

Enhancing Predictions:

A Comparative Study of Machine Learning Models and Classical Methods

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Outline

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About CP Kelco

CP Kelco is a leading global producer and innovator of **nature-based** specialty ingredients made from:



Microbial Fermentation

Xanthan Gum

Gellan Gum

Diutan Gum

Fermentation-Derived Cellulose



Extraction from Land and Sea Plants

Pectin

Carrageenan

Citrus Fiber

Locust Bean Gum



Dairy Derived

Whey Protein Concentrate



Extensive portfolio of versatile, high-performance solutions.

Industry renowned **technical support**, **quality** and **safety** standards.

Decades of Industry and Product Experience

Modeling from QC data (gel application)



Sample



Test gel

Measurements on sample:

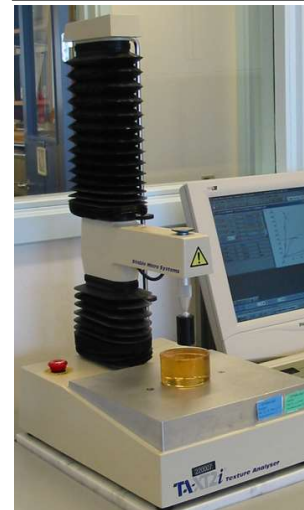
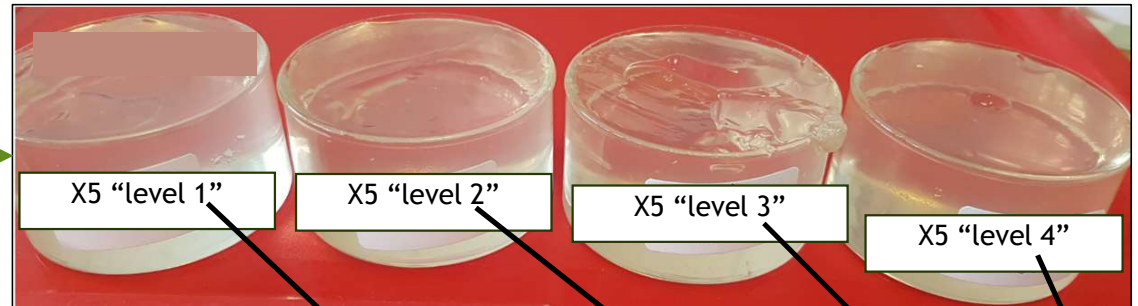
X1, X2 = fast = every day!

X3 = slow = not measured daily

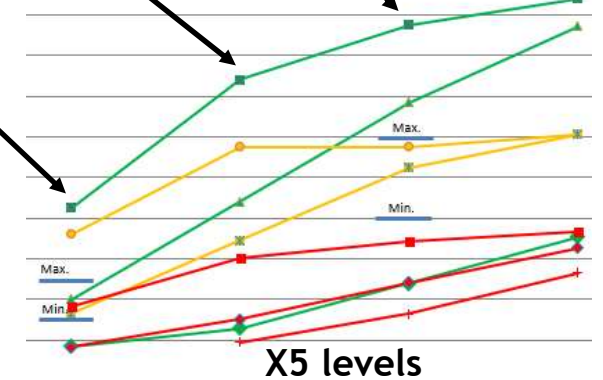
QC - gel test system:

X4 = test system (3 to choose from)

X5 = 4 levels of a gel-component



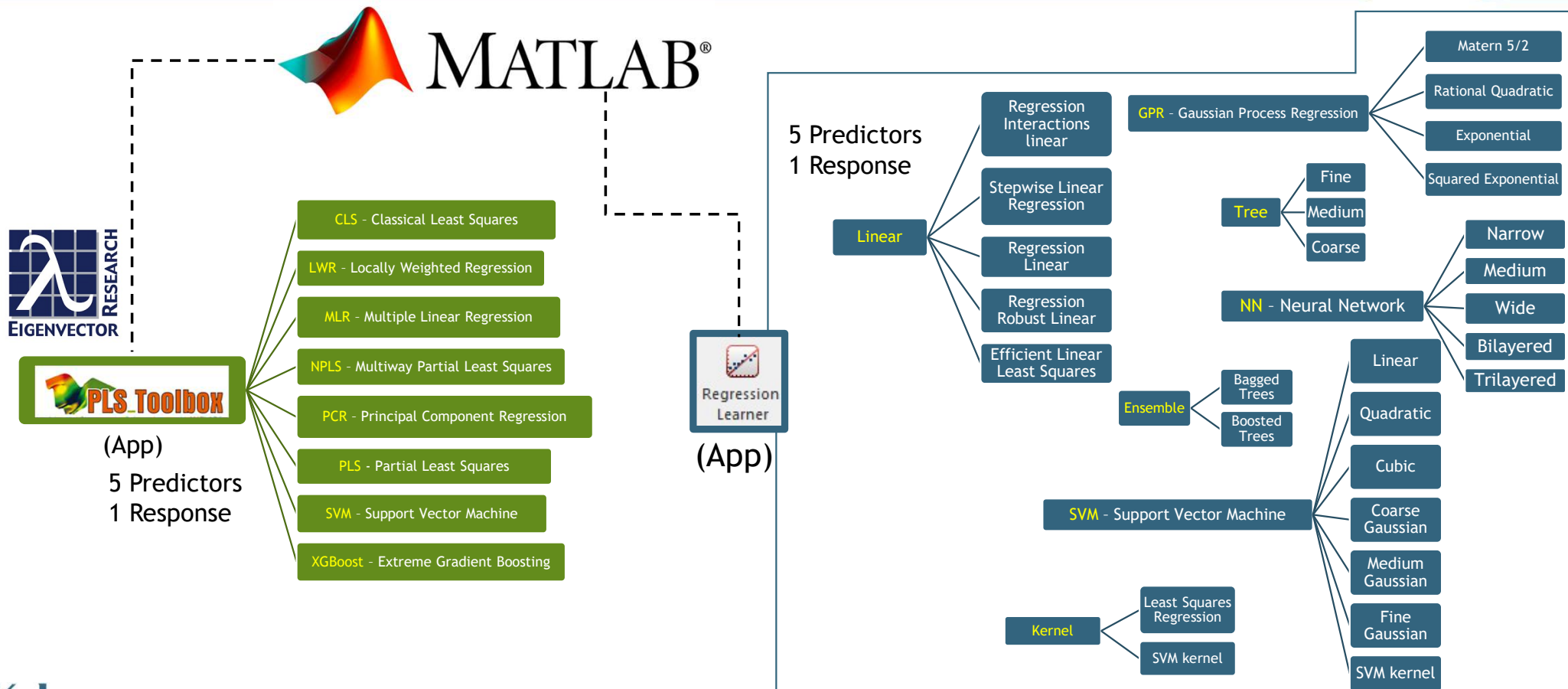
Y = force



Classical approach: 4 models (4Y)

New approach: 1 model?? (1Y)

Machine Learning Apps and regression models tested



Data structure and pre-processing

Data

- 5 Discrete Predictors (X1, X2, X3, X4, and X5) + 1 Response (Force)
- No “Outliers” removed!

Pre-processing

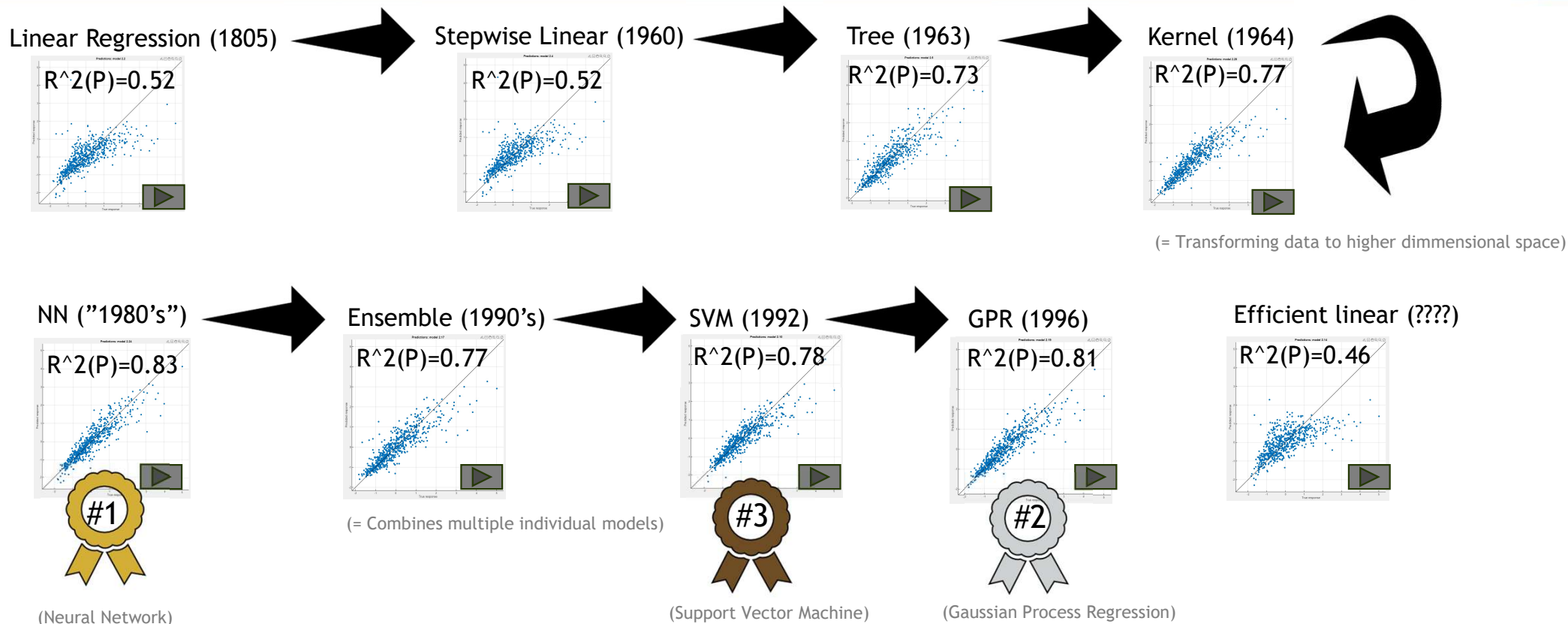
- Data was Autoscaled prior to training and testing



$(\text{Value} - \text{Mean}) / \text{SD}$

- All gel-test measurements (= X and Y data set) were randomized before splitting into
85% for training/cross validation (= 3584 gel-test measurements)
15% for testing (633 gel-test measurements)

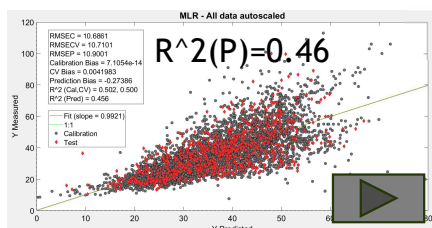
Regression Learner App results



PLS Toolbox App results

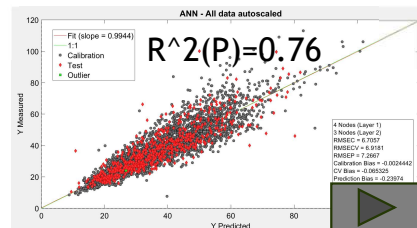


MLR (year 1805)



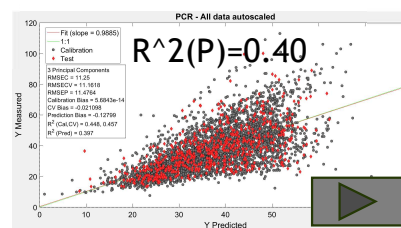
(Multiple Linear Regression)

ANN (year 1943)



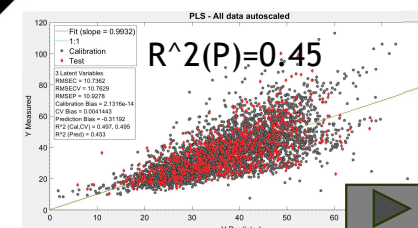
(Artificial Neural Network)

PCR (year 1960)



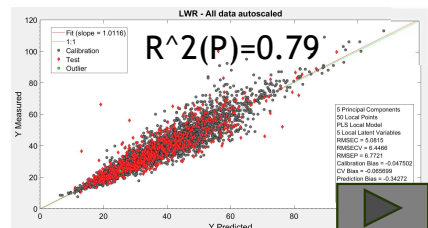
(Principal Component Regression)

PLS (year 1966)



(Partial Least Squares)

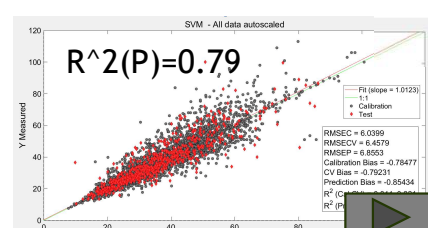
LWR (year 1988)



(Locally Weighted Regression)



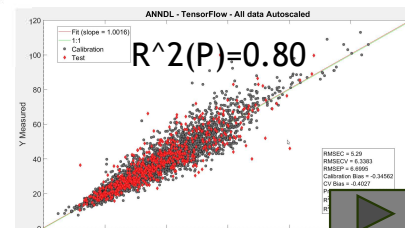
SVM (year 1992)



(Support Vector Machine)



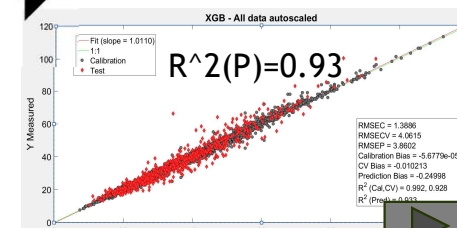
ANNDL (year 2006)



(Artificial Neural Network Deep Learning)



XGB (year 2014)



(Extreme Gradient Boosting)



About XGB

What is XGB?

Extreme Gradient Boosting, commonly known as **XGBoost (XGB)**, is a **powerful machine learning algorithm** that has **gained popularity for its efficiency and performance** in predictive modeling tasks.

How XGBoost Works

1. **Boosting Technique:** XGBoost is based on the boosting technique, where **multiple weak learners** (usually **decision trees**) are **combined to form a strong learner**. Each new tree corrects the errors made by the previous trees.
2. **Gradient Descent:** It uses gradient descent to minimize the loss function. The algorithm **iteratively adds trees to the model**, each one aiming **to reduce the residual errors of the previous trees**.
3. **Regularization:** XGBoost includes regularization terms in its objective function to **prevent overfitting**. This makes it **more robust compared to other boosting algorithms**.
4. **Parallel Processing:** It supports parallel processing, which speeds up the training process significantly.
5. **Handling Missing Values:** XGBoost can handle missing values internally, making it more versatile for real-world data.

Pros

- **High Performance:** XGBoost **often outperforms other algorithms** in terms of **accuracy and speed**.
- **Flexibility:** It can be used for both **classification and regression tasks**.
- **Feature Importance:** Provides **insights into feature importance**, helping in feature selection.
- **Scalability:** Efficiently handles **large datasets** and can be distributed across clusters.
- **Regularization:** Built-in regularization helps in **preventing overfitting**.

Cons

- **Complexity:** The algorithm can be complex to tune due to the large number of hyperparameters.
- **Computationally Intensive:** Despite its efficiency, it can still be computationally intensive, especially for very large datasets.
- **Interpretability:** Models can be less interpretable compared to simpler algorithms like linear regression or decision trees.

Conclusion and next step

- Be creative with your data and how you use them (5X+1Y vs. 4X+4Y)
- Test many different models to increase chances to get Great prediction power!
- Build fewer but more flexible models if possible (vs. interpolation /maintenance)
- XGB (Extreme Gradient Boosting) is an interesting option for complex data!



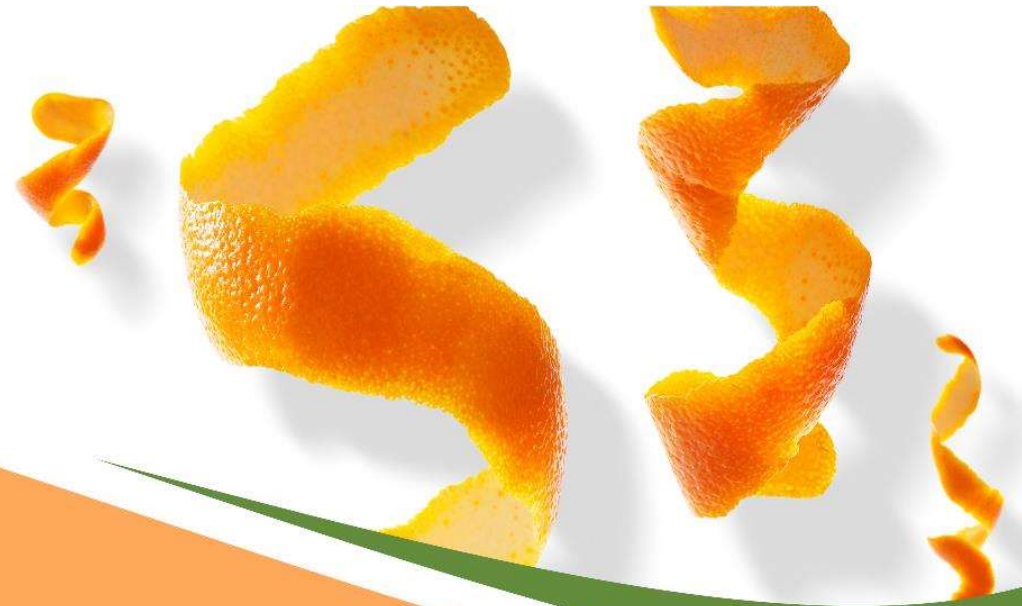
- **Next Step:** Try XGB-prediction from only spectral X-predictors (= “instant predictions”)

Many thanks 🙏😊
Now time for Questions...

Experiences with XGB?

Other ideas/models to try out?

Other input/feedback?

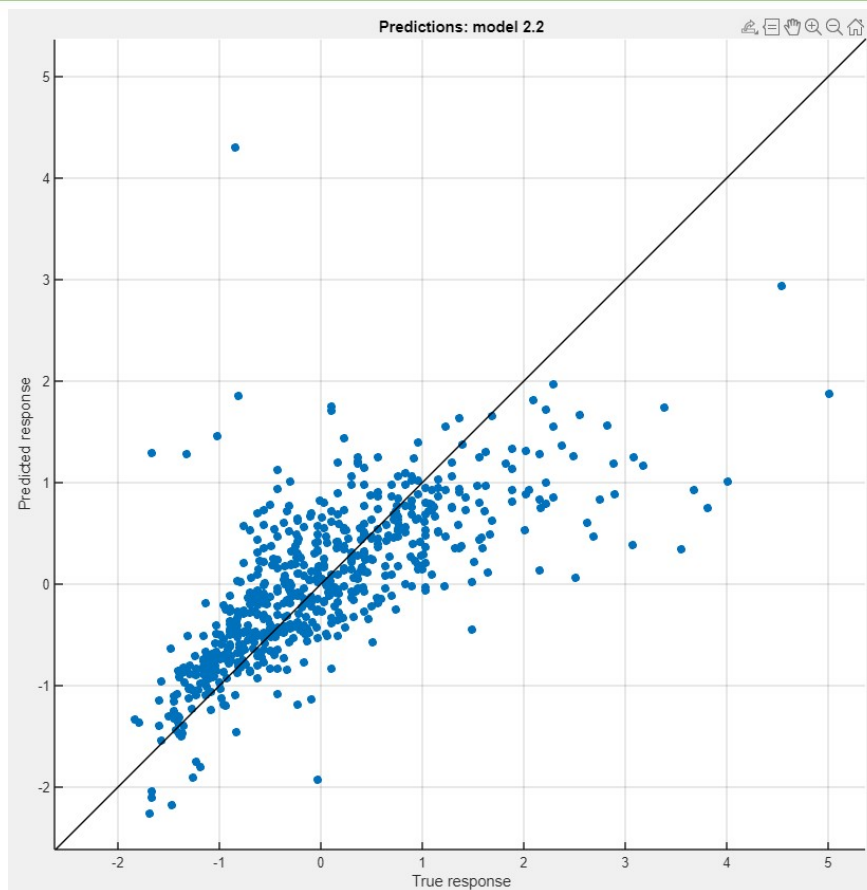


Thanks for your attention! 😊

Linear Regression (1805)

2.2 Linear Regression

Last change: Interactions Linear



Model 2.2: Linear Regression

Status: Tested

Training Results

RMSE (Validation)	0.63596
R-Squared (Validation)	0.59
MSE (Validation)	0.40444
MAE (Validation)	0.45746
MAPE (Validation)	167.9%
Prediction speed	~100000 obs/sec
Training time	9.2049 sec
Model size (Compact)	~12 kB

Test Results

RMSE (Test)	0.72135
R-Squared (Test)	0.52
MSE (Test)	0.52034
MAE (Test)	0.49084
MAPE (Test)	163.6%

Model Hyperparameters

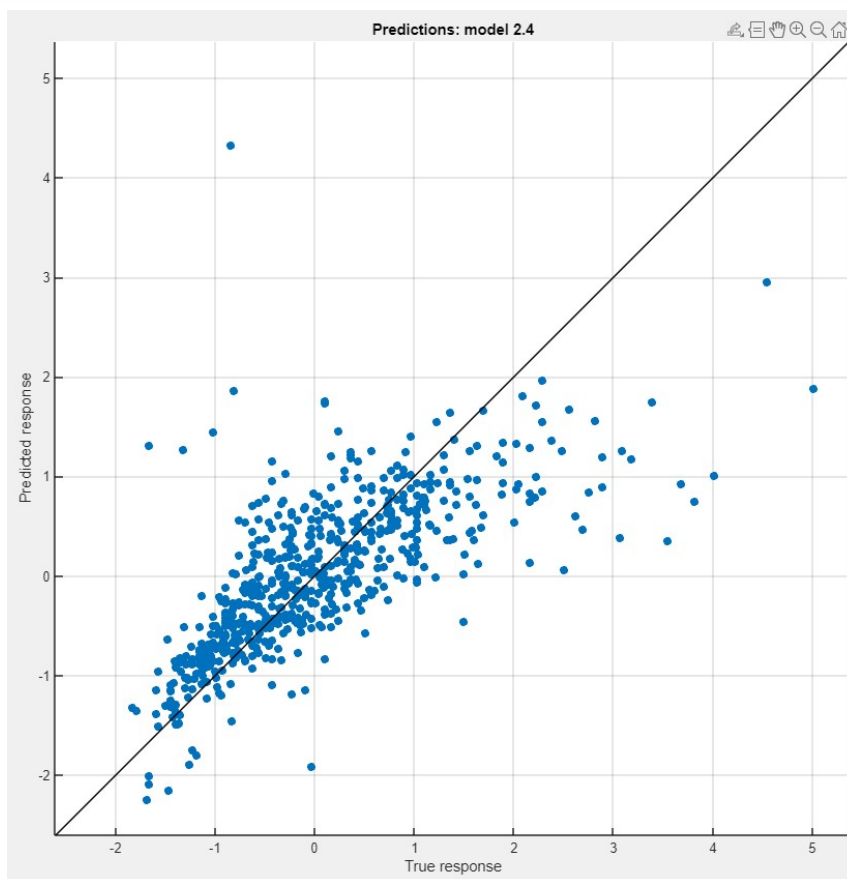
Preset: Interactions Linear
Terms: Interactions
Robust option: Off

- Feature Selection: 5/5 individual features selected
- PCA: Disabled
- Optimizer: Not applicable

Stepwise Linear (1960)

2.4 Stepwise Linear Regression

Last change: Stepwise Linear



Model 2.4: Stepwise Linear Regression

Status: Tested

Training Results

RMSE (Validation)	0.63507
R-Squared (Validation)	0.59
MSE (Validation)	0.40331
MAE (Validation)	0.45741
MAPE (Validation)	168.0%
Prediction speed	~100000 obs/sec
Training time	11.004 sec
Model size (Compact)	~12 kB

Test Results

RMSE (Test)	0.72157
R-Squared (Test)	0.52
MSE (Test)	0.52067
MAE (Test)	0.49105
MAPE (Test)	163.5%

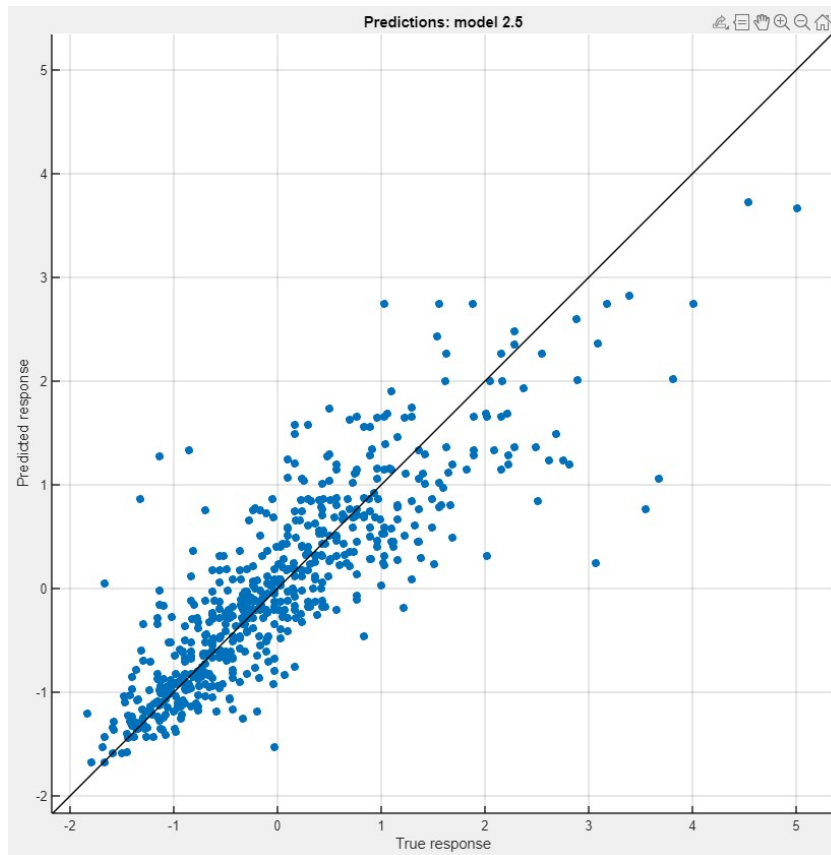
Model Hyperparameters

Preset: Stepwise Linear
Initial terms: Linear
Upper bound on terms: Interactions
Maximum number of steps: 1000

- Feature Selection: 5/5 individual features selected
- PCA: Disabled
- Optimizer: Not applicable

Tree (1963)

2.5 Tree
Last change: Fine Tree



Model 2.5: Tree
Status: Tested

Training Results

RMSE (Validation)	0.53499
R-Squared (Validation)	0.71
MSE (Validation)	0.28621
MAE (Validation)	0.37970
MAPE (Validation)	159.8%
Prediction speed	~130000 obs/sec
Training time	12.949 sec
Model size (Compact)	~148 kB

Test Results

RMSE (Test)	0.54773
R-Squared (Test)	0.73
MSE (Test)	0.30001
MAE (Test)	0.37929
MAPE (Test)	137.2%

Model Hyperparameters

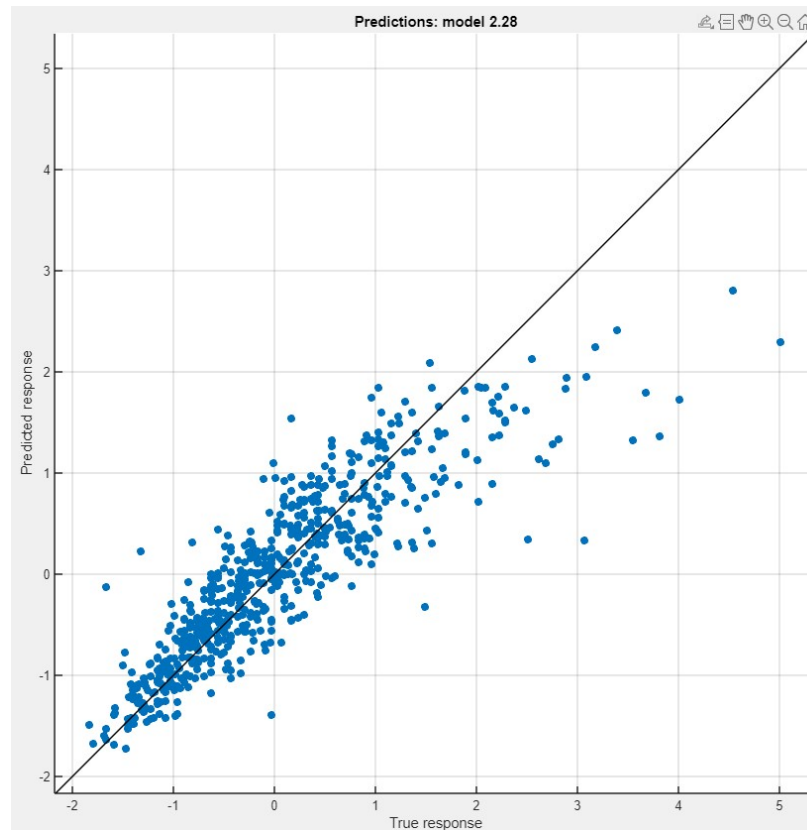
Preset: Fine Tree
Minimum leaf size: 4
Surrogate decision splits: Off

- Feature Selection: 5/5 individual features selected
- PCA: Disabled
- Optimizer: Not applicable

Kernel (1964)

★ 2.28 Kernel

Last change: Least Squares Regression Kernel



Model 2.28: Kernel
Status: Tested

Training Results

RMSE (Validation)	0.46964
R-Squared (Validation)	0.78
MSE (Validation)	0.22056
MAE (Validation)	0.33827
MAPE (Validation)	140.4%
Prediction speed	~110000 obs/sec
Training time	667.21 sec
Model size (Compact)	~10 kB

Test Results

RMSE (Test)	0.50224
R-Squared (Test)	0.77
MSE (Test)	0.25224
MAE (Test)	0.35226
MAPE (Test)	138.9%

Model Hyperparameters

Preset: Least Squares Regression Kernel
Learner: Least Squares Kernel
Number of expansion dimensions: Auto
Regularization strength (Lambda): Auto
Kernel scale: Auto
Standardize data: Yes
Iteration limit: 1000

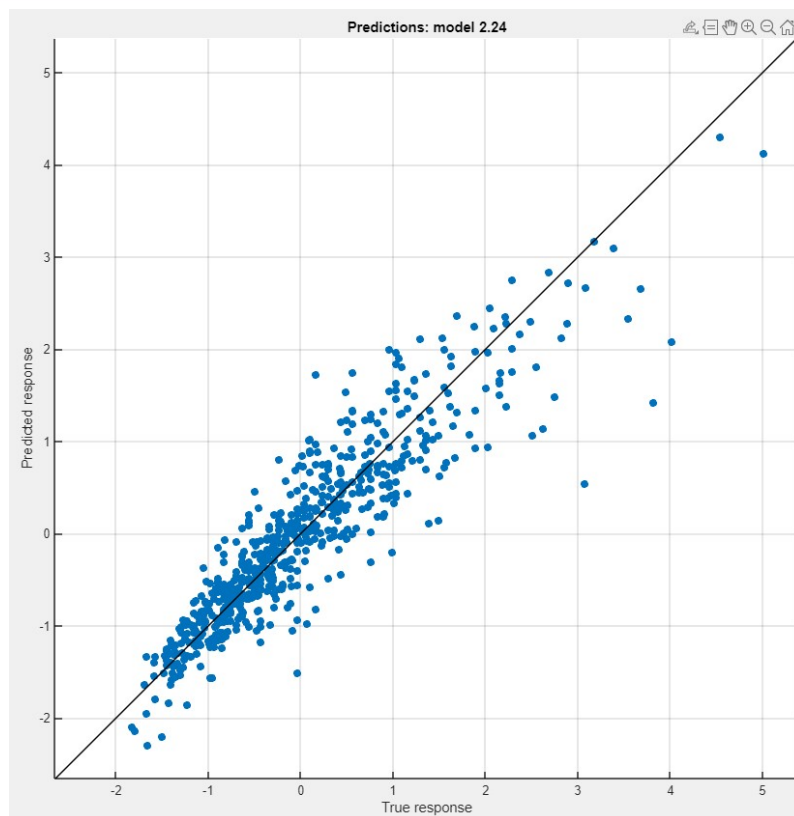
► Feature Selection: 5/5 individual features selected

► PCA: Disabled

► Optimizer: Not applicable

NN ("1980's")

2.24 Neural Network
Last change: Wide Neural Network



Model 2.24: Neural Network
Status: Tested

Training Results

RMSE (Validation) 0.42570
R-Squared (Validation) 0.82
MSE (Validation) 0.18122
MAE (Validation) 0.30569
MAPE (Validation) 126.2%
Prediction speed ~190000 obs/sec
Training time 646.51 sec
Model size (Compact) ~11 kB

Test Results

RMSE (Test) 0.43306
R-Squared (Test) 0.83
MSE (Test) 0.18754
MAE (Test) 0.30892
MAPE (Test) 131.2%

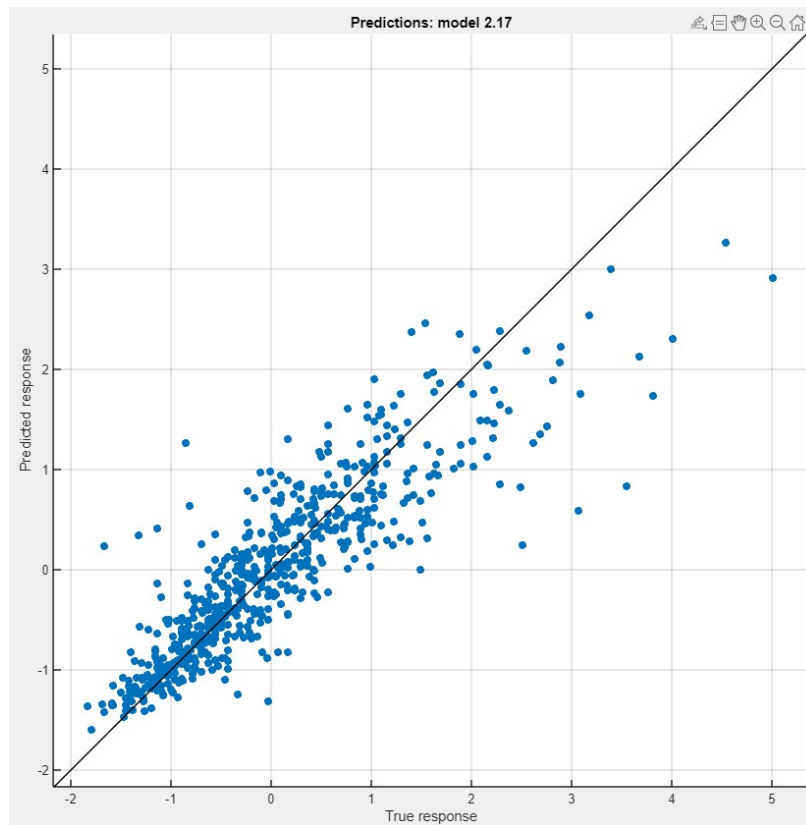
Model Hyperparameters

Preset: Wide Neural Network
Number of fully connected layers: 1
First layer size: 100
Activation: ReLU
Iteration limit: 1000
Regularization strength (Lambda): 0
Standardize data: Yes

- Feature Selection: 5/5 individual features selected
- PCA: Disabled
- Optimizer: Not applicable

Ensemble (1990's)

★ 2.17 Ensemble
Last change: Bagged Trees



Model 2.17: Ensemble
Status: Tested

Training Results

RMSE (Validation)	0.46659
R-Squared (Validation)	0.78
MSE (Validation)	0.21771
MAE (Validation)	0.33402
MAPE (Validation)	134.9%
Prediction speed	~20000 obs/sec
Training time	53.499 sec
Model size (Compact)	~2 MB

Test Results

RMSE (Test)	0.50089
R-Squared (Test)	0.77
MSE (Test)	0.25089
MAE (Test)	0.34581
MAPE (Test)	139.1%

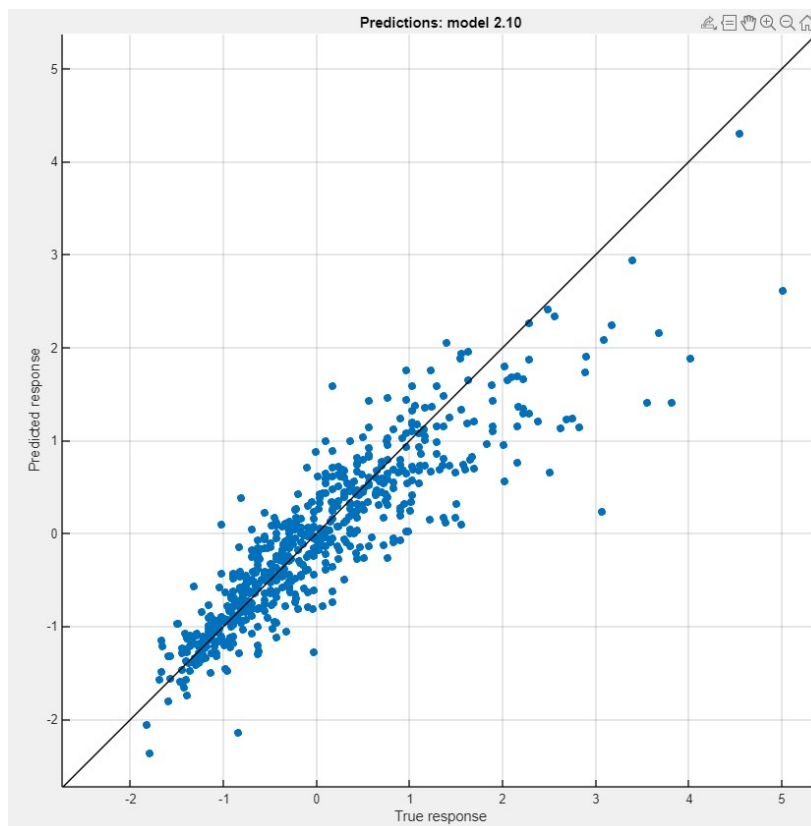
Model Hyperparameters

Preset: Bagged Trees
Minimum leaf size: 8
Number of learners: 30
Number of predictors to sample: Select All

- ▶ Feature Selection: 5/5 individual features selected
- ▶ PCA: Disabled
- ▶ Optimizer: Not applicable

SVM (1992)

☆ 2.10 SVM
Last change: Cubic SVM



Model 2.10: SVM
Status: Tested

Training Results

RMSE (Validation)	0.46295
R-Squared (Validation)	0.78
MSE (Validation)	0.21432
MAE (Validation)	0.32091
MAPE (Validation)	132.8%
Prediction speed	~89000 obs/sec
Training time	38.906 sec
Model size (Compact)	~133 kB

Test Results

RMSE (Test)	0.48762
R-Squared (Test)	0.78
MSE (Test)	0.23777
MAE (Test)	0.33717
MAPE (Test)	125.4%

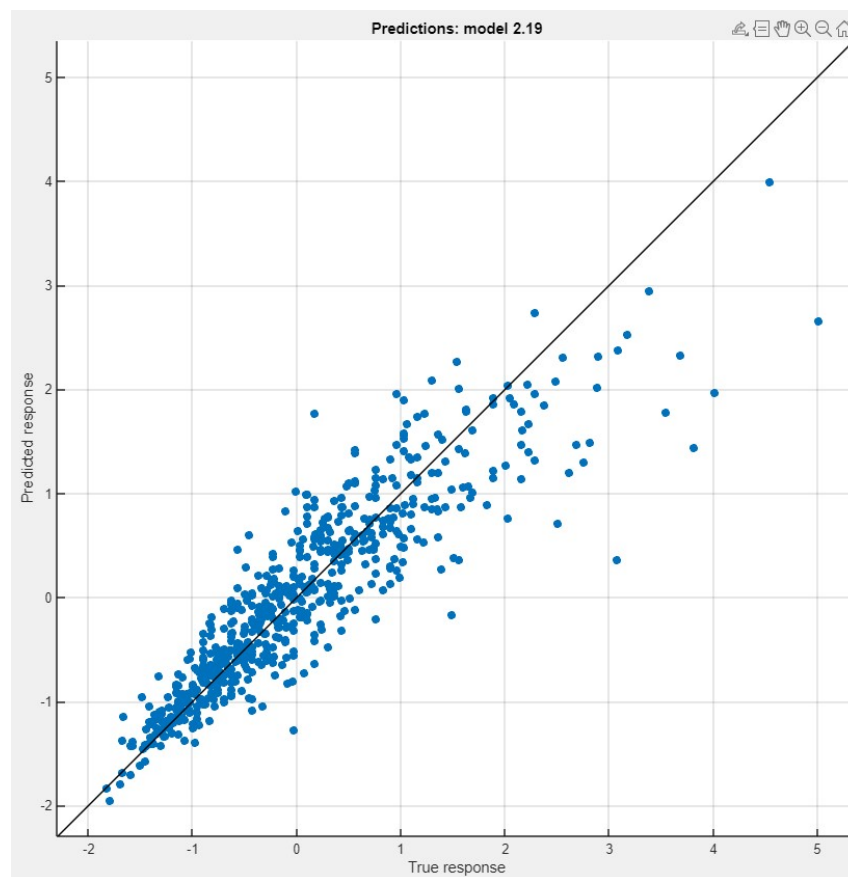
Model Hyperparameters

Preset: Cubic SVM
Kernel function: Cubic
Kernel scale: Automatic
Box constraint: Automatic
Epsilon: Auto
Standardize data: Yes

- ▶ Feature Selection: 5/5 individual features selected
- ▶ PCA: Disabled
- ▶ Optimizer: Not applicable

GPR (1996)

2.19 Gaussian Process Regression
Last change: Matern 5/2 GPR



Model 2.19: Gaussian Process Regression
Status: Tested

Training Results

RMSE (Validation)	0.42413
R-Squared (Validation)	0.82
MSE (Validation)	0.17989
MAE (Validation)	0.29945
MAPE (Validation)	132.1%
Prediction speed	~18000 obs/sec
Training time	253.48 sec
Model size (Compact)	~181 kB

Test Results

RMSE (Test)	0.45062
R-Squared (Test)	0.81
MSE (Test)	0.20306
MAE (Test)	0.31148
MAPE (Test)	131.4%

Model Hyperparameters

Preset: Matern 5/2 GPR
Basis function: Constant
Kernel function: Matern 5/2
Use isotropic kernel: Yes
Kernel scale: Automatic
Signal standard deviation: Automatic
Sigma: Automatic
Standardize data: Yes
Optimize numeric parameters: Yes

► Feature Selection: 5/5 individual features selected

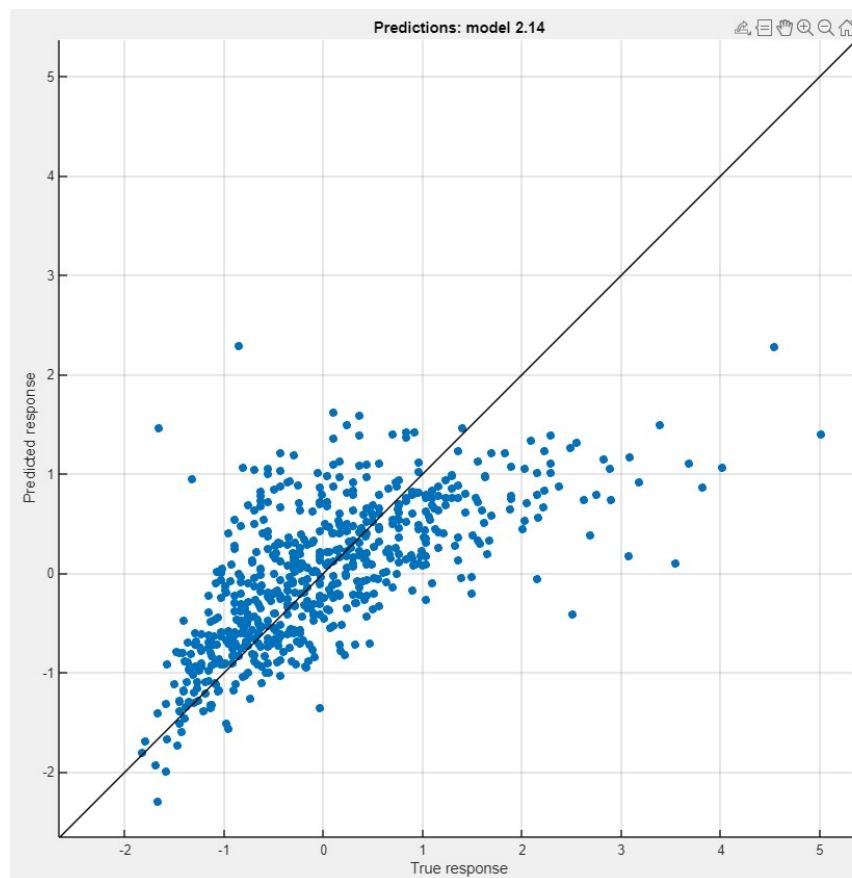
► PCA: Disabled

► Optimizer: Not applicable

Efficient linear (????)

★ 2.14 Efficient Linear

Last change: Efficient Linear Least Squares



Model 2.14: Efficient Linear Status: Tested

Training Results

RMSE (Validation)	0.70087
R-Squared (Validation)	0.50
MSE (Validation)	0.49122
MAE (Validation)	0.52808
MAPE (Validation)	179.7%
Prediction speed	~240000 obs/sec
Training time	47.328 sec
Model size (Compact)	~11 kB

Test Results

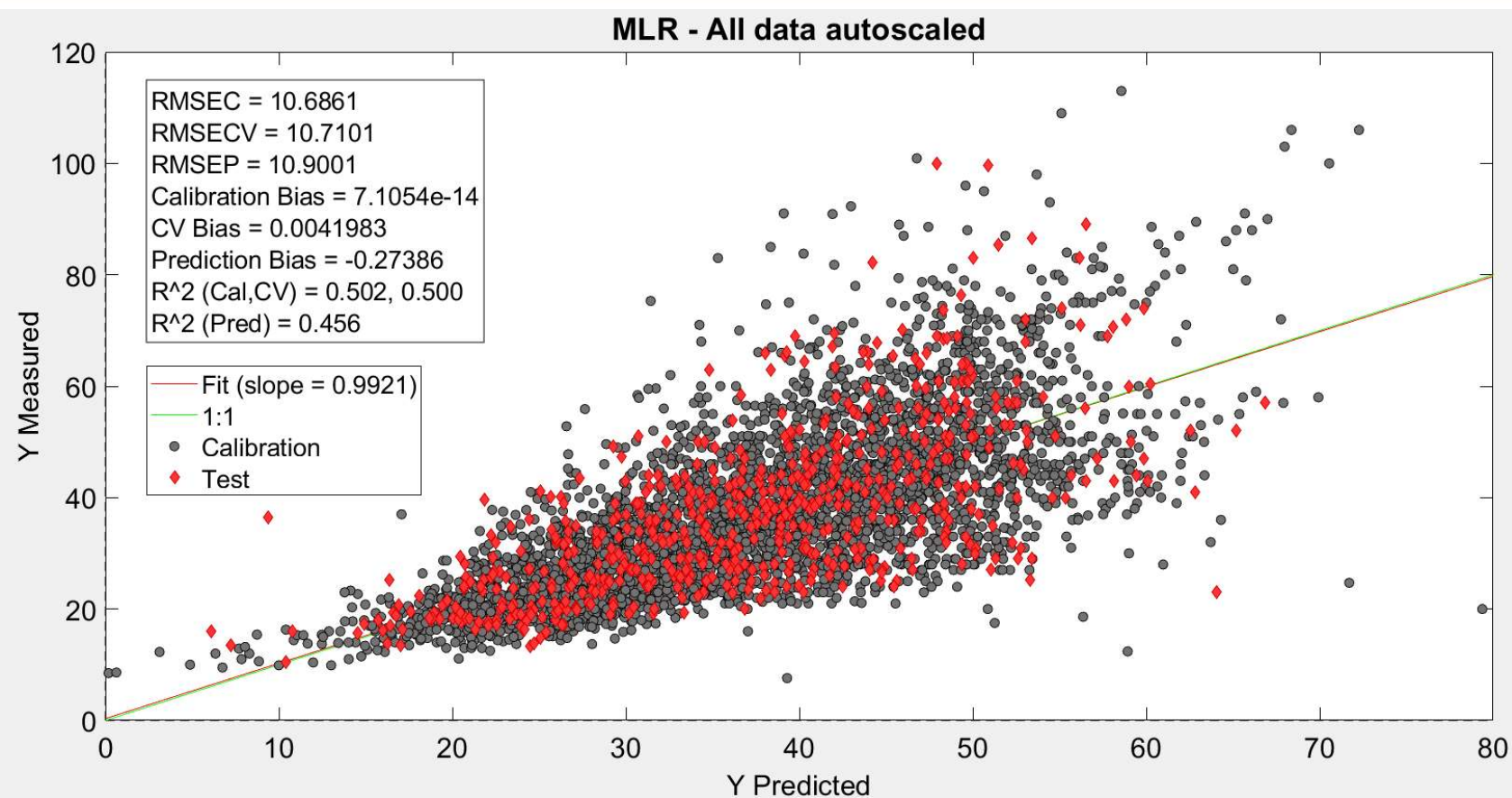
RMSE (Test)	0.77095
R-Squared (Test)	0.46
MSE (Test)	0.59436
MAE (Test)	0.55712
MAPE (Test)	183.3%

Model Hyperparameters

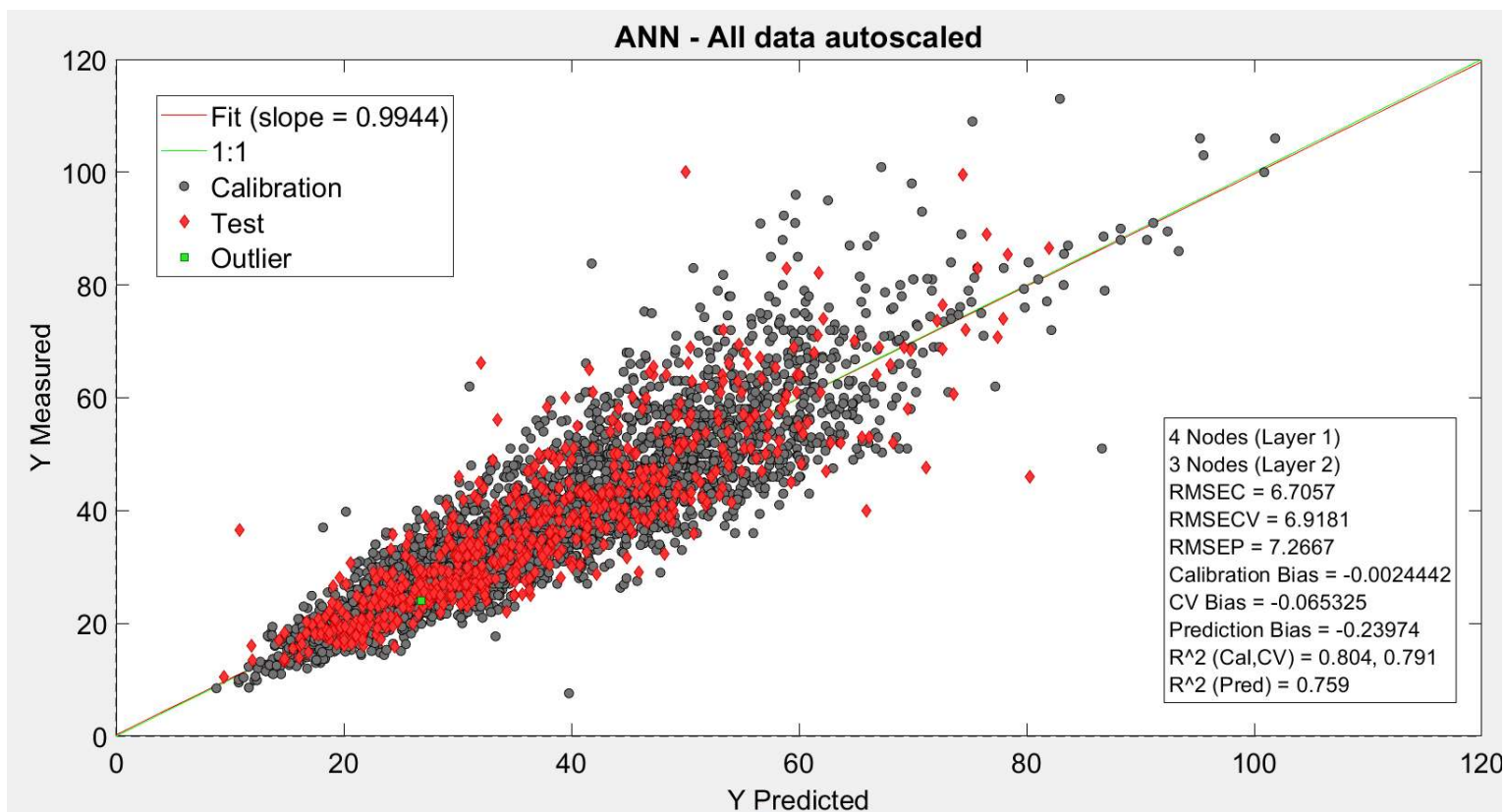
Preset: Efficient Linear Least Squares
Learner: Least squares
Solver: Auto
Regularization: Auto
Regularization strength (Lambda): Auto
Relative coefficient tolerance (Beta tolerance): 0.0001

- ▶ Feature Selection: 5/5 individual features selected
- ▶ PCA: Disabled
- ▶ Optimizer: Not applicable

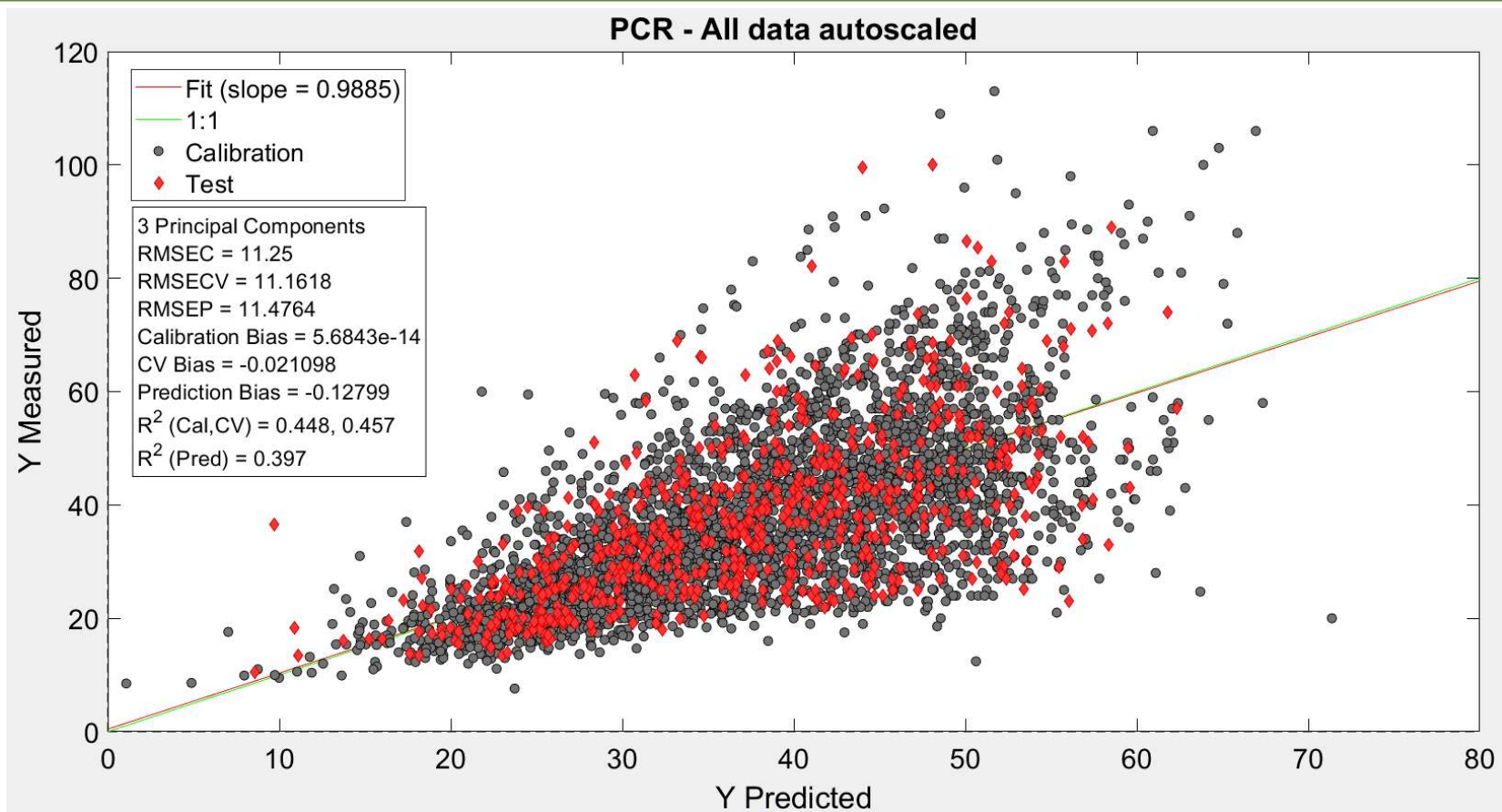
MLR - Multiple Linear Regression



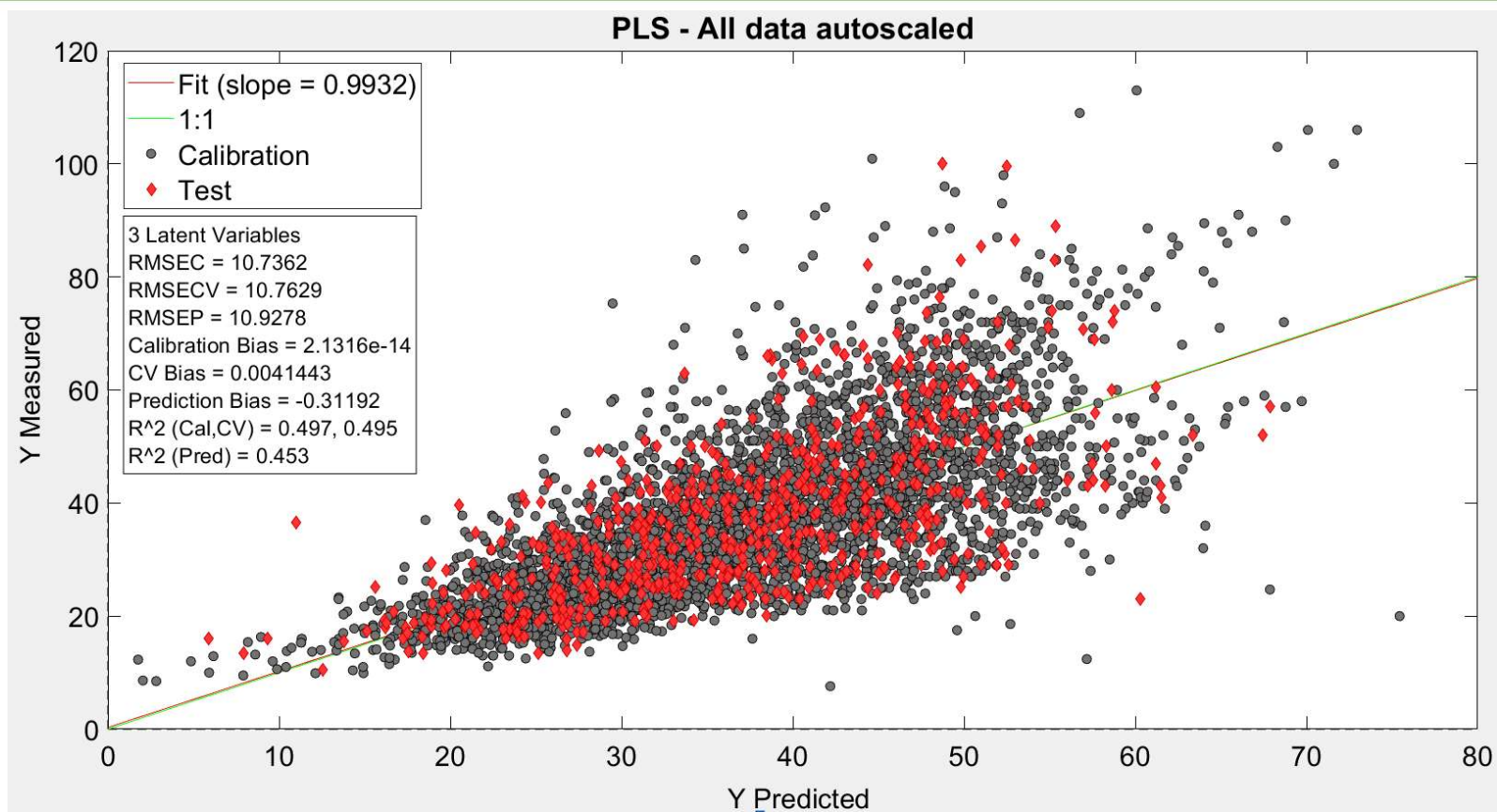
ANN - Artificial Neural Network



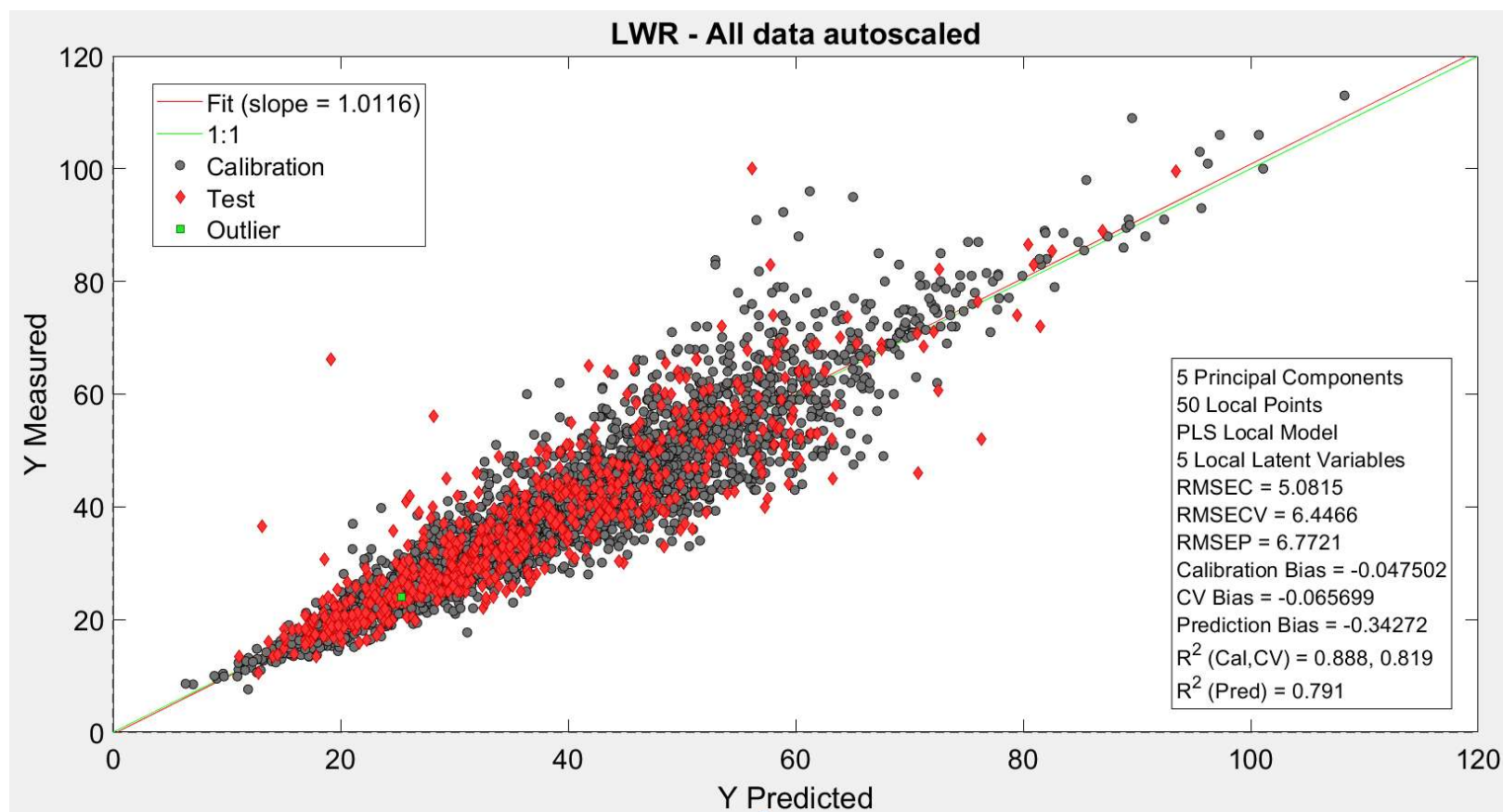
PCR - Principal Component Regression



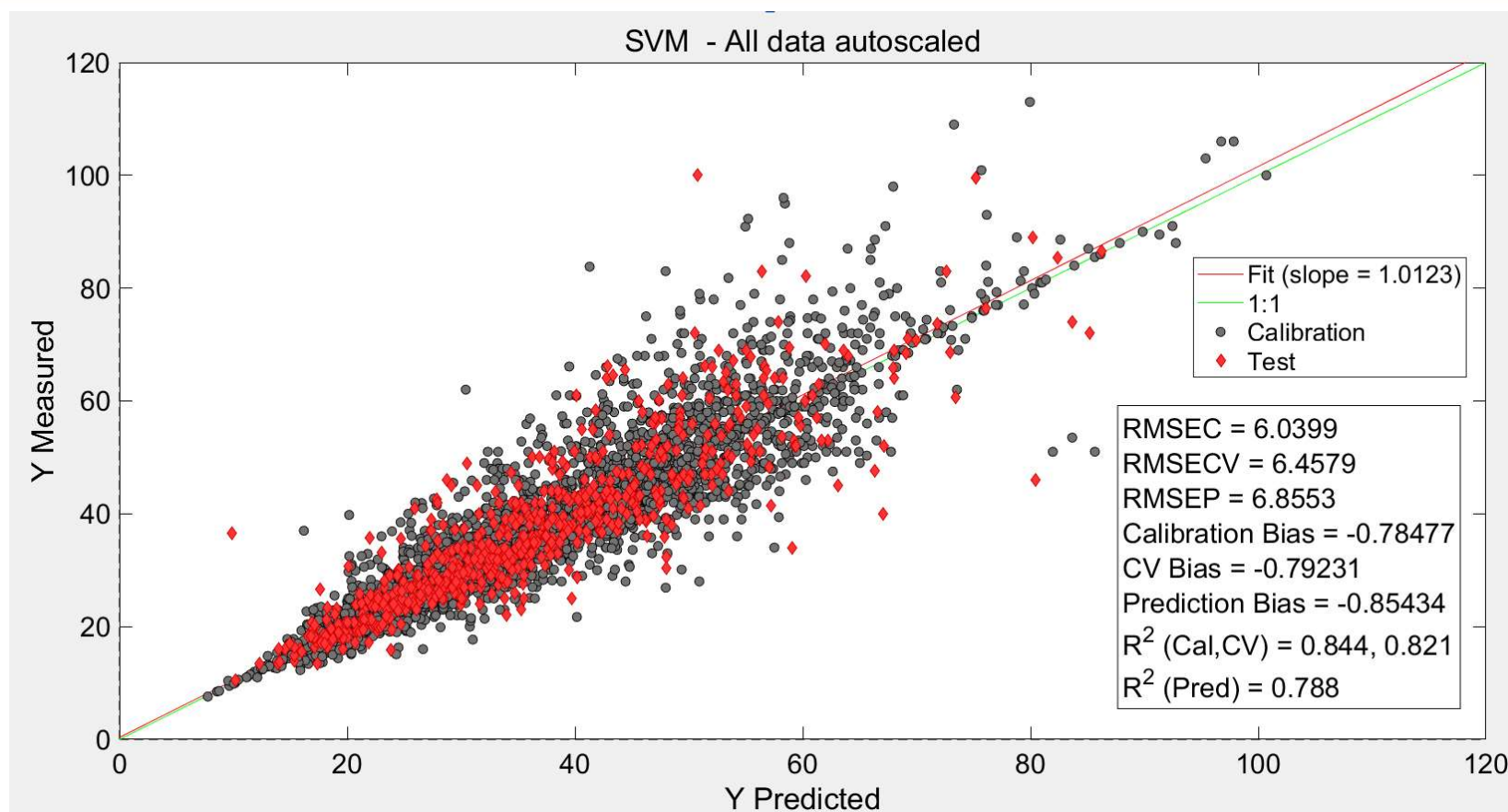
PLS - Partial Least Squares



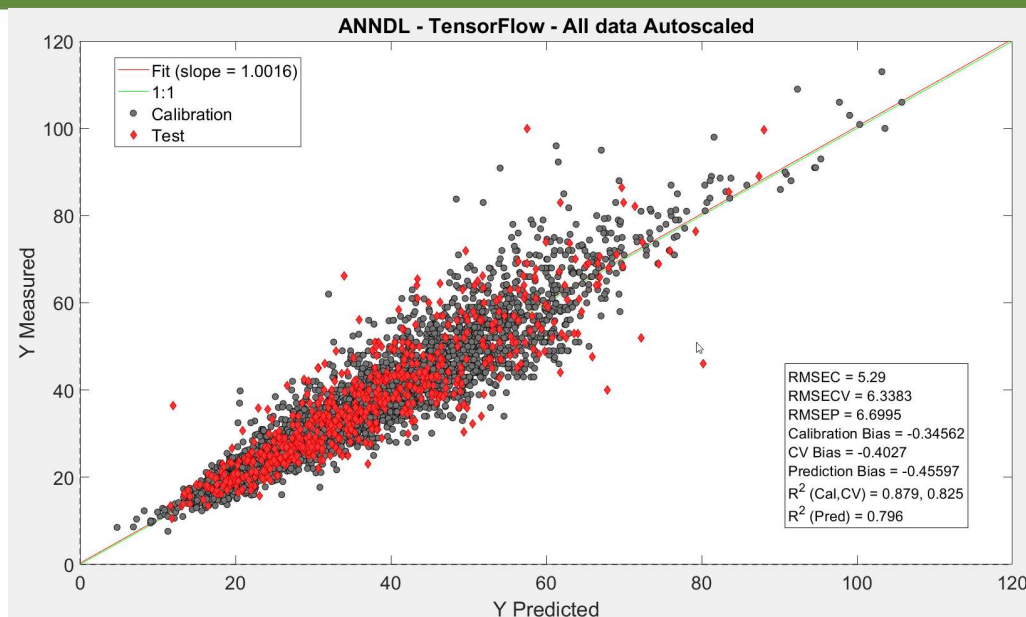
LWR - Locally Weighted Regression



SVM - Support Vector Machine



ANNDL - Artificial Neural Network Deep Learning



Compared Models										
	B...Model Na...	Sklearn Layers	Activation	RMSEC (Cal)	RMSECV (CV)	RMSE Ratio (RMSECV/RMSEC)	R2C (Cal)	R2CV (CV)	Bias	Bias (CV)
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model 1	value = { 100 };	relu	6.441	6.699	1.04	0.8191	0.8043	-0.0461	-0.1016
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model 2	value = { 100 50 };	relu	6.414	6.416	1	0.822	0.8205	0.5818	0.08236
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model 3	value = { 100 50 25 };	relu	6.028	6.532	1.084	0.842	0.8143	-0.3365	-0.1483
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model 4	value = { 100 50 25 10 };	relu	5.716	6.52	1.141	0.8578	0.8146	0.2035	0.05477
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model 5	value = { 100 50 25 10 5 };	relu	5.806	6.418	1.105	0.8533	0.8204	-0.1505	0.001411
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model 6	value = { 100 50 25 10 5 };	relu	5.276	6.504	1.233	0.8793	0.8155	0.3978	-0.04347
7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model 7	value = { 100 50 25 10 5 };	identity	10.74	10.8	1.006	0.4999	0.4927	-0.7275	0.0521
8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model 8	value = { 100 50 25 10 5 };	tanh	5.946	6.57	1.105	0.8464	0.8118	-0.3129	0.07948
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model 9	value = { 100 50 25 10 5 };	logistic	7.402	7.494	1.012	0.7621	0.7558	0.4931	-0.1123

Model Na...	Tensorflow Layers	Activation	Optimizer	RMSEC (C...	RMSECV (...RMSE Rat...	R2C (Cal)	R2CV (CV)	
Model 3	value(1).type = 'Dense';value(1).units = 100;value(2).type = 'Dense';value(2).units = 50;value(2).size = [];value(3).type = 'Dense';value(3).units = 10;value(3).size = [];	relu	adam	5.29	6.338	1.198	0.8785	0.8255
Model 2	value(1).type = 'Dense';value(1).units = 100;value(2).type = 'Dense';value(2).units = 50;value(2).size = [];	relu	adam	5.533	6.336	1.145	0.8674	0.825
Model 5	value(1).type = 'Dense';value(1).units = 100;value(2).type = 'Dense';value(2).units = 50;value(2).size = [];value(3).type = 'Dense';value(3).units = 10;value(3).size = [];	relu	adamax	5.763	6.469	1.122	0.8563	0.8177
Model 1	value(1).type = 'Dense';value(1).units = 100;	relu	adam	6.138	6.547	1.067	0.8364	0.8131
Model 7	value(1).type = 'Dense';value(1).units = 100;value(2).type = 'Dense';value(2).units = 50;value(2).size = [];value(3).type = 'Dense';value(3).units = 10;value(3).size = [];	relu	adam	6.325	6.982	1.104	0.8278	0.7888
Model 4	value(1).type = 'Dense';value(1).units = 100;value(2).type = 'Dense';value(2).units = 50;value(2).size = [];value(3).type = 'Dense';value(3).units = 10;value(3).size = [];	linear	adam	10.7	10.76	1.006	0.5015	0.4954
Model 6	value(1).type = 'Dense';value(1).units = 100;value(2).type = 'Dense';value(2).units = 50;value(2).size = [];value(3).type = 'Dense';value(3).units = 10;value(3).size = [];	linear	adamax	10.72	10.76	1.003	0.4984	0.4953

XGB - Extreme Gradient Boost

