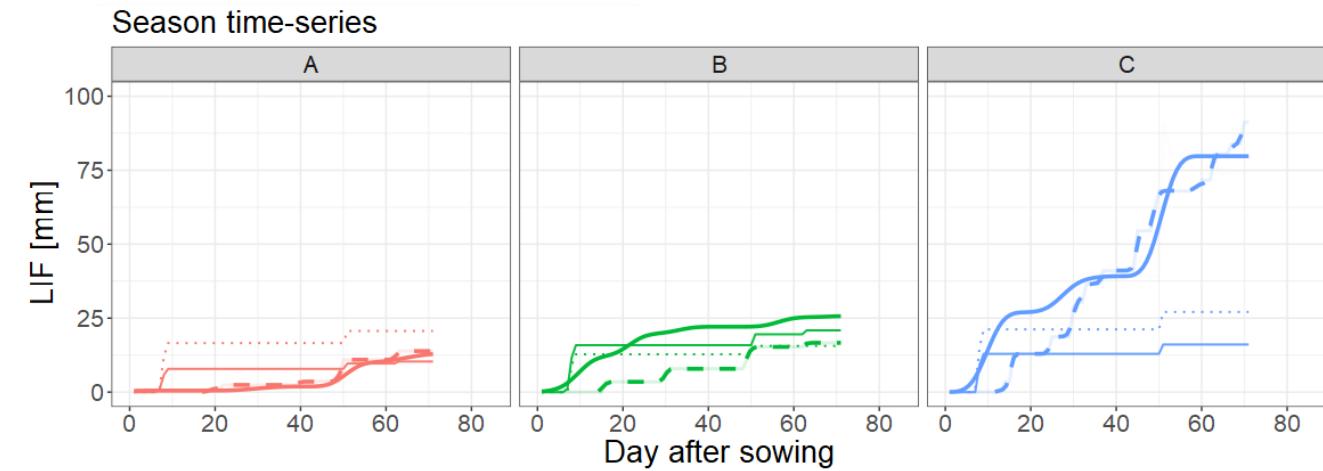
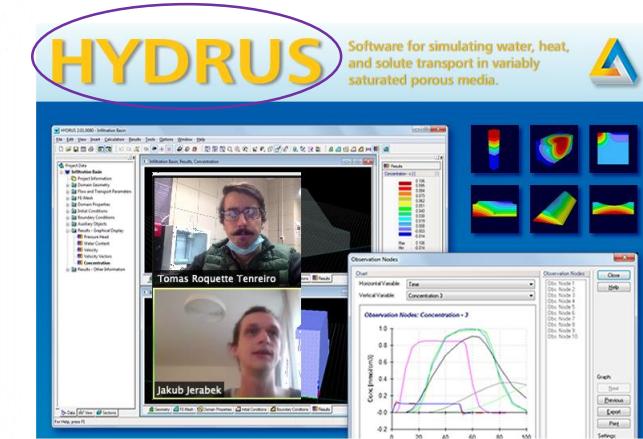
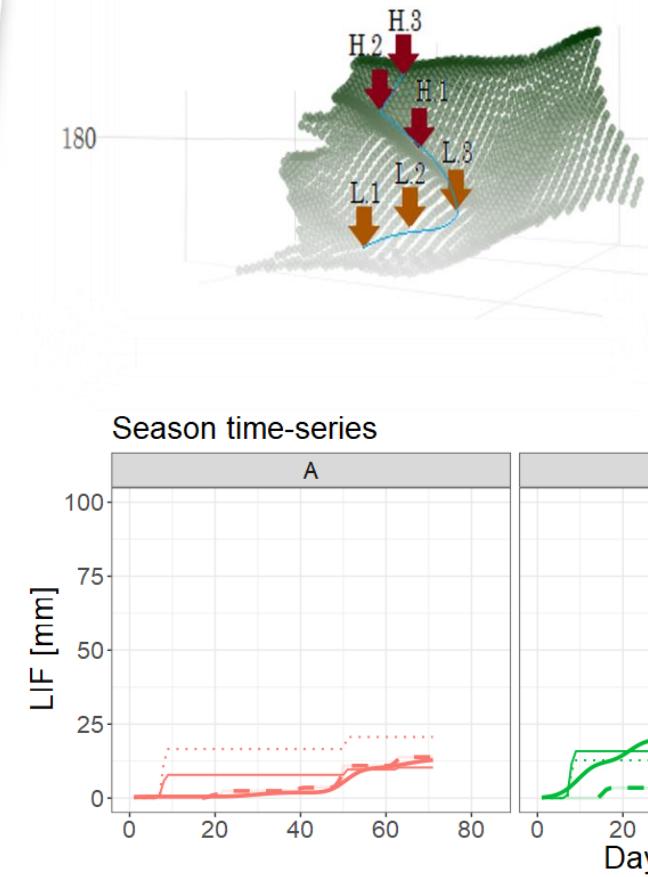
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)
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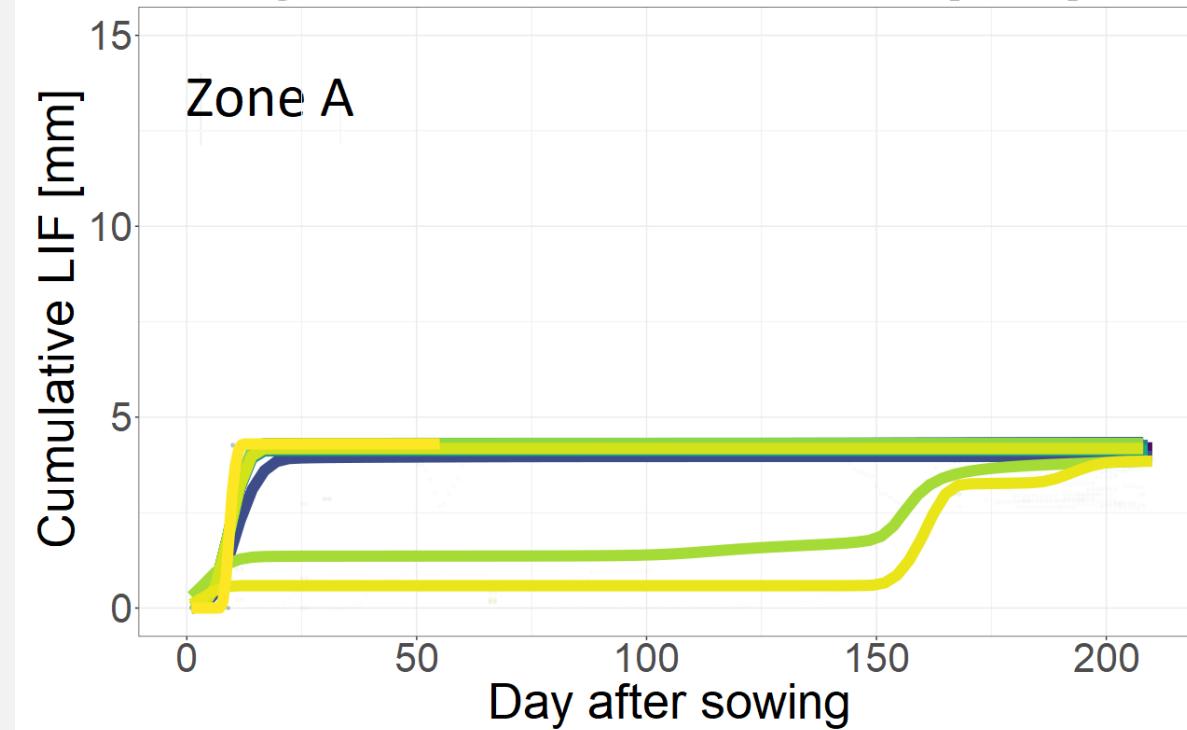
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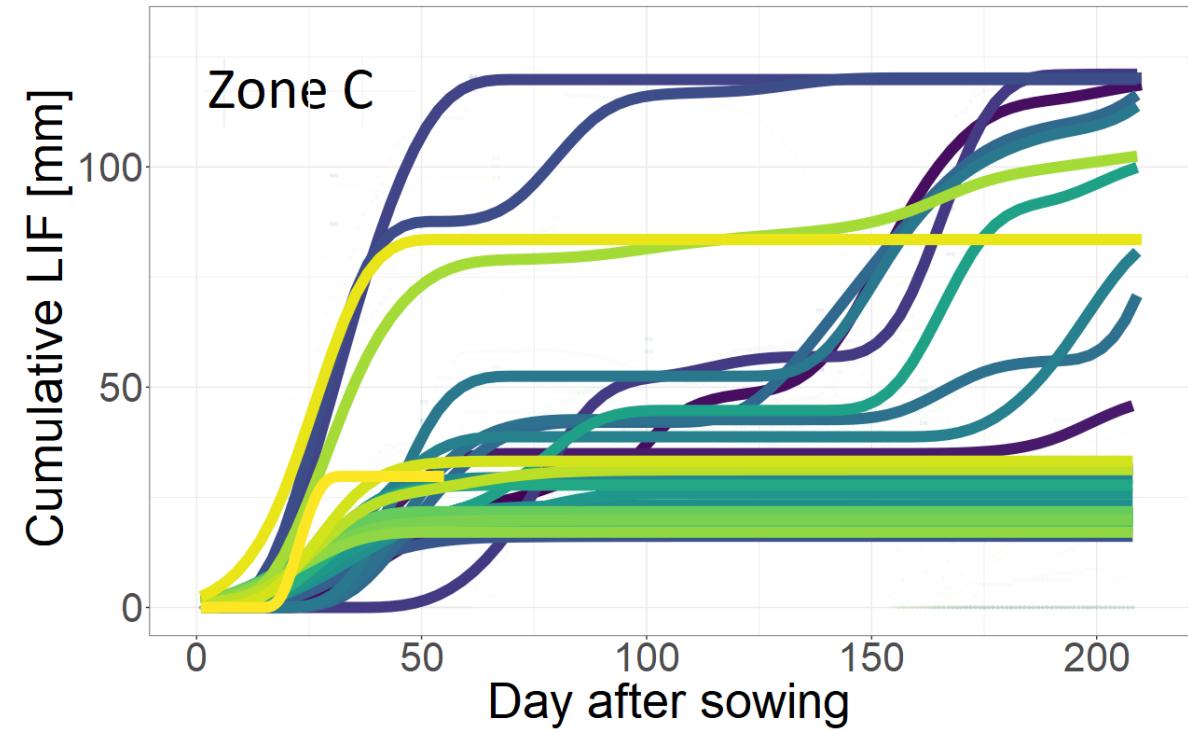
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Lateral inflow in cumulative terms (CUM.LIF) predicted by the ANN for a sequence of 30 years

30 years data  
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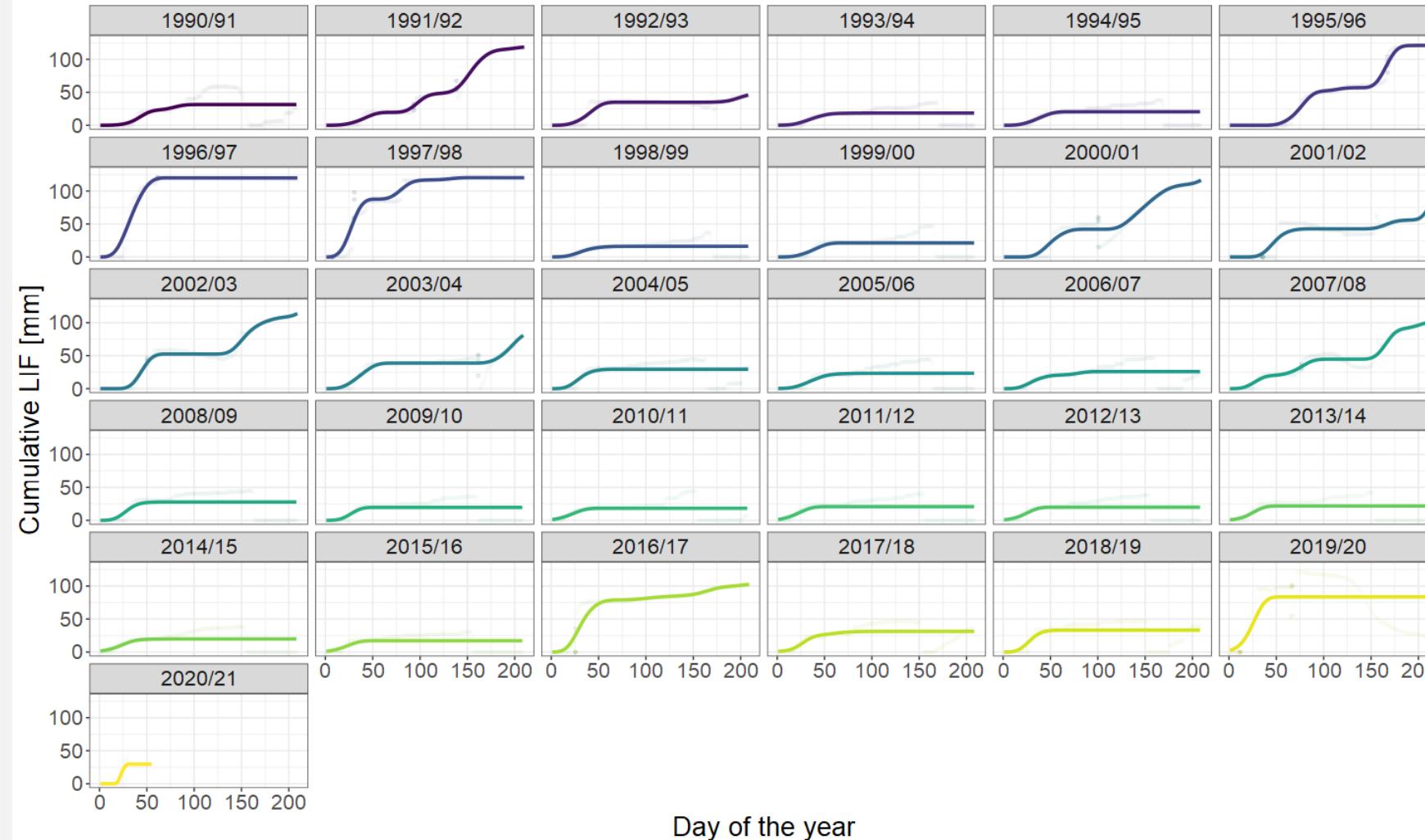


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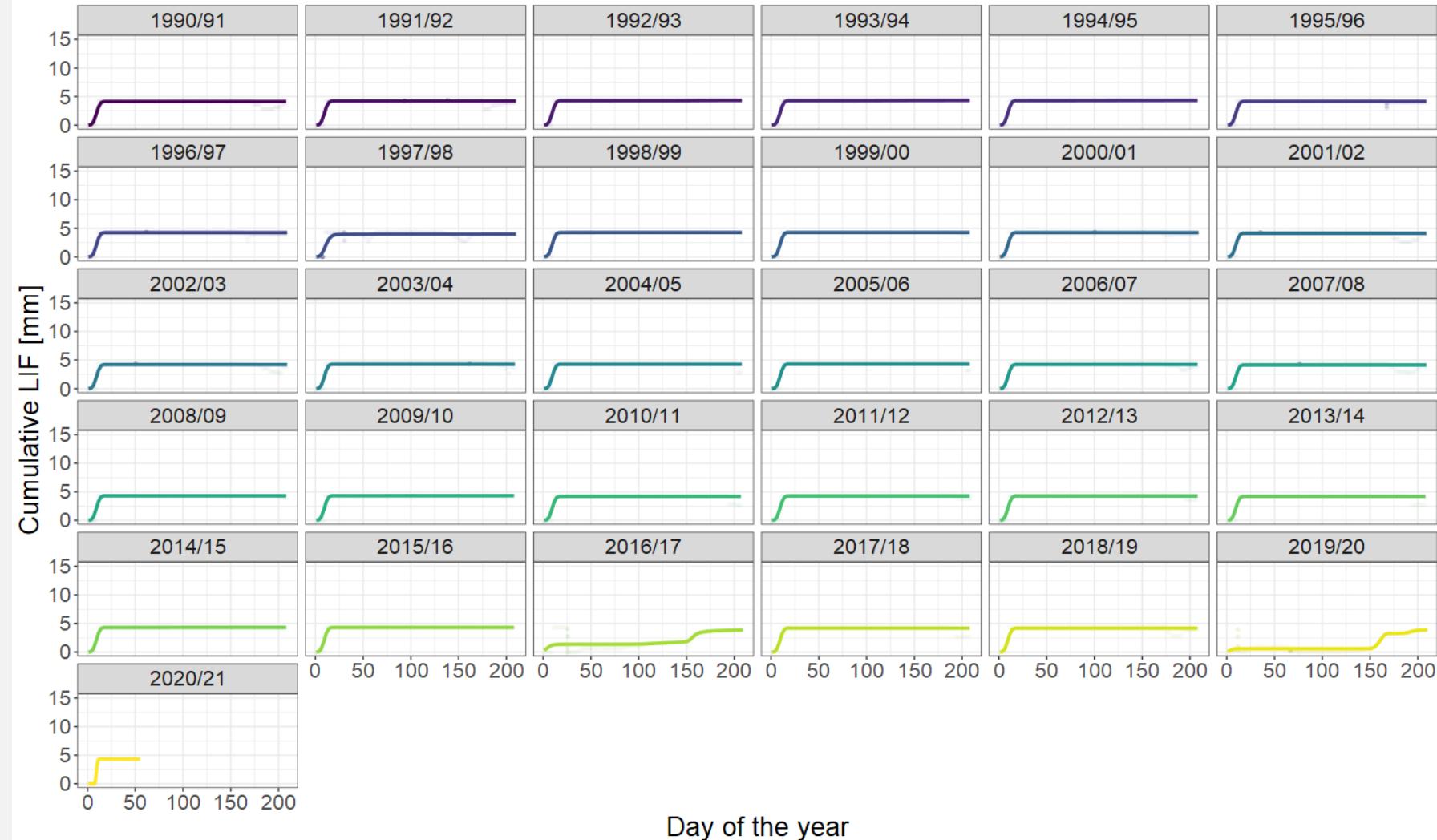
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*Post-prediction inference correction ??*

Wang, S., McCormick, T. H., & Leek, J. T. (2020).

Methods for correcting inference based on outcomes predicted by machine learning.

*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(48), 30266-30275.