

# SimHydro 2019

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## Early-warning system (EWS) for cyclone-induced wave overtopping aided by a suite of random forest approaches

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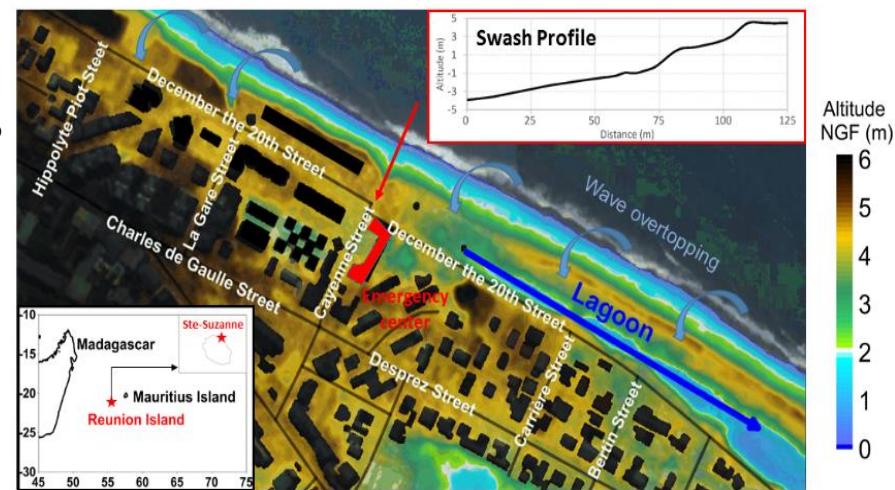
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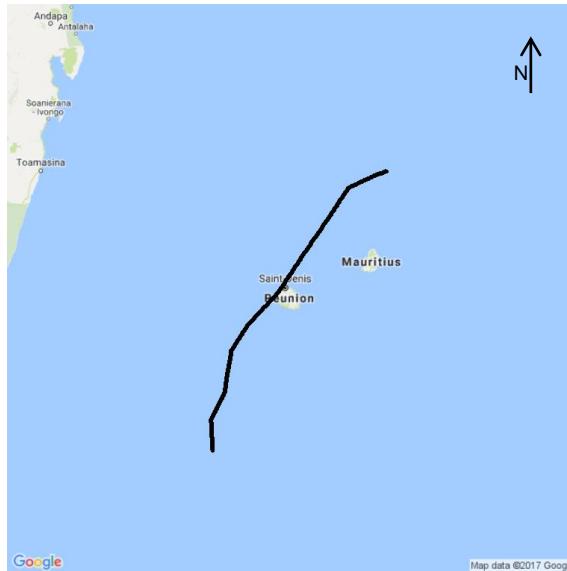
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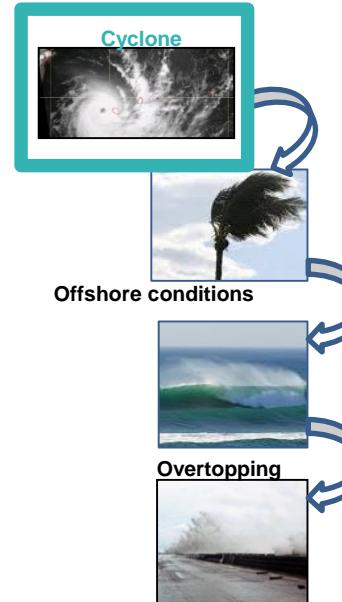
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- **What we have:**

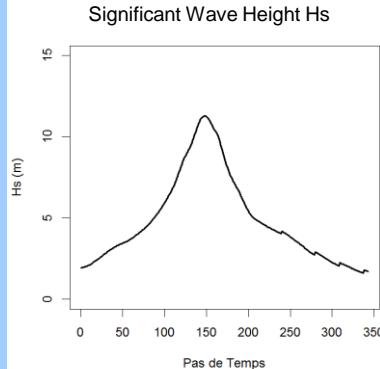
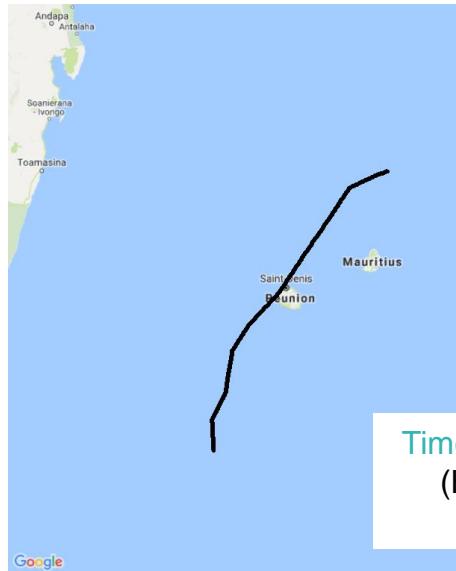
- A database of pre-calculated simulations
- ~500 synthetic cyclones
- + their impact in terms of flooding



Example of synthetic cyclone  
(Quetelard and Bonnardot, Meteo France)



# Database of pre-calculated numerical results



Time series of offshore conditions  
(Hs, Tp, SWL) offshore from  
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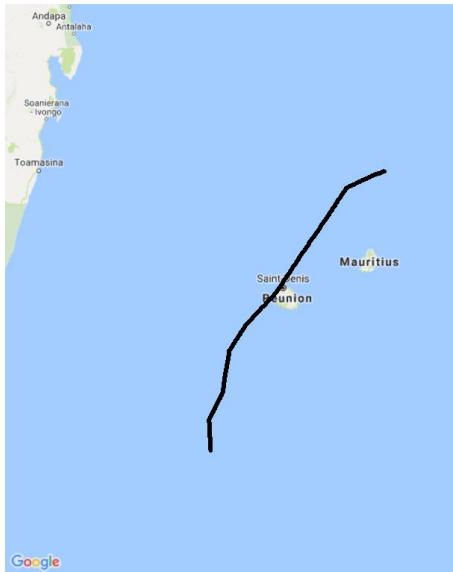


Regional wave Modelling  
using WWIII

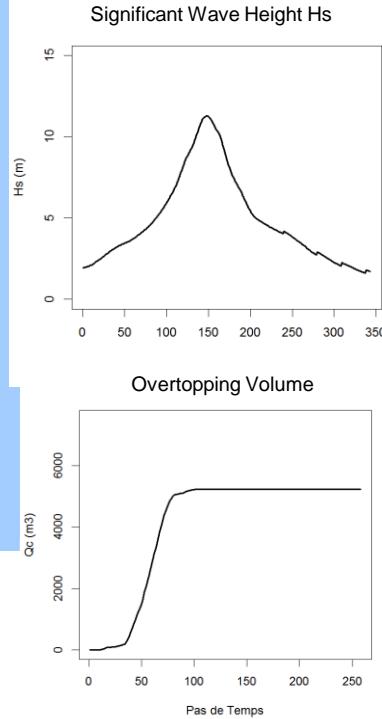


Compatible  
computation  
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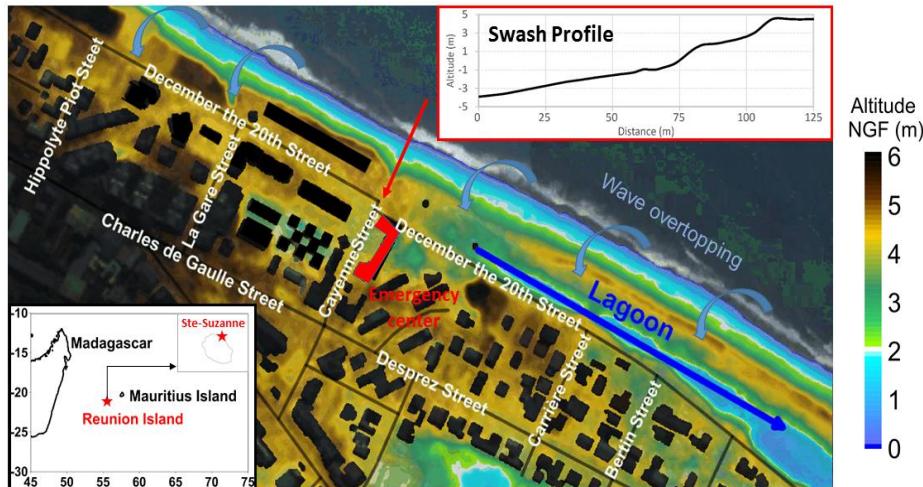


Time series of cumulative water volume induced by wave overtopping



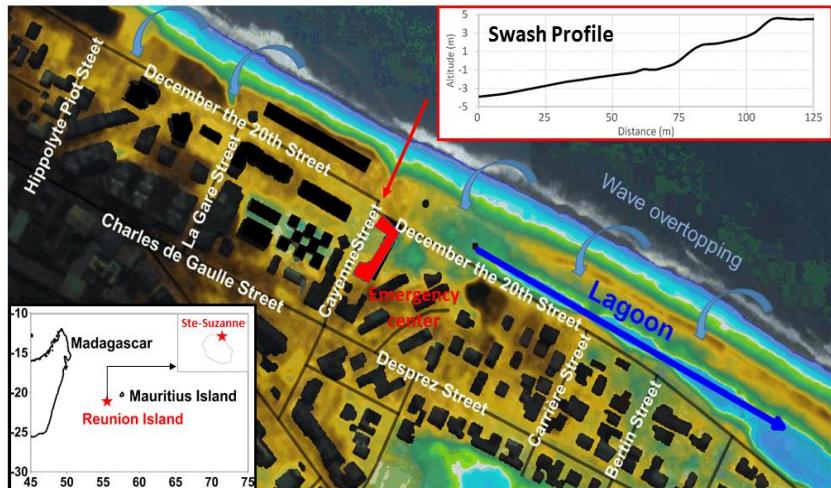
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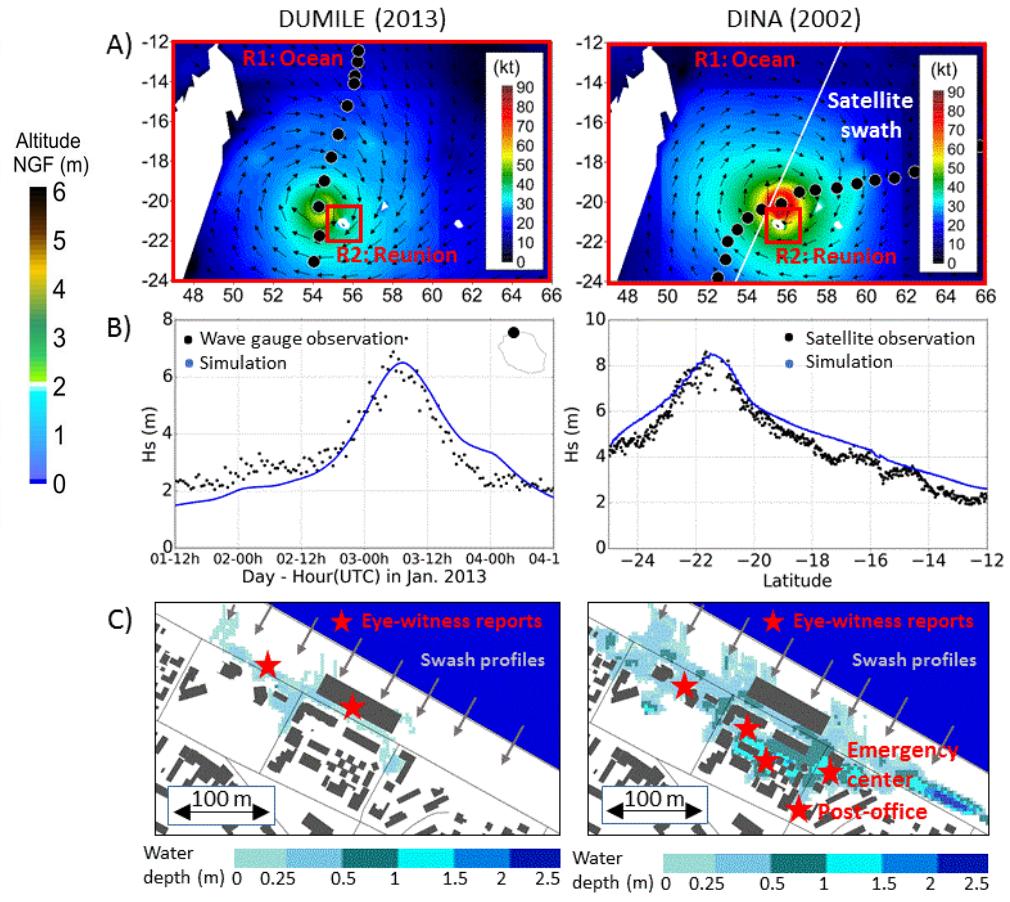


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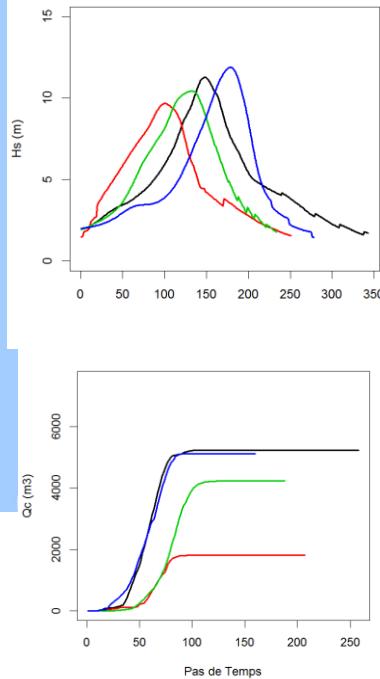
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Database of pre-calculated simulations for ~500 synthetic cyclones



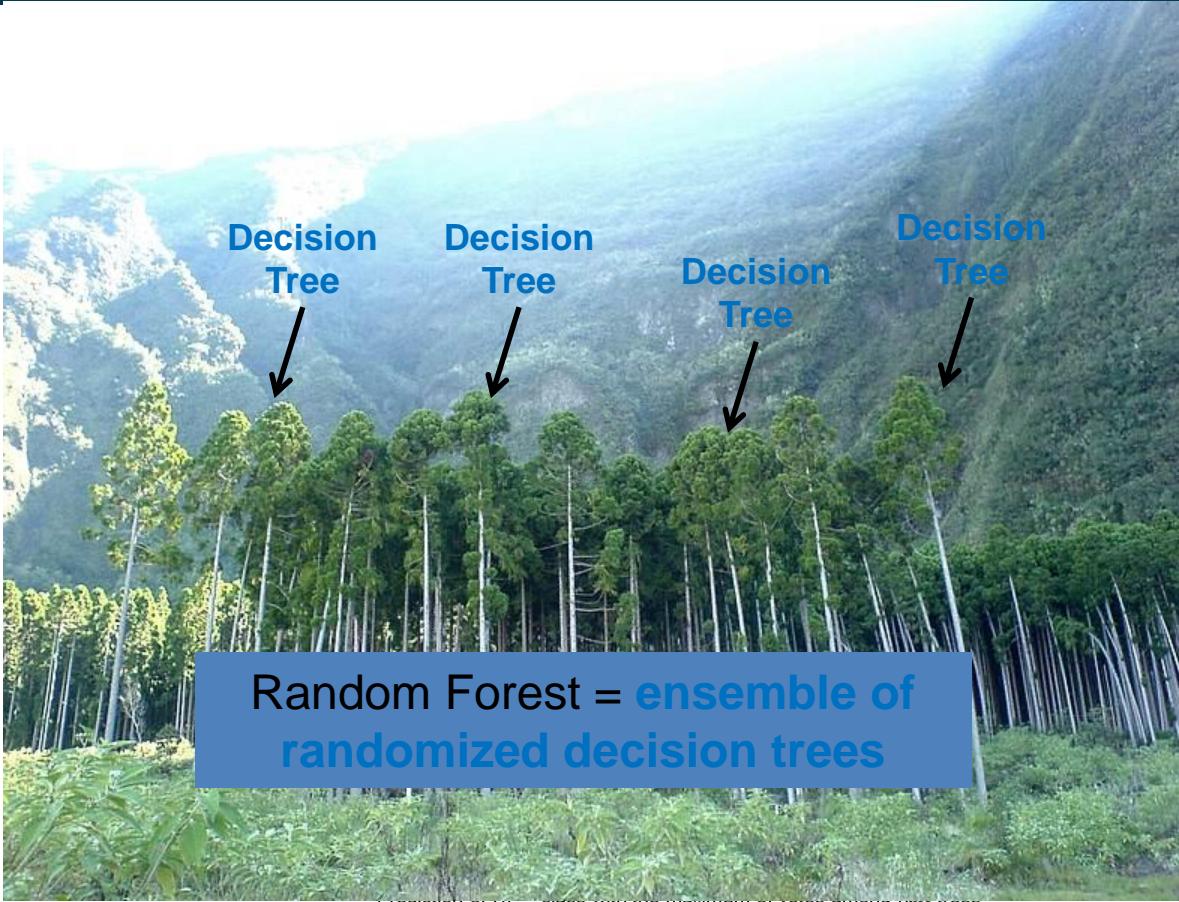
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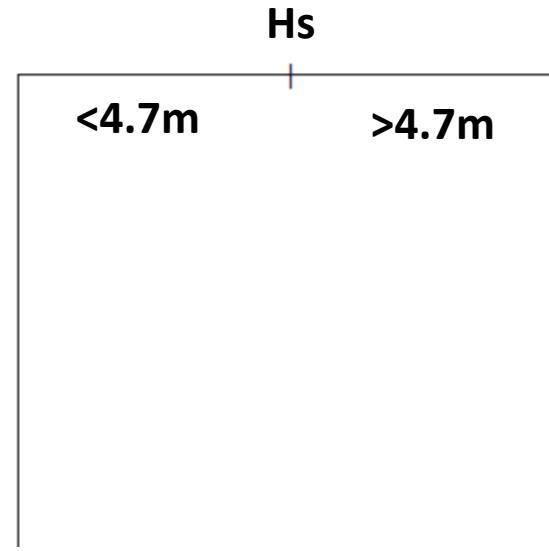
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- Use this link to predict with a negligible computation time cost (<min)
- Tools
  - A series of random forest approaches
  - Flexible to any problem (classification, regression, etc.)

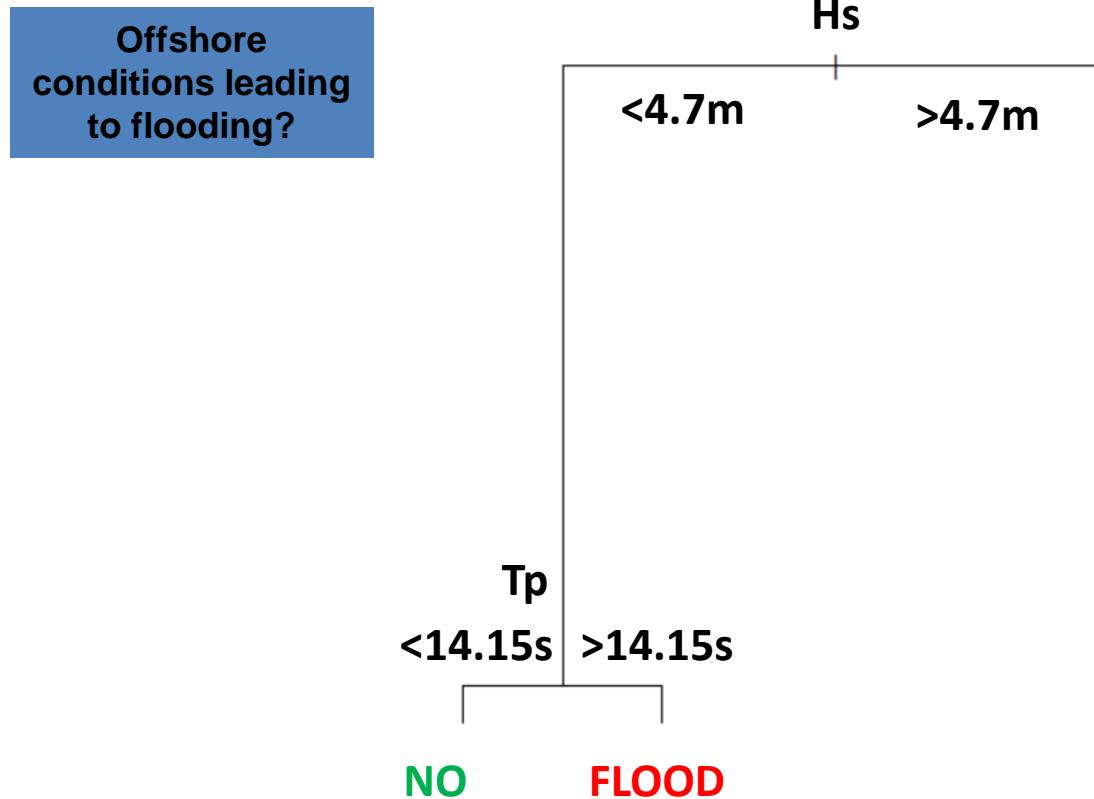


# Decision tree

Offshore  
conditions leading  
to flooding?

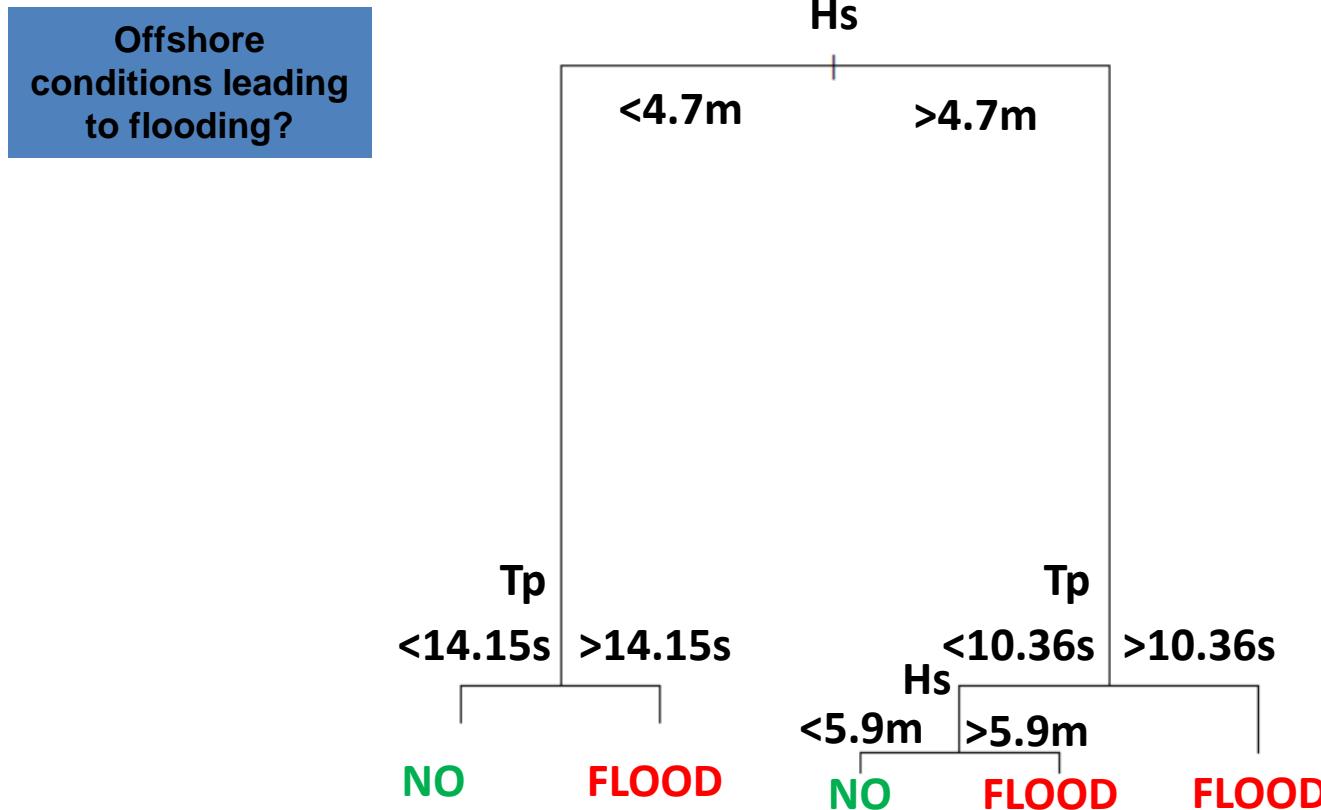


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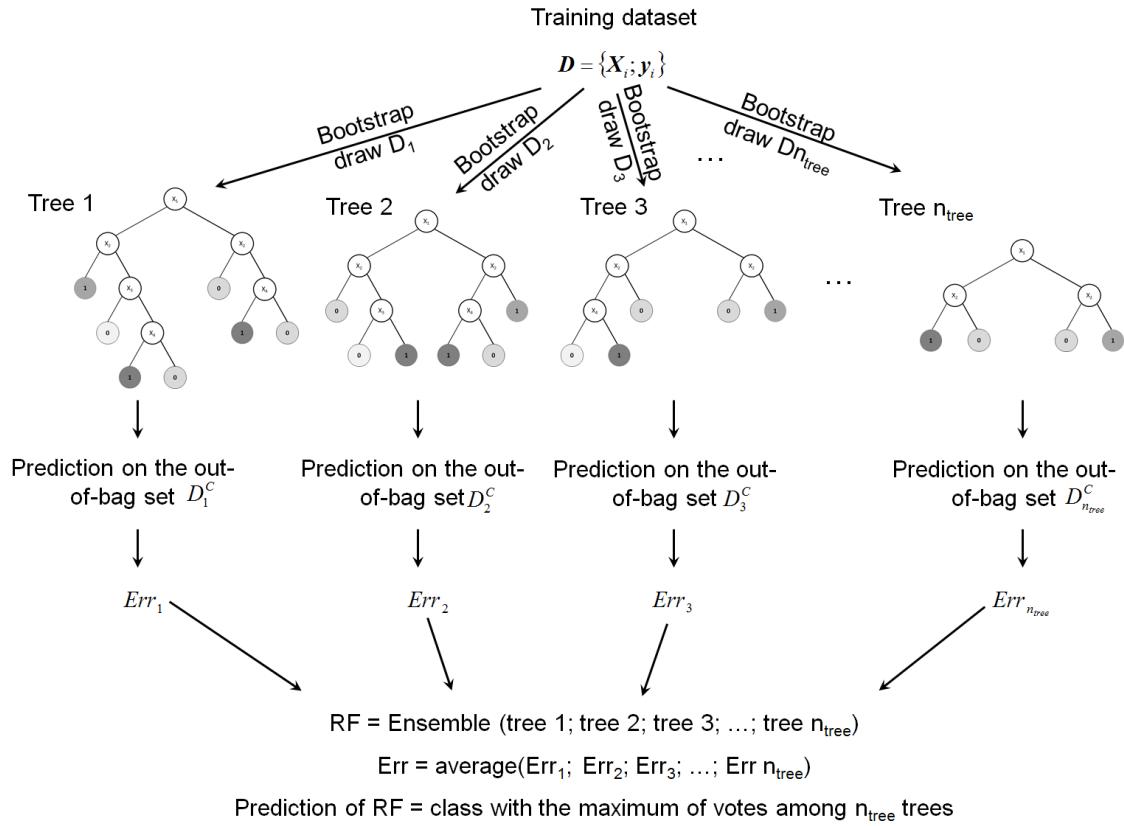
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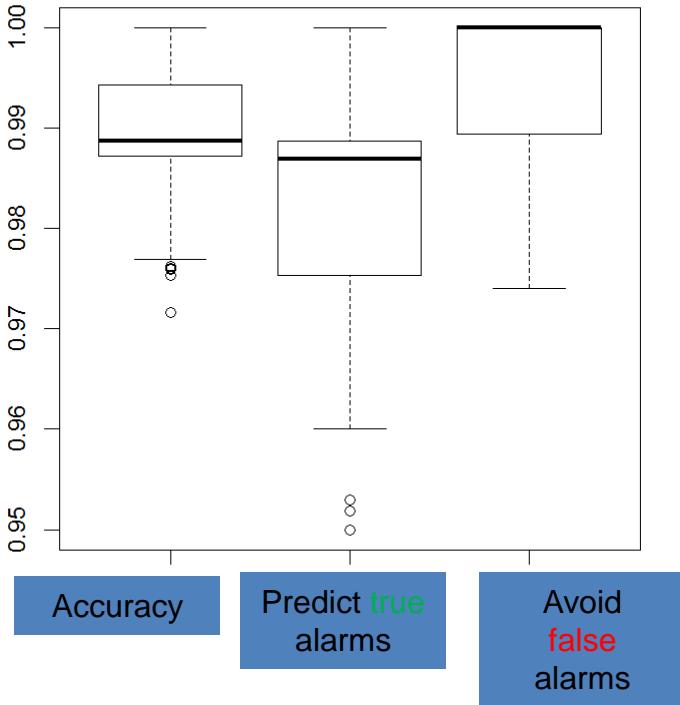
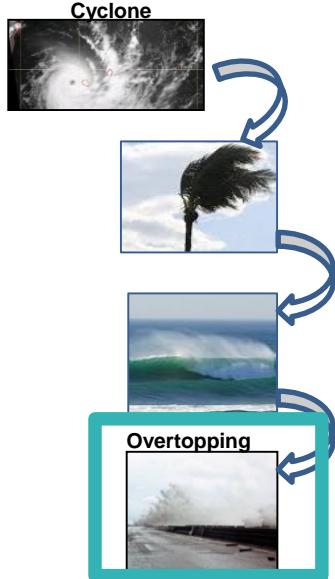
# Random Forest



- Less sensitive to **threshold values**
- High accuracy
- Only a few parameters to tune
- **Versatile** to different problems (classification, regression, multi-output)

- **Historical cases**
  - Dina-2002 et Dumile-2012;
- Use of the database (**cross-validation**)
- Performance criteria
  - **Accuracy**
  - **True alarms**
  - **False alarms**

# Occurrence of flooding - cross-validation



# Validation with historical events



Probability of flooding

Dina: [98-100%]; Dumile [90-100%]



Dina

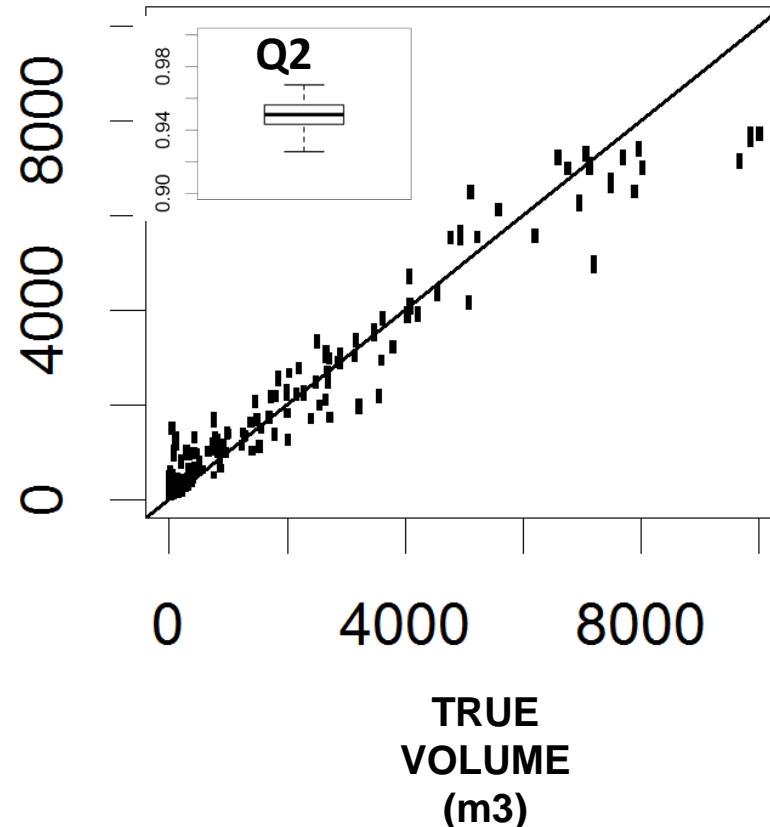


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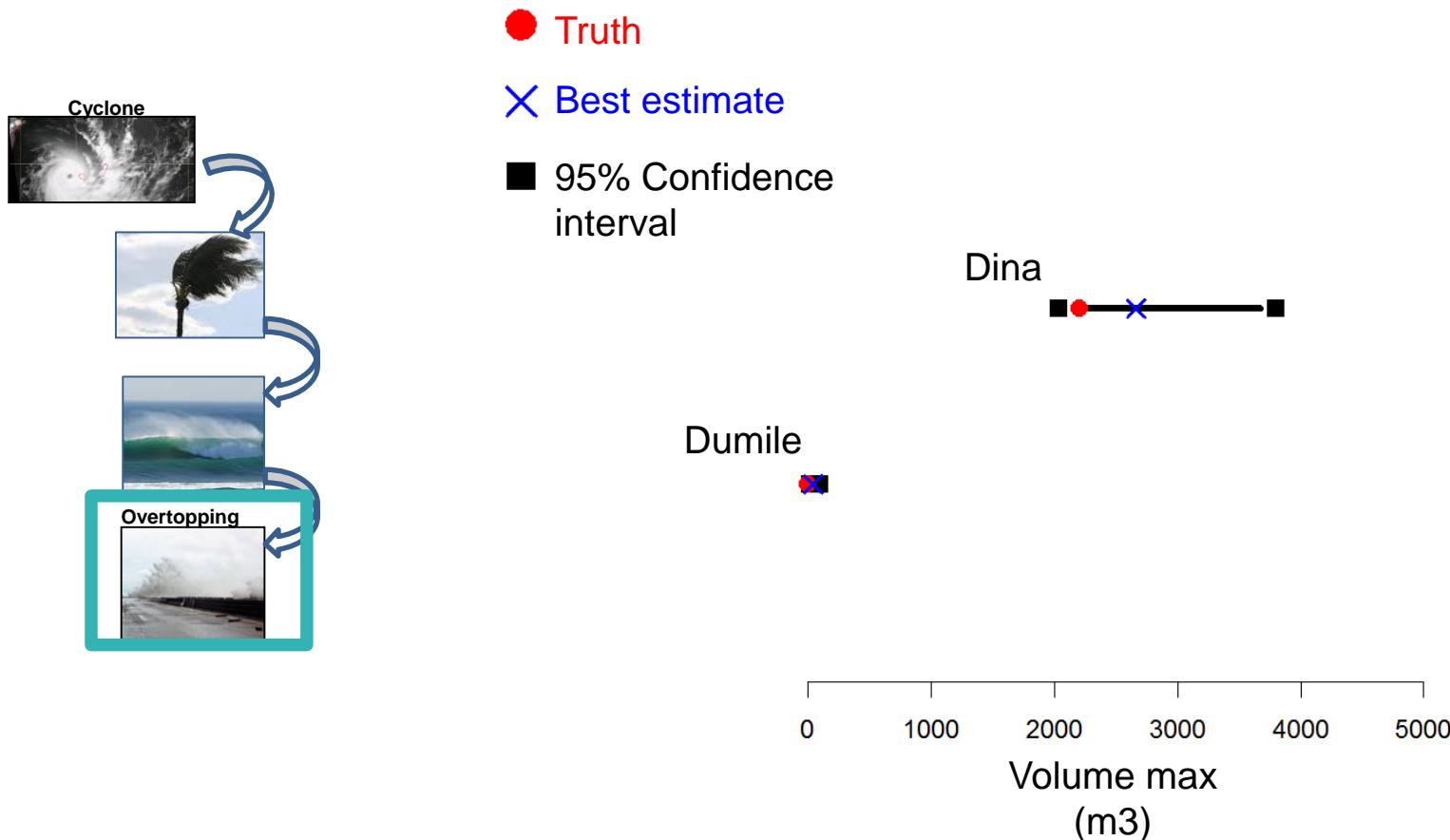
# Magnitude of flooding - cross-validation



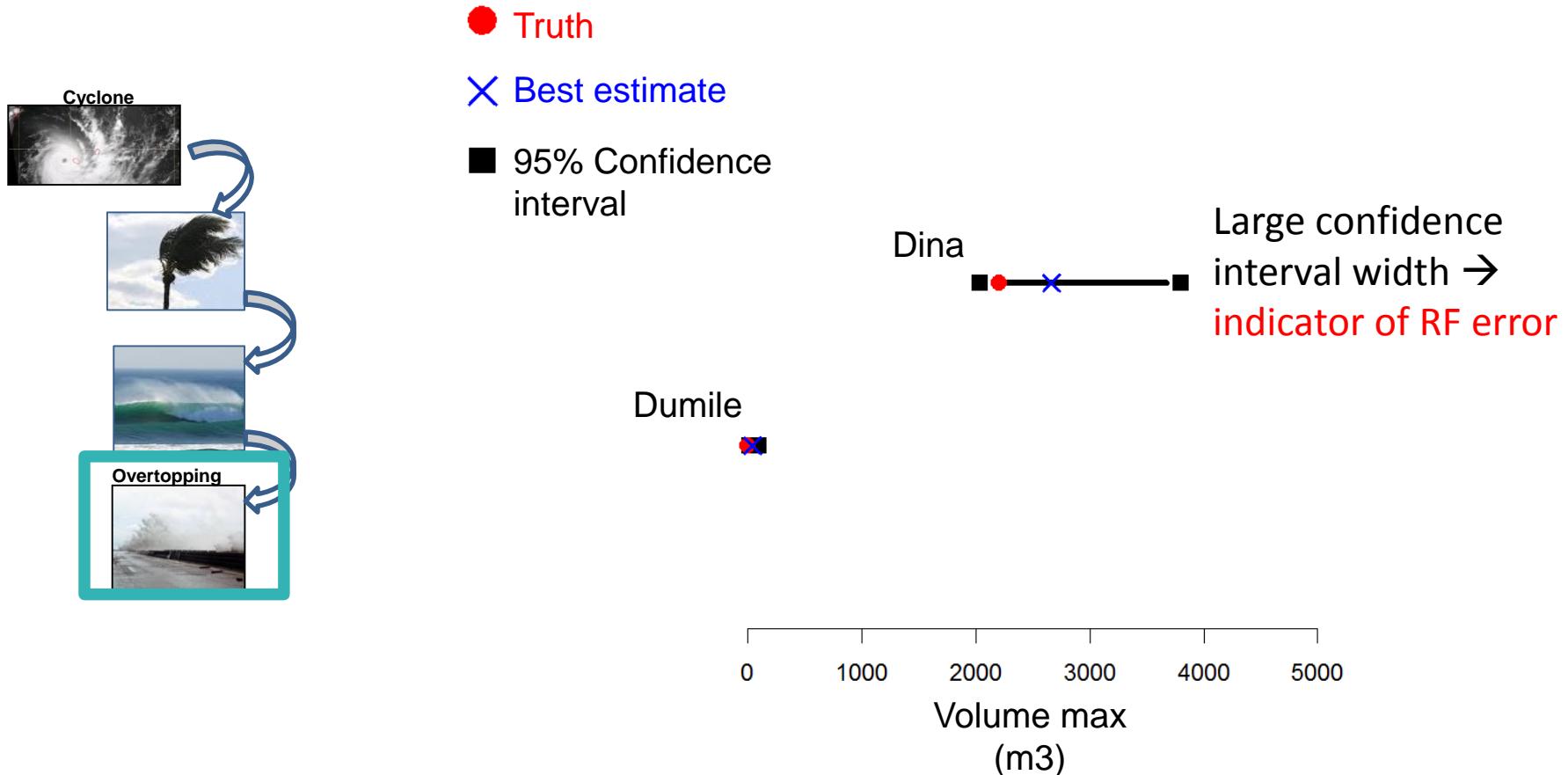
Approx.



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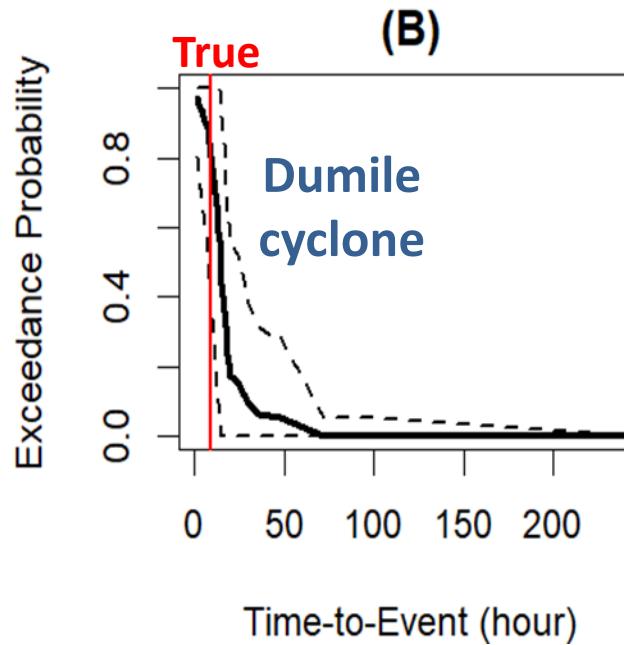


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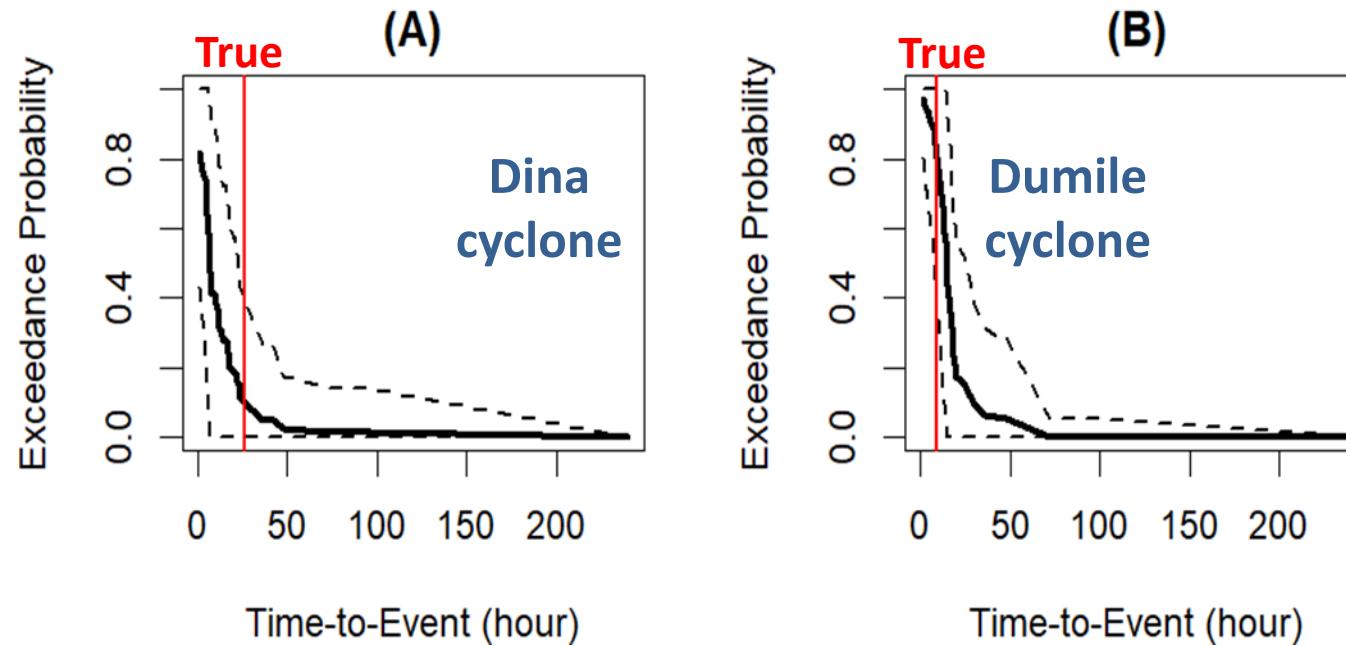
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- **Method**
  - Through the **statistical analysis** of precalculated numerical simulations
  - A suite of **Random forest procedures**
  - **Flexible** approach
- **To overcome**
  - Hydrodynamic simulator with **high computation time cost**
  - The input-output relationship is **non-smooth** (highly nonlinear)
- **Further work**
  - Inputs/outputs are **spatio-temporal quantities**
  - Integrate **approximation uncertainties**



# Thank you for your attention!

# Early-warning system for cyclone-induced wave overtopping: a suite of random forest approaches

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# Only one part of the problem...

Weather Forecast

Wind model

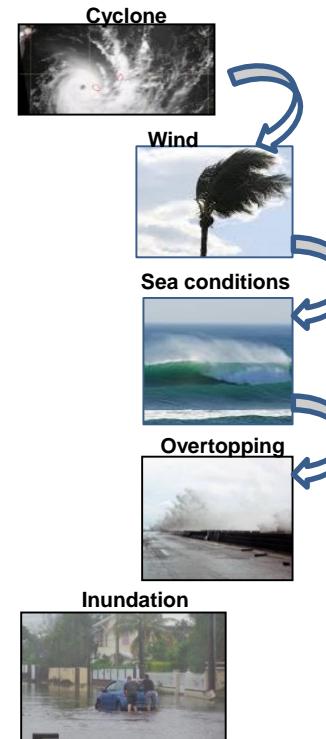
Wave model

Flooding model

Metamodel

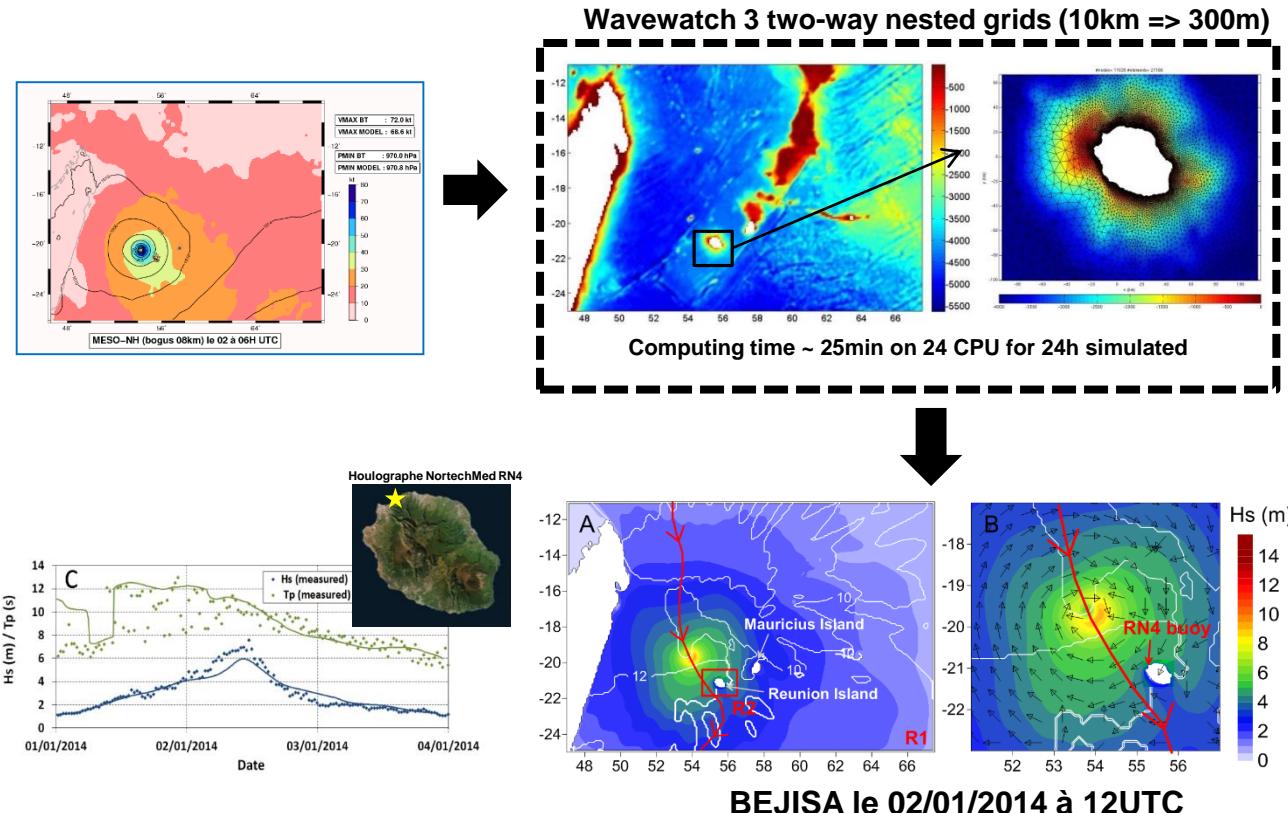
Cascade of  
uncertainties

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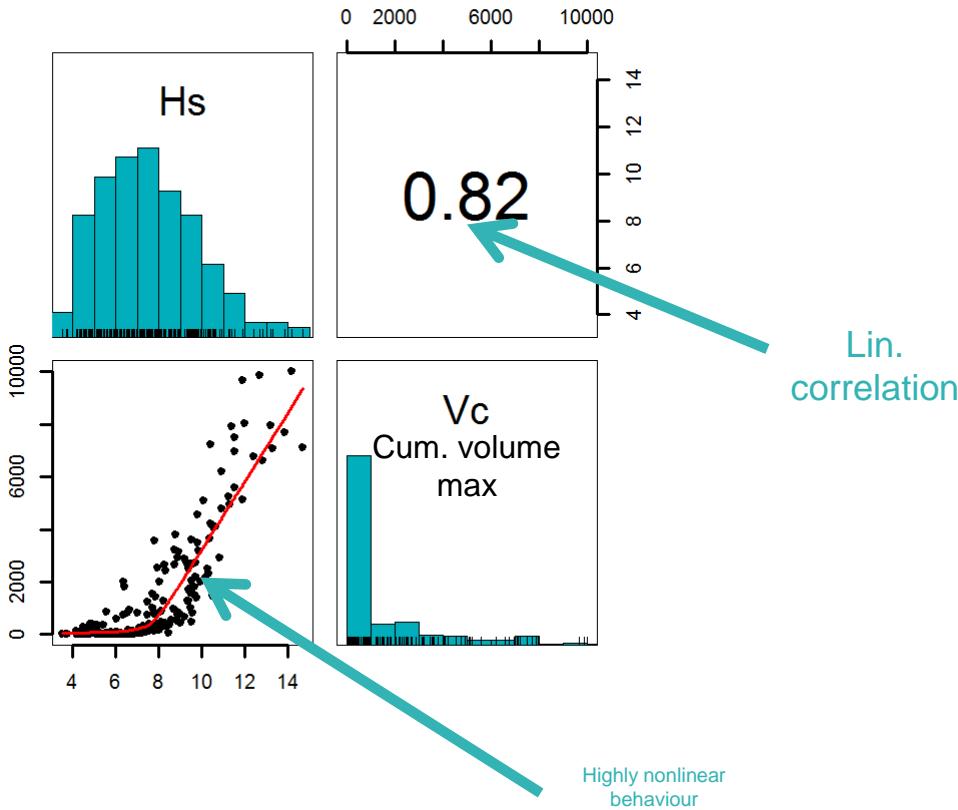




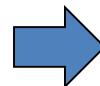
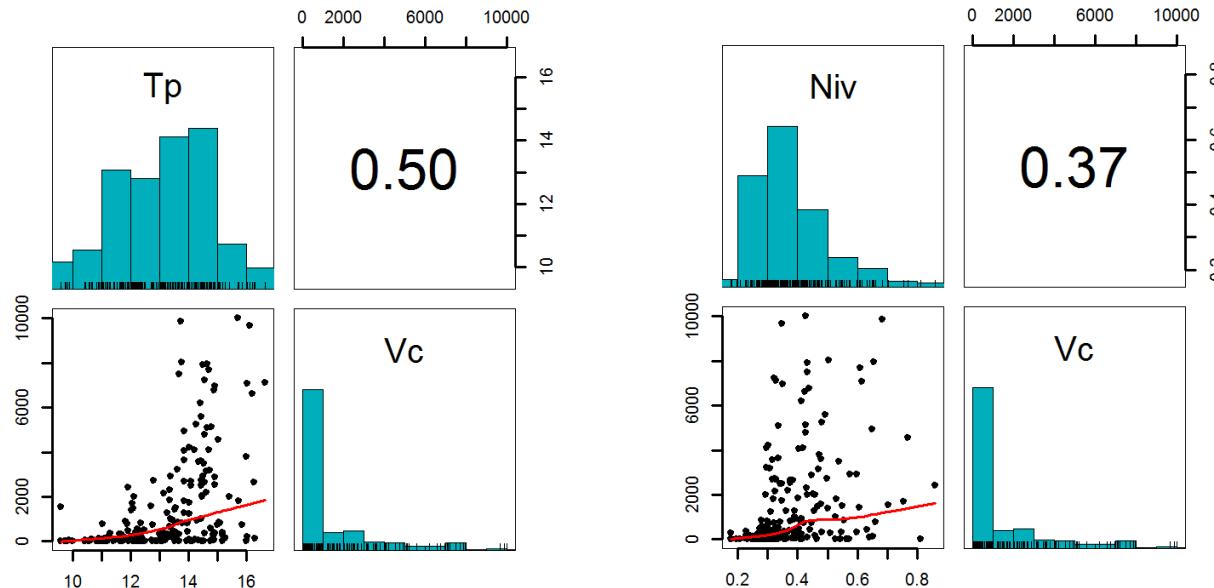
# Wave modeling at regional scale



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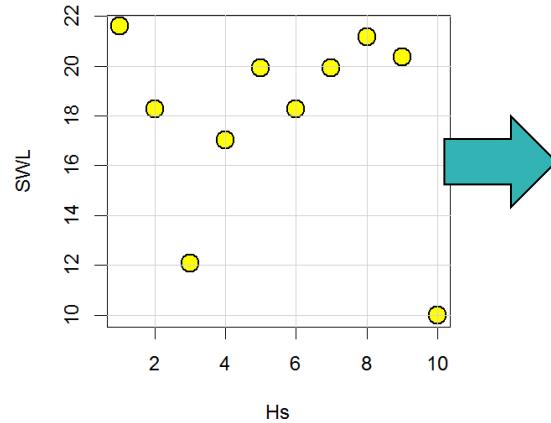
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Use knowledge on Hs, Tp et TWL to predict the occurrence of overtopping via regression (random forest)

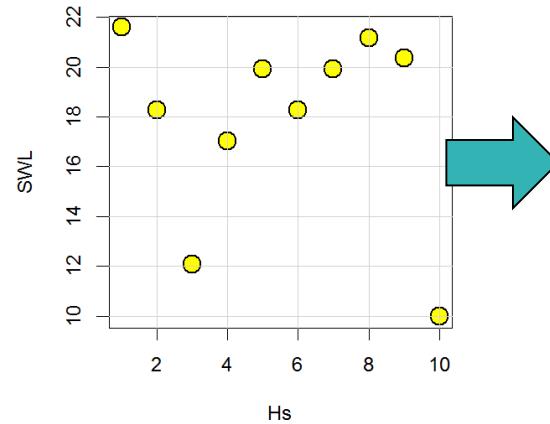
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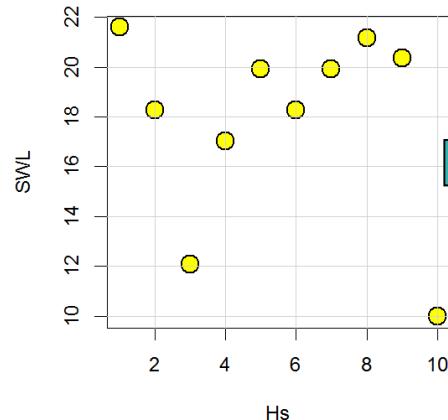


**ATTENTION**

Etape couteuse en temps de calcul!

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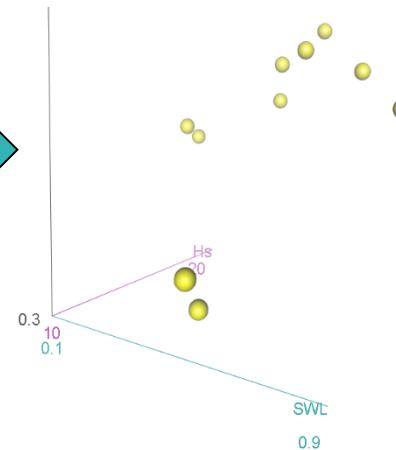


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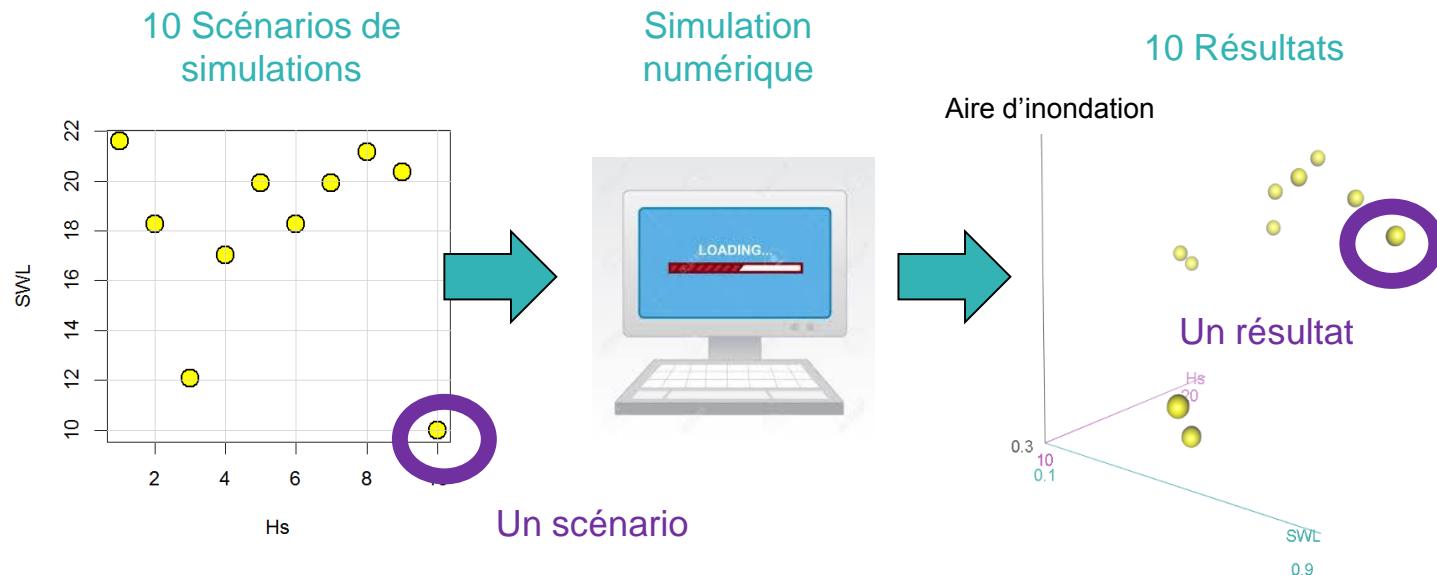


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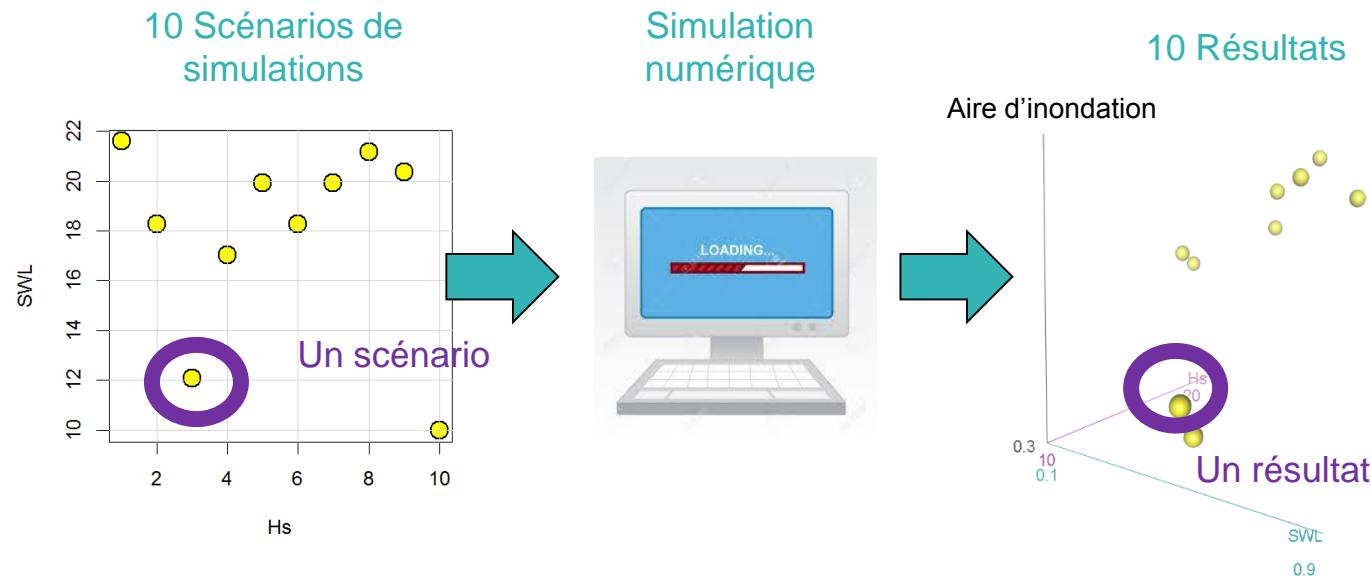
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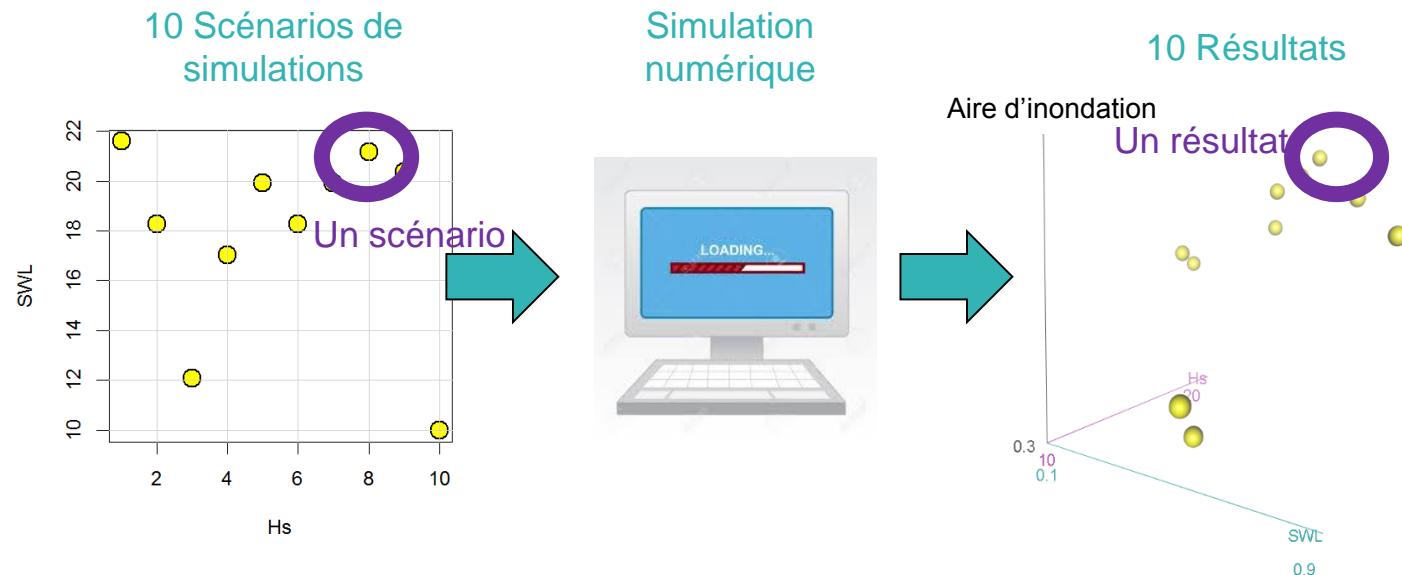
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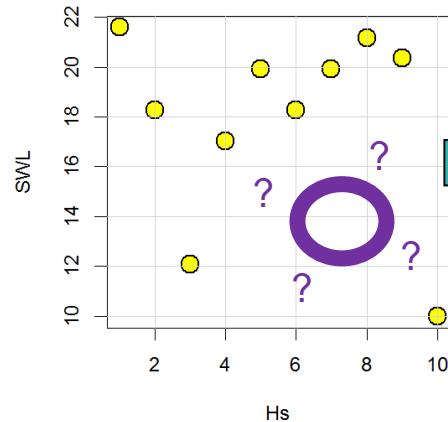


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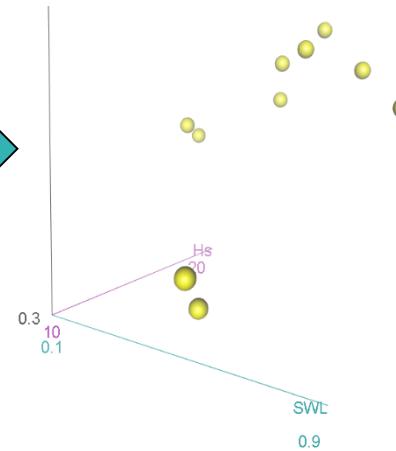


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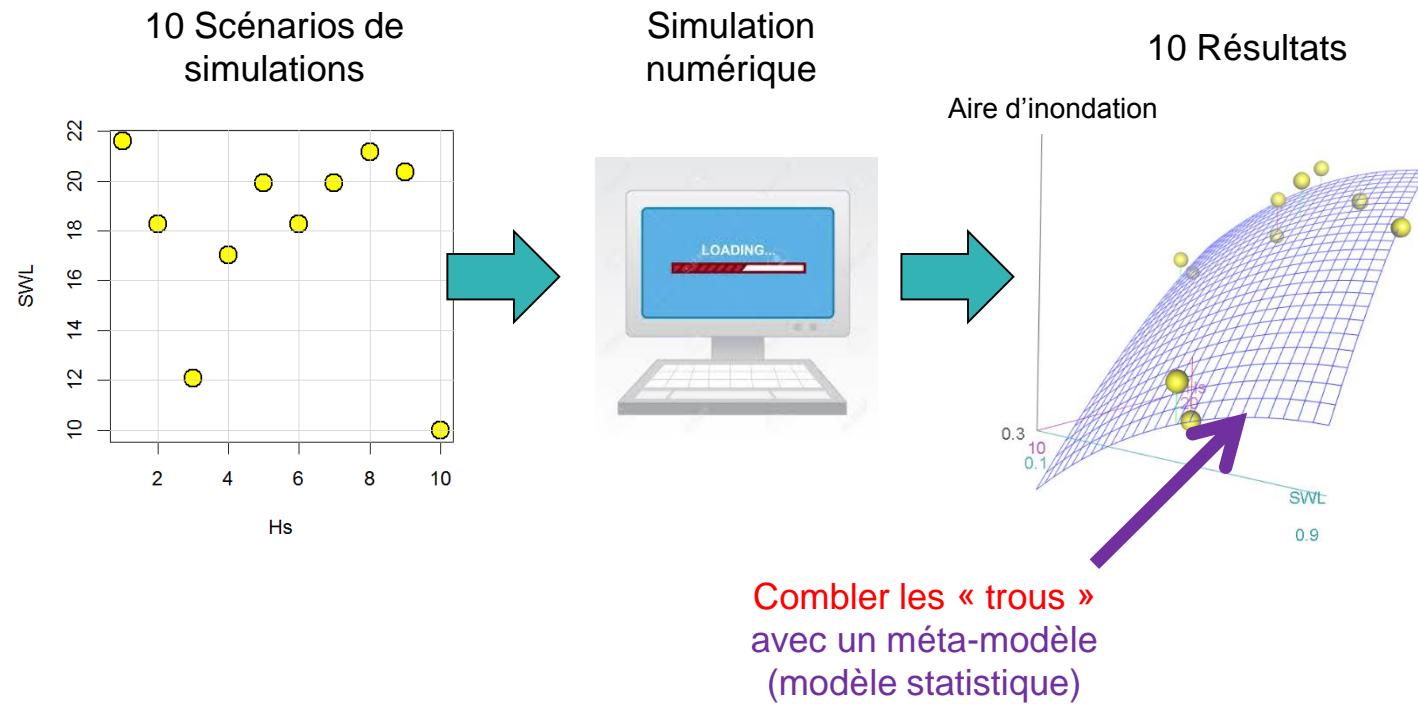
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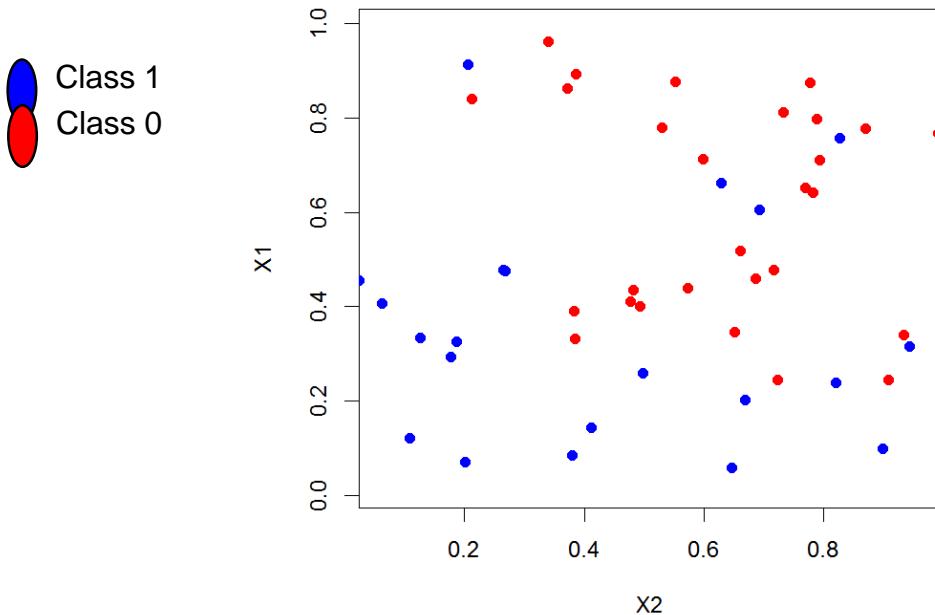


Que dire là où n'a pas fait de simulation ?  
**SANS utiliser le simulateur couteux en temps de calcul!!**

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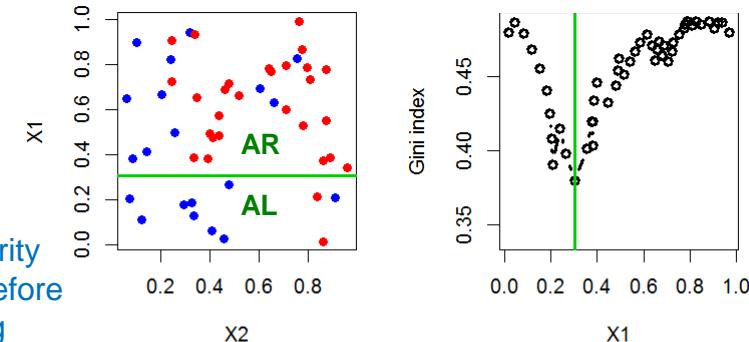
# Classification using decision tree



## Classification:

1. **Splitting rule:** maximize the decrease in heterogeneity (measured by Gini impurity measure)
2. **Stopping rule** (Gini index does not evolve or max number)

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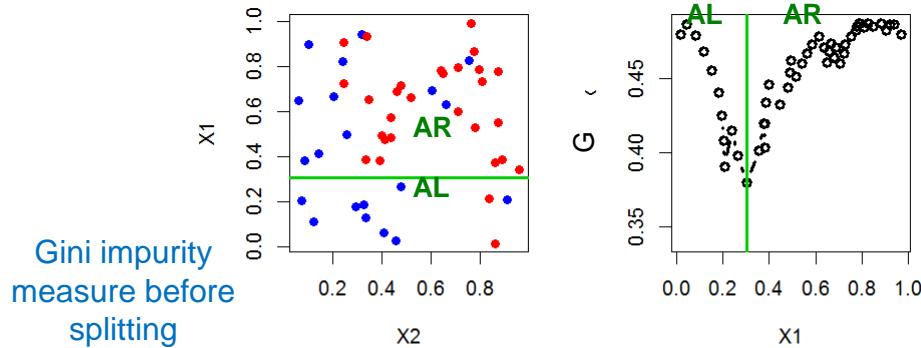
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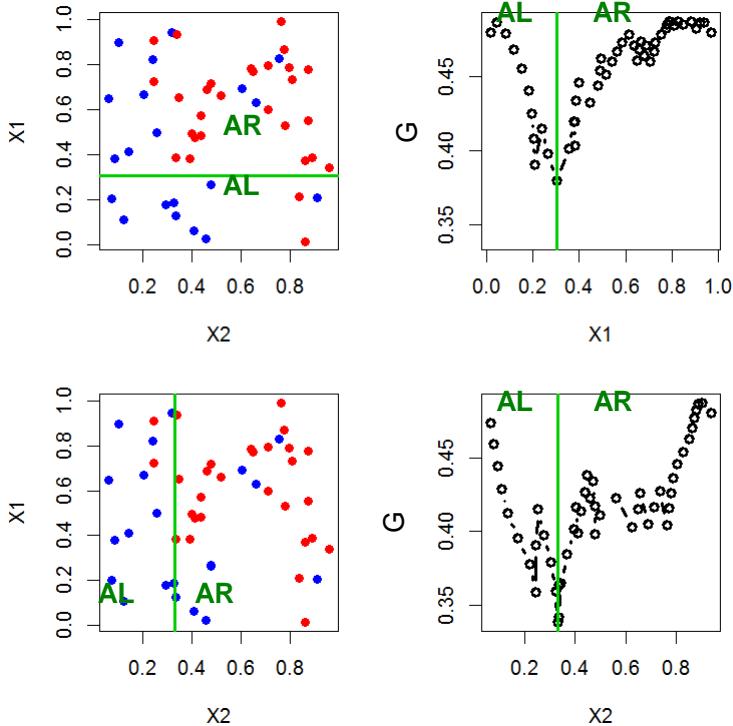
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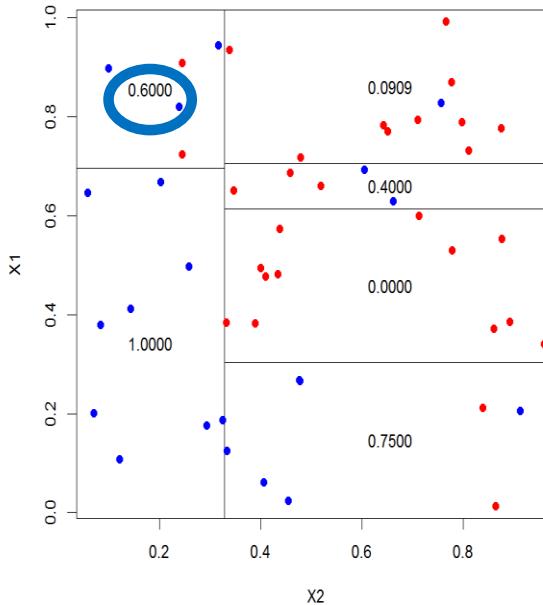
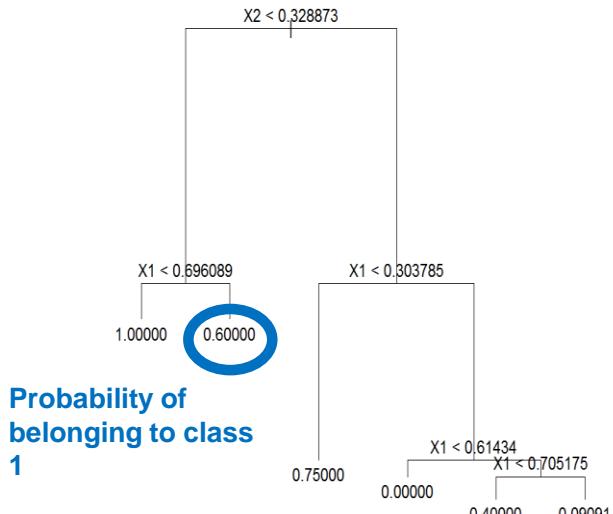
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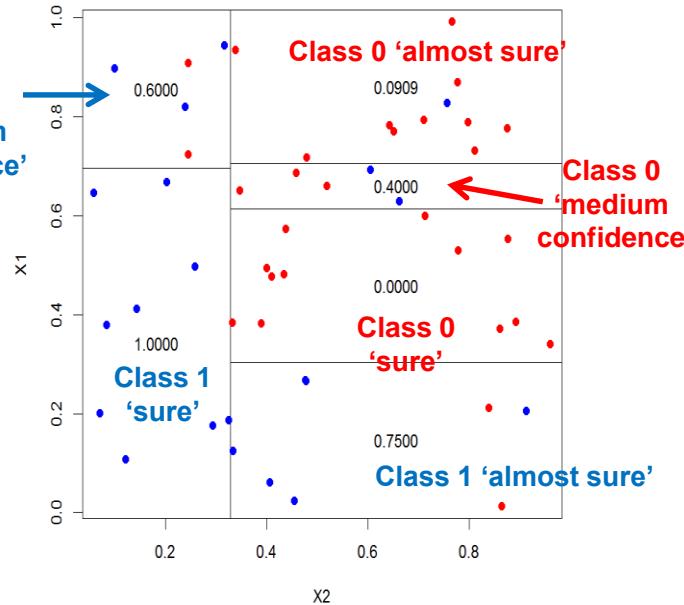
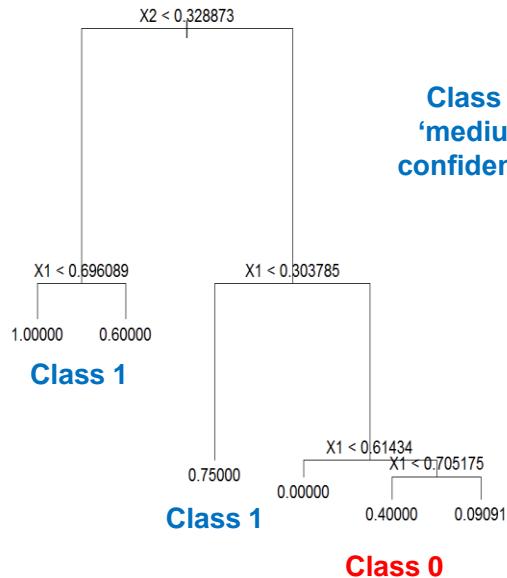


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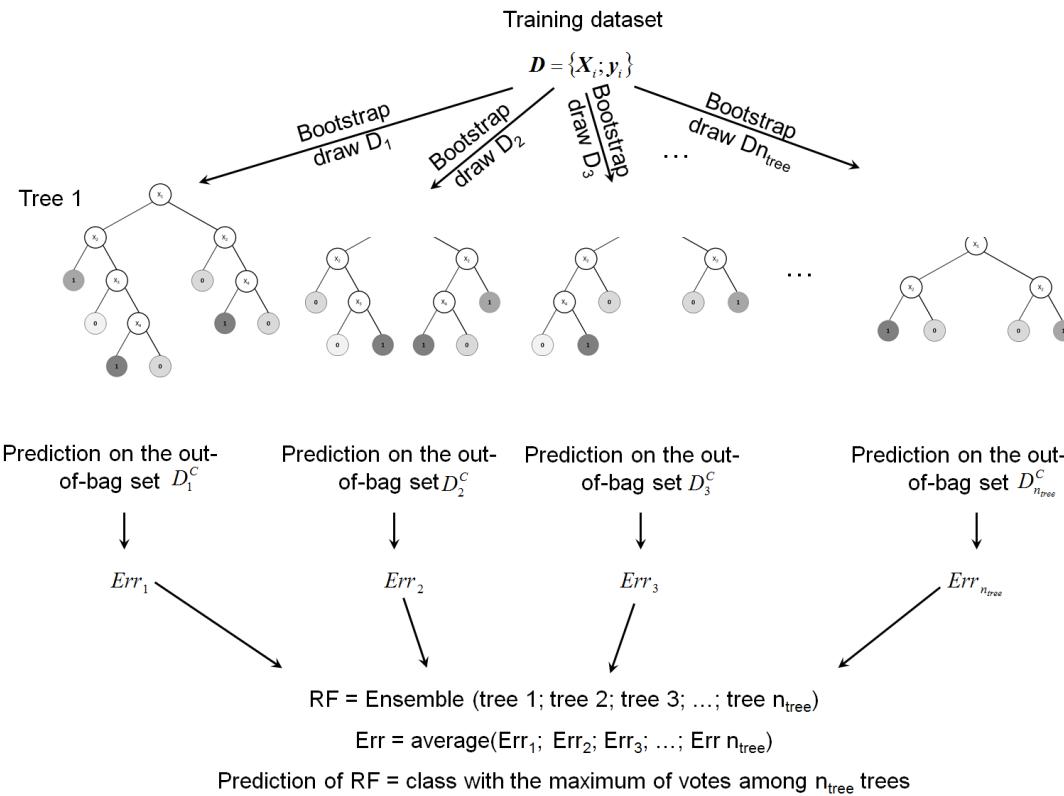


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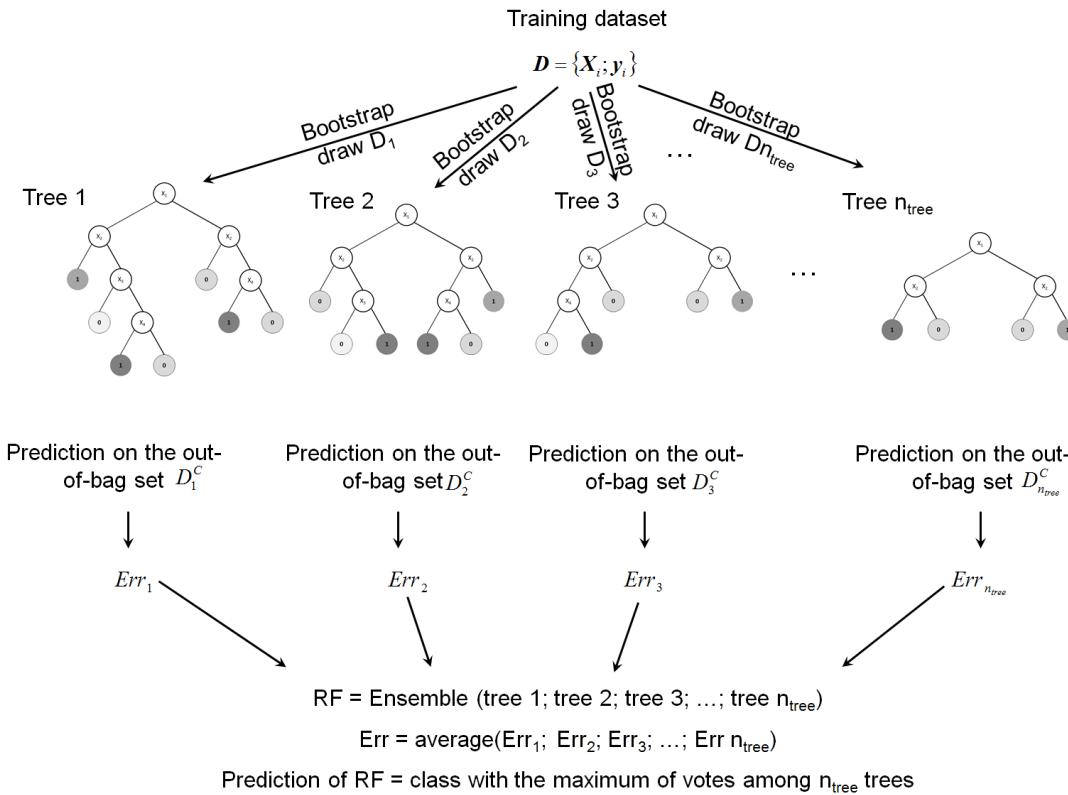
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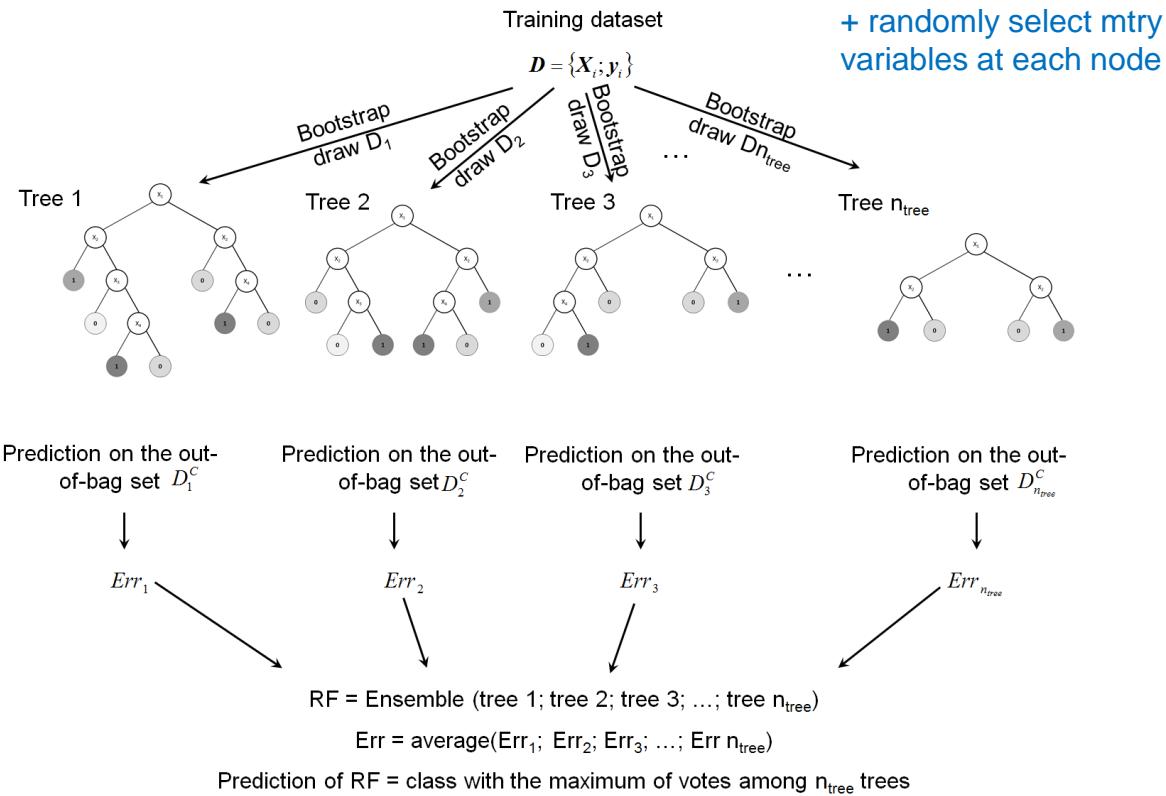
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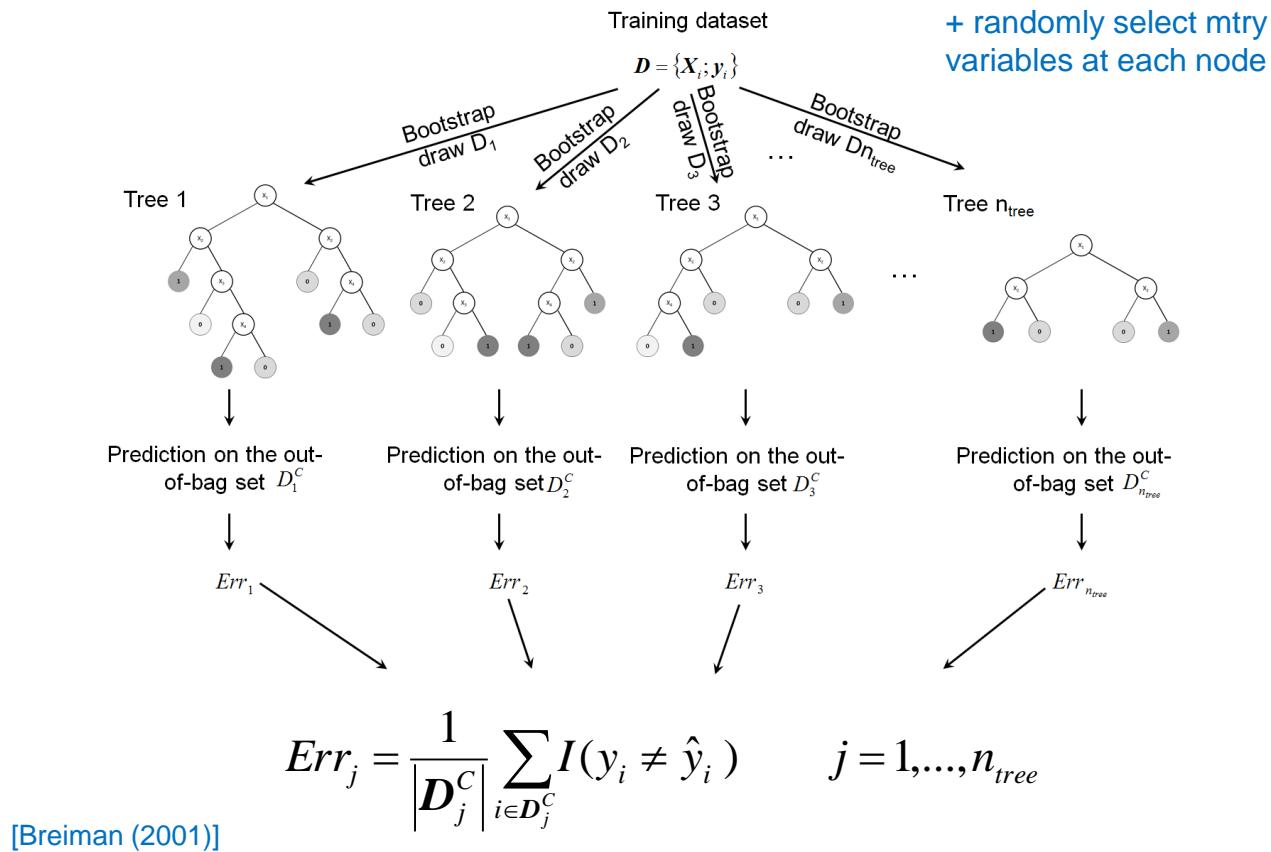
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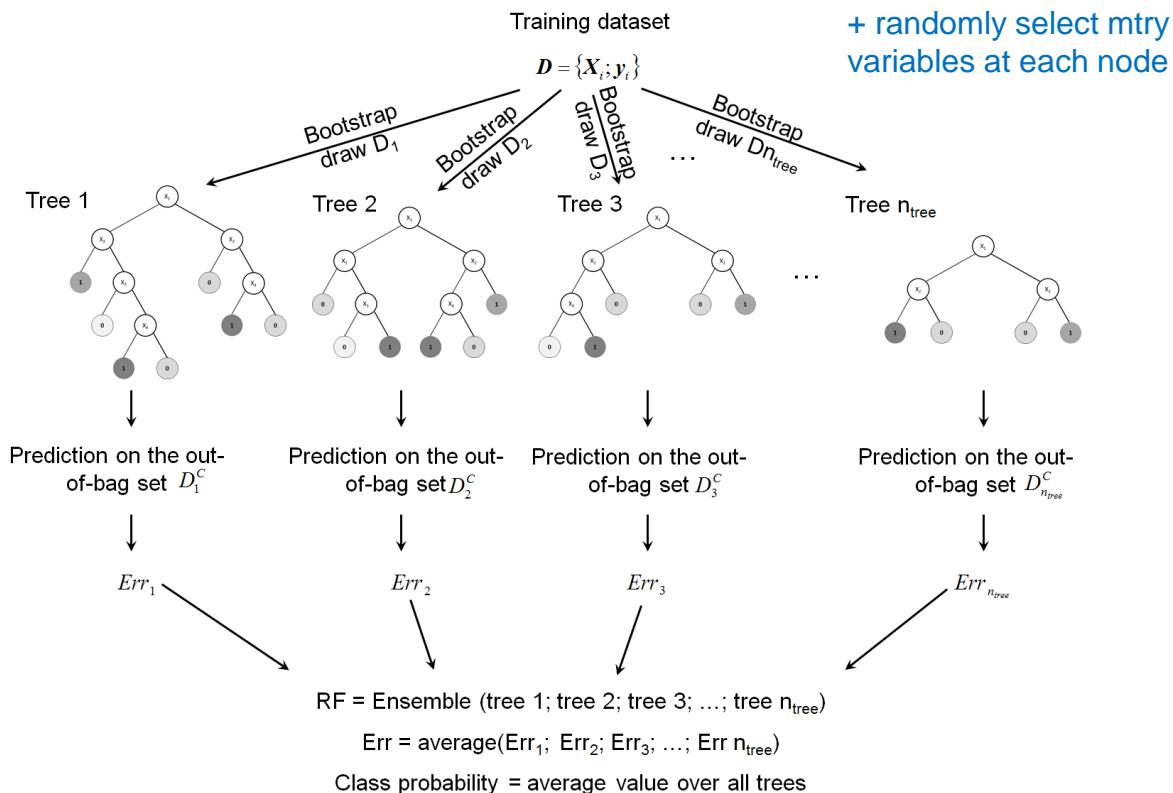


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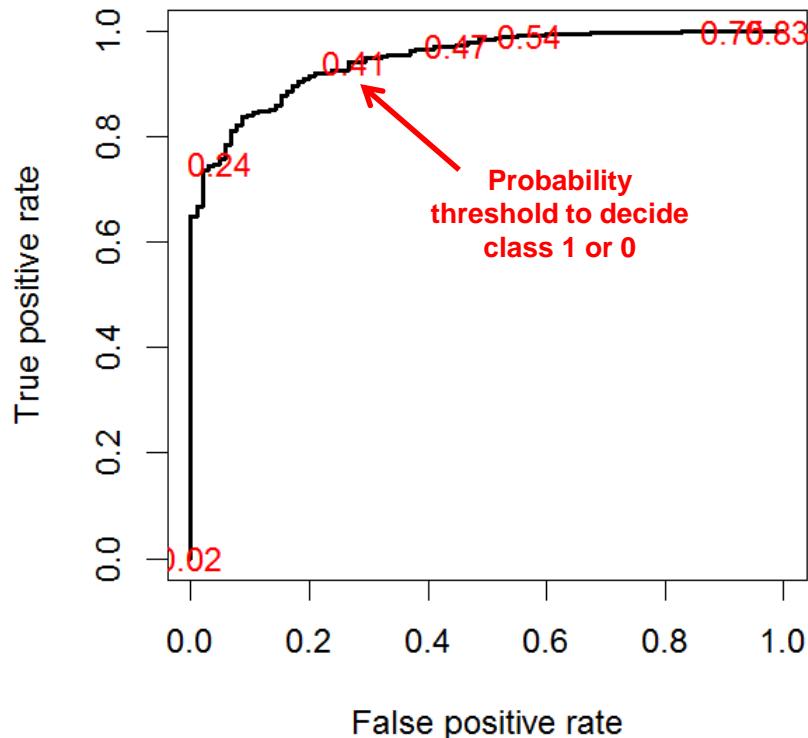


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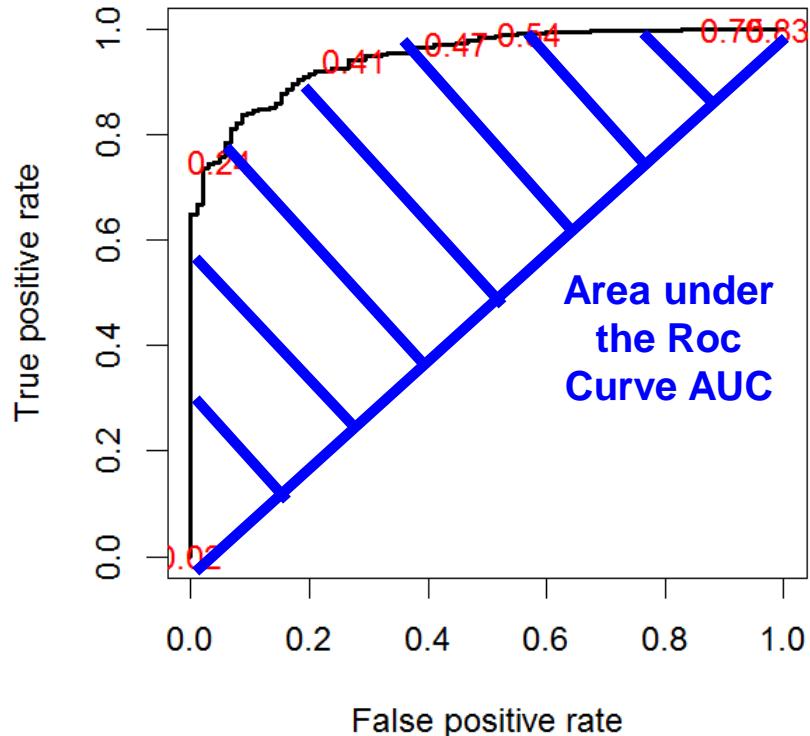




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