

# Supplemental information for Physical model-guided deep learning for enhanced monitoring maize leaf spot at the early stage

*Table S5.1 The other fixed inputs of PROSPECT-D*

Variable	Unit	Value
Leaf structural parameter	-	1.5
Dry matter content	g/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.012
Brown pigment content	-	0
Carotenoids content	µg/cm <sup>2</sup>	10
Anthocyanin content	µg/cm <sup>2</sup>	0
Water equivalent thickness	cm	0.015

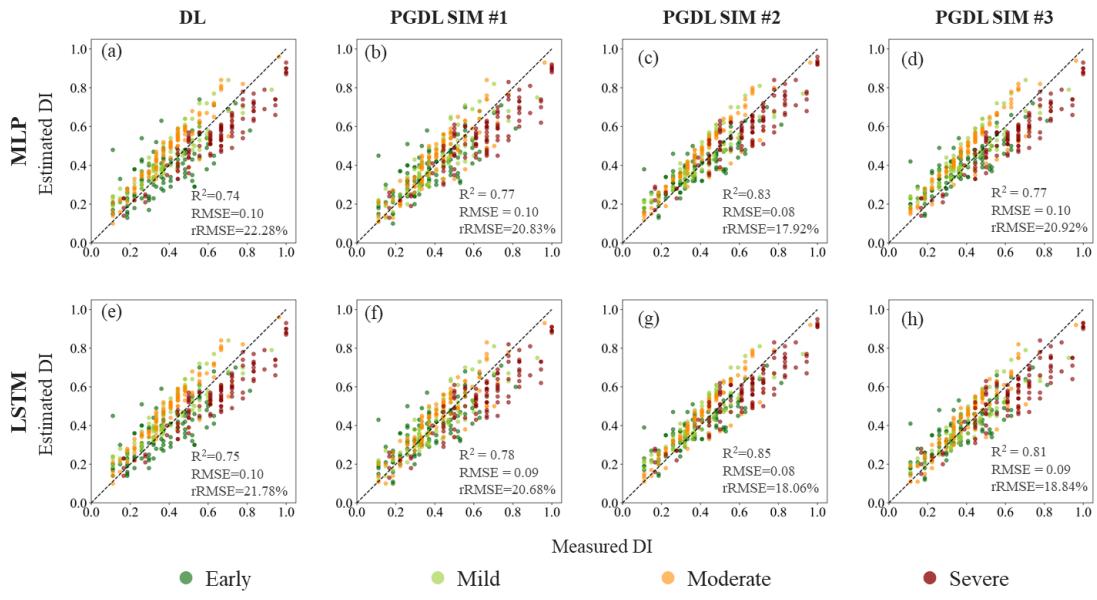
*Table S5.2 The other fixed inputs of LESS*

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	Height	pixels	400
	Samples	pixels	128
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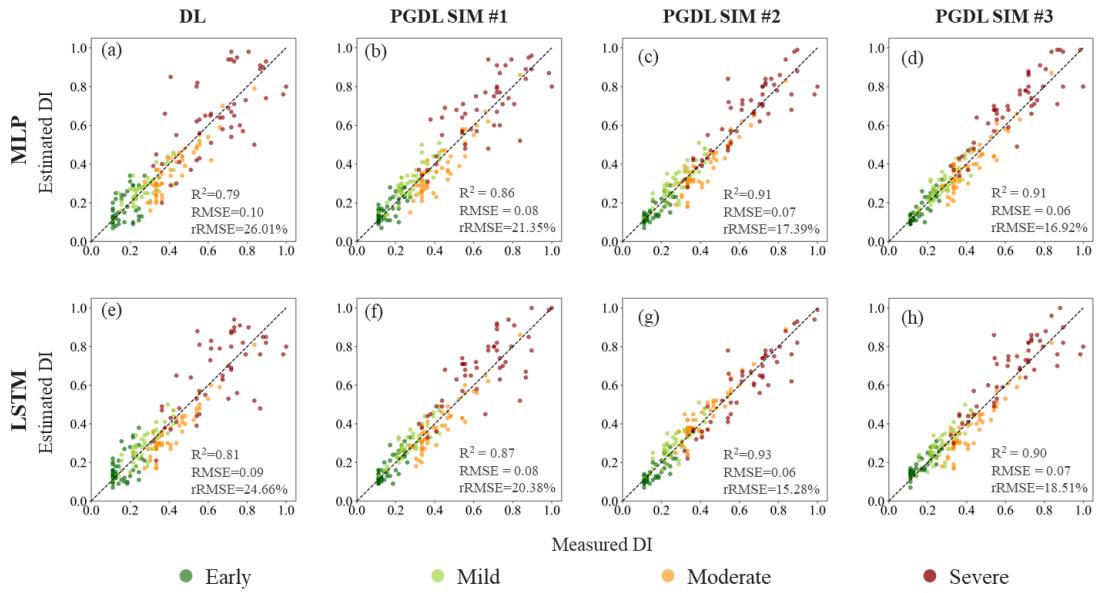
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	Width Extent	m	0.6			
	Height Extent	m	2			
Observation	View Zenith	°	0			
	View Azimuth	°	180			
	Sensor Height	m	50			
Illumination & Atmosphere	Sun Zenith	°	30			
	Sun Azimuth	°	160			
Optical Database	-	-	SIM #1: From PROSPECT-D (Tabel S1)			
	-	-	SIM #2: From database (measured spectra)			
	-	-	SIM #3: From database (mixed spectra)			
Terrain	type	-	PLANE			
	XSize	m	0.6			
	YSize	m	2			
	BRDF Type	-	Lambertian			
	Optical Property	-	Dark soil mollisol			

Table S5.3 Linear regression analysis of simulated reflectance vs. UAV hyperspectral data under varying leaf spot infection levels

DI	Simulations	R <sup>2</sup>	RMSE	rRMSE	Slope	Intercept
<b>DI=0%</b>	SIM #1	0.98	0.03	0.10	1.21	0.00
	SIM #2	0.99	0.01	0.06	1.36	0.00
	SIM #3	0.97	0.04	0.15	1.33	0.00
<b>DI=30%</b>	SIM #1	0.98	0.03	0.11	1.13	0.00
	SIM #2	0.99	0.01	0.06	1.34	-0.02
	SIM #3	0.98	0.03	0.11	1.36	-0.03
<b>DI=50%</b>	SIM #1	0.97	0.03	0.13	1.05	0.00
	SIM #2	0.99	0.01	0.05	1.24	-0.01
	SIM #3	0.98	0.03	0.12	1.32	-0.05
<b>DI=70%</b>	SIM #1	0.94	0.04	0.17	0.98	-0.01
	SIM #2	0.99	0.01	0.03	1.11	-0.03
	SIM #3	0.97	0.03	0.13	1.26	-0.06



**Fig. S5.1.** Performance of the MLP- and LSTM-related models for monitoring maize leaf spot disease index (DI) on the 2021 test dataset. All regressions were statistically significant ( $p < 0.01$ ).



**Fig. S5.2.** Performance of the MLP- and LSTM-related models for monitoring maize leaf spot disease index (DI) on the 2023 test dataset. All regressions were statistically significant ( $p < 0.01$ ).

*Table S5.4 performance of Physically-based Models for monitoring maize leaf spot disease index (DI) across different disease stages in the 2021 and 2023 test sets*

Models	Datasets	2021						2023					
		R <sup>2</sup>	RMSE	MAE	rRMSE	Intercept	Slope	R <sup>2</sup>	RMSE	MAE	rRMSE	Intercept	Slope
Based on SIM #2	Early	0.46	0.11	0.09	30.41%	0.17	0.62	0.30	0.04	0.03	27.60%	0.04	0.76
	Mild	0.54	0.10	0.09	26.16%	0.11	0.85	0.47	0.06	0.05	20.60%	0.04	0.96
	Moderate	0.60	0.10	0.09	24.49%	0.10	0.92	0.32	0.10	0.08	22.90%	-0.10	1.06
	Severe	0.59	0.13	0.11	19.92%	0.05	0.76	0.29	0.15	0.12	22.80%	0.22	0.71
Based on SIM #3	Early	0.47	0.11	0.09	30.17%	0.13	0.62	0.15	0.05	0.04	30.41%	0.04	0.73
	Mild	0.54	0.10	0.09	26.16%	0.11	0.85	0.42	0.06	0.05	21.50%	0.03	0.99
	Moderate	0.58	0.11	0.09	25.19%	0.10	0.92	0.37	0.09	0.08	22.04%	-0.10	1.10
	Severe	0.59	0.13	0.11	20.08%	0.05	0.76	0.18	0.16	0.13	24.57%	0.22	0.70

*Table S5.5 performance of MLP-related models for monitoring maize leaf spot disease index (DI) across different disease stages in the 2021 and 2023 test sets*

Models	Datasets	2021						2023					
		R <sup>2</sup>	RMSE	MAE	rRMSE	Intercept	Slope	R <sup>2</sup>	RMSE	MAE	rRMSE	Intercept	Slope
MLP model	Early	0.47	0.11	0.09	30.21%	0.15	0.62	-0.69	0.07	0.05	42.84%	0.05	0.69
	Mild	0.71	0.08	0.07	20.99%	0.12	0.83	0.61	0.05	0.04	17.71%	0.07	0.78
	Moderate	0.67	0.09	0.08	22.18%	0.09	0.93	0.61	0.07	0.06	17.37%	-0.06	1.02
	Severe	0.67	0.12	0.10	18.01%	0.06	0.77	0.15	0.16	0.13	25.00%	0.18	0.73
PGDL-MLP SIM #1	Early	0.58	0.10	0.08	26.97%	0.14	0.63	0.35	0.04	0.03	26.46%	0.03	0.81
	Mild	0.76	0.08	0.06	19.03%	0.08	0.84	0.49	0.06	0.04	20.23%	0.03	1.00
	Moderate	0.78	0.08	0.06	17.99%	0.06	0.90	0.60	0.08	0.06	17.64%	-0.08	1.08
	Severe	0.63	0.12	0.10	18.98%	0.07	0.76	0.50	0.12	0.10	19.20%	0.19	0.76
PGDL-MLP SIM #2	Early	0.73	0.08	0.06	21.70%	0.13	0.65	0.63	0.03	0.02	20.07%	0.02	0.83
	Mild	0.78	0.07	0.06	18.01%	0.10	0.83	0.54	0.05	0.04	19.08%	0.04	0.97

	Moderate	0.76	0.08	0.07	19.03%	0.08	0.92	0.70	0.06	0.05	15.20%	-0.06	1.04
	Severe	0.78	0.09	0.08	14.70%	0.10	0.76	0.70	0.10	0.07	14.84%	0.12	0.85
PGDL-MLP SIM #3	Early	0.68	0.09	0.07	23.41%	0.15	0.64	0.65	0.03	0.02	19.54%	-0.01	1.05
	Mild	0.71	0.08	0.07	20.99%	0.12	0.83	0.70	0.04	0.03	15.47%	0.02	0.99
	Moderate	0.67	0.09	0.09	22.34%	0.10	0.92	0.76	0.06	0.05	13.69%	-0.03	1.02
	Severe	0.67	0.12	0.10	18.01%	0.06	0.77	0.67	0.10	0.09	15.55%	0.13	0.88

Table S5.6 performance of LSTM-related models for monitoring maize leaf spot disease index (DI) across different disease stages in the 2021 and 2023 test sets

Models	Datasets	2021						2023					
		R <sup>2</sup>	RMSE	MAE	rRMSE	Intercept	Slope	R <sup>2</sup>	RMSE	MAE	rRMSE	Intercept	Slope
LSTM model	Early	0.55	0.10	0.08	27.89%	0.13	0.63	-0.69	0.07	0.05	42.84%	0.06	0.69
	Mild	0.71	0.08	0.07	20.99%	0.12	0.83	0.61	0.05	0.04	17.59%	0.03	0.97
	Moderate	0.67	0.09	0.08	22.18%	0.09	0.93	0.59	0.08	0.06	17.83%	-0.08	1.05
	Severe	0.67	0.12	0.10	18.01%	0.06	0.77	0.29	0.15	0.12	22.92%	0.19	0.73
PGDL-LSTM SIM #1	Early	0.61	0.10	0.07	25.78%	0.13	0.64	0.41	0.04	0.03	25.36%	0.00	1.05
	Mild	0.78	0.07	0.06	18.32%	0.08	0.84	0.63	0.05	0.04	17.24%	0.03	1.00
	Moderate	0.79	0.07	0.06	17.84%	0.06	0.91	0.71	0.06	0.05	14.89%	-0.04	1.02
	Severe	0.61	0.13	0.10	19.55%	0.07	0.76	0.49	0.13	0.10	19.40%	0.20	0.76
PGDL-LSTM SIM #2	Early	0.72	0.08	0.06	21.91%	0.14	0.65	0.56	0.03	0.03	21.83%	0.02	0.80
	Mild	0.78	0.07	0.06	18.01%	0.10	0.83	0.54	0.05	0.04	19.08%	0.04	0.97
	Moderate	0.79	0.07	0.07	17.76%	0.07	0.92	0.82	0.05	0.04	11.68%	0.00	1.04
	Severe	0.75	0.10	0.08	15.57%	0.09	0.76	0.78	0.08	0.06	12.79%	-0.01	0.98
PGDL-LSTM SIM #3	Early	0.68	0.09	0.07	23.54%	0.13	0.64	0.56	0.03	0.03	21.86%	0.03	0.91
	Mild	0.82	0.07	0.06	16.39%	0.08	0.83	0.61	0.05	0.04	17.59%	0.03	0.97
	Moderate	0.80	0.07	0.06	17.31%	0.06	0.92	0.63	0.07	0.06	16.90%	-0.07	1.04
	Severe	0.69	0.11	0.09	17.45%	0.09	0.76	0.65	0.10	0.08	16.03%	0.16	0.81